

McKeesport Area School District
Regular Board Meeting
June 24, 2009

- Presiding** Joe Chiaverini, Vice President
- Date, Time, Place** Wednesday, June 24, 2009, 7:30 PM, Board Room,
Administration Building, 3590 O'Neil Boulevard,
McKeesport, PA 15132.
- Opening Exercises** Mr. Chiaverini called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM,
Followed by the Pledge to the Flag.
- Present** James Brown
Joe Chiaverini
David Donato
Chris Halaszynski
Steve Kondrosky
Joe Lopretto
Lori Spando – by phone
Barb Stevenson
Wayne Washowich
- Others Present** Dr. Shirley Golofski, Superintendent
Dr. Michael Brinkos, Assistant Superintendent
David Seropian, Business Manager/Board Secretary
James Humanic, Director of Administrative Services/
Assistant to the Business Manager
John Rushford, Solicitor

Board President's Remarks – No remarks.

Superintendent's Report – Good evening, tonight I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate McKeesport High School Opera Academy. This team has been selected as a finalist in the Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council 2009 Work of Arts Awards for Excellence in Art Education. Ray Beard, Bonnie Butler and Debra Calise actively integrated opera into their classroom lessons in meaningful and creative ways for the past six (6) years with a profound affect on learning. They have taken hundreds of students over the years to experience

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performances of the Pittsburgh Opera. They are to be commended for their dedication to this project. In closing I would like to say that it has been a privilege to have worked in the McKeesport Area School District for the past 38 years. In today's world working for the same organization for a career is going to be a rarity. I have been fortunate to have chosen a career which I have enjoyed each and every one of those years. Tonight I would like to share some good news which adds a little icing to my retirement cake. Last month I wrote a grant which would support the purchase of benches to finish the high school courtyard project. Yesterday I received notice that the grant was funded for \$6,000 by the Grable Foundation. The benches will provide seating for outdoor performances and presentations. And, as a token of my appreciation to the McKeesport Area School District, I will be donating a bench to be used for the seating area by the fountain. At this time I would like to thank the exceptional staff that I have worked with over the years. Their dedication to the success of children of the McKeesport Area School District is to be admired. And, finally I would like to thank the many Boards of Directors that I have worked with for the opportunities that have been afforded me. Thank you.

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

Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mr. Chiaverini, Mr. Donato, Mr. Halaszynski, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Ms. Spando, Mrs. Stevenson, Mr. Washowich

Hearing of Citizens –

Jerry Costanzo, 1808 Lincoln Way, White Oak, PA 15131.

Mr. Costanzo addressed the Board on the issue of photography.

Keith Murphy, 907 Evans Avenue, McKeesport, PA 15132.

Mr. Murphy addressed the Board on the issue of hiring process.

Robin Kelly, 900 Washington Street, McKeesport, PA 15132.

Ms. Kelly addressed the Board on the issue of hiring.

Minutes – Mr. Washowich moved to approve the minutes of the Open Agenda Meeting of May 14, 2009 and the Regular Meeting of May 20, 2009. Seconded by Mr. Brown.

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Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mr. Chiaverini, Mr. Donato, Mr. Halaszynski, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Ms. Spando, Mrs. Stevenson, Mr. Washowich

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

Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mr. Chiaverini, Mr. Donato, Mr. Halaszynski, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Ms. Spando, Mrs. Stevenson, Mr. Washowich

Newspaper – Mr. Donato moved to designate THE DAILY NEWS as the official newspaper of circulation of the McKeesport Area School District. Seconded by Mr. Halaszynski.

Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mr. Chiaverini, Mr. Donato, Mr. Halaszynski, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Ms. Spando, Mrs. Stevenson, Mr. Washowich

Resolution #967 – Mr. Brown moved to approve Resolution #967 – 2009/2010 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$59,137,065 with a millage rate of 16.71 mills. Seconded by Mr. Halaszynski. Discussion followed.

Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mr. Chiaverini, Mr. Donato, Mr. Halaszynski, Ms. Spando

Voting no. Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Mrs. Stevenson, Mr. Washowich

Transfers – Mr. Donato moved to authorize the Business Manager to make necessary year end budgetary transfers for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009 as per the auditor's recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Brown.

Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mr. Chiaverini, Mr. Donato, Mr. Halaszynski, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Ms. Spando, Mrs. Stevenson, Mr. Washowich

Treasurer – Mr. Donato moved to reappoint James G. Humanic as the School District Treasurer for the 2009/2010 fiscal year. Seconded by Mr. Kondrosky.

Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mr. Chiaverini, Mr. Donato, Mr. Halaszynski, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Ms. Spando, Mrs. Stevenson, Mr. Washowich

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

- A. Students in the high school social studies classes to Washington, DC on December 4-6, 2009. Seconded by Mr. Halaszynski.

Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mr. Chiaverini, Mr. Donato, Mr. Halaszynski, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Ms. Spando, Mrs. Stevenson, Mr. Washowich

Resolution #968 – Mr. Donato moved to approve Resolution #968 – 2009 Homestead and Farmstead exclusion. Seconded by Ms. Spando.

Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mr. Chiaverini, Mr. Donato, Mr. Halaszynski, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Ms. Spando, Mrs. Stevenson, Mr. Washowich

Insurance – Mr. Donato moved to approve the Workers' Compensation Insurance with a premium of \$221,612 through PSBA with the School Boards Insurance Company for the 2009/2010 school year. Seconded by Mr. Brown.

Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mr. Chiaverini, Mr. Donato, Mr. Halaszynski, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Ms. Spando, Mrs. Stevenson, Mr. Washowich

Insurance – Mr. Brown moved to accept the proposal from Goodwin & Gruber Agency for student athletic insurance for the 2009/2010 school term in the amount of \$10,950. Seconded by Mr. Halaszynski.

Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mr. Chiaverini, Mr. Donato, Mr. Halaszynski, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Ms. Spando, Mrs. Stevenson, Mr. Washowich

Contract – Mr. Halaszynski moved to approve the contract with Associates Occupational Therapists, Inc. for physical and occupation therapy services for the 2009/2010 school year at the following hourly rates - \$58.50/OT; \$48.50/OT Asst; \$61.50/PT; \$51.50/PT Asst. Seconded by Mr. Brown.

Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mr. Chiaverini, Mr. Donato, Mr. Halaszynski, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Ms. Spando, Mrs. Stevenson, Mr. Washowich

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Proposal – Mr. Washowich moved to accept the proposal from Hosack, Specht, Muetzel & Wood to provide auditing services for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2009, 2010 and 2011. Seconded by Mr. Halaszynski.

Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mr. Chiaverini, Mr. Donato, Mr. Halaszynski, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Ms. Spando, Mrs. Stevenson, Mr. Washowich

Funding – Mr. Kondrosky moved to provide funding for a speaker for Rally in the Valley in the amount of \$800. (To be paid by the 21st Century Community Learning Center grant.) Seconded by Mr. Halaszynski.

Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mr. Chiaverini, Mr. Donato, Mr. Halaszynski, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Ms. Spando, Mrs. Stevenson, Mr. Washowich

Resolution #969 – Mr. Brown moved to adopt Resolution #969 opposing Senate Bill 850. Seconded by Mr. Halaszynski.

Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mr. Chiaverini, Mr. Donato, Mr. Halaszynski, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Ms. Spando, Mrs. Stevenson, Mr. Washowich

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

Professional:

Resignation: effective immediately:

Shanna Krien Special Education Teacher, Founders Hall

To be hired: effective 8/26/09:

*Victoria Hammett Special Education Teacher, Cornell Intermediate
Step 1M \$37,100.00

Natalie Niziol Special Education Teacher, Centennial Elementary
Step 1B \$36,500.00

*Lisa Petrilli Librarian, Itinerant Teacher
Step 1M \$37,100.00

*Jennifer Purkiss Special Education Teacher, George Washington Elementary

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	Step 1M	\$37,100.00
Amber Watson	Speech-Language Teacher, White Oak Elementary	
	Step 2M	\$39,600.00
Carolyn Will	Special Education Teacher, White Oak Elementary	
	Step 1M	\$37,100.00

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

*Emily Obranovich Special Education Teacher, Founders Hall
(K. Mursch) effective 8/26/09

TO BE HIRED: EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES FOR THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR:

1.	Mark DeCarlo	Work with Band	\$4,321.20
2.	Karen Cole	Additional work with Band	\$2,742.30
3.	Stephanie Glover	Additional work with Orchestra	\$1,911.30
4.	Beth Murphy	Additional work with Choir	\$1,994.40
5.	Ryan Shank	Audio Visual	\$1,828.20
6.	Jennifer Wunderly	Colorguard	\$2,160.60
7.*	Sarah Larson	Majorettes	\$2,160.60
8.	Brian Tharp	Senior Class (shared)	\$ 831.00
9.	Stacey Tharp	Senior Class (shared)	\$ 831.00
10.	Tim Kunes	Interact Club Advisor	\$ 831.00
11.	Robin Tyke	Model UN Advisor	\$ 831.00
12.	Ray Beard	Chess Club Advisor	\$ 831.00
13.	Amanda McArdle	PAWSS Advisor	\$ 831.00
14.	Alice Saxon	Senior Project Coordinator	\$1,662.00
15.	Antoinette Stolic	Future Nurses Advisor	\$ 831.00
16.	Laura Wilson	Photographer	\$ 831.00
17.	Deborah Calise	Foreign Language Advisor	\$ 831.00
18.	Alice Saxon	College Recruitment Advisor	\$ 831.00
19.	Brad Braverman	Forensics (shared)	\$1,080.30
20.	Kim Moore	Forensics (shared)	\$1,080.30
21.	Beth Murphy	Producer of Spring Musical	\$2,160.00
22.	Kim Moore	Director of Spring Musical	\$1,329.60
23.	Julie Kesich	Choreographer of Musical	\$1,329.60
24.	Stephanie Glover	Director of Music-Musical	\$1,329.60
25.	Bonnie Butler	Red and Blue	\$1,994.40
26.	Christine Starry	Student Council	\$1,246.50

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27.	Toni Graham	Ticket Manager	\$2,493.00
28.	Laura Wilson	Yearbook Advisor	\$2,659.20
29.	Jonna Flannery	FTA Advisor	\$ 831.00
30.	Robin Tyke	Cultural Diversity Club Advisor	\$ 831.00
31.	Holly Hayes	Bowling Club Advisor	\$ 831.00
32.	Brad Braverman	Literary Magazine Advisor	\$ 831.00
33.	George Lepsch	National Honor Society Advisor	\$1,246.50
34.	Kim Moore	Director of Children's Play	\$ 997.20
35.	Anthony Gallaher	Culinary Arts Club Advisor	\$ 831.00
36.	Jill Hershey	FBLA	\$ 831.00

PROFESSIONAL:

TO BE HIRED: EXTRA CURRICULAR ATHLEICS FOR THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR:

1.*	Lynnette Taylor	7 th Grade Girls Basketball Coach (shared)	\$ 865.20
2.*	Brett Pupich	7 th Grade Girls Basketball Coach (shared)	\$ 865.20
3.	Candice Jacko	7/8 Grade Girls Soccer Coach	\$1,586.20
4.*	Ashley Davis	7/8 Grade Boys Soccer Coach	\$1,586.20

TO BE HIRED: EXTRA CURRICULAR DEPARTMENT HEADS FOR THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR
(Salary per contract pending on department size):

1.	Sharon Spada	English
2.	Marla Hayes	Science
3.	Deborah Calise	Foreign Language
4.	Beth Murphy	Music Coordinator
5.	Joanne Rodgers	Head Nurse
6.	Stephanie Burgh	Physical Education
7.	Jackie Andrews	Social Studies
8.	Myleen Kiska	Mathematics
9.	Laura Wilson	Business
10.	Jonna Flannery	Vocational Technology

CONFERENCE REQUESTS:

1.	Michael Dischner	Western Pennsylvania Academic Boot Camp. Sponsored by Synergis Academic Solutions at California University of PA June 29, 2009 through July 3, 2009
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(Paid for by the Technology Collaborative Grant)
\$716.60

2. Dr. Gabauer
Dr. Lobaugh
Renee Shaw
Randy Gwosden
Sharon Spada
Julie Cooper
Krystal Reid
Tamara Ekis
Curriculum Mapping Institute – Two Day Academy
Sponsored by Curriculum by Design, Inc.
Park City, Utah
July 7, 2009 through July 10, 2009
(Paid for by Title I)
\$2,000.00/each
3. Dr. Michael Brinkos
Angie Cale
Symposium on Educational Issues (Presenters)
Sponsored by Pa School Board Association at
The Wyndham at Gettysburg, PA
July 12, 2009 through July 13, 2009
\$483.71/each
4. Wayne Wade
Symposium on Educational Issues (Presenters)
Sponsored by Pa School Board Association at
The Wyndham at Gettysburg, PA
July 12, 2009 through July 13, 2009
\$251.41
5. Paula Robinson
Shanna Opfer
Summer Reading Institute
Sponsored by the Allegheny Intermediate Unit
in Homestead, PA
July 14, 2009 through July 17, 2009
(Paid for by Title I)
\$1,017.60
6. Stephanie Worrall
Shanna Opfer
Kelly McCloskey
Amy Chiaverini
Co-Teaching: Bridge the Gap Between General
and Special Education. Sponsored by the
Allegheny Intermediate Unit in Homestead, PA
08-04-09; 08-05-09; 09-15-09 and 05-12-10
(Paid for by Title I)
\$1,035.20

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7. Stacie Fitzpatrick GW Reading Coach K-3 Reading Apprenticeship Model
Sponsored by the Allegheny Intermediate Unit #3
at the AIU Offices in Homestead, PA
August 3, 2009 through August 7, 2009
August 10, 2009 through August 14, 2009
September 21, 2009 through September 25, 2009
May 10, 2010 through May 12, 2010
(Paid for by Title I)
\$6,000.00

CHANGES TO THE SUBSTITUTE TEACHER LIST:

ADDITIONS:

- 1.* Eric Wilkins French
2. Trudy Giammario Special Education
3.* Debbie Seropian Elementary, Special Education

DELETIONS:

1. Connie McClintock Elementary
2. Sarah Trenk Family and Consumer Science
3. Dana Secola Elementary
4. Allison Stevens Elementary
5. Richard Fersch Elementary
6. Cynthia Bailey Elementary
7. Linda Fairley Elementary
8. Alex Armbruster Science
9. Elizabeth Coggin Elementary
10. Sandra Cecchini Elementary

SUPPORT STAFF:

RETIREMENT: Effective 05-07-09:

1. Daryl Shoben Electrician

RESIGNATION: Effective immediately:

1. Dionne Harding General Worker, Food Service Department,
Founder's Hall

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

1. Allissa Hillard Special Education Assistant, High School, unpaid leave of absence for medical reasons effective May 4, 2009 through May 29, 2009.

CHANGES TO THE SUBSTITUTE LISTS:

ADDITIONS:

- 1.* Michele Gordon Food Service
- 2.* Janine McBride Food Service
- 3.* Jennifer Harkleroad Food Service
- 4.* Diane Shine Food Service
- 5.* Margaret Granite Food Service
- 6.* Cilamene Louis Special Education Assistant
- 7.* Monique Grimball Special Education Assistant
- 8.* Wendy Greager Special Education Assistant
- 9.* Jean Mercea Special Education Assistant
10. Jaclyn Jozwiak Secretary

DELETIONS:

1. Karen Boyd Food Service
2. Tracy Ellwood Food Service
3. April Marshall Food Service
4. Patrick Singer Food Service

TO BE HIRED: SUMMER LABORERS IN THE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY: Hourly rate of pay will be \$7.15:

1. Nancy Streams

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

Tax Lien – Mr. Donato moved to authorize the solicitor to satisfy delinquent tax lien DTD 98-67803 on lot and block 307-F-200 contingent upon the City agreeing to exonerate all City taxes owed on said parcel. Seconded by Mr. Halaszynski.

Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mr. Chiaverini, Mr. Donato, Mr. Halaszynski, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Ms. Spando, Mrs. Stevenson, Mr. Washowich

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Superintendent – Mr. Kondrosky moved to appoint Dr. Michael B. Brinkos to the position of Superintendent effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2014 at a salary of \$130,000. Contract terms including benefits to be identical to those terms currently in place in Dr. Brinkos' contract as Assistant Superintendent. Seconded by Mr. Halaszynski.

Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mr. Chiaverini, Mr. Donato, Mr. Halaszynski, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Ms. Spando, Mrs. Stevenson, Mr. Washowich

Committee Reports

Athletic – James Brown – no report

Buildings & Grounds – Joseph Chiaverini – no report

Cultural Diversity – Wayne Washowich – no report

Education/Technology/Grants & Outside Funding – Steven Kondrosky – no report

Financial Affairs – David Donato – no report

Legislation/Policy – Barbara Stevenson – I just have to make one comment. Our school district really has not gotten real involved with the graduation exams that the state of Pennsylvania has been proposing. There would be six (6) out of ten (10) exams that the students would have to pass before they graduate. It's very expensive. A lot of the school districts have been really involved with trying to stop this. PSBA has been involved with stopping it. As of right now it has been put on hold. I just wanted to let everyone know that the state has put that on hold for the time being.

Personnel – Chris Halaszynski – I did meet with Superintendent Brinkos. We did go over personnel issues that are reflected in tonight's green sheets.

Safe Schools – Joe Lopretto – no report

Solicitor's Report – I wanted to congratulate Dr. Golofski on her retirement and it's certainly been a pleasure working with you through the years and we look forward to working with Dr. Brinkos and congratulations. Thank you.

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Correspondence – none

New Business –

Special Council – Mr. Halaszynski moved to hire Thomas King of Dillon, McCandless, King, Coulter and Graham as special council to the Board of Directors of the McKeesport Area School District duties are to included, but not limited to oversee McKeesport Area School District building projects and the agreement resolution with Kimball and Associates and that fee is to be negotiated with the Finance Committee and Business Manager. Seconded by Ms. Spando. Discussion followed.

Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mr. Chiaverini, Mr. Donato, Mr. Halaszynski, Ms. Spando

Voting no. Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Mrs. Stevenson, Mr. Washowich

Sites – Mr. Halaszynski moved to direct the architect, Cunzolo & Associates to begin a process to investigate potential sites at Pre Coat Metal on Walnut Street and former Ford leasing site on Eden Park Boulevard. Seconded by Ms. Spando. Discussion followed.

Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mr. Chiaverini, Mr. Donato, Mr. Halaszynski, Ms. Spando

Voting no. Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Mrs. Stevenson, Mr. Washowich

Real Estate – Mr. Halaszynski moved to enter into an agreement with PA Commercial Real Estate to provide buyers agency services for potential property acquisition in support of building projects. (No direct fee-realtors fee.) Seconded by Ms. Spando. Discussion followed.

Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mr. Chiaverini, Mr. Donato, Mr. Halaszynski, Ms. Spando

Voting no. Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Mrs. Stevenson, Mr. Washowich

Adjournment – 8:30 PM – Mr. Donato moved for adjournment. Seconded by Mr. Halaszynski.

Voting aye. All Members present.

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