

**McKEESPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**April 21, 2010**

**Presiding** Steve Kondrosky, Vice President

**Date, Time, Place** Wednesday, April 21, 2010, 7:30 PM, Board Room,  
Administration Building, 3590 O'Neil Boulevard,  
McKeesport, PA 15132.

**Opening Exercises** Mr. Kondrosky called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM,  
followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

**Present** James Brown  
Joseph Chiaverini  
Chris Halaszynski  
Mark Holtzman  
Steve Kondrosky  
Joe Lopretto  
Tom Maglicco  
Patricia Maksin

Excused. Wayne Washowich

**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** - None

**Superintendent's Report** – I did have one report. I wanted to recognize some individuals within the district and the very person is Kimberly Rose. I just wanted to report that Kimberly Rose has been identified as the 2010 Certificated Entrepreneurship Teacher of the Year and she actually went up to New York City to receive that award, so I commend her and her efforts. She has run a great program over at the high school. The other thing I want to do under the Superintendent's Report is ask Mr. Seropian to discuss the 2010/2011 General Fund Budget. (The budget was presented by Mr. Seropian.)

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**Treasurer's Report** – Mr. Lopretto moved to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2010. Seconded by Mr. Chiaverini.

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

Excused. Mr. Washowich

**Hearing of Citizens** – None

**Minutes** – Mrs. Maksin moved to approve the minutes of the Open Agenda Meeting of March 17, 2010, Regular Meeting of March 24, 2010 and the Special Meeting of April 6, 2010. Seconded by Mr. Halaszynski.

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

Excused. Mr. Washowich

**Bills** – Mrs. Maksin moved to approve the list of bills. Seconded by Mr. Brown.

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

Excused. Mr. Washowich

**Calendar** – Mr. Chiaverini moved to approve the 2010/2011 Board Meeting calendar. Seconded by Mr. Halaszynski.

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

Excused. Mr. Washowich

**Program** – Mr. Lopretto moved to approve the Summer School Program through the YMCA of McKeesport to be held from June 21, 2010 through July 30, 2010. Seconded by Mr. Halaszynski.

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

Excused. Mr. Washowich

**Program** – Mrs. Maksin moved to approve the Summer Music Program of 60 hours of string instruction, 80 hours of brass, woodwinds and percussion instruction and 60 hours for High School Marching Band instruction and pre-band camp. Seconded by Mr. Brown.

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

Excused. Mr. Washowich

**Funds** – Mr. Chiaverini moved to apply for federal funds for Title 1 and Title 2A for the 2010/2011 school year. Seconded by Mr. Halaszynski.

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

Excused. Mr. Washowich

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

- A. Students in “The Future Is Mine” to Hershey, PA on October 15-16, 2010.
- B. Students in Mrs. Halfhill’s class to Washington, DC on December 3-5, 2010.

Seconded by Mrs. Maksin.

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

Excused. Mr. Washowich

**Program** – Mr. Lopretto moved to renew the Memorandum of Understanding for the Foster Grandparent Program. Seconded by Mr. Brown.

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

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Excused. Mr. Washowich

**Contract** – Mrs. Maksin moved to approve the ASSET Resource Teacher contract for the 2010/2011 school year. Seconded by Mr. Halaszynski.

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

Excused. Mr. Washowich

**Security** – Mr. Chiaverini moved to reject the bids for security camera and wiring at South Hall and Founders Hall. Seconded by Mr. Halaszynski.

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

Excused. Mr. Washowich

**Proposal** – Mr. Brown moved to accept the proposal from UPMC to provide athletic training services for 2010/2011, 2011/2012, and 2012/2013 school years. Seconded by Mr. Lopretto.

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

Excused. Mr. Washowich

**Agreement** – Mr. Brown moved to approve the participation agreement between McKeesport Area School District and Tendercare. Seconded by Mr. Chiaverini.

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

Excused. Mr. Washowich

**Green Sheets** – Mr. Lopretto moved to approve personnel recommendations (green sheets). Seconded by Mrs. Maksin.

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Professional:

To be hired: EAP Summer School Program as approved at the 3/24/10 Board Meeting: Rate of pay will be \$21.75/hour (paid from the Educational Assistance Program) (Number of teachers utilized will be based on student enrollment):

EAP Summer School Program Manager

Amy Dellapenna

Centennial

Debbie Miller – Lead Tutor

Lillian Bator

Amy Chiaverini

Bonnie Haver

Holly Hawley

Julianne Huwalt

Trina King

Valerie Mahmoud

Barbara Spivak

White Oak

Betsy Bacon – Lead Tutor

Megan Bomba

Catherine Gerdich

Samantha Humanic

Lisa Miracle

Sherry Skiba

Jennifer Tondera

George Washington

Eran Scozzaro – Lead Tutor

Alexis Anderson

Ashley Anthony

Maureen Gault

Michel Kunic

Paulene Mallas

Kelli McCall

Amy Navaroli

Sharyn Randig

Joseph Rogers

Mary Russo

Jessica Zuber

To be hired: EAP Summer School Program as approved at the 3/24/10 Board Meeting: Rate of pay will be \$21.75/hour (paid from the Educational Assistance Program) (Number of teachers utilized will be based on student enrollment):

Cornell

Betsy Hochstine – Lead Tutor

Allison Adams

Beth Chervenak

Abigail Fawcett

Margaret Jefferson

McClure

Bethany Bauer – Lead Tutor

Tina Bieda

Angela Elm

Lina Fitchwell

Deneen Folkmire

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Cheri King  
Jill Lape  
Amy Montalbano  
David Petrick  
Krystal Reid  
Kristen Romano  
Kim Winters

Kristen Oeler  
Robert Pupich  
Rebecca Seeman  
Maureen Stafko

Founders Hall  
Robin Canova – Lead Tutor  
Ben Althof (English)  
Tom Bauman (Math)  
Lauren Caparelli (Math)  
Brittney Doss (English)  
Lori Hegedus (Math)  
Marc Mayer (English)  
James O’Neal (Math)  
Sherry Yocco (English)

High School  
Sheri Halfhill – Lead Tutor  
Holly Allen (Math)  
Sharyn Bertoty (Math)  
Erica Guadalupe (English)  
Kathy McCormack (Math)  
Diane Metz (English)  
Derek Pavlovic (Math)  
Kate Renze (English)  
Michelle Richardson (English)

Substitutes (HS/Founders Hall)  
Matthew Bauman  
William Flow  
Kristen Kunkle  
William McCoullum  
Jesse Wilson

Substitutes (Elementary)  
Cindy Bailley  
Carly Darling  
Cara Hetrick  
Krystal Kustra  
Heather Obringer  
Brianna Petro  
Dana Ruffing  
Danielle Sins  
Denise Szepesi  
Christina Veason  
Rachel Ward

To be hired: Extended School Year Program – Summer 2010:

Erin Sypin	Special Education Teacher 6.5 hours/day - \$21.75/hour for 24 days
Carolyn Will	Special Education Teacher 6.5 hours/day - \$21.75/hour for 24 days

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Amber Watson	Speech Language Teacher 6.5 hours/day - \$21.75/hour for 20 days
Kelly Headrick	Nurse 6.5 hours/day - \$21.75/hour for 20 days

To be hired: Extra Curricular Athletics for the 2010/2011 school year:

Mark Bacco	Assistant Track Coach	\$1,828.20
Craig Slafka	Assistant Track Coach	\$1,828.20
Derek Pavlovic	Assistant Track Coach	\$1,828.20
Mark Bacco	7/8 Grade Track Coach	\$1,586.20
Craig Slafka	7/8 Grade Track Coach (1/2)	\$914.10
Derek Pavlovic	7/8 Grade Track Coach (1/2)	\$914.10

Changes to the substitute teacher list:

Additions:

*Christopher Garofolo	Health/Physical Education
*Diana Gibb	Elementary
*Allison Serman	Spanish

Deletions:

Pamela Graham	Elementary
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Conference Requests:

Angie Cale	Safe Schools Conference. Sponsored by the PDE, Center for Safe Schools in Harrisburg, PA May 3, 2010 through May 5, 2010 (Paid for by Title I Funds) \$1,456.90
Wayne Wade	
Dr. Lobaugh	Pre-K Counts Conference. Sponsored by Pre-K Counts and the PA Department of Education in State College, PA May 6, 2010 through May 7, 2010 (Paid for by Pre-K Counts Grant) \$480.00
Angie Cale	2010 Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth Conference. Sponsored by the Center for Schools and Communities in Hershey, PA May 24, 2010 Through May 25, 2010 (Paid for by Title I Funds) \$1,200.56
Wayne Wade	
Chris Kastronis	21 <sup>st</sup> CCLC Statewide Advisory Board Meeting Sponsored by the Center for Schools & Communities and the PA Department of Education in Harrisburg, PA June 14, 2010 (Paid for by the 21 <sup>st</sup> CCLC Grant) \$274.00

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Patricia Codelka National School Nursing Conference. Sponsored by the National Association for School Nurses in Chicago, IL June 27, 2010 through July 3, 2010 (Paid for by Title I Funds) \$1,665.00

Support Staff:

Resignation:

Barbara Williams Instructional Assistant, East End Academy, effective immediately.

Leave of Absence:

Dawn Shelly Instructional Assistant, Cornell Intermediate School, unpaid leave of absence from 5/3/10 through 5/7/10

To be hired: Extended School Year Program – Summer 2010:

Holly Gallagher Instructional Assistant  
6.5 hours/day - \$11.50/hour for 20 days

Andrew Cohen Instructional Assistant  
6.5 hours/day - \$11.50/hour for 20 days

Sarah Forsythe Instructional Assistant  
6.5 hours/day - \$11.50/hour for 20 days

Candida Tom Instructional Assistant (PCA)  
6.5 hours/day - \$11.50/hour for 20 days

To be hired: Substitute Instructional Assistants/PCA for the Extended School Year Program Summer 2010 (Rate of pay will be \$11.50/hour):

Vickie Babyak  
Anthony DeSimone  
Debbie Hose

To be hired: Summer Laborers in the Maintenance Department effective 5/1/10: Hourly rate of pay will be \$7.25:

\*Kristin Martinelli \*Matt Keller  
\*Brett Pupich \*Anthony Hilla  
\*Tyler Knox

Changes to the substitute lists:

Deletions:

Tiffany Johnson Food Service

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Nancy Richards	Food Service
Sherry Smith-Faye	Food Service
Rose Cater	Food Service
Pearl Patterson	Food Service
Renna Udoh	Food Service
Michelle Brown	Food Service
Judy Nicholson	Food Service
Brandi Dishong	Food Service
Lisa Daerr	Food Service
Jennifer Reed	Food Service
Katrina Barfield	Food Service
Veronica Frederick	Food Service
Sheila Martin	Food Service
Dolores Patterson	Food Service
Vivian Queen	Food Service
DaVena Robinson	Food Service
Ebony Jackson	Food Service
Trella Brown	Food Service
Sandra Stitt	Food Service
Louis Gallo	Food Service
Lisa Mort	Food Service
Paul Jones	Food Service
Margaret Granite	Food Service
Irene Breick	Food Service
Danielle Davis	Food Service
Freda Dewar	Food Service
Marlene Druskin	Food Service
Mable Hall	Food Service
Sharon Harris	Food Service
Deborah McClinton	Food Service
Derrick Pressley	Food Service
Sue Remick	Food Service

\*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. Holtzman, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Mr. Maglicco, Mrs. Maksin

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Abstain. Mr. Halaszynski

Excused. Mr. Washowich

**Policies** – Mr. Chiaverini moved on second reading and adoption of Board Policies – section 300. Seconded by Mr. Halaszynski.

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

Excused. Mr. Washowich

**Hearing** – Mr. Chiaverini moved to authorize the Business Manager to advertise for Act 34 Hearing for the Francis McClure project. Seconded by Mr. Halaszynski.

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

Excused. Mr. Washowich

**Property** – Mr. Chiaverini moved to authorize the Administrative team and district Solicitor to begin property acquisition procedures for the New McKeesport Elementary site. Seconded by Mr. Halaszynski.

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

Excused. Mr. Washowich

**Committee Reports –**

Athletic – James Brown – We had a meeting this month. I met with Charley Kiss on several things as far as our Lady Tigers softball team is doing very good, they are in first place as of April 15<sup>th</sup> and if I'm not mistaken, I saw them beat Kiski 11-0 last night. They are doing very well. We are also looking to have our annual lift a thon for our football team on Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Which is going to be at the gymnasium at 7:00 PM. We have been having several meetings with the golf outing that the McKeesport Quarterback Club is going to be holding on June 25<sup>th</sup>. If you are

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interested, you need to meet with Charley Kiss at the Athletic Department and it's going to be at Cedarbrook Golf Course. That's going to be June 25<sup>th</sup>. Cheerleading, dance team and colorguard, if you know anyone that's interested in trying out, they are going to be having try outs the whole month of May. If you know anyone that's interested in trying out for the dance team, come out and try. That's my report.

Buildings & Grounds – Steve Kondrosky – I met with Ed Fagan and he included me in on his conversation in regards to a lot of the things that we brought up at last month's meeting that were already taken care of. That's new lighting at South Hall and the building of some water run off areas over there at the White Oak School were taken care of and they increased the parking area by about twenty (20) spaces. The holes in the parking lot behind South Hall by where the band practices, those were all taken care of along with the additional one at White Oak Elementary School. The catch basins were all taken care of. During the storm that we had last week, we lost three (3) trees and they had to be taken care of. Now we're looking at including and replanting a few more there. Hopefully, we can find something nice to fit in real good. Campbell gym where the new steps were constructed, we planted some new shrubs to approve that area there. Basically, we're getting proposals now for the modular classrooms over at McClure that are going to be set up for temporary classrooms. I'm sure that by next month's meeting we'll have all that in tact and that's all I have to say. Thank you very much.

Cultural Diversity – Tom Maglicco – Yes, Mr. Vice President, we have a meeting scheduled for May. I gave a report last month on Cultural Diversity that covered the previous month. I will get with Dr. Brinkos and schedule a meeting for May.

Education/Technology/Grants & Outside Funding – Pat Maksin – We did have a meeting. It had been requested that we get a listing of all of the grants that the district has received and Mrs. Scales provided that for us. For the 2009/2010 school year it has been a total of \$10,747,428. I thought that was quite impressive. So, that was provided to all the Board Members, all the different grants. We also did meet about some programming that is either going to continue district wide or some things at the high school that some of the administrators are looking into. Some additional program and certainly for PSSA testing for next year.

Financial Affairs – Tom Maglicco – Yes, Mr. Vice President, we had a very good meeting and discussion. We went over the 2010/2011 budget. Mr. Seropian, Mr. Humanic, Mrs. Maksin and myself. We talked about several things. It was a very good discussion and we have a lot of work ahead of us in the next couple months.

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Legislation/Policy – Pat Maksin – We did meet. It was about the adoption of Board Policy section 300, which we approved this evening.

Personnel – Joe Lopretto – Yes, Mr. Vice President. We had a very long lengthy meeting and the green sheets reflect all that.

Safe Schools – Joe Lopretto – No, we didn't have a meeting, but again I talked to Dr. Gabauer a lot on the camera systems and that's why the plan was rejected tonight on the bids because we're actually looking at getting some kind of new system in place that's even better than the one we have.

**Solicitor's Report** – Mrs. Maksin moved to approve settlement with Kimball & Associates as recommended by the Solicitor. Seconded by Mr. Brown. Discussion followed.

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

Excused. Mr. Washowich

**Correspondence** – None.

**New Business** – None.

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

Voting aye. All Members present.

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
David M. Seropian, Business Manager/Board Secretary