

McKEESPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Board Meeting
August 18, 2010

Presiding Wayne Washowich, President

Date, Time, Place Wednesday, August 18, 2010, 7:30 PM, Board Room,
Administration Building, 3590 O'Neil Boulevard,
McKeesport, PA 15132.

Opening Exercises Mr. Washowich called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM,
followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

Present James Brown
Joseph Chiaverini
Mark Holtzman
Steve Kondrosky
Joe Lopretto
Tom Maglicco
Patricia Maksin
Wayne Washowich

Excused. Chris Halaszynski

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

Board President's Remarks – I hope by now, maybe I'm wrong, I think everybody should be getting the new magazine that the school and the five (5) communities have put out. Should be circulating to all of the residents. It's already out. Try to look at that. We highlight a lot of our students, which is really a great idea. I want to thank Kristen Davis for doing her portion for the write ups.

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Superintendent's Report – Thank you Mr. President, I do have, Alicia is going to present tonight in regards to the bonds. Alicia Phillips of Janney Montgomery Scott. Anthony Ditka of Dinsmore and Shohl.

Treasurer's Report – Mr. Maglicco moved to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's Report for the month of July 2010. Seconded by Mr. Holtzman.

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

Excused. Mr. Halaszynski

Hearing of Citizens –

Ray Malinchak, 600 Beckman Drive, McKeesport, PA 15132.

Mr. Malinchak addressed the Board on the issue of building program.

Minutes – Mr. Brown moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of July 14, 2010. Seconded by Mr. Lopretto.

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

Excused. Mr. Halaszynski

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

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

Excused. Mr. Halaszynski

Refund –Mr. Kondrosky moved to approve property tax refunds as presented. Seconded by Mr. Chiaverini.

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

Excused. Mr. Halaszynski

Insurance – Mr. Maglicco moved to approve the following insurances through the PSBA Insurance Trust in the amount of \$138,883 for the period of 9/15/10 through 9/14/11:

- A. Package – Indemnity Insurance Company of North America.
- B. Auto – Indemnity Insurance Company of North America.
- C. School Leaders Errors & Omissions – School Boards Insurance Company of PA.
- D. Umbrella – Old Republic Insurance Company.

Seconded by Mrs. Maksin.

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

Excused. Mr. Halaszynski

Library – Mr. Kondrosky moved to approve the McKeesport Area School District's contribution of \$40,000 to the Carnegie Library of McKeesport according to the following schedule: \$20,000 on November 1, 2010; \$20,000 on April 1, 2011. Seconded by Mr. Maglicco.

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

Excused. Mr. Halaszynski

Field Trip – Mr. Kondrosky moved to approve the following field trip:

- A. Cross Country Team to the Footlocker Northeast Regional Cross Country Championships in Sunken Meadow State Park in Long Island, New York, on November 26-28, 2010.
Seconded by Mrs. Maksin.

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

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Excused. Mr. Halaszynski

Auberle – Mr. Brown moved to approve an agreement between Auberle and McKeesport Area School District to support the Therapeutic Classrooms at George Washington Elementary School and McClure Intermediate School in the amount of \$40,000. (To be paid by Title I) Seconded by Mrs. Maksin.

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

Excused. Mr. Halaszynski

System – Mr. Kondrosky moved to approve the purchase of a Telex Legacy 6 system for the football coaches from Paladin Professional Sound at a cost of \$4,771.96. Seconded by Mr. Brown. Discussion followed.

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

Excused. Mr. Halaszynski

Tables – Mr. Brown moved to approve the purchase of two (2) free standing score tables from Varsity Image in the amount of \$5,172.16. Seconded by Mr. Kondrosky.

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

Excused. Mr. Halaszynski

Form – Mr. Chiaverini moved to authorize JC Pierce to submit PDE form 3072(a) for non reimbursable projects for the abatement and demolition of Cornell Intermediate School. Seconded by Mr. Kondrosky.

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

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Excused. Mr. Halaszynski

Agreement – Mr. Maglicco moved to approve the participation agreement between McKeesport Area School District and Long Run Children’s Learning Center. Seconded by Mr. Brown.

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

Excused. Mr. Halaszynski

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

Act 93:

Resignation: Effective Immediately:

Chad Licht Transition Specialist East End Academy/Dean of Students

Professional:

To be hired: long term substitute effective 8/20/10. Rate of pay will be \$125/day + benefits:

Lauren Caparelli Math Teacher, High School
(Mantich)

Ryan Szymaczek Math Teacher, Founders Hall
(J. Knight)

Emily Obranovich Special Education Teacher, Founders Hall
(Mursch)

Jeffrey Zanetti Math Teacher, East End Academy
(Moody)

Natalie Koedel English Teacher, Founders Hall, effective 8/20/10
(Sikorski)

Leave of Absence:

Amanda McArdle Science Teacher, High School, maternity leave of absence effective 8/26/10 to an undetermined date. Unpaid leave will commence at the expiration of sick days. (FMLA)

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Brian Moody Math Teacher, East End Academy, unpaid military leave of absence effective 8/20/10 to an undetermined date.

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

Lena Fitchwell Math Teacher, Founders Hall, effective 8/20/10
(Canova)

Matthew Bauman English Teacher, High School, effective 8/20/10
(Spada)

*Jennifer Powell ½ Time Math Teacher, High School, effective 8/20/10
(Guydo/Burd)

*Edward Matelan Chemistry Teacher, High School, effective 8/26/10
(McArdle)

Abigail Fawcett Special Education Teacher, McClure, effective 8/20/10
(J. Petrick)

Nicole Kumer Elementary Teacher, Centennial Elementary School, effective 8/20/10
(Lantzy)

To be hired: Permanent day to day substitutes for the 2010/2011 school year. Rate of pay will be \$75/day + individual benefits and increase to \$100/day:

Davis Roddy High School

Chris Lebakken High School

Sarah Mooney Founders Hall

Katelyn Camic McClure Intermediate School

Briana Petro McClure Intermediate School

Conference Requests:

Dr. Brinkos Superintendent's Professional Development Program
Sponsored by the Allegheny Intermediate Unit in Bedford Springs, PA
October 20, 2010 through October 22, 2010
(Paid for by Title I Funds) \$822.80

Betsy Hochstine NCTM Regional Conference 2010 & Exposition Sponsored by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics in Baltimore, MD October 13, 2010 through October 15, 2010 (Paid for by Title I Funds) \$2,067.50

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Changes to the substitute list:

Additions:

*Christina Caldwell	Elementary
*Angela Trunzo	English
*Michael Pohlot	Elementary
*Sean Thornton	Mathematics
*Brittany Austin	Social Studies
*Wade Brown	Elementary
*Christy Bell	Elementary, Special Education
*Denise Colaizzi	Special Education
*Tamara Oliver	Elementary
*Ryan Miglino	Biology, Chemistry
*Michelle Graham	Elementary

Deletions:

Ryan Novak	Chemistry
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Support Staff:

Resignation: Effective immediately:

Sam Barna	Computer Lab Technician, Founders Hall
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To be hired: Effective immediately:

Nikki Cararie	Nurse Assistant – 5 days/week. Rate of pay will be \$14/hour + individual benefits per contract.
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Leave of Absence:

Nevenka Kostley	Special Education Assistant, White Oak Elementary School, Unpaid leave effective 8/20/10 to an undetermined date. (Not to exceed 1 year)
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Changes to the substitute lists:

Additions:

*Karen Matta	Food Service
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Deletions:

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Kati Wetzler Secretary

*Pending receipt of Act 34, 114 and 151 clearances, T.B. Tine Test and Drug Test.

ADDENTUM:

Act 93:

Board action to eliminate the following position effective immediately:
Transition Specialist East End Academy/Dean of Students

Board action to create the following position effective immediately:
Assistant Principal at the High School

Leave of Absence:

Charlotte Jones Librarian Itinerant, sabbatical leave of absence for the 1st semester of the
10/11 school year.

To be hired: long term substitute effective 8/20/10. Rate of pay will be \$125/day + benefits:

Betsy Bacon Elementary teacher (kindergarten), White Oak Elementary School
(Temporary position)

Kelli McCall Elementary Teacher (Kindergarten). George Washington Elementary
(Temporary position) School

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

Denisa Szepesi Librarian Itinerant, effective 8/20/10 for the 1st semester of the 10/11
school year

To be hired: Title I Facilitator for the 2010/2011 school year. Rate of pay will be either \$95/day
+ individuals benefits or \$105/day without benefits:

Kristen Oeler McClure Intermediate School

Ashli Hughes White Oak Elementary School

Changes to the substitute teacher list:

Additions:

*Michael Sisley Music

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Katherine Machi Elementary
*Shannon Plance English

Resignation: Extra Curricular Activities – effective immediately:
Paul Miller Majorettes \$216.06

To be hired: extra curricular athletics/activities at the high school effective immediately for the 2010/2011 school year:

*John Taylor	Majorettes	\$1,944.54
*Jason Schmidt	7/8 Grade Football Coach	\$769.07
*Lonta Jeter	7/8 Grade Football Coach	\$769.07
*Justin Short	7/8 Grade Football Coach	\$769.07

Volunteers: Extra Curricular Athletics for the 2010/2011 school year:

*Mike LeDonne Assistant Football Coach
Malisa Robinson 7/8 Grade Girls Basketball Coach
Kevin Faychak Middle School Swimming Coach

Support Staff:

Resignations: effective immediately:

Jessica Skiles Special Education Assistant, Centennial Elementary School

Change of Status: effective 8/26/10: Hourly rate of pay will be \$13.60:

Troy Blackwell	From:	Substitute Teacher
	To:	Crisis Intervention Specialist, East End Academy
Curtis Nelson	From:	Substitute Crisis Intervention Specialist
	To:	Crisis Intervention Specialist, East End Academy

*Pending receipt of Act 34, 114 and 151 clearances, T.B. Tine Test and Drug Test.

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

*Mr. Maglicco, Mrs. Maksin – voting yes with the exception of creating the Assistant Principal at the High School

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Excused. Mr. Halaszynski

Resolution – Mr. Chiaverini moved to approve Resolution #995 – Debt Issued Under the Local Government Unit Debt Act. Seconded by Mr. Maglicco.

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

Excused. Mr. Halaszynski

Proposal – Mr. Chiaverini moved to accept the proposal from Phillips & Associates for due diligence surveying services for the Bertoty/Smith/Sun Land property. Seconded by Mr. Kondrosky.

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

Excused. Mr. Halaszynski

Proposal – Mr. Brown moved to accept the proposal from American Geosciences, Inc. for Phase I Environmental Site Assessment for the Bertoty/Smith/Sun Land property. Seconded by Mr. Holtzman.

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

Excused. Mr. Halaszynski

PlanCon – Mrs. Maksin moved to acknowledge receipt of PlanCon Part A – Project Justification as follows:

- A. McClure Elementary/Intermediate
 - B. Cornell Elementary/Intermediate
 - C. New McKeesport Elementary/Intermediate
- Seconded by Mr. Brown.

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

Excused. Mr. Halaszynski

Act 93 – Mr. Kondrosky moved to approve the Act 93 Administrative compensation and benefits plan for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2014. Seconded by Mr. Brown.

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

Excused. Mr. Halaszynski

Committee Reports

Athletic – James Brown – Yes, me and Charley met for a few minutes just to go over his new contract. I was happy to make sure that he got a five (5) year deal and he really appreciated it and wanted to thank the Board for that.

Buildings & Grounds – Steve Kondrosky – We did not have a meeting, but we stayed in touch via the telephone and good conversation with Mr. Fagan and outstanding work that his crew is doing for this transition that we are doing with these schools and getting everything ready. He's doing a good job and everything is right on schedule and hopefully the schools open nice and clean this coming Thursday for everybody.

Cultural Diversity – No report at this time. We will be meeting in September.

Education/Technology/Grants & Outside Funding – Yes, we did meet on August 11th basically Dr. Gabauer and I met. We looked at our preliminary results from PSSA prior to the final appeals. Dr. Gabauer explained.

Financial Affairs – Tom Maglicco – No report at this time.

Legislation/Policy – Pat Maksin – No report.

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Personnel – Joe Lopretto – Yes, we did have a meeting and the green sheets reflect all of that. Very productive.

Safe Schools – Joe Lopretto – No, we didn't have a meeting. We will be having one this coming week. Myself and Dr. Gabauer are constantly on the phone talking about issues with this. We're going to meet with the security staff and everything else, so I think it's going to be very good.

Solicitor's Report – No report.

Correspondence – None

New Business – None

Adjournment – 8:15 PM –Mr. Holtzman moved for adjournment. Seconded by Mr. Chiaverini.

Voting aye. All Members present.

ATTEST: _____
David M. Seropian, Business Manager/Board Secretary