

McKeesport Area School District
Regular Board Meeting
October 21, 2009

Presiding Lori Spando, President

Date, Time, Place Wednesday, October 21, 2009, 7:30 PM, Board Room,
Administration Building, 3590 O'Neil Boulevard,
McKeesport, PA 15132.

Opening Exercises Ms. Spando 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
Barb Stevenson
Wayne Washowich

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

Board President's Remarks – I have no remarks.

Superintendent's Report – I would just like to inform the Board. You may recall that on October 1st Allegheny County Health Department gave us a deadline of excluding students because of lack of immunizations. A week prior to the October 1st date, we had 1,500 students that were going to be excluded from school. I think that it is important to note that through the efforts of our nurses, the community, the parents, Auberle staff and our teachers, we brought that number from 1,500 down to 8 students currently being excluded. So I would like to

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commend everybody that was involved in this initiative and I think it makes our schools a safer place.

Treasurer's Report – Mr. Lopretto moved to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's Report for the month of September 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 –

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

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

Dr. Major Mason, 1409 Bailey Avenue, McKeesport, PA 15132.

Dr. Mason addressed the Board on the issue of renovation. (See attachment) Dr. Mason asked the Board if they would sign a petition to support a building in the seventh ward. Replies as follows:

Jim Brown – Yes, sir.

Barbara Stevenson – I'm not signing it because our architect has guaranteed us that these schools are going to be built simultaneously. And if you wanted to pressure me, I would like the school built in Dravosburg. We have nothing in Dravosburg. Our little boro pays their fair share. I have no problem with this school being built in the Seventh Ward. As a matter of fact, I was one of the ones that pushed for it to be built on the Cornell site. I also feel, my children went to Cornell school when they went to school. They had a very good education at the Cornell building. I personally would like to see this building built at the Cornell site. I am not signing your petition because I don't agree with it. I think these schools need to be built simultaneously. I think the White Oak children also deserve a quality education and a quality building to go to. I have been a very vocal supporter of the very fact that I am upset that Francis McClure is a Taj Mahal and Cornell isn't. I have been a proponent and I'm going off the Board so I'm not going to have anything to do with this. Personally I think Cornell should be demolished and a whole new building should be built there. One that could possibly hold K-3 on one and 4-6 on the other end of it. That's why I will not sign your petition. I agree that it should be built in the Seventh Ward. I don't think that petition is necessary. I think the public needs to let the Board and everybody know what they want. As far as White Oak, a lot of the

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McKeesport students are going to White Oak, that is their choice. Because Cornell test scores are low, the families have the choice to send their children to Francis McClure if they want to. That's the family's choice. That's why a lot of the students right now from Cornell are being bussed to Francis McClure with No Child Left Behind, that's the law. That is why I will not sign your petition.

Wayne Washowich – Barb pretty much has answered the same as I would answer too. I have never signed a petition and I never will. To run for the position. What are you getting so upset about. Not this kind of petition, no. I have never signed this kind of position.

Lori Spando – Yes.

Barbara Stevenson – One other comment I would like to make. Pat Maksin is here tonight and she is also a school board candidate. Am I right, you did support also a school being built in seventh ward. (Absolutely) Ms. Spando was not the only school board candidate to support this building.

Joe Chiaverini – Dr. Mason, I feel as Barb and Wayne also. I have been very fair and impartial throughout the whole proceedings of the site selection and everything. I feel that they will be built simultaneously. I have no doubt in my mind that they will be going on at the same time and I have to be impartial. Not there is anything wrong with signing the position and I don't say that they shouldn't be signed I just do not feel that it is my place to sign a petition with something that I am so heavily involved with.

Chris Halaszynski – Dr. Mason, I feel probably mixed emotions as what Joe has said, Barb, Wayne. I will not be signing the petition simply because I feel as an elected official here. I am from McKeesport, born and raised on Soles Street. I do have the interest of wanting the school built in the Seventh Ward but I also have agreed and being said to us that these schools will be built at the same time and I trust in that. I think as an elected official it is kind of hard to sign a petition when you're serving so many different communities here. I love McKeesport, I want to see us get the school, I want to see it go up fast and as soon as possible, but I also feel that signing this puts me on one side and I get torn to the part where what about my district, what about Dravosburg, everybody else. It's nothing about the Seventh Ward or McKeesport. I just feel this is not the position for me to be signing this sir.

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Joe Lopretto – I neither will be signing this. I agree with what Chris, Barb, Wayne and Joe said. I don't think there's a Board Member here that's going to agree that White Oak School being started before McKeesport school. I was born and raised in McKeesport, went to McKeesport, graduated from McKeesport, went to Cornell when it was called McKeesport Junior High School. The building itself is a beautiful building from the outside. The inside of that building isn't so great. I want to see our kids have, as Barb called Francis McClure, a Taj Mahal, I want us to have that. Again, the White Oak students also deserve something also. I think when it's all said and done and these school buildings are built, I want to see you come back up here and thank all the Board members.

Steve Kondrosky – Dr. Mason, I too will not be signing this for all the reasons that my previous Board members have explained. That is my old neighborhood. I was born on Shaw and raised on Bailey in the 1700 block. I know exactly where everything goes on up there. I was part of that whole beautiful area at one time, it's a little distressed now but I'm sure we'll get it back with the Mayor's good blessings and some proper street paving and home renovation or tear downs and we'll get back on the right track. But, we stopped this process of building new schools because we felt that White Oak was ahead of schedule of the McKeesport school or any other site. So, you can see that we are working pretty good together to get this thing going in the same direction of closing three schools, going to open two new ones, and we have to do this with some pretty good timing. That's exactly how I feel about this and I don't think anything is going to happen negative here. I think something very positive is going to happen very soon and we're going to have new schools in this area. Hopefully, a newly renovated one in the Seventh Ward. Just like Director Lopretto said, the outside of Cornell is a beautiful building. If you want to take a ride up at look at Francis McClure which is considered a Taj Mahal, we renovated that.

Joe Chiaverini – The building in which you stand right now was a renovation. Do you think this is a sub grade building? This building, in my eyes, there have been people from other districts that have come here to look at our library because it is such a nice facility. This is a renovation. Our architect actually would like to put a new building there. There are just a few Board members that would like to see a renovation since you would not get the same square footage, you would not get the size of a school in which you have. The shell of that school is built stronger than anything that you would get in new construction today.

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Dave Donato – Dr. Mason, I am impressed by the emotion and passion that these Board members have said for alternating reasons why they could not sign the document. I'm impressed and I believe in what they say. That they actually do believe these things will concur at the proper time and that there will be a school in the Seventh Ward. So much so, that I am going to ask Ms. Decker to preserve their comments in the public record and make it part of the public record the comments of each Board member as it pertains. Of course, I'll sign it. I don't know what value it has because I'll be going off the Board. Beyond that, I think I interpret this document correctly, from what I have read, you are merely asking for the Board to prioritize a site one over the other. I think it's a pretty simple request. I don't think there's an awful lot that you can say beyond that. No one sees the school district going forward with renovation plans that do not include replacing three 90 year old buildings in McKeesport and not giving one new building in McKeesport at the Seventh Ward site. All three 90 year old buildings are in the Seventh Ward of McKeesport which indicates to me that somebody far brighter than me thought that was the density section of McKeesport and clearly it would be reasonable to go forward with at least one building to replace that situation.

Joe Lopretto – Dave, can I ask you one question.

Dave Donato – Wait, I didn't interrupt anybody, you can certainly kill me after this is over.

Joe Lopretto – Don't give me that permission, please.

Dave Donato – The point is, it is a reasonable request. You asked us to prioritize one particular site over another. I certainly don't find any harm in signing the document, prioritizing the Seventh Ward as a site. Mr. Lopretto...

Joe Lopretto – You're saying that somebody in their right might built three schools in the Seventh Ward. Were there other schools built throughout the City of McKeesport in the past?

Dave Donato – Absolutely.

Joe Lopretto – You said it was a densely populated area. I thought there were other schools in the City too.

Dave Donato – There were 24 of them.

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Joe Chiaverini – It was also 90 years ago. A lot has changed in 90 years.

Minutes – Mr. Chiaverini moved to approve the minutes of the Open Agenda Meeting of September 17, 2009, Regular Meeting of September 23, 2009 and Special Meeting of October 8, 2009. Seconded by Mr. Lopretto.

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

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

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

Refunds – Mr. Lopretto moved to approve property tax refunds. Seconded by Mr. Halaszynski.

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

Field Trips – Mr. Halaszynski moved to approve the following field trips:

- A. Founders Hall students to Baltimore and Hershey on May 14-15, 2010.
- B. Cheerleaders to the national cheerleading competition in Washington, D.C. on March 5-8, 2010.
- C. Varsity baseball team to Cocoa Expo Baseball 2010 Spring Training Camp in Cocoa Beach, Florida on March 25-30, 2010.

Seconded by Mr. Lopretto.

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

Program – Mr. Kondrosky moved to reinstate the Recreation Swim Program to begin Thursday, November 5, 2009 through Thursday, March 25, 2010. The program will be open to the public on Thursdays only from 7:30 – 9:30 PM. Seconded by Mrs. Stevenson. Discussion followed.

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

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

ACT 93:

RESIGNATION: Effective 11-06-09:

1. Jason Davidek Communications/Public Relations Specialist

PROFESSIONAL:

RESIGNATION: Effective 10-12-09:

1. Samuel Dini Reading Specialist, Cornell Intermediate School

TO BE HIRED: Effective immediately:

- 1.* Monica Reel Special Education Teacher, Geo. Washington Elementary School.
Step 1B \$36,500.00 (pro-rated)
- 2.* Brenda Coyle Reading Specialist, Cornell Intermediate School
Step 1M \$37,100.00 (pro-rated)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

1. Kelli McCall Long Term Substitute Elementary Teacher, Geo. Washington Elementary School, unpaid maternity leave of absence effective 10-23-09 to an undetermined date.
2. Amy Montalbano Special Education Teacher, Cornell Intermediate School, maternity leave of absence effective approximately 11-20-09 to an undetermined date. Unpaid leave will commence after the expiration of sick days. FMLA
3. Kristen Tedesco Elementary Teacher, Geo. Washington Elementary School, maternity leave of absence effective 12-01-09 to an undetermined date. Unpaid leave will commence after the expiration of sick days. FMLA

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

1. Nicole Kumer (McCall) Elementary Teacher, Geo. Washington Elementary School effective 10-23-09.
2. Abigail Fawcett (Montalbano) Special Education Teacher, Cornell Intermediate School, effective approximately 11-20-09.
3. Michael Kunic (Tedesco) Elementary Teacher, Geo. Washington Elementary School effective 12-01-09.
4. Julianne Giel-Huwalt (Saxon) Kindergarten, Centennial Elementary School, effective immediately.

RESIGNATION: Extra Curricular Athletics effective for the 2009-2010 school year:

1. Jared Miller 9th Grade Football Coach

TO BE HIRED: Extra Curricular Athletics effective for the 2009-2010 school year:

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| 1. | Scott Smith | 7/8 Grade Swimming Coach | \$1,586.20 |
| 2. | Wayne Wade | Boys Assistant Basketball Coach | \$3,822.60 |
| 3. | Ryan Sturgess | Boys JV Basketball Coach | \$2,493.10 |
| 4. | Curt Nelson | Boys 9 th Grade Basketball Coach | \$2,163.00 |
| 5. | Ed Blacka | Boys 8 th Grade Basketball Coach | \$1,730.40 |
| 6. | Mike Simon | Boys 7 th Grade Basketball Coach | \$1,730.40 |
| 7. | Eric Smith | Girls Head Basketball Coach | \$6,066.30 |
| 8. | Jon Balogh | Girls Assistant Basketball Coach | \$3,822.60 |
| 9. | Vivian Queen | Girls JV Basketball Coach | \$2,493.10 |
| 10. | Tom Smith | Girls 9 th Grade Basketball Coach | \$2,163.00 |
| 11. | Scott Smith | Varsity Swimming Coach | \$4,570.50 |
| 12.* | Kevin Faychak | Assistant Swimming Coach | \$2,659.20 |
| 13.* | Adam Alfer | Varsity Wrestling Coach | \$5,733.90 |
| 14.* | Chip Olinsky | Assistant Wrestling Coach | \$3,105.00 |
| 15.* | Josh Alfer | 7/8 Grade Wrestling Coach | \$2,235.10 |
| 16. | Ben Althof | 7/8 Grade Wrestling Coach | \$2,235.10 |
| 17. | Anthony Moranelli | 9 th Grade Football Coach (shared) | \$1,153.60 |

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VOLUNTEER COACHES: Extra Curricular Athletics effective for the 2009-2010 school year:

1. Rob Pupich Girls Basketbll Coach
2. John Saras Girls Basketball Coach
3. Ted Kirby Boys Basketball Coach

TO BE HIRED: Extra Curricular Activities effective for the 2009-2010 school year:

1. Danette Sprouse Stage (shared) Cornell \$ 288.40

CONFERENCE REQUESTS:

1. Paul Sebelia Gary Lorenzi SAP Training. Sponsored by Pa TTAN in Pittsburgh, PA
December 1, 2009 through December 3, 2009
(Paid for by the Safe & Drug Free Grant)
\$350.00/each
2. Wayne Tomaino Cooperative Education Conference. Sponsored by the Pennsylvania Cooperative Education Association at Penn State University
October 22, 2009 through October 23, 2009
\$560.60

CHANGES TO THE SUBSTITUTE TEACHER LIST:

ADDITIONS:

- 1.* Emily Canny Elementary
- 2.* Cynthia Bailley Elementary
- 3.* Jerred Masley Social Studies
4. Kathy Smedley Elementary, Reading Specialist
- 5.* Courtney Walters Elementary

DELETIONS:

1. Allison Stevens Elementary
2. Amber Hoyle Elementary
3. Jessica Gajdos Elementary
4. Anjuli Swords English

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SUPPORT STAFF:

RESIGNATION: Effective immediately:

1. Tara Sidonio Special Education Assistant, Centennial Elementary School

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

1. Cilamene Louis Special Education Assistant, Centennial Elementary School, unpaid maternity leave of absence effective 11-02-09 to an undetermined date (not to exceed 1 year).

TO BE HIRED: Effective immediately: Hourly rate of pay will be \$7.25:

1. Charlene White General Worker, Food Service Department at the High School
2. Deborah Altieri General Worker, Food Service Department at Founders' Hall
3. Wendy Patterson Lunch Aide, Food Service Department at Centennial Elementary School

SUPPORT STAFF:

CHANGE OF STATUS: Effective immediately:

1. Elise Preece
From: Lunch Aide, White Oak Elementary
To: General Worker, White Oak Elementary
Rate of Pay: \$7.25/hour

BOARD ACTION TO APPROVE RATE INCREASE FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITION EFFECTIVE 08-28-09:

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1. District Security Guards	\$10.15/hour	\$10.46/hour

CHANGES TO THE SUBSTITUTE LISTS:

ADD:

- 1.* Kwinton Gregory Custodian
- 2.* John Ware Custodian
- 3.* Michelle Helderlein Special Education Assistant
- 4.* Kristin Carlson Instructional Assistant
- 5.* Cathy Hayes Secretary

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| 6.* | Ryan Warner | Crisis Intervention Specialist |
| 7.* | Keith Yates | Food Service |
| 8.* | Tracy Warren | Food Service |
| 9.* | Tonya Boma | Food Service |
| 10.* | JoAnn Sipkovich | Food Service |

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| 1. | Wendy Greager | Special Education Assistant |
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*Pending results of Act 34, 114 and 151 clearances and T.B. Tine test and Drug Test Results.

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

Contract – Mr. Donato moved to terminate the construction management contract dated August 13, 2008 between the McKeesport Area School District and N. John Cunzolo Associates, Inc. by mutual agreement of both parties. Seconded by Mr. Halaszynski.

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

Proposal – Mr. Lopretto moved to enter the company of PA Project Management Inc. into the blank space. Seconded by Mr. Halaszynski. Mr. Halaszynski moved to accept the proposal from PA Project Management Inc. to provide construction management services to the District for the construction/renovation programs as defined in the Request for Proposal. Acceptance is subject to execution of the appropriate contract agreement with Special Counsel and Business Manager. Seconded by Mr. Kondrosky. Discussion followed.

Dave Donato – Madame President, for point of clarification, I was not able to attend the caucus session. This is former Board Member Jerry Tedesco's company, Dave?

Dave Seropian – Mr. Tedesco is the owner of this company.

Dave Donato – I notice in reading the RFPs that you sent out, that Mr. Tedesco failed to answer some of the questions in regard to some of the information that you had requested. Given that set of circumstances, I would hope that prior to the negotiations on the contract the Board

Members that are supporting this motion would get to Mr. Tedesco and ask him to provide that information because that information offers some safeguards for the district as it moves forward. His reluctance to provide or inability, whatever those reasons were, I think it's important that the district try to get this information from him and I would hope that the individuals that are supportive of him would say, hey Jerry just tell us who will be working on the project, what their credentials are, are they qualified individuals. I think that is all reasonable people want to happen in this situation. There is a unique arrangement with a 15% initial start up payment that I have a problem with because it resembles an awful lot like a situation that occurred here about 14 years ago. If it is satisfactory to the Board and it's a majority of what the Board thinks, then that's the way it should be. But, the point is, I have hesitation in voting for it for that because I don't understand the purpose for it and in the absence of having some of that information provided to us, that I think should be provided, I can't do the numbers to see why somebody needs a quarter of a million dollars to start up a project. To this point, the construction managers have been paid as they submitted invoices. Some of the scrutiny from these same Board members on the way people got paid, at not time did any of those people attempt a start up dollar amount that would be this much. Those are my reasons for dissenting the situation, but I would hope that some of the support Board members would at least get the information for the Board so they could move forward and be able to defend ourselves against citizens that might come to the microphone and ask us what we know about this individual what his background is, what is the competency of the individuals in his portfolio. Those are all reasonable questions and I think that for this sum of money that we're talking about, very close to two million dollars, I think it's a reasonable request.

Chris Halaszynski – I have a comment. As of last Thursday, there was a concern of the percentage and Dave, if you want, you can elaborate on that. PA Project Management did come down in their percentage cost from last week. Right, Dave?

Dave Seropian – We did have a meeting with Mr. Tedesco and he has submitted a letter to the Board which I provided before the meeting, which lowered his fee proposal.

Chris Halaszynski – Which was a savings of about \$200,000 – correct? As of right now.

Dave Seropian - Since his fee is a percent based on the cost of construction, it depends what it is. That is a ballpark number. That is a number he would have calculated if the construction cost was \$50 million then that 4% would equal \$200,000.

Barb Stevenson – I notice that SP Smith Construction Service is also a local company because I do appreciate the fact that we would like to stick with local companies. But, his percentage is

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only 1.91% which is considerably lower for a total of \$820,000 versus \$1,332,000. Did he submit a quality proposal, Dave? Since there is something difference in the percentage. Do you know off the top of your head?

Joe Chiaverini – I kind of looked into that a little bit. It just seemed like PA Project Management was providing more of a team. Mr. Smith, I understand nothing but good things about him and I have heard everything good, but for such a big project which is basically three schools almost, the team just didn't seem big enough. He had like one administrative staff, himself, I believe a subcontracted geotechnical engineer and maybe one other inspector/engineer.

Barb Stevenson – Did Mr. Tedesco provide who he has.

Joe Chiaverini – Yes he did. It was an inspector at each site and on staff engineer. There were just a few more people that probably would have made up after your overall percentage increase of your hourly billing rates or whatever how that works. It probably worked out to basically close to being the same.

Barb Stevenson – Mr. Gobel, this is a service that we don't have to take the lowest responsible bidder, correct?

George Gobel – That's correct.

Dave Donato – Dave, I just want to clarify something that the Chairman of Buildings & Grounds said. He identified in his proposal personnel that would be working on the project?

Joe Chiaverini – Not exact personnel, but he provided. He didn't give names of people, he said...

Dave Donato – He didn't identify whether they were credentialed or not? Did he identify engineering positions? Did he, Dave, in his submission to you, did you see any of that information?

Dave Seropian – I believe what Mr. Chiaverini might be referring to, he indicated in his proposal, in the substance of his proposal, that he was going to meet the terms outlined in the Request for Proposals which outlines certain numbers of staff on site. They all did that, I mean,

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he didn't do anything unique there. They all said what we asked for as a district that they provide, is two people on site, full time.

Dave Donato – He could not identify two people that he would assign to a site?

Dave Seropian – He did not say who they were, but he agreed in his proposal that he would provide those.

Dave Donato – That's something you're going to suggest for in negotiations? Is that to be cleared up.

Dave Seropian – That's up to the Board. You just stated earlier that you would like that to be clarified before we enter...

Dave Donato – I would hope that the Board members see that as a serious problem if we don't have credentialed people. In essence, he could have a layman be appointed to that position that really doesn't have background in that area. And that doesn't do anybody any good. I think the reason why you wrote the RFPs as tight as you did is to formulate that language that you need to give us good service. I think Jerry wants to do that, but I think for whatever reason you didn't provide those documents that you need to assure yourself of that. And you ask that of every other company, right?

Dave Seropian – He did not say who they would be, but I believe the Board should and will have a right to approve who is put on the site. I think he can put anybody he wants. If the Board doesn't want that particular person to be the person on site I think the Board ought to express that to the company and insist upon somebody else. I think we should have that right.

Steve Kondrosky – I would like to say something. In regards to whether it's PJ Dick or Turner Construction or Massaro Construction, a lot of times when you say a construction site going on you'll see trailers out there and you'll see personnel in there. That's most likely a carpenter with all the talent and technique of running a crew making sure that everything is going on in the project is going correctly. You're not going to see Turner Construction owner there. He's not going to be coming out of that trailer. You're not going to see PJ Dick coming out of the trailer or Mr. Massaro. You probably might see Mr. Tedesco coming out of the trailer being on site. I feel that this guy can do a pretty good job for us, or a heck of a job for us and he's going

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to be the on site individual on all these projects because he sure as heck not going to want to make himself look bad in front of all his neighbors and friends and former Board members.

Lori Spando – Dave, I just have one question. I have a question about the initial start up payment. We're paying it says here between \$199,950 and \$232,500 we're paying that up front before any work is completed by this particular company, correct? Is that what the initial start up cost is?

Dave Seropian – The proposal from that company proposed to have a 15% start up fee. So, if you accept the proposal, I would assume you are agreeing to that payment.

Lori Spando – Do we typically do that?

Dave Seropian – Typically meaning a construction management contract?

Lori Spando – In any of our contracts, do we typically do a start up fee where this one could be close to a quarter of a million dollars, do we accept proposals, have we accepted proposals in the past, have we paid companies in the past this amount of money prior to any work starting?

Dave Seropian – I would say that's not typical, no.

Lori Spando – Ok, thank you.

Dave Donato – Only this, I would ask Alberta to put the exchange in the public record also.

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

Voting no. Mr. Donato, Ms. Spando, Mrs. Stevenson

Committee Reports

Athletic – James Brown – no report

Buildings & Grounds – Joseph Chiaverini – The only thing I would like to say is we had a meeting and did discuss the construction management proposals which I believe was spoken about at last month's meeting which I was not able to attend. We also completed the new contract in

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front of Founders Hall which I feel looks very nice with the old Fifth Avenue bell there. I think they did a very nice job with everything there. Mr. Lopretto has voiced some concern with some camera work that needs to be updated and repaired which I am trying to currently to get taken care of now. Other than that, that's the conclusion of my report.

Safe Schools – Joe Lopretto – I have been in contract with Dr. Gabauer and Dr. Brinkos and the cameras are getting fixed as we speak. The wires are being run, they ordered new cameras they also got a couple new DVRs so we're going to be up and running. I know they ordered a lot more cameras. We're not going to have a dead spot in the school. At our next meeting, if there is a camera down, I want to know about it. We shouldn't have any cameras down in these schools. Every camera that we have should be up and running. They don't need to be sitting in the corner collecting dust not connected. They need to be on the ceilings where they belong and recording everything that is going on in the halls, whether there's nothing at all, I hope there's nothing. If there is an incident that takes place, we need to know about it, we got to have it on film. That's one of my priorities, to make sure those cameras are all in working order.

Cultural Diversity – Wayne Washowich – no report

Education/Technology/Grants & Outside Funding – Steven Kondrosky - Thank you. We did have a pretty lengthy meeting. Dr. Gabauer, Dr. Brinkos, Patty Scales, Patty Tkacik. It was very informative, very lengthy. I do not want to get into all the details of it, but I'll tell you what, we looked at getting some retired teachers back in the program to do some in-service for us and I think it's a pretty good idea. We're not going to miss a beat with all that talent let go years ago or retired from our school years ago and the monies are coming in pretty good for our programs and tutoring programs. That's all I'm going to say. I'm not going to bore you with any more information.

Financial Affairs – David Donato – no report

Legislation/Policy – Barbara Stevenson – no report

Personnel – Chris Halaszynski – We did meet, with Dr. Gabauer and Mr. Humanic. All the hires and choices and selections are made are reflected on the green sheets tonight. I feel these were the best candidates that we did put on this month.

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Safe Schools – We didn't have a meeting, but like I said, I spoke of the cameras and meeting with Dr. Gabauer and Dr. Brinkos. We do have a meeting coming up Thursday, November 4th, if any of the Board members would like to come, I welcome their appearance. We're going to have all the high school principals there. I feel the schools are as safe as we can get right now, but you can always move a step closer. Discussion about outside cameras.

Solicitor's Report –

Resolution #971 – Mr. Lopretto moved to approve Resolution #971 – student discipline. Seconded by Mr. Kondrosky.

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

Correspondence – Discussion regarding flashing lights.

New Business – none

Adjournment - 8:40 PM – Mr. Lopretto moved for adjournment. Seconded by Mr. Kondrosky.

Voting aye. All Members present.

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