

McKEESPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Board Meeting
January 27, 2010

Presiding Wayne Washowich, President

Date, Time, Place Wednesday, January 27, 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 7:40 PM,
followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

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

Excused. Mr. Halaszynski

Arrived Late. Mr. Holtzman

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

Board President's Remarks – No remarks.

Superintendent's Report – I would like to welcome everybody here this evening. This is always a great opportunity and a nice evening for the district because we get to recognize not only our Board Members, but also some of the good things we're doing in the schools and see some of the great students that we have. Before we get into the Board Recognition, I would like to take

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this opportunity to commend some of our Principals and their students in regards to how they performed on the PSSA tests. It is my pleasure this evening to present Principals and Directors and students with recognition that has come from the State. The first school I would like to recognize is Dr. Skezas, if you could please come up. It is my honor to present to you before the entire community a recognition of achievement from the Department of Education stating that adequate progress has been made at Francis McClure for two consecutive years. I think that is a great honor and you should be very proud. The next group I would like to invite up is Mr. Anthony Demaro and his students that are representing White Oak Elementary School. It is my honor to present with recognition from the Department of Education stating that White Oak Elementary School has for two consecutive years made adequate progress. I think it needs to be stated that this is a very big accomplishment and you and your fellow students should be very proud. We are not finished. It is important to recognize everybody for doing a good job and at this time I would like to ask our Acting Director of Vocational Programs, Ms. Scales, to please come forward. This is a Certificate of Achievement for the McKeesport Area Technical Program for Excellence in increasing levels of performance in academic achievement in the areas of reading and math. We are very please to say that we saw 13% increases over base line in proficiency in the overall program, 11% increase in student proficiency in the area of reading and 13% increase in student proficiency in the area of math on the PSSA test. Congratulations to all of you, and again this is an extremely big accomplishment and it represents the good work that we are trying to do here to improve academics. Thank you.

Board Recognition Program – Now we have a great opportunity to represent the hard work and the efforts of our School Board. As I have mentioned in the past, this is a position that is held by individuals and often they make very difficult decisions in moving the forward. It's not an opportunity where there is pay involved or compensation involved, they do spend many hours here and we thank them for their efforts and thank them for the work they do as they represent the entire community. I would like to turn the program over to Dr. Lobaugh - "Hats Off To You"

Treasurer's Report – Mr. Kondrosky moved to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2009. Seconded by Mr. Halaszynski.

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

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Excused. Mr. Halaszynski, Mr. Holtzman

Hearing of Citizens –

Louis Patil, 3439 Steele Street, McKeesport, PA 15132.

Mr. Patil addressed the Board on the issue of Cornell rebuilding.

Dee Volpe, 204 Parkway, McKeesport, PA 15132.

Ms. Volpe addressed the Board on the issue of Coach Smith.

8:10 PM – Mr. Holtzman arrived.

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

Mr. Malinchak addressed the Board on the issue of the budget.

Scott Smith, 1507 Kansas Avenue, White Oak, PA 15131.

Mr. Smith addressed the Board on the issue of the construction project.

Minutes – Mr. Lopretto moved to approve the minutes of the Reorganization meeting of December 7, 2009, Open Agenda Meeting of December 7, 2009 and the Regular Meeting of December 9, 2009. 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

Bills – Mr. Maglicco moved to approve the amended 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

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

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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

Resolution #975 – Mr. Lopretto moved to approve Resolution #975 – Act 1 Budget Resolution. Seconded by Mr. Chiaverini.

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

Excused. Mr. Halaszynski

PlanCon – Mr. Maglicco moved to authorize the architect to submit PlanCon Parts A & B for the new McKeesport Elementary/Intermediate school and McClure Elementary/Intermediate school. 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

Cub Cadet – Mr. Maglicco moved to accept the bid from Labuda Farm Services in the amount of \$12,000 for a Cub Cadet. 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

Agreement – Mr. Brown moved to approve the agreement with IN Community Magazine. Seconded by Mr. Chiaverini.

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

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

- A. Winterguard to the Atlantic Coast Championships in Wildwood, New Jersey, on April 28 – May 3, 2010. 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 – Mrs. Maksin moved to approve personnel recommendations as presented. Seconded by Mr. Chiaverini.

ACT 93:

TO BE HIRED: Effective immediately:

- 1.* Kristen Davis Public Relations/Communications Specialist.
Salary will be \$ 45,000.00 (pro-rated)

PROFESSIONAL:

RESIGNATION: Effective: 01-19-10:

- 1. Michael Swartz Elementary Teacher, Alternative Education

TO BE HIRED: Effective immediately:

- 1.* Kelley Balentine Elementary/Special Education Teacher, Alternative
(Swartz) Education. Step 1M \$37,100.00(pro-rated)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

- 1. Donna Burd Math Teacher, High School, sabbatical for the 2nd
semester of the 09-10 school year.

TO BE HIRED: Long Term Substitutes: Rate of pay will be \$80.00/day + benefits and increase to \$125.00 on the 61st day:

- 1. Nicole Kumer Elementary Teacher, Cornell Intermediate School,
(Wawczkowicz) effective 01-04-10.

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CHANGES TO THE SUBSTITUTE TEACHER LIST:

ADDITIONS:

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| 1.* | David Gambridge | Social Studies |
| 2.* | Heather Obringer | Elementary, Special Education |
| 3.* | Justin Rogers | Elementary |
| 4. | Mike Swartz | Elementary |

CONFERENCE REQUESTS:

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| 1. | Jane Coughenour
Kathy Rose
Shirley Roberts | Attendance/Child Accounting Conference
Sponsored by the A/CAPA in Hershey, PA
March 17, 2010 through March 19, 2010
(Paid for by Title I)
\$2,221.00 |
| 2. | Michael Matta
Pamela Gordon
Margot Minor | PAFPC Annual Conference
Sponsored by the Pa. Association of Federal
Program Coordinators in Hershey, PA
March 21, 2010 through March 24, 2010
(Paid for by Title I)
\$3,669.57 |
| 3. | Charlyn Lyons | Make A Mark at Your Library
Sponsored by the PA. School Librarians Association
in State College, PA
April 15, 2010 through April 17, 2010
(Paid for by Title I)
\$650.00 |
| 4. | Chris Kastronis | Cohort V Peer Review
Sponsored by the Center for Schools and
Communities in Harrisburg, PA
February 16, 2010 through February 17, 2010
(Paid for by 21 st CCLC Grant)
\$523.00 |

SUPPORT STAFF:

RESIGNATION:

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| 1. | Kandace Thomas | Special Education Assistant, Centennial
Elementary School, effective 01-22-10. |
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2. Anne Jordan General Worker, Food Service Department, High School, effective immediately.
3. Christine Richie Special Education Assistant, effective immediately
4. Stacy Sayers Special Education Assistant, Founder's Hall, Effective 01-11-10
5. Tanisha Fitzpatrick Special Education Assistant, High School, effective immediately.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

1. Marcia Barrett Nurse Assistant, unpaid leave of absence effective 12-14-09 to an undetermined date. (Not to Exceed 1 year).
2. Ken Bobuk Computer Lab Technician, Cornell Intermediate School, unpaid family medical leave of absence effective 01-06-10 through January 20, 2010.
3. Hank Kundman Attendance Officer, family medical leave of absence effective 12-18-10 to an undetermined date (not to exceed 1 year)

TO BE HIRED: Effective immediately. Rate of pay will be \$7.25/hour:

- 1, Tracy Warren General Worker, Food Service Department, South Hall.
2. Caroline O'Bradovich General Worker, Food Service Department, South Hall.

TEMPORARY CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT: Effective 01-14-10 to an undetermined date:

1. Eric Anderson (Kundman) From: Day-to-Day Substitute/Tutor at the High School
To: Substitute Attendance Officer
Salary: \$100.00/day

CHANGES TO THE SUBSTITUTE LISTS:

ADDITIONS:

1. Anne Jordan Food Service

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| 2.* | Theresa Paterra | Instructional Assistant |
| 3.* | Cinde Grantham | Special Education Assistant |
| 4. | Kwinton Gregory | Food Service |

DELETIONS:

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| 1. | Harvey Ursiny | Custodian |
| 2. | Gary Still | Custodian |
| 3. | Bernard Martin | Custodian |
| 4. | Daniel Kardos | Custodian |
| 5. | Paul Kifer | Custodian |
| 6. | Lisa Egeland | Instructional Assistant |

* Pending receipt of Act 34, 151 and 114 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

Excused. Mr. Halaszynski

Resolutions – Mr. Brown moved to approve the following student discipline Resolutions - #976, #977, #978 and #979. 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

Proposal – Mr. Maglicco moved to accept the proposal from American Geosciences, Inc. in the amount of \$83,598.30 for environmental testing services on the potential site for the New McKeesport Elementary/Intermediate School on the Eden Park Boulevard site. Seconded by Mrs. Maksin. Discussion followed.

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

Proposal – Mr. Chiaverini moved to accept the proposal from Garvin Boward Beitko in an amount not to exceed \$115,937.50 for geotechnical services for the New McKeesport Elementary/Intermediate school on the Eden Park Boulevard site. 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

Proposal – Mr. Chiaverini moved to accept the proposal from Phillips & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$14,640.00 for due diligence surveying services for the New McKeesport Elementary/Intermediate school on the Eden Park Boulevard site. 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

Plan – Mr. Brown moved to approve the district's realignment plan for the 2010-2011 school year as presented. 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

Contract – Mr. Maglicco moved to extend the contract with Comcast Business Communications, LLC for the Wide Area Network Contract. 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

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Calendar – Mr. Lopretto moved to approve the revised Board Meeting date calendar. 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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Athletic – James Brown – I have met with Charley several times this week on the issue of Coach Smith. We are looking forward to interviewing coaches. Applications should be coming in on Friday. We are looking to hopefully interview the coaches that we have applications for and move forward with this matter.

Buildings & Grounds – Steve Kondrosky – I did speak with Mr. Fagan because he has been ill, so there was not a lot of face to face communications. We did a lot over the phone. I have a tremendous list here of all of his accomplishments. I don't want to bore everybody with it, but I'm going to. He completed the South Hall and Founders Hall rooms as per Director Holtzman, our Founders Hall had an area down there where the referees didn't have a place to change prior and shower to do our basketball games. It took about three weeks and now we have somewhat of a nicer area for those guys to use. East End School there is a lot of painting and patching going on. The graphic art room for the computers. South Hall painted graphic art room. Continued running wire for South Hall camera installation because Mr. Lopretto kept hounding him. Replace automatic blower and coil in White Oak boiler which is probably going to go down next year anyhow. The converter in #1 boiler at White Oak was replaced. He did a tremendous thing for us too in the Auto Body repair shop where a lot of the fumes were staying inside the building. They put a new exhaust fan in there and dispersed it outside according to the Health Department rules. Entrance doors at South Hall we had two new hinges put on and new drop plates so the closures and everything works up to everybody's standards now and nobody is getting hurt from behind. I just want to say I hope Ed gets well soon. We miss him here, hope he gets back on the job and he's done a lot of work over the phone which I would like to congratulate his staff for doing a good job because it's pretty tough when you're not around to get the work done and obviously he's doing something right and everybody's picking up the slack while he's gone. Thank you.

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Cultural Diversity – Tom Maglicco – no report

Education/Technology/Grants & Outside Funding – Pat Maksin – no report

Financial Affairs – Tom Maglicco – no report

Legislation/Policy – Pat Maksin – no report

Personnel – Joe Lopretto – Yes, we did have a meeting and the green sheets speaks for itself. It was my first meeting and it was a little trying at times, but Dr. Gabauer got me through it and I thank him for that.

Safe Schools – Joe Lopretto – Director Kondrosky says I'm a pain, but that's the only way we're going to make the schools safe and right the way they're suppose to be, so I do make it a point to go into the schools on a daily basis, at least I try to, and if I see something wrong I bring it to his attention immediately. If I can't get a hold of him, because he doesn't like to answer the phone when he sees my number, I'll call Ed Fagan myself and say hey look this needs done, the doors at South Hall that was one of my big things and I'm still going to be a pain until we get all of these cameras in place and operable to make sure the school is visible from every angle that we possibly can to keep the students and administration safe.

Solicitor's Report – I have no report, but would like to make one comment. We took action on items 11, 12 and 13, before we authorize the appropriate engineers to get onto the site, I have already put a letter into the city since they are the property owner to give us permission to be on the site, I would like to get that authorization before we actually request that these individuals go on there. Ryan, if you can wait until I call you. It will probably be tomorrow or Friday.

Correspondence – none

New Business – none

Adjournment – 8:40 PM – Mr. Chiaverini moved for adjournment. Seconded by Mr. Holtzman.

Voting aye. All Members present.

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