I. **Call to Order and Announcement of Executive Session**

A meeting of the New Hope-Solebury School District Board of Directors was held in the Upper Elementary School LGI Room on Thursday April 27, 2017. Mr. Dougherty, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

An Executive Session was held prior to the Board meeting to discuss legal and personnel matters.

II. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Dougherty introduced the Middle School Tinker Academy to lead members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. **Roll Call**

The Secretary called roll:

**Members present:** Mr. Cowell, Mrs. Deussing, Mr. Dougherty, Mrs. Gormley, Mrs. Keyes, Mr. McDonough, Mrs. Povacz,

**Members absent:** Mr. Capriotti, Mrs. Weisbrot

**Administrators present:** Dr. Yanni, Mrs. Candido, Dr. Cortellessa, Mr. Hansel, Mr. Lechman, Mr. Malone, Mrs. Marton, Dr. McKenna, Mr. Radaszkiewicz, Mr. Seier, Mr. Silver

IV. **Additions, Deletions, and/or Modifications to the Agenda**

- Personnel Action Item b - add resignation of Meghan Dun
- Policy Items should read a and b instead of a and c

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Deussing, seconded by Mrs. Povacz, the Board voted unanimously to add Resignation of Meghan Dun to Personnel Action Item b and to correct Policy to read Items a and b on the agenda.

V. **Acceptance of Minutes**

A. Upon a motion made by Mr. Cowell, seconded by Mrs. Deussing, the Board voted unanimously to accept the March 23, 2017 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors. *
VI. **Student Reports**

The following students reported on activities at their schools:

- High School – Anthony Lagana and Kaylee Tao
- Middle School – Natasha Bodine and Jonah Silberman
- Upper Elementary School – Maya Rosenberg and Hanna Schmukler

VII. **Superintendent’s Report**

Dr. Yanni reported on the following items:

- Acknowledged retirements of Lisa Naldzin, AnnaMarie Riggi, and Mark Dennis.
- PSSA testing finished for reading and math earlier this week; commented on the following proposed legislation:
  - Push to move back administration of PSSA grades 3-8 closer to Memorial Day
  - Push for limiting the use of PSSA and Keystone Exams for academic growth calculations and federal accountability purposes
  - Push for permission and allowance for districts, not the state, to decide graduation requirements.
- No Place for Hate Initiative – Dr. Yanni stated the committee identified an actionable item:
  - K-12 – Rachel’s Challenge – A foundation that is a motivational speaking organization, bullying intervention, harassment intervention, bias intervention program that works across the country to promote inclusion and acceptance; first step is to have organization assess what we are doing, keep doing good things, and move away things that aren’t working – being smarter about how we move forward with certain initiatives.
- Congratulations to students and staff - HS ranked #2 in PA by U.S. News and World Report.

VIII. **Board Committee Reports**

Committee chairs reported on meetings; minutes are posted to the district website.

A. Finance (Mr. Dougherty, Committee Chair) – Mr. Cowell reported.
B. Facilities (Mr. Capriotti, Committee Chair) – Mr. Hansel reported.
C. Policy and Human Resources (Mrs. Deussing, Committee Chair)
D. Special Education (Mrs. Gormley, Committee Chair)
E. Curriculum Advisory (Mrs. Keyes, Committee Chair)
F. Athletics/Student Activities (Mrs. Weisbrot, Committee Chair) – Dr. Yanni reported.

IX. **Liaison Reports**

A. Bucks County Intermediate Unit (Mrs. Weisbrot) – No report.
B. Pennsylvania School Board Association (Mr. Dougherty) – No report.
C. Middle Bucks Institute of Technology (Mr. Capriotti) – No report.

X. Old Business

A. Presentation and/or Discussion Items
NONE

XI. New Business

A. Presentation and/or Discussion Items
NONE

B. Board Discussion (Agenda Items Only)

➢ Mrs. Deussing asked about the construction schedule impact due to phasing delay; Mr. Hansel commented that the Phase II delivery date and end date of the project have not changed.

C. Public Comment (Agenda Items Only)

➢ Mr. Band commented on agenda Item Policy 4a 255 – Transgender Athletes.

D. Board Comment (Agenda Items Only)

➢ Mrs. Deussing commented that for the last 10 years she has done nothing but to support the children of this district; stated that comments made to add specific language to Policy 255 were deemed unnecessary by the Policy Committee.
➢ Mrs. Gormley commented that the property terminology is a child with autism not an autistic child.

E. Action Items (* Indicates attachment)

1. Finance

Upon a motion made by Mr. Cowell, seconded by Mrs. Deussing, the Board voted as follows on Finance Items 1a-1f:

Mr. Capriotti Absent
Mr. Cowell Yes
Mrs. Deussing Yes
Mrs. Gormley Yes
Mrs. Keyes Yes
Mr. McDonough Yes
Mrs. Povacz Yes
Mrs. Weisbrot Absent
Mr. Dougherty Yes
Motion passed 7 – 0 with 2 absent and 0 abstentions.

a. Approve and ratify the following list of bills totaling $3,357,678.73 *

2016-2017 General Fund Checks Between Meetings for Ratification
Check Numbers – 147001 to 147016
Totaling - $81,329.80

2016-2017 General Fund Checks Between Meetings for Ratification
Check Numbers – 10046195 to 10046195
Totaling - $1,910.00

2016-2017 Capital Project Checks for Approval
Check Numbers – 30258 to 30266
Totaling - $1,831,219.75

2016-2017 General Fund Checks for Approval
Check Numbers – 147017 to 147196
Totaling - $611,287.38

2016-2017 Wire Transfers Between Meetings for Ratification
Totaling - $831,931.80

b. Authorize the Administration to enter into a Legal Services Consultation Agreement with Sweet, Stevens, Katz & Williams LLP for the Special Education Pool Counsel at a cost of $6,000.00 for the 2017-2018 school year. *

c. Authorize the Administration to enter into an Agreement with the Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 for participation in the Technology Pool Counsel Consortium at a cost of $780.00 for the 2017-2018 school year. *

d. Authorize the renewal of a countywide Agreement with the Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 whereas the county school districts and career technology centers are interconnected via a fiber wide area network service and receive Internet access service via this network. The cost is $2,744.68 per month for a period of 7 years for 1500 MB of bandwidth. *

e. Approve the proposed MBIT General Fund Budget for the 2017-2018 school year. *

f. Approve the following budgetary transfers for the 2016-2017 school year:

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<td>UES Phys Ed 1011001000140009 752</td>
<td>Equipment</td>
<td>$1,000.00</td>
<td>UES Phys Ed 1011001000140009 430</td>
<td>Repairs &amp; Maintenance</td>
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<td>Annual maintenance for 30 UES bicycles budgeted in wrong account</td>
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<td>Operations 2026020000000003 610</td>
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<td>$30,000.00</td>
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<td>Repairs &amp; Maintenance</td>
<td>$30,000.00</td>
<td>Buildings maintenance trending above budget</td>
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2. Facilities
   NONE
3. Personnel

Dr. Yanni introduced Charles Miles as the candidate for the Director of Operations.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Cowell, seconded by Mrs. Deussing, the Board voted as follows on Personnel Items 3a-3f:

Mr. Capriotti  Absent
Mr. Cowell    Yes
Mrs. Deussing Yes
Mrs. Gormley  Yes
Mrs. Keyes    Yes
Mr. McDonough Yes
Mrs. Povacz   Yes
Mrs. Weisbrot Absent
Mr. Dougherty Yes

Motion passed 7 – 0 with 2 absent and 0 abstentions.

a. Accept the following retirements:

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<tr>
<td>Naldzin, Lisa</td>
<td>Instructional Assistant</td>
<td>6/12/17</td>
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<td>Riggi, Anna Marie</td>
<td>Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent</td>
<td>6/30/17</td>
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<td>Dennis, Mark</td>
<td>Custodian</td>
<td>6/30/17</td>
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b. Accept the following resignations:

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<td>Kuklinski, Brianne</td>
<td>Substitute Cafeteria Aide</td>
<td>4/5/17</td>
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<td>Reilly, Gretchen</td>
<td>Substitute Cafeteria Aide</td>
<td>4/5/17</td>
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<td>Lewis, Jan</td>
<td>Substitute Cafeteria Aide</td>
<td>4/17/17</td>
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<td>Pepitone Jr., William</td>
<td>Substitute Security Officer</td>
<td>4/17/17</td>
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<td>Mervine, Michael</td>
<td>Part-Time Custodian</td>
<td>6/9/17</td>
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<td>Buckman, Patricia</td>
<td>Part-time Food Services Worker</td>
<td>6/9/17</td>
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<td>Dun, Meghan</td>
<td>Special Education Teacher HS</td>
<td>6/14/17</td>
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c. Approve the following leaves:

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<td>Kalidonis, Jady</td>
<td>Kindergarten Teacher LES</td>
<td>4/17/17-6/14/17 Extended Approx Dates</td>
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<td>Sanders, Tara</td>
<td>English/Business Ed Teacher HS</td>
<td>5/1/17-1/26/18</td>
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d. Ratify/approve the following appointments, contingent upon satisfying all requirements of law and district policy:

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<td>Pierce, Amanda</td>
<td>Elementary Teacher - Grade 1</td>
<td>Leave – Goodwin</td>
<td>4/3/17 – 6/14/17</td>
<td>$48,455 (prorated)</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Donovan, Michael</td>
<td>English Teacher</td>
<td>Leave – Sanders</td>
<td>Approx. Dates</td>
<td>$48,455 (prorated)</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>4/27/17- 6/14/17</td>
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<td>Miles, Charles</td>
<td>Director of Operations (Combined position –</td>
<td>Retirement –</td>
<td>6/12/17</td>
<td>$93,500 (prorated)</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Rivera</td>
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e. Approve the elimination of the Director of Custodial Services position effective June 30, 2017.

f. Approve the following Extra Duty Responsibility (EDR) contracts for the 2016-2017 school year:

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<th>Extra Duty Responsibility</th>
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<td>Matt Andris</td>
<td>Lacrosse Boys JV</td>
<td>$2,385.00</td>
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<td>Maria Bennett</td>
<td>Soccer 7th Grade</td>
<td>$1,556.00</td>
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**TOTAL:** $3,941.00

**RUNNING TOTAL:** $304,049.30

4. Policy

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Gormley, seconded by Mrs. Deussing, the Board voted as follows on Policy Item 4a:

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<td>Mrs. Deussing</td>
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<td>Mrs. Gormley</td>
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<td>Mrs. Keyes</td>
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<td>Mr. McDonough</td>
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<td>Mrs. Povacz</td>
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<td>Mrs. Weisbrot</td>
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<td>Mr. Dougherty</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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Motion passed 6 – 0 with 2 absent and 1 abstentions.
a. Adopt the following Board Policies on a second reading:

255 – Gender Expansive and Transgender Students: PIAA Section Only
201.1 – Registration/Proof of Residency Requirements
246 – School Wellness

b. Affirm the first reading of the following Board Policies:

253 – Suicide and Self-Harming Behavior
324 – Personnel Files
808 – Food Services

5. Special Education

Upon a motion made by Mr. Cowell, seconded by Mrs. Gormley, the Board voted as follows on Special Education Item 5a-5b:

Mr. Capriotti Absent
Mr. Cowell Yes
Mrs. Deussing Yes
Mrs. Gormley Yes
Mrs. Keyes Yes
Mr. McDonough Yes
Mrs. Povacz Yes
Mrs. Weisbrot Absent
Mr. Dougherty Yes

Motion passed 7 – 0 with 2 absent and 0 abstentions.

a. Approve a Settlement and Release Agreements for Student No. 2088411453 in the form presented to the Board.

b. Approve a tuition contract for special education services for Student No. 2088411453 in the form presented to the Board.

6. Curriculum and Instruction
NONE

7. Athletics and Student Activities
NONE

XII. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items Only)

- Mr. Band commented on the following topics:
  - Minutes – Level of detail included
  - Intelligencer Article regarding Transgender
Incident report from Fire Department visit on February 23 to High School related to dust

- Air quality tests
- Dr. Yanni addressed air quality:
  - Agreed to air quality tests at the beginning and end of each phase
  - There was one day that the senior hallway was dusty
  - Company came in to test air quality levels.
  - Proactively put carbon monoxide detectors throughout construction site and gave individual contractors individual carbon monoxide detectors that they wear on their badges

- Mr. Marcus commented on the Intelligencer April 9 2017 article the subject was Transgender policies and how various school districts address that issue.
- Mr. Patel commented on speakers at school and continuing learning process at home.
- Mrs. Strauss, MBIT Executive Director, commented that June 5th is their graduation ceremony and the student singing the national anthem is Florencia Minniti and the senior speaker Cameron Wallace, both from NHS.

XIII. Board Discussion

- Mrs. Deussing commented that Mr. Dennis will be missed by staff and students.
- Mr. McDonough commented about board procedure and summary in the minutes; BOG states public comments will only list name and subject matter.

XIV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Dougherty at 7:45 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board of School Directors will be held on Thursday, May 25, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. in the Upper Elementary School LGI Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Lechman
Board Secretary