

**McKEESPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**June 23, 2010**

**Presiding** Wayne Washowich, President

**Date, Time, Place** Wednesday, June 23, 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  
Mark Holtzman  
Steve Kondrosky  
Tom Maglicco  
Patricia Maksin  
Wayne Washowich

Excused Joe Lopretto

**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** – I just hope everybody is getting along fine this summer and hope the summer is going along for everybody. We did have our Kennywood picnic and all the kids had a good time.

**Superintendent's Report** – I just wanted to report, Mr. President, and say thank you to the Board of Directors and administrators and everybody for a wonderful school year this year. We were able to accomplish many things and we, like I said earlier, moving this district in a great

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direction. It was our hope to provide video for you tonight on some of the things that we accomplished together; however, we are having some technical problems and Mr. South assures me that we will be able to show you the video at the July meeting. I do want to thank each and every one of you and I think that your actions demonstrate a commitment to this district and these students.

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

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

Excused. Mr. Lopretto

**Hearing of Citizens** –

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

Mr. Malinchak addressed the Board on the issue of the new school site.

**Minutes** – Mr. Brown moved to approve the minutes of the Open Agenda Meeting of May 19, 2010 and Regular Meeting of May 26, 2010. Seconded by Mr. Halaszynski.

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

Excused. Mr. Lopretto

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

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

Excused. Mr. Lopretto

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

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

Excused. Mr. Lopretto

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

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

Excused. Mr. Lopretto

**Resolution #990** – Mr. Chiaverini moved to approve Resolution #990 – 2010/2011 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$60,027,601 with a millage rate of 16.71 mills. Seconded by Mr. Holtzman. Discussion followed.

Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mr. Chiaverini, Mr. Halaszynski, Mr. Holtzman, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Maglicco, Mr. Washowich

Voting no. Mrs. Maksin

Excused. Mr. Lopretto

**Transfers** – Mr. Kondrosky moved to authorize the Business Manager to make necessary year end budgetary transfers for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010 as per the auditor's recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Halaszynski.

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

Excused. Mr. Lopretto

**Treasurer** – Mr. Kondrosky moved to reappoint James G. Humanic as the School District Treasurer for the 2010/2011 fiscal year. Seconded by Mrs. Maksin.

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

Excused. Mr. Lopretto

**Insurance** – Mr. Maglicco moved to accept the proposal from Goodwin & Gruber Agency for student athletic insurance for the 2010/2011 school term in the amount of \$10,950. Seconded by Mr. Brown.

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

Excused. Mr. Lopretto

**Contract** – Mr. Brown moved to approve the contract with Associated Occupational Therapists, Inc. for physical and occupation therapy services for the 2010/2011 school year at the following hourly rates - \$60.25/OT; \$50.00/OT Asst; \$63.50/PT; \$53.50/PT Asst. Seconded by Mr. Kondrosky. Explanation followed.

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

Excused. Mr. Lopretto

**AIU** – Mr. Halaszynski moved to approve an agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit to provide special education services to students in MASD during the 2010/2011 school term. Seconded by Mr. Kondrosky. Explanation followed.

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

Excused. Mr. Lopretto

**AIU** – Mrs. Maksin moved to approve and agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit to provide Title 1 Services for non public schools. Seconded by Mr. Kondrosky.

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

Excused. Mr. Lopretto

**Resolution #991** – Mr. Kondrosky moved to approve Resolution #991 – Homestead and Farmstead exclusion. Seconded by Mr. Brown.

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

Excused. Mr. Lopretto

**AIU** – Mr. Halaszynski moved to approve the amendment to the Allegheny Intermediate Unit #3 Regional Wide Area Network at an additional cost of \$1,200 per month effective July 1, 2010. (Paid for by Title 1 Stimulus Funds.) Seconded by Mr. Chiaverini.

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

Excused. Mr. Lopretto

**Tables** – Mr. Kondrosky moved to accept the proposal from Bulldog Office Products for cafeteria tables at the high school in the amount of \$35,000. (State Costars Contract #002-126) Seconded by Mr. Holtzman.

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

Excused. Mr. Lopretto

**Transfer** – Mr. Chiaverini moved to authorize the Business Manager to transfer LEED planning grants received in the general fund to the capital reserve fund in the amount of \$50,000. Seconded by Mr. Halaszynski.





\*Nicholas Keefer Health and Physical Education  
\*Ryan Novak General Science  
\*Kenneth Sarber Elementary

Conference Requests:

Chris Kastronis 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Cohort V Grantees Meeting  
Pat Scales Sponsored by the Center for Schools and Communities  
and PDE in Harrisburg, PA July 29, 2010  
(Paid for by 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Grant) \$644

Kelly Mursch 2010 PA Community on Transition Conference  
Sponsored by the PA Department of Education  
Bureau of Special Education  
July 21, 2010 through July 23, 2010 \$716.76

Anthony Gallaher PACTA Summer Conference 2010  
Sponsored by the PA Association of Career and  
Technical Administrators at State College, PA  
July 28, 2010 through July 30, 2010  
(Paid for by Perkins Grant) \$663.36

Support Staff:

Retirement: Effective 3/31/10:

George Wood Security Guard, McClure Intermediate School

Change of Status: Effective immediately:

Margaret Rowe From: General Worker at White Oak Elementary  
To: Lunch Aide at McClure Intermediate

Resignation: Effective immediately:

Marcia Barrett Nurse Assistant – 5 days/week

Leave of Absence:

Kathleen Halaszynski                    General Worker, Food Service Department at Founders Hall effective 9/13/10 to 9/29/10

Catherine Shaffer                        General Worker, Food Service Department at Founders Hall effective 4/12/10 to an undetermined date. (Not to exceed 1 year)

Andrew Cohen                              Special Education Assistant at Founders Hall effective 5/25/10 through 6/17/10

Board action to approve the rate increase for the following positions effective 8/26/10:

	From	To
Crisis Intervention Specialist	\$13.20/hour	\$13.60/hour
Security Guards	\$10.46/hour	\$10.77/hour

To be hired: Summer laborers in the maintenance department effective 5/1/10:  
Hourly rate of pay will be \$7.25/hour:

- \*Amanda Sparico
- \*Steven Williams

Act 93:

Board action to create the following positions effective 7/1/10:

- Transition Specialist East End Academy/Dean of Students (10 month position)
- Transition Specialist East End Academy/Assistant to the Vocational Director (10 month position)
- Secondary Curriculum and Transformation Coordinator (12 month position)

\*Pending receipt of Act 34, 151 and 114 clearances, T.B. Tine Test and Drug Test.

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

\*Mr. Maglicco and Mrs. Maksin voting no on page 4 – Act 93 positions – numbers 1 and 2.

Excused. Mr. Lopretto

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**Bid** – Mr. Chiaverini moved to accept the combined bid for asbestos abatement and demolition at Cornell Intermediate School from Franjo Construction Co. in the amount of \$1,299,000. Seconded by Mr. Holtzman. Mr. Tedesco explained.

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

Excused. Mr. Lopretto

**Proposal** – Mr. Holtzman moved to accept the proposal from AGI Inc. for Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment for the potential McKeesport Elementary/Intermediate School property in the amount of \$3,965. Seconded by Mr. Holtzman. Discussion followed.

Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mr. Halaszynski, Mr. Holtzman, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Washowich

Voting no. Mr. Chiaverini, Mr. Maglicco, Mrs. Maksin

Excused. Mr. Lopretto

**Proposal** – Mr. Holtzman moved to accept the proposal from Garvin Boward Beitko for preliminary geotechnical exploration for the potential McKeesport Elementary/Intermediate School property in the amount of \$50,700. Seconded by Mr. Brown. Discussion followed.

Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mr. Halaszynski, Mr. Holtzman, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Washowich

Voting no. Mr. Chiaverini, Mr. Maglicco, Mrs. Maksin

Excused. Mr. Lopretto

**Proposal** – Mr. Halaszynski moved to accept the proposal from Phillips & Associates, Inc. for Due Diligence Surveying Services for the potential McKeesport Elementary/Intermediate School property in the amount of \$5,860. Seconded by Mr. Holtzman. Discussion followed.

Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mr. Halaszynski, Mr. Holtzman, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Washowich

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Voting no. Mr. Chiaverini, Mr. Maglicco, Mrs. Maksin

Excused. Mr. Lopretto

### **Committee Reports**

Athletic – James Brown – No report.

Buildings & Grounds – Steve Kondrosky – Thank you, Mr. President. As you know, Mr. Fagan has been very busy with all of his summer help trying to get Cornell cleaned out and moving everything out of the way in order for the demolition and remediation of the asbestos there and in addition to that, he has done a fantastic job replacing a lot of light bulbs and fixtures in the auto body area. He has done a whole lot of work in addition to the work that is being done at the closing of Cornell. I don't want to get into everything because this is just dragging out too long because Mr. Malinchak took up too much of our time today. I'm just going to conclude in saying we have to move five (5) pianos very shortly to McClure, South Hall and Centennial and that will be done on Friday. The modular units have been delivered and are getting set up and we have electrical supplies being run to them to power them up and also we're installing some construction area no trespassing signs at Cornell, hope everybody abides by that and thanks very much.

Cultural Diversity – Tom Maglicco – Yes, Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen, I see Dr. Lobaugh is over there. We had a Cultural Diversity meeting. Mrs. Maksin, Dr. Brinkos, residents from the community were there. We had a really good discussion. The two of the programs we are looking forward to the 2010/2011 school year, we are looking at what we have in our district in the bullying prevention program. Dr. Lobaugh got some research for us from Highmark/Blue Cross/Blue Shield which we found out that they actually don't do the bullying prevention component, but they subcontract that out. We're looking forward to doing something with the mentoring program. We're going to meet again in August.

Education/Technology/Grants & Outside Funding – Pat Maksin – We met on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Lobaugh did say that we're going to continue our partnership with the AIU for the family literacy program. Mrs. Scales also gave us the occupational advisor recommendations for 2010. That needs to be presented to the Board, I think a copy was presented to the Superintendent. There needs to be one presented to the Board. She will look over those and if there is anything we need to implement that she will get those to us at a later date. There is also a group of staff

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members from the high school that are looking into tightening up the enforcement of the dress code for next year. So there is a group of staff members there that are pursuing that. The problem is you have some staff members at the high school that enforce it and other members of the staff don't enforce it at all. So, we're trying to get a happy medium where everybody is enforcing the same items to the same level. (Discussion on uniforms/dress code.)

Financial Affairs – Tom Maglicco – This committee is full of meetings. Today I was at a public pension summit in Pittsburgh. Five (5) meeting on the state of public pensions, city, local pensions, school teachers, state pensions and there is actually two (2) bills that are I believe a House bill and a Senate bill that are in Harrisburg right now, they are sort of a hybrid plan. There is some adjustments to the pension system that will be voted on this year, in some form, some way, to try to divert the large increase that will inevitably be upon us 2011/2012 year. They are trying to divert some of that. There is a lot of work in the process with this and I think Dave Seropian addressed a few months ago that he eased my thoughts about it. He thought then that they would do something and they are currently working on something that I think will be a fit for the pension crisis. I think they are going to come up with a fix for this. It may not be the best for everybody, but it's going to be a suitable adjustment. Other than the budget is passed with a zero percent increase. Again, I would just warn of future spending that we need to balance that to make sure we don't increase spending too much. Our fund balance I know this year we're tapping into it a little bit, so I just caution the Board at this time and this date to be ready that we definitely will have to make adjustments to the budget in the future and reduce costs and that goes without saying, like Mr. Malinchak said our population is going down so we may be able to do this through attrition with the savings that we're going to have with these new buildings with electric light, utilities. That's it.

Legislation/Policy – Pat Maksin – No meeting.

Personnel – Joe Lopretto – Mr. Halaszynski reported that there was a meeting and all the decisions are reflected on the green sheets tonight.

Safe Schools – Joe Lopretto – No report.

**Solicitor's Report** – Mr. President, I have two items that need to be addressed this evening. I would need a motion from the Board authorizing Dinsmore & Shohl, our attorneys that handle all of our bond financings and they would need authority to make inquiries with the

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appropriate agencies and authorities and to take all other actions necessary to determine the appropriate treatment of the proceeds of its existing and contemplating bond issuance for the district. This is just in line with the current financing that will need to take place for the upcoming projects. Motion made by Mrs. Maksin. Seconded by Mr. Kondrosky.

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

Excused. Mr. Lopretto

**Resolution #992** – Mr. President, I also have a resolution that I would need an action on before I read the resolution, I want to clarify what it is. This resolution is concerning property acquisition only for the Cornell property, or areas adjacent to the current property that we own at Cornell. It has nothing to do with any other pieces of property, only there. It is an eminent domain taking, but I have had conversations with a number of the property owners there as the Board is aware, I sent out letters to all of the property owners that may be affected. A number of them have called me back. This is again, just a safeguard to make sure we can move in the appropriate time frames that we need. If we can come to agreed upon actions with those property owners, we would not have to take them in an eminent domain action. However, I need this just to make sure that we move it along in a timely manner. So, if I may, I would need an action authorizing, and I will read the heading only – A resolution of the Board of School Directors of the McKeesport Area School District, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the acquisition by eminent domain of certain properties in the Seventh and Third Wards of the City of McKeesport, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania for the public purpose of constructing a school building and (thereto). I have a copy of the full resolution if anybody would like to see it, but again, it is just to acquire properties in that area and this is only as a safeguard if we cannot come to an agreed upon sale on those properties. Motion made by Mr. Kondrosky. Seconded by Mr. Brown.

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

Excused. Mr. Lopretto

**Correspondence** – None

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**New Business** – Discussion on the Palkovitz site.

**Correspondence** – Mr. Kondrosky moved requiring that Administration, Architect, Project Manager, Solicitor, Buildings & Grounds Director to send all correspondence between them regarding the construction projects to all of the School Board Members so we are not left out in the dark and know exactly what is going on. Seconded by Mr. Chiaverini.

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

Excused. Mr. Lopretto

Mr. Matta – We had a discussion this evening and I may be overstepping my bounds, but I am still going to make my comments. I apologize if I offend anybody. There have been discussions about numerous pieces of property, one the Buck property and two, for the lack of a better term, the Coker property. At this point there has been no direction given to myself, the Construction Manager, the Administration or the Architect to review those properties. I want to make that clear. If somebody wants us to look at those properties, they need to give us direction, because at this point we are not. Discussion followed.

**Properties** - Mr. Maglicco moved to authorize the Administration, the Solicitor, the Construction Manager and Architect to find any other properties within the bounds of, and assuming we want to keep that in the City of McKeesport, so within the boundaries of the City of McKeesport and convey that to the Board. I don't believe we want to wait until the next meeting. I think if we find a site that would be appropriate, that we should get correspondence to the Board quickly and if need be, have a Special Meeting to move forward with any action that we may need. Again, I don't know if there are any other properties in the City that everyone would believe would be appropriate. Apparently the Buck property may or may not be because it would not entirely be encompassed in the City.

**Properties** - Mr. Maglicco moved to authorize Mr. Matta to look for new sites, other than the properties that were visited. Seconded by Mrs. Maksin.

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

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Excused. Mr. Lopretto

**Adjournment** – 9:10 PM – Mr. Chiaverini moved for adjournment. Seconded by Mr. Holtzman.

Voting aye. All Members present.

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