

Niskayuna SEPTA Meeting Minutes

May 23, 2024

6:30pm

In attendance: E. Crisafulli, A. VanSlyke, K. TenEyck, J. Taveras, T. Fowler, S. Tishler, A. Curley, L. Eson Roe, J. DiPasquale, J. Feuerbach, A. Mahar, N. Normandin, D. Chase, H. Dinesh, V. Gallo, B. Graber, J. Greene-Gillooley, M. Hannah, S. Hemanth, A. Marques-Clarke, B. Meikle, K. Moore, A. Pearson, L. Zima

The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm.

Member Business

[The meeting minutes from April](#) were approved with no corrections.

Presidents' Reports

A. Mahar reported for the presidents. There is an immediate need for Board members for 2024-2025, including: (2) Co-Presidents, (1) Vice President, and (1) Secretary. These positions are critical to keep SEPTA as an organization. If interested in board positions, subcommittees, or volunteer work, please email niskysepta@gmail.com. There will be an election at the June 2024 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

J. Feuerbach reported. There were no new transactions in May. As a reminder, families can join or renew memberships online at <https://niskysepta.memberhub.com/store/>.

District Reports

Board of Education

S. Tishler reported. The biggest item to report is that the district budget passed. The budget includes 17 new FT positions and \$1.8M in new investments. New special education specialized positions have been added. The district is in a strong position because of budget passing. The costs are below the tax cap.

Student Support Services (S3)

Tim Fowler reported for S3. Thank you to the board and community for supporting the budget. The funds allow S3 to add to the continuum: one class at Hillside (communications classroom - TA support + teacher), IMN classroom at IRO, a specialized reading position, and a new social worker. S3 is also wrapping up reviews and gearing up for summer programming, hiring and onboarding new staff.

Faculty Advisor


No report.


School Liaisons

No reports.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Alison Curley, PhD

Dr. Alison Curley, PhD, discussed the neuropsychological evaluation process and Independent Educational Evaluations (IEE). For notes, see:

 2024-05-23 Niskayuna SEPTA meeting notes: IEE process (Dr. Curley)

 2024-05-23 Niskayuna SEPTA meeting video: IEE process (Dr. Curley)

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.