

**McKeesport Area School District
Regular Board Meeting
March 25, 2009**

Presiding Lori Spando, President

Date, Time, Place Wednesday, March 25, 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 – out of room during roll call
David Donato
Chris Halaszynski
Steve Kondrosky
Joe Lopretto
Lori Spando
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
George Gobel, Solicitor

Board President's Remarks – I have no remarks tonight other than to say thank you everybody for attending the meeting tonight.

Superintendent's Report – I would like to recognize that we have a poster to my left that was created by one of the students at Founders Hall, her name is Katie Ross, and she is now at the 9th grade academy. Her drawing was used at a national convention for a program. I thought we could all now recognize Katie for her good efforts. Another item I would like to address is the pre-k movements that we have had. We has two activities this month, this is the month of the

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young child. We had an activity down at the Waterfront at Barnes & Noble that Dr. Lobaugh and many staff members came and read to students. We had many children from the district come down to that event. That was for kicking off Dr. Seuss program. Another activity that we had was last Thursday night. Many staff members were involved having the families of pre-k children and the children involved in many literacy activities to promote the reading of young children. I would like to thank them for their efforts.

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

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

Out of room. Mr. Chiaverini

Hearing of Citizens

Lori Husok, 1201 Summitt Street, White Oak, PA 15131.

Ms. Husok addressed the Board on the issue of tax assessments.

Rev. Earlene Coleman, 430 26th Street, McKeesport, PA 15132.

Rev. Coleman addressed the Board on the issue of the Superintendent selection.

Laura Jenkins, 2004 Duquesne Avenue, McKeesport, PA 15132.

Mrs. Jenkins addressed the Board on the issue of the Superintendent selection.

Rev. Yolanda Wright, 1827 Flagler Street, McKeesport, PA 15132

Rev. Wright addressed the Board on the issue of the Superintendent selection.

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

Dr. Mason addressed the Board on the issue of the Superintendent selection.

Schnel Simmons, 3022 Jenny Lind Street, McKeesport, PA 15132.

Mrs. Simmons addressed the Board on the issue of the Superintendent selection.

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Minutes – Mr. Washowich moved to approve the minutes of the Open Agenda Meeting of February 19, 2009 and the Regular Meeting of February 25, 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

Bills – Mr. Washowich 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. Donato moved to approve property tax refunds as presented. Seconded by Mr. Halaszynski.

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

AIU – Mr. Lopretto moved to approve the proposed Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) Program of Services Budget for the 2009/10 school year as presented. Seconded by Mr. Kondrosky.

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

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

- A. High School students to “The Future Is Mine” conference at the Marriott in Pittsburgh on April 23-24, 2009.
- B. Students in Speech to the State Speech Tournament at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, PA on March 26-28, 2009.
- C. Students in the Freshman Academy to Cedar Point on June 2, 2009.
- D. Students in the Music Department to New York City on April 30-May 2, 2010.
- E. High School students in “The Future Is Mine” group to Niagara Falls, Canada, on May 23-24, 2009.

Seconded by Mr. Halaszynski.

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

Camp – Mr. Washowich moved to approve Tiger Stripe Academy Summer Camp as follows:

Monday, June 15 through Friday, June 19

Monday, June 22 through Friday, June 26

Monday, June 29 through Friday, July 3

Tuesday, July 7 through Friday, July 10

Friday activities will be held outside of the district. Seconded by Mr. Lopretto.

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

Prom – Mr. Kondrosky moved to approve funding in the amount of \$4,000 for chaperones and security for the 2009 prom. Seconded by Mr. Lopretto.

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

Summer School – Mr. Kondrosky moved to approve the summer school reading and math program. Kindergarten through grade 6 will attend classes June 11-30, 2009. Grades 7-11 will attend classes June 22-July 16, 2009 with July 3 as a holiday and July 20-August 12, 2009. (No summer school on Monday, July 6, 2009, due to extended summer schedule. Seconded by Mr. Lopretto.

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

ESY – Mr. Lopretto moved to approve the Extended School Year (ESY) program for qualifying Special Education students from June 29 through July 30, 2009, Monday through Thursday 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Seconded by Mr. Donato.

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

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Calendar – Mr. Lopretto moved to approve the 2009/10 Board Meeting calendar as presented. Seconded by Mr. Kondrosky.

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

Parking – Mr. Lopretto moved to approve parking at McKeesport Area High School during the 50th Annual International Village to be held on August 18-20, 2009. The Village will be open from 3:00 PM through 11:00 PM. Seconded by Mr. Halaszynski. Discussion followed.

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

Audit – Mr. Donato moved to approve the Corrective Action Plan for the Audit Report for fiscal years ending June 30, 2003 and June 30, 2004. Seconded by Mr. Brown.

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

Change Orders – Mr. Lopretto moved to approve change orders for the campus signage project as presented. Seconded by Mr. Kondrosky.

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

Military Day – Mr. Kondrosky moved to authorize district administration to give permission to the PA Army National Guard to land aircraft on the high school campus in observance of Military Day on May 13, 2009. Seconded by Mr. Brown.

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

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

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Administrative:

Board action to amend the retirement date of Dr. Shirley Golofski to June 29, 2009.

Professional:

Retirement: Effective 6/9/09: Retirement is under the terms of the Retirement Incentive for Professional Employees adopted 11/19/08: Due to extenuating circumstances, the Board waives the application deadline for this professional only:

Rita Markosky

Resignation: Effective 3/6/09:

Denine Frye English Teacher, Alternative Education

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

*Candice Jacko Math Teacher, Alternative Education, effective 3/12/09
(B. Moody)

Resignation: Extra Curricular Athletics for the 2008/2009 school year:

Joe Healey Assistant Baseball Coach
Jamie Grayson 7/8 Grade Baseball Coach

To be hired: Extra Curricular Athletics for the 2008/2009 school year:

Vladimir Kovalchuk	Boys Tennis Coach	\$2,260.00
Richard Satcho	Baseball Coach	\$3,712.00
John Debes	Assistant Baseball Coach	\$1,856.00
Dale McCall	Assistant Baseball Coach	\$1,856.00
Dana Brown	7/8 Grade Baseball Coach	\$1,540.00

Change: Extra Curricular Department Chairpersons for the 2008/2009 school year:

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Tim Mader	Health and Physical Education	\$1,575.75
Stefanie Burgh	Health and Physical Education	\$525.25

Conference Requests:

Kim Moore	State Speech Tournament. Sponsored by the Pennsylvania High School Speech League at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, PA	
Brad Braverman (6) students	March 26, 2009 through March 28, 2009	\$3,680.00

Michael Matta	Annual Spring Conference. Sponsored by the PA Association of Federal Program Coordinators at Seven Springs Resort, PA	
	April 6, 2009 through April 8, 2009 (Paid for by Title I Funds)	\$457.39

Patrick McGuire Dave Piontek (13 students)	Technical Student Association State Competition. Sponsored by the PA TSA in Seven Springs, PA	
	April 15, 2009 through April 18, 2009 (Paid for By 21 st CCLC and Project 720 Grants)	\$4,665.00

Patty Tkacik Karen Chapman	Getting Results: Educating Students in a Standards Aligned System. Sponsored by the PA Department of Education in Hershey, PA	
	April 14, 2009 through April 17, 2009 (Paid for by Inclusive Practices Grant)	\$1,246.60

Sherry Geyer Candice Skinner	Getting Results: Educating Students in a Standards Aligned System, Sponsored by the PA Department of Education in Hershey, PA	
	April 14, 2009 through April 17, 2009 (Paid for by Inclusive Practices Grant)	\$966.30

Sharyn Bertoty Nancy Mols Amy Kastronis Tracie Pry	Grade Quick and Edline Training. Sponsored by Grade Quick and Edline in Canonsburg, PA	
	April 27, 2009 through April 29, 2009 (Paid for by PA-PACT Grant)	\$2,221.20

Charlyn Lyons	PBLA Evidence Found at your Library. Sponsored by the PA State School Librarians Association in State College, PA	
	April 30, 2009 through May 2, 2009 (Paid for by Title I)	\$516.98

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Angela Cale 2009 Safe Schools Conference. Sponsored by the Center for Schools and Communities and the PA Department of Education in Harrisburg, PA May 4, 2009 through May 6, 2009 (Paid for by Title I) \$792.48

Wayne Wade 2009 Safe Schools Conference. Sponsored by the Center for Schools and Communities and the PA Department of Education in Harrisburg, PA May 4, 2009 through May 6, 2009 (Paid for by Title I) \$524.58

Changes to the substitute teacher list:

Additions:

*Pierina Alcorn	Elementary
*Kristy Firda	Elementary
*Leah Pelkey	English, Communications
Brianna Petro	Elementary, Early Childhood

Deletions:

Vivienne Semko	Elementary
Joseph Yakelis	Biology
Jeffrey Zanetti	Mathematics

Support Staff:

Resignation: Effective immediately:

Sheila Martin General Worker, Food Service Department at the High School.

To be hired: Effective immediately:

Akia Overton Special Education Assistant, placement to be determined. Yearly salary will be \$16,042.00 (pro-rated)

Allison Adams Special Education Assistant, placement to be determined. Yearly salary will be \$16,042.00 (pro-rated)

Changes to the substitute lists:

Additions:

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*Vickie Babyak	Instructional Assistant
Sheila Martin	Food Service

Other:

Board action to accept the "Agreement and Release" pursuant to the terms negotiated between the parties for professional employee No. 468XXXX.

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

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

Lights – Mr. Lopretto moved to accept the bid for flashing lights from Traffic Control & Engineering Co. in the amount of \$48,150.00. Seconded by Mr. Kondrosky.

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

Resolution #963 – Mr. Lopretto moved to approve Resolution #963 – student discipline. Seconded by Mr. Chiaverini.

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 – We did meet this month to discuss the trip to Florida. That was pretty much all that was on the agenda for this month.

Buildings & Grounds – Joseph Chiaverini – No report.

Cultural Diversity – Wayne Washowich – I want to apologize for not having a meeting prior to this, but we will be having a meeting next month.

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Education/Technology/Grants & Outside Funding – Steven Kondrosky – We were suppose to have a meeting, but Dr. Golofski sort of thought the PSSA's were a little bit more important. So, I'm going to have to say that we had no meeting, but we did plan for have one, so the answer right now is no.

Financial Affairs – David Donato – Yes, Madame President, on Saturday, March 21st, we had a meeting. A very small meeting, with Dave Seropian and Jim Humanic. Dave, I thought we had agreed at that meeting that we were going to advertise for accountants to audit the escrow account. I thought that was going to appear. So we will use that as a new business item. Jim, there was discussion that came up at the Finance Committee about some type of agreement with the City to pay for the tarp on Helen Ritchey and the batting net out there. Are you aware of anything like that?

Jim Brown – We did have a couple discussions with the City as far as who was going to pay for the batting cage and also the tarp for the field. I don't know what really came of that discussion as far as who is going to do what. I think we do have some part in it as far as paying for the tarp. I think that's like \$4,000 or \$5,000. We will see more into it next month.

David Donato – Will all respect, you probably want to get some kind of agreement where those numbers are spelled out because unlike the City, our commitment to that field ends in the spring every year and the City's going to continue to use that field throughout the summer. There will be a concern on how well those are kept.

Jim Brown – We also have the Baseball Boosters who are going to donate some money into our part of the money.

David Donato – Thank you.

Barbara Stevenson – Can I ask a question. Dave, is that a bid item if the school district is going to do anything? Is that something that would have to go out to bid?

David Seropian – If someone else purchased it and we were just making a contribution, it wouldn't have to be bid. I did, based on our meeting, we talked about that. I did talk to the Athletic Director and Mr. Brown is exactly correct, there were some discussions, but there was

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not decision or agreement for the school district to pay for anything. That is still to be determined if there is going to be any type of agreement.

David Donato – Somebody picked it up and delivered it. Did anybody hand anybody any money when that occurred?

David Seropian – We have not paid any, we have not committed to pay anything, but there has been discussion.

Legislation/Policy – Barbara Stevenson – No meeting.

Personnel – Chris Halaszynski – We did have a meeting. All the decisions at that meeting are reflected in tonight's green sheet.

Safe Schools – Joe Lopretto – No meeting.

Solicitor's Report – Nothing for the public meeting.

Correspondence – None.

New Business –

Position – Mr. Brown moved to open the Superintendent's position inside and outside to people who are qualified for the position. Seconded by Mr. Halaszynski. (Motion is regarding Policy #302, that we follow the Board Policy.) Discussion followed.

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

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

Audit – Mr. Donato moved to advertise for accountants to audit the escrow account in the Business Office an item that was brought up at the Finance Committee Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Chiaverini. Discussion followed.

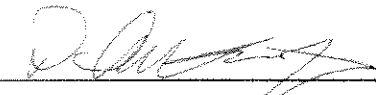
Voting aye. Mr. Brown, Mr. Chiaverini, Mr. Donato, Mr. Halaszynski, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Ms. Spando, Mrs. Stevenson, Mr. Washowich

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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

**McKEESPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Open Agenda Meeting
March 19, 2009**

Presiding Lori Spando, President

Date, Time, Place Thursday, March 19, 2009, 7:30 PM, Board Room,
Administration Building, 3590 O'Neil Boulevard,
McKeesport, PA 15132.

Roll Call Joseph Chiaverini
David Donato
Steve Kondrosky
Joe Lopretto
Lori Spando
Barbara Stevenson
Wayne Washowich – by phone

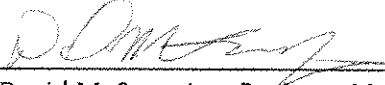
Excused James Brown
Chris Halaszynski

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

Hearing of Citizens Dr. Major Mason, 1409 Bailie Avenue, McKeesport, PA 15132.
Dr. Mason addressed the Board on the issue of school board vote.

Items Discussed The agenda items discussed are attached.

ATTEST:



David M. Seropian, Business Manager/Board Secretary