

COATESVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Virtual Live Stream
June 18, 2020

OPENING ACTIVITIES

1. **CALL TO ORDER** 6:58PM

2. **PURPOSE OF MEETING**

The purpose of this meeting is to approve any matters that may come before the Board.

3. **READING OF MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Coatesville Area School District, rich in diversity and committed to excellence, is to create innovative educational experiences which are funded by the taxpayers, supported by the community, delivered by dedicated teachers and administrators, to ensure all students will become responsible, contributing global citizens.

4. **ADVISEMENT**

By notice of the President, Board Members are advised that all votes shall be regarded as roll call votes. The minutes should also note that public notice was given for this meeting in accordance with Act 93 of 1998, Section 1. School Board meetings shall proceed in accordance with School Board policy.

5. **ROLL CALL**

Board of School Directors

Robert J. Fisher, President (<i>present</i>)	(<i>Policy Committee</i>)
Thomas N. Keech, Vice President (<i>present</i>)	(<i>Finance Committee</i>)
Henry J. Assetto (<i>present</i>)	(<i>Education Committee</i>)
James Bookman (<i>present</i>)	(<i>Operations Committee</i>)
Andrew C. Finkbohner (<i>present</i>)	(<i>Finance & Policy Committees</i>)
Rebecca L. Harlan (<i>present</i>)	(<i>Education Committee</i>)
Mary Ann Harris (<i>present</i>)	(<i>Operations Committee</i>)
Amelia Mills (<i>present</i>)	(<i>Education & Finance Committees</i>)
Brandon J. Rhone (<i>present</i>)	(<i>Operations & Policy Committees</i>)

Administration

Richard F. Dunlap, Jr., Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Kimberly R. Donahue, Assistant to the Superintendent of Curriculum and Learning
Lori Diefenderfer, Director of Business Administration and Board Secretary
Carol Heindel, Director of Human Resources
Jason Palaia, Director of Elementary and Secondary Education

Solicitor

Michael I. Levin, Esquire

6. **MOMENT OF SILENCE AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

The Board has requested all persons making comments on **agenda items** to list their name, address, telephone number and motion item(s) on the sheet provided. There is a three (3) minute limit per person. The Board does not take action or discuss items not appearing on the agenda. The Board values public comments and wishes to convey that although Board members cannot discuss items that are not on the agenda, they listen carefully and appreciate and value input from the public.

MOTION ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

1. FINANCE COMMITTEE (Thomas Keech, Chair)

A. Human Resources Report

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approve the resolution for the appointment of the new Superintendent, as outlined below:

Resolution

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy in the office of District Superintendent in the Coatesville Area School District (“the School District”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors (“the School Board”) has engaged in a rigorous search with the assistance of the Chester County Intermediate Unit to locate excellent and high performing candidates; and

WHEREAS, after a careful evaluation of the many fine candidates who applied, the School Board has determined to appoint Tomás Hanna as the next District Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hanna has indicated his willingness to serve the School District and its students, parents and other constituents in the capacity as District Superintendent;

NOW, THEREFORE, *be it resolved*, that:

1. Tomás Hanna is hereby appointed as District Superintendent in accordance with Section 1073 of the School Code for a term of four (4) years beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2024, at a salary of \$220,000, all in accordance with the terms and conditions of the employment agreement as presented;
2. That the School Board hereby approves the employment agreement as presented;
3. That each School Director hereby waives his or her right to receive the five (5) day written notice that normally is required under section 1073 of the School Code, 24 P.S. §10-1073, in light of the facts that: (a) each member of the School Board received actual notice five or more than five days before this meeting; (b) the COVID-19 pandemic makes mail notice as ordinarily required by the School Code unreliable; and (c) the timing is such that it was believed that further delay would not be in the best interest of the School District;
4. The President and Secretary are hereby directed to execute the agreement as presented and to execute such other instruments and take such other actions as necessary to enable Mr. Hanna to begin his service on July 1, 2020.

Motion: Brandon Rhone

Second: Tom Keech

Vote: 9-0-0

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board has requested that all persons making comments of public concern to list their name, address, telephone number and topic(s) on the sheet provided. There is a three (3) minute time limit per person.

- Ann Wuertz
- Tammy Vondra

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Brandon Rhone

Second: Henry Assetto

Time: 7:33PM

*Notice of this public meeting was advertised in the Daily Local News on January 1, 2020 and on the District website.
Copies of the minutes will be maintained in the office of the Board Secretary.*