

McKEESPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Board Meeting
February 23, 2011

Presiding Wayne Washowich, President

Date, Time, Place Wednesday, February 23, 2011, 7:30 PM, Board Room,
Administration Building, 3590 O'Neil Boulevard,
McKeesport, PA 15132.

Opening Exercises Mr. Washowich called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM,
followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

Present James Brown
Joseph Chiaverini
Chris Halaszynski
Steve Kondrosky
Tom Maglicco
Patricia Maksin
Wayne Washowich

Excused Chris Halaszynski
Mark Holtzman
Joe Lopretto

Dr. Gabauer – Ms. Decker, at some point in the meeting Mr. Lopretto requested being called once we get through.

Others Present Dr. Timothy Gabauer, Superintendent
Dr. Rula Skezas, Assistant Superintendent
David Seropian, Business Manager/Board Secretary
James G. Humanic, Director of Human Resources/
Assistant to the Business Manager
Bradley Matta, Solicitor

Board President's Remarks – I'm going to refer that over to the Superintendent's Report.

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Superintendent's Report – Thank you, Mr. President. We have some very patient people not only in the audience here, but outside the doorways. Last month we had an unfortunate snow event which cancelled our Board Recognition and we have many students that wish to come back and share their appreciation for what it is you all do as Board Members. I'm going to turn the program over to these young folks. (Student presentation) Thank you to the boys and girls and also to the families. What a wonderful job. That's a tremendous representation of our district and we have refreshments out there for the students as well as the families. Please feel free to help yourself and thank you very much. Mr. President the next thing that's coming up. Kristen Davis is going to get ready. The little clips of some video that we have from throughout the district of things that are happening throughout our district. One being the celebration of Black History Month along with a few other items that she has in some video clips for us. Thank you Ms. Davis. Without having a chance to go through every building all the time, it's nice to have the buildings brought to us once a month and in a few short clips. Thank you Ms. Davis.

Treasurer's Report – Mr. Chiaverini moved to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2011. Seconded by Mrs. Maksin.

Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mr. Chiaverini, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Maglicco, Mrs. Maksin, Mr. Washowich

Excused. Mr. Halaszynski, Mr. Holtzman, Mr. Lopretto

Hearing of Citizens - none

Minutes – Mr. Kondrosky moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of January 19, 2011, Open Agenda Meeting of January 19, 2011 and Regular Meeting of January 26, 2011. Seconded by Mr. Chiaverini.

Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mr. Chiaverini, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Maglicco, Mrs. Maksin, Mr. Washowich

Excused. Mr. Halaszynski, Mr. Holtzman, Mr. Lopretto

Bills – Mrs. Maksin moved to approve the list of bills. Seconded by Mr. Brown.

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Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mr. Chiaverini, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Maglicco, Mrs. Maksin, Mr. Washowich

Excused. Mr. Halaszynski, Mr. Holtzman, Mr. Lopretto

Refunds – Mr. Brown moved to approve property tax refunds as presented. Seconded by Mr. Kondrosky.

Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mr. Chiaverini, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Maglicco, Mrs. Maksin, Mr. Washowich

Excused. Mr. Halaszynski, Mr. Holtzman, Mr. Lopretto

Trip – Mrs. Maksin moved to amend the dates of the Music Department trip to Disney World to March 2 through March 7, 2012. Seconded by Mr. Kondrosky.

Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mr. Chiaverini, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Maglicco, Mrs. Maksin, Mr. Washowich

Excused. Mr. Halaszynski, Mr. Holtzman, Mr. Lopretto

Bids – Mr. Maglicco moved to advertise bids for the 2011/2012 school term as follows: General, Art, Office, Vocational/Technical, Custodial, Athletic and Athletic Medical Supplies. Seconded by Mr. Chiaverini.

Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mr. Chiaverini, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Maglicco, Mrs. Maksin, Mr. Washowich

Excused. Mr. Halaszynski, Mr. Holtzman, Mr. Lopretto

Act 80 – Mr. Maglicco moved to approve January 12, 2011 as an Act 80 Day and May 17, 2011 as a student day. Seconded by Mr. Kondrosky.

Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mr. Chiaverini, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Maglicco, Mrs. Maksin, Mr. Washowich

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Excused. Mr. Halaszynski, Mr. Holtzman, Mr. Lopretto

Testing – Mr. Maglicco moved to approve the PSSA testing calendar for the 2010/2011 school year. Seconded by Mrs. Maksin.

Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mr. Chiaverini, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Maglicco, Mrs. Maksin, Mr. Washowich

Excused. Mr. Halaszynski, Mr. Holtzman, Mr. Lopretto

Green Sheets – Mr. Brown moved to approve the personnel recommendations (green sheets). Seconded by Mr. Maglicco.

Professional:

To be hired: long term substitute: rate of pay will be \$80/day + benefits and increase to \$125 on the 61st day:

*Gabriel Cmar Speech-Language Teacher, White Oak Elementary School
(A. Watson) effective approximately 3/17/11

Resignation: extra curricular athletics for the 2010/2011 school year:

Mark Hammerstrom Assistant Softball Coach
Robin Tyke Assistant Track Coach

To be hired: extra curricular athletics for the 2010/2011 school year:

*Jim Barry 9th Grade Softball Coach (7th/8th) \$1,586.20
*Anna Maksin Assistant Softball Coach \$955.80

Salary realignment: extra curricular athletics for the 2010/2011 school year:

Davis Roddy	Assistant Baseball Coach	\$955.80
Sam Bostic	Assistant Baseball Coach	\$955.80
Dana Brown	9 th Grade Baseball Coach (7 th /8 th)	\$1,586.20
Brie Adams	Assistant Softball Coach	\$1,911.60
Mark Bacco	Assistant Track Coach	\$1,828.20
Todd Blackwell	Assistant Track Coach	\$1,828.20
Troy Blackwell	7/8 Grade Track Coach	\$1,586.20
Craig Slafka	7/8 Grade Track Coach	\$1,586.20

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Conference Requests:

Patricia Scales Promising Practices. Sponsored by the Center for
Chris Kastronis Communities and Schools in Harrisburg, PA
Mary Ann LaFever March 8, 2011 through March 10, 2011
Christine Starry (Paid for by the 21st CCLC Grant) \$3,042.21

Mark Holtzman 19th Annual Model School Conference. Sponsored by
Mark Jeney the International Center for Leadership in Education
Mary Ann Plance in Tennessee
Tim Gabauer June 25, 2011 through June 30, 2011
Anthony Popowitz (Paid for by the School Improvement Grant)
Patricia Scales \$11,644.72
Tia Wanzo
James Ward

Changes to the substitute teacher list:

Additions:

*Breanne Biernesser Elementary
*George Toney Technology Education
*Blaise Yaksick Elementary

Support Staff:

Resignation:

Andrew Cohen Special Education Assistant, George Washington Elementary
School, effective 2/4/11
Kathy Mesiarik General Worker, Food Service Department at the High School,
effective 1/5/11

To be hired: effective immediately:

Julia Sawders Food Service Secretary, Administration Building,
(Gnehm) Category 4, 10-month position
Step 1 \$16,337 (pro-rated)
Roseanne Slafka Guidance Secretary, High School,
Category 3, 10-month position
Step 1 \$15,691 (pro-rated)

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Leave of Absence

Eric Wilkins Special Education Assistant, Founders Hall,
Unpaid leave of absence effective 3/21/11 – 3/25/11

Changes to the substitute lists:

Additions:

*Lonnie McClain	Custodian
Kathy Mesiarik	Food Service
*Dayna Willis	Custodian

Other:

To be hired: effective immediately:

*Troy Blackwell (new position)	Secondary Academic Liaison to At-Risk Students 200-day employee \$24,000 (pro-rated)
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Board action to create the following position effective immediately (funded through the School Improvement Grant) effective immediately through the remainder of the 2010/2011 school year:

(1) Secondary Academic Liaison to At-Risk Students

*Pending receipt of Act 34, 114 and 151 clearances, TB Tine Test and Drug Test results.

Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mr. Chiaverini, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Maglicco, *Mrs. Maksin, Mr. Washowich

*Abstain – Extra Curricular Activities – Assistant Softball Coach

Excused. Mr. Halaszynski, Mr. Holtzman, Mr. Lopretto

Field Trip – Mr. Maglicco moved to approve the FIRST Robotics Competition field trip to Washington, DC on March 23 through March 26, 2011. Seconded by Mr. Chiaverini.

Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mr. Chiaverini, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Maglicco, Mrs. Maksin, Mr. Washowich

Excused. Mr. Halaszynski, Mr. Holtzman, Mr. Lopretto

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Resolution – Mr. Kondrosky moved to approve Resolution #1007 – Opposing Senate Bill 1. Seconded by Mrs. Maksin.

Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mr. Chiaverini, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Maglicco, Mrs. Maksin, Mr. Washowich

Excused. Mr. Halaszynski, Mr. Holtzman, Mr. Lopretto

Realignment – Mrs. Maksin moved to approve the realignment for the 2011/2012 school year as presented. Seconded by Mr. Chiaverini. Presentation followed.

Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mr. Chiaverini, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Maglicco, Mrs. Maksin, Mr. Washowich

Excused. Mr. Halaszynski, Mr. Holtzman, Mr. Lopretto

Mr. Lopretto joined in the meeting.

Public Hearing – Mr. Maglicco moved to approve the recommendation of dismissal from Hearing Officer Castello regarding the public hearing of Angela DiBattista. Seconded by Mr. Brown.

Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mr. Chiaverini, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Mr. Maglicco, Mr. Washowich

Abstain. Mrs. Maksin

Excused. Mr. Halaszynski, Mr. Holtzman

Committee Reports

Athletic – James Brown – We did have a meeting this month. We pretty much discussed everything that's on the green sheets as far as the softball coaches and the baseball coaches and this upcoming football season golf outing.

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Buildings & Grounds – Steve Kondrosky – Thank you very much Mr. President. I spoke with Mr. Fagan. There are a couple things on the agenda here that he had completed since the last meeting and they had to re-anchor the skirting on the three (3) modular classrooms due to high wind damage, repair the rubber membrane in various locations on the roof of Centennial above the cafeteria. They rebuilt the univent in room 105 of Founders Hall. I think that was smoking the other day and they had to take care of that. They stripped down the fan unit on the stage lighting system and South Hall auditorium. New motors, contacts, filters were installed. Unit was cleaned and lubricated. Removed all wood and glass partitions from the faculty lounge in South Hall cafeteria. All painting and ceiling tile replacement was completed. Entire area is now open for more student seating. The new faculty lounge is completed as are two separate secured storage rooms. New vinyl floor tile was being installed in the new open area. Installed signage at the pool area stating no food or drink. Also, bather load capacity of 75 people. Defective heat exchanger which supplies heat to the gym at White Oak had to be removed. The exchanger was inoperable due to numerous cracks from rust over the years. A new one was purchased. A new exchanger and igniter was installed which is compatible to the South Hall and Founders Hall units which means once we put down White Oak and decide what we're going to do there, we could possibly use this same system at any of our other two schools that I just mentioned. The entire heating system was cycled and verified for proper operation. Removed carpet from classroom 222 at Founders Hall and replaced with a new vinyl floor and we had a transmission rebuilt in one of our trucks as approved by Mr. Seropian. This was something that had to be done because it went down at the most inopportune time. That's about it. Thank you very much.

Cultural Diversity – Tom Maglicco – Nothing to report at this time since we didn't meet, but our next meeting will be in April.

Education/Technology/Grants & Outside Funding – Pat Maksin – We did meet on February 16th. There are two items. One was we met with Dr. Chapman and Mrs. Knight from Founders Hall about the math curriculum there. There are going to be some changes to the math curriculum for next year. It will bring into alignment with the standards. They will be addressing continued excellence and making sure those students are available for the PSSA and/or Keystone Exams for next year. It will also help to bring the program at Founders Hall in compliance with what is going on at the high school when it comes to the math. We also met with Mr. Holtzman from the high school and he is looking into some diploma retrieval programs for a very few of our

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students that we just don't have any program to meet their needs at this point. He is going to be looking into that and bringing it back to us.

Financial Affairs – Tom Maglicco – Yes, we did have a meeting this month and we discussed the upcoming budget issues that are facing the state of Pennsylvania. Mr. Seropian is doing a great job and he's overseeing that and I'm pretty confident we'll make it through whatever faces us.

Legislation/Policy – Pat Maksin – No meeting.

Personnel – Joe Lopretto – The green sheets reflect everything we talked about at the meeting.

Safe Schools – Joe Lopretto – We had a meeting and it was very productive also. We talked about our new security system for South Hall. Hopefully, we will get this done over the summer months and have it in place for the upcoming school year.

Solicitor's Report – No report

Correspondence – None

New Business – Mr. Maglicco moved to renew Dave Seropian to a five (5) year contract to be effective July 1, 2011 whereas his salary increase to be determined. Seconded by Mr. Chiaverini.

Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mr. Chiaverini, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Mr. Maglicco, Mrs. Maksin, Mr. Washowich

Excused. Mr. Halaszynski, Mr. Holtzman

Mr. Seropian – I just wanted to say thank you and I'm very appreciative of that.

Adjournment – 8:20 PM – Mr. Lopretto moved for adjournment. Seconded by Mr. Chiaverini

Voting aye. All Members present.

ATTEST: _____

David M. Seropian, Business Manager/Board Secretary