

McKEESPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Board Meeting
December 8, 2010

Presiding Wayne Washowich, President

Date, Time, Place Wednesday, December 8, 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 7:30 PM,
followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

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

Excused. Mark Holtzman

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
Gary Matta, Solicitor

Board President's Remarks – Under the President's remarks, I just want to wish everybody a very happy and safe Christmas and New Years. This will be our last meeting for 2010 so we'll be catching up with you in 2011 hopefully. So, we want everybody to drive safely and enjoy themselves.

Superintendent's Report – We just met about two weeks ago, so there aren't a whole lot of slides to show, but there are a few we would like to get through with some things that are

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going on in the district. Our MASD Warmly Cares will be depicted. You will see the festival of the trees which I know our band, choir, and orchestra sent some folks over there to represent the district. The Administrative Academy has been on a few trips here and I know they were getting the kick off with MASD Warmly Cares so we do have a few slides here to keep everybody updated with some happenings within the district. And the echoes Mr. President's remarks there about everybody having a safe and happy holiday season and once again, I could make those things 5, 10 or 15 minutes long if the Board so wishes with photos and what have you because we have so many things going on. So many wonderful things, that's a little taste of what is happening district wide.

Treasurer's Report – Mr. Kondrosky moved to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's Report for the month of November 2010. Seconded by Mr. Halaszynski.

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

Excused. Mr. Holtzman

Hearing of Citizens

Bruce Webber, 326 Archer Street, McKeesport, PA 15132.

Mr. Webber addressed the Board on the issue of Three Rivers Coalition for Justice.

Minutes – Mr. Chiaverini moved to approve the minutes of the Open Agenda Meeting of November 17, 2010 and Regular Meeting of November 23, 2010. Seconded by Mr. Halaszynski.

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

Excused. Mr. Holtzman

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

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

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Excused. Mr. Holtzman

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

- A. Baseball team to Cocoa Expo Baseball 2011 Spring Training Camp, Cocoa Beach, Florida, on March 26 – April 1, 2011.
- B. High School Cheerleading Squad to the Battle at the Capitol in National Harbor, Maryland, on March 18-21, 2011.
Seconded by Mr. Kondrosky.

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

Excused. Mr. Holtzman

ELECT – Mr. Halaszynski moved to subcontract with the following individual to provide case management services under the ELECT and EFI Grants:

Latoya Wright 7.5 hours per day/160 days per year/\$20 per hour

Seconded by Mr. Chiaverini.

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

Excused. Mr. Holtzman

Abstaining. Mr. Brown

ELECT – Mr. Lopretto moved to amend the contract with the following individual providing case manager/liason services under the ELECT and EFI Grants:

Hilary Spell Young Parent Project Case Manager and Parent Educator
7.5 hours per hour/240 days per year

Seconded by Mr. Halaszynski.

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

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Excused. Mr. Holtzman

Change Order – Mr. Chiaverini moved to approve a change order for the Cornell Elementary/Intermediate School. Seconded by Mr. Brown.

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

Excused. Mr. Holtzman

PlanCon – Mr. Lopretto moved to approve the district auditing firm of Hosack, Specht, Muetzel & Wood to complete PlanCon Part J project numbers 2279; 2280; 2358; 2815; 2850; and 3172. The fee will be based on the standard hourly rate not to exceed \$2,500 per project. Seconded by Mr. Kondrosky.

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

Excused. Mr. Holtzman

License – Mr. Kondrosky moved to approve the conversion of Success Maker from 100 individual licenses to a district wide license in the amount of \$72,893.75. (Paid by Title I Stimulus) Seconded by Mr. Brown.

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

Excused. Mr. Holtzman

Software – Mr. Chiaverini moved to approve the purchase of Performance Tracker and Assessment Builder software in the amount of \$32,054. (Paid by SIG and Title I Stimulus) Seconded by Mr. Halaszynski.

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

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Excused. Mr. Holtzman

Partnership – Mr. Chiaverini moved to approve a partnership with Penn State University for the 2010/2011 Talent Search at no cost to the district. Seconded by Mr. Halaszynski. Discussion followed.

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

Excused. Mr. Holtzman

Agreement – Mr. Brown moved to approve a participation agreement between McKeesport Area School District and Tender Care Learning Center. Seconded by Mr. Chiaverini.

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

Excused. Mr. Holtzman

Surveys – Mr. Chiaverini moved to approve the proposal from SE Technologies to complete asbestos/materials surveys for residential properties at the Cornell Elementary/Intermediate School project site at a cost not to exceed \$1,000 per building. Seconded by Mr. Halaszynski.

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

Excused. Mr. Holtzman

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

Professional:

To be hired: Long Term Substitute: Rate of pay will be \$80/day + benefits and increase to \$125 on the 61st day:

Danielle McVay

Math Teacher, High School, effective 1/10/11

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(J. Wunderly)

To be hired: Long Term Substitute: Rate of pay will be \$125 + benefits:

Nicole Kumer Elementary Teacher, White Oak Elementary School,
(J. Lape) Effective approximately 2/4/11

To be hired: Permanent day to day substitutes for the 2010/2011 school year. Rate of pay will be \$75/day + benefits and increase to \$100 on the 61st day (Paid for by the SIG Grant):

Ashley Godich High School
Kathleen Szokoly High School (effective 1/3/11)
Danielle McVay High School
Amanda Stoupis High School (effective 1/3/11)

Conference Requests:

Patty Tkacik PDE Annual Conference "Making a Difference – Educational
Mary Ann Plance Practices that Work". Sponsored by the PA Department of
Ed Hrinda Education in Hershey, PA January 11, 2011 through January 14,
Tom Bauman 2011 (Paid for by Special Education Grant) \$2,889.00

Dr. Jane Coughenour PA Title I Improving School Performance Conference.
Sponsored by the PA Association of Federal Program Coordinators
at State College, PA January 23, 2011 through January 26, 2011
(Paid for by Title I Funds) \$852.85

Dr. Chapman PA Middle School Association State Conference Sponsored
Tom Knight by the Middle School Association in Lancaster, PA
Mark Mayer March 5, 2011 through March 8, 2011
Ed Pupich (Paid for by Title I Funds)
Brian DeCecco \$2,663.10

Charlyn Lyons Renew, Retool, Refresh at your Library. Sponsored by the PA
School Librarians in Hershey, PA April 28, 2011 through
April 30, 2011 (Paid for by Title I Funds) \$809.50

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Changes to the substitute list:

*Christina Scotillo Elementary
*Emily Scott Elementary, English, Early Childhood

Support Staff:

Retirement: Effective 6/30/11: (Retirements are under the terms of the Retirement Incentive for Support Staff adopted 11/23/10):

Jan Bishop Purchasing Clerk, Administration Building
Martha Bumbarger Custodian, High School
William Montgomery Custodian, Centennial Elementary School
LaRue Liptak Custodian, Centennial Elementary School

To be hired: Effective immediately:

Eric Wilkins Special Education Assistant, Founders Hall
 \$16,043 (pro-rated)
Michele Gordon Lunch Aide, White Oak Elementary School
 Rate of pay will be \$7.25/hour

Leave of Absence:

Dawn Shelly Instructional Assistant, McClure Intermediate School,
 Unpaid leave of absence effective 1/18/11 to 5/16/11

Changes to the substitute lists:

Additions:

*Michelle Mellinger Special Education Assistant
Darlene Potter Secretary

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

ADDENDUM:

Professional:

Changes to the substitute list:

*Nichole Long Elementary, Special Education
*Trisa Lesczynski Elementary

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Support Staff:

Retirement: Effective 6/30/11: (Retirements are under the terms of the Retirement Incentive for Support Staff adopted 11/23/10:

Patricia Vasko	Curriculum and Instruction Secretary
Eleanor Waltower	Instructional Assistant, High School

Resignation: Effective Immediately:

Bryan McGuire	Computer Lab Technician, Founders Hall
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Leave of Absence:

Joan Midlo	Instructional Assistant, Centennial Elementary School Unpaid leave of absence effective 10/26/10 to an undetermined Date (not to exceed 1 year)
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Changes to the substitute lists:

Additions:

*Heather Fox-Sutek	Nurse Assistant
*Kevin Halaszynski	Special Education Assistant

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

Excused. Mr. Holtzman

*Mr. Halaszynski abstaining on Changes to the Substitute Lists: Additions: Kevin Halaszynski

Committee Reports

Athletic – James Brown – Yes, we did meet for a brief minute at Charley’s office this past week. We went over just the new mat room. If you get a chance to go over and look at the new mat room for the wrestling team. Ed Fagan and those guys did a great job. Other than that we have a girl’s tournament here this Friday and Saturday, and we have a boy’s basketball tournament at Hempfield this Friday and Saturday, so if you want to go and participate, you are more than welcome. Other than that enjoy, happy holidays, and Merry Christmas. Don’t forget about the junior wrestling team that’s going to be here this weekend also. We had a coach from Oregon

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come in yesterday. That's something that never happened in a long time. Joe Paterno came in when I was here, but other than that, we never had anybody that big come to the school.

Buildings & Grounds – Steve Kondrosky – Thank you once again Mr. President. As always, Mr. Fagan and his staff was very busy. He had the opportunity to snake out about 250 feet of drain at Founders Hall leading to the stairwells after the big heavy rains that we had and that was a two day project. Repaired roof leaks at McClure cyber school, GW gym, Centennial gym, main office at White Oak and he installed new control boards and heating unit in the mechanical room at the stadium which now we have heat in both sides of the stadium which George Smith didn't have at one time. We are finishing the weight room at South Hall. That's almost completed. We ran phone lines and computer lines from the computer room at Centennial to the modular classrooms. We installed rain gutters on the entrance and fire exit doors in the modular classrooms at McClure and White Oak. Our new compactor that we had installed is working very well. We are probably three quarters complete on filling that and that's after about a four week stint in using it and I think the neighbors are very happy that there are no dumpsters being emptied early in the morning and that should make everybody happy including Mr. Seropian, he's not getting too many complaints and once again I would like to thank and wish all of my colleagues, administrators, educators, maintenance staff, project managers, solicitor, architect and audience members a safe and healthy holiday season and a happy new year and if anybody has any extra cash I wear an extra large top and a large bottom. Thank you.

Cultural Diversity – Tom Maglicco – Our last meeting, Mr. President, was in November and we had some good discussion there. I understand from Dr. Lobaugh that the district is moving forward on the possibility of the grant for the Olweus program. That's moving forward on separate grants for each school that they are looking at a K-8 program on bullying prevention. Our next meeting in January 12th at 4:00 PM. I took a tour with Dr. Gabauer and Dr. Skezas and pretty much did all of the elementary schools on this tour one day and I would encourage all of my fellow Board Members to do the same. It was exciting to go there and see learning taking place even with all of the obstacles that are in our way right now. The teachers are adapting and the kids are doing a great job. It really pumped me up to see that taking place in the district. I encourage my fellow Board Members to take advantage of that and tour the facilities. Thanks.

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Education/Technology/Grants & Outside Funding – Pat Maksin – We did not meet last week, but as a result of the meeting that we had in November that’s the partnership with Penn State for the Talent Search. That was the result of the meeting from November. So, we are very pleased about that.

Financial Affairs – Tom Maglicco – Not much to report. Just want to wish my fellow colleagues and the district a happy holiday and a safe new year.

Legislation/Policy – Pat Maksin – No meeting.

Personnel – Joe Lopretto – We had a lot of phone calls that’s about what we had for meetings. The green sheets reflect it all and Dr. Skezas has always done a great job.

Safe Schools – Joe Lopretto – They’re safe.

Solicitor’s Report – No report.

Correspondence – No report.

Adjournment – 8:00 PM – Mr. Lopretto moved for adjournment. Seconded by Mr. Brown.

Voting aye. All Members present.

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