

SAINT CLAIR AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Saint Clair, PA 17970
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The mission of the Saint Clair Area School District is to work with the community to provide a safe, welcoming, student-oriented learning environment in which each student is challenged to reflect, question, and create.

AGENDA

A regular meeting of the Saint Clair Area School District Board of School Directors will be held immediately after the Work Session on January 4, 2023 in the cafetorium of the Elementary/Middle School, 227 South Mill Street, Saint Clair, PA 17970-1338.

1. Call to Order by President, Michael Holobetz
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call

Virginia Bartashus	<u>P</u>
Scott Clews	<u>P</u>
Jennifer Fegley	<u>P</u>
Michael Holobetz	<u>P</u>
Thomas Kaledas	<u>A</u>
William Kimber	<u>P</u>
Bernard Kuperavage	<u>P</u>
Erin Murhon	<u>P</u>
Dr. Erin Portland	<u>P</u>

4. The Secretary announced that a quorum was present and business could proceed. Others present were 0 citizens; Superintendent, Thomas McLaughlin; Principal, Jennifer Buletza; Solicitor, Thomas J. Campion, Jr; Business Manager, Terry Schane and 0 members of the press.

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Saint Clair Area Board of Directors conducted an executive work session on December 7, 2022 from 5:30 PM to 5:55 PM to discuss personnel and legal issues. No vote or formal action was taken at that time.

Members of the Public may speak at this time on any items on the Agenda.

5. Moved by Clews and Murhon to approve the following motions:
(Presented prior to Meeting)
Approval of Minutes of December 7, 2022
Approval of Invoices presented for payment
Approval of the Treasurer's Report for the period ending November 30, 2022
Approval of the Tax Report for the period ending November 30, 2022
Approval of the Cafeteria Fund Report for the month of November
Approval of the Federal Projects Report (October – December)

ROLL CALL: 8-0

6. Moved by Bartashus and Portland to approve the Accelerated Budget Opt Out Resolution Certifying Tax Rate within Inflation Index.

**SAINT CLAIR AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Accelerated Budget Opt Out Resolution Certifying Tax Rate Within Inflation Index
(and No Need to Comply with Act 1 Accelerated Budget Procedures)
2023-2024 School Year**

The purpose of this resolution is to allow the school district to follow normal budget procedures, and dispense with the more complicated, expensive, and accelerated Act 1 budget requirements. This option is available only to school districts that are certain the next year budget can be funded without increasing the real estate tax rate by more than the index (and therefore without seeking approval for any index limit exceptions). This resolution may be adopted after the preliminary budget is available, or the board has sufficient information to be certain the budget can be funded by a tax increase within the index. For fiscal year 2023-2024, the resolution must be adopted no later than January 26, 2023.

Background. Act 1 § 311(a), 53 P.S. § 6926.311(a), requires an accelerated budget adoption timeline and procedure unless a school district, no later than 110 days before the primary election, adopts a resolution containing the certifications incorporated in this resolution. The deadline this year is January 26, 2023. After adoption of a resolution containing such certifications, § 311(d) authorizes a school district to comply with pre-Act 1 budget adoption rules as set forth in School Code § 687, 24 P.S. § 6-687. The School Board has reviewed the school district preliminary budget or has other information sufficient to make a determination that the budget for the next fiscal year can be funded based on maintaining current tax rates or increasing taxes by an amount less than or equal to the Act 1 index. In lieu of the Act 1 budget adoption timeline and procedure, the School Board wishes to make the required certifications and comply with pre-Act 1 budget adoption rules.

RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of Saint Clair Area School District, makes the following unconditional certifications:

1. The school district's various tax levies and other revenue sources will be sufficient to balance the school district final budget for the next fiscal year 2023-2024 based on maintaining current tax rates or increasing tax rates by an amount less than or equal to the Act 1 index applicable to the school district as calculated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. This conclusion is based on the school district preliminary budget or other information available to the School Board.

2. The applicable index for the next fiscal year is 6.00%, and the School Board will not for the next fiscal year increase the rate of its real estate tax, or any other tax for the support of public education, by an amount that exceeds the applicable index.

3. The School Board has to date and in the future will comply with the rules set forth in School Code § 687 for adoption of the school district proposed and final budgets for the next fiscal year.

4. The School Board understands that the school district will not be eligible to use Act 1 referendum exceptions for the next fiscal year.

ADOPTED by the School Board January 4, 2023 by a vote of 8 ayes 0 nays, abstentions and 1 members absent

[Per Act 1 §§ 311(d)(2)(ii) and (iii), the school district must, within 5 days after adoption of this resolution submit to PDE: (1) on a PDE prescribed form, information on any proposed tax increase – Real Estate Tax Rate Report; and (2) a copy of this resolution.

ATTEST:

Michael Holobetz, President

Thomas Kaledas, Secretary

ROLL CALL:

7. Moved by Kimber and Fegley to approve the Johnson Control quotation of \$3,987.48

ROLL CALL: 8-0

8. Moved by Holobetz and Bartashus to approve the advertisement for bids on stairwell flooring and cafeteria flooring

ROLL CALL: 8-0

9. Moved by Clews and Murhon to approve the Schuylkill I.U. Induction Plan

ROLL CALL: 7-0-1

PERSONNEL (can be approved in one motion at the Board's discretion (10-18))

10. Moved by Clews and Fegley to approve the resignation of Kaylee Moyer as the School Social Worker- letter dated 12/12/22

11. Moved by Clews and Fegley to approve Diana DePauli as a full-time paraprofessional at \$12.50/hr with a start date of 1/3/23.

12. Moved by Clews and Fegley to approve Cheyenne Blackwell as a per diem cleaner

13. Moved by Clews and Fegley to approve Timothy Firestone as a full-time maintenance employee at \$12.50 with a start date of 12/27/22

14. Moved by Clews and Fegley to approve Savannah Koles as the School Social Worker at \$40, 250 pro-rated with a start date after release of current employer

15. Moved by Clews and Fegley to approve Lori Hoffman's status change from full time paraprofessional to part time Special Education Secretary effective 1/3/23
16. Moved by Clews and Fegley to approve employee 3355 for leave without pay request for 12/16/22 and 12/19/22.
17. Moved by Clews and Fegley to approve employee 3332 for leave without pay request for 12/12/22-12/16/22
18. Moved by Clews and Fegley to approve the release of probationary employee 3298 effective 12/8/22

ROLL CALL: 8-0

Recognition of the Students of the Month

- K- Sawyer Yalsovec
- 1- Nolan Hawk
- 2- Lily McCool
- 3- Albert Sockalosky
- 4- Savannah Hueston
- 5- Erin Hoffman
- 6- Bailee Tavares
- 7- Gabriella Williams
- 8- Myla Fegley

REMARKS

19. Moved by Portland and Bartashus that the meeting be adjourned at 6:24 P.M.

ROLL CALL: 8-0

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- January 16, 2023 – Teacher In-Service
- February 1, 2023 – Finance Committee Meeting @ 5:30 PM
- February 1, 2023 – Work Session/Board Meeting @ 6:00 PM
- February 20, 2023 – Snow Make-up Day