

McKEESPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Board Meeting
March 24, 2010

Presiding Wayne Washowich, President

Date, Time, Place Wednesday, March 24, 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 7:40 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
Wayne Washowich

Others Present Dr. Michael Brinkos, Superintendent
Dr. Timothy Gabauer, Assistant Superintendent
James G. Humanic, Director of Human Resources/
Assistant to the Business Manager
Gary Matta, Solicitor

Board President's Remarks – Director Brown, I don't know if you have any information about our cheerleaders, they went on some competition. I understand they were excellent and represented the school district tremendously. I talked to one of the dads and he wanted us to mention this. We do want to get some more information. Maybe we can put something in the paper about it.

Superintendent's Report – Yes, Mr. President. I do have the distinct honor today to do some recognitions in regards to some of the things that the students were doing throughout the district. The first thing I would like to present, if you read the newspaper, you may have seen that the high school students filled out an application to try to bring President Obama to their commencement ceremonies. It was a very nice application that was submitted, also with the

Regular Board Meeting

March 24, 2010

application the students also demonstrated or developed a video. I thought it would be fitting for us to show the Board Members the video because they did a great job in highlighting the high school. (Playing of video.) I just would like to follow up by saying that I am very proud of the students. They did a great job in picking up the challenge and also inviting President Obama to come. So I will let you know if we win and if he is coming to graduation. The next thing we would like to do is highlight our robotics team for many of you who have been reading the papers and the nice article that Mr. Elko wrote in the Post Gazette and also Mr. Cloonan in The Daily News. We have a wonderful robotics team who went on a national competition to Washington DC and the team is called Amped Robotics. What I want to point out to everybody is that while at the national competition, they were granted an award and the award is known as the Gracious Professionalism Award sponsored by Johnson & Johnson. The award celebrates outstanding sportsmanship and continuous gracious professionalism in the heat of competition both on and off the playing field. At first, sportsmanship means playing fairly, playing with humanity, helping others and not allowing results to compromise or drive your efforts. It is high standards and one that we are proud to report as one of the distinguishing features of the first robotics competition. The judges would like to call your attention to the example of great sportsmanship exhibited here this weekend by our McKeesport students. So, I would like to commend the McKeesport students from the robotics team because once again our students went out into the world and they represented the McKeesport School District and made us proud, so congratulations. (Demonstration of robot.)

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

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

Hearing of Citizens –

Lynda Klingensmith, 3401 Auburn Street, McKeesport, PA 15132.

Ms. Klingensmith addressed the Board on the issue of compressed classes.

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

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

Minutes – Mr. Chiaverini moved to approve the minutes of the Open Agenda Meeting of February 17, 2010 and the Regular Meeting of February 24, 2010. Seconded by Mr. Lopretto.

Regular Board Meeting

March 24, 2010

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

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

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

Refunds – Mrs. Maksin moved to approve property tax refunds as presented. Seconded by Mr. Chiaverini.

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

AIU – Mr. Chiaverini moved to approve the proposed Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) Program of Services Budget for the 2010/2011 school year as presented. Seconded by Mr. Kondrosky.

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

Field Trip – Mr. Brown moved to approve the following field trip:

- A. Students in “The Future Is Mine” to the student leadership conference in Pittsburgh on April 22-23, 2010.

Seconded by Mr. Halaszynski.

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

Out of room. Mr. Holtzman

Camps – Mrs. Maksin moved to approve Tiger Pride Academy and YI Stay Summer Camps as follows:

Tiger Pride Academy	June 21 – July 16
YI Stay	June 21 – July 16 (pending grant approval)

Seconded by Mr. Halaszynski.

Regular Board Meeting

March 24, 2010

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

Out of room. Mr. Holtzman

Funding – Mr. Kondrosky moved to approve funding in the amount of \$4,000 for chaperones and security for the 2010 prom. Seconded by Mr. Brown.

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

Out of room. Mr. Holtzman

ESY – Mr. Brown moved to approve the Extended School Year (ESY) program for qualifying Special Education students from June 28 through July 29, 2010, Monday through Thursday 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Seconded by Mr. Halaszynski.

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

Out of room. Mr. Holtzman

Calendar – Mr. Chiaverini moved to approve the 2010/2011 calendar C as presented. Seconded by Mr. Halaszynski.

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

Out of room. Mr. Holtzman

Parking – Mr. Brown moved to approve parking at McKeesport Area High School during the 51st Annual International Village to be held on August 17, 18 and 19, 2010. The Village will be open from 3:00 PM through 11:30 PM. Seconded by Mr. Kondrosky.

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

Regular Board Meeting
March 24, 2010

Out of room. Mr. Holtzman

Military Day – Mr. Maglicco 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 12, 2010. Seconded by Mr. Brown.

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

Out of room. Mr. Holtzman

Proposal – Mr. Kondrosky moved to accept the proposal from Nutrition, Inc. for food service management of the district cafeteria operation for the 2010/2011 school year as presented. The total cost per meal will be \$1.4419. The price of a breakfast will be \$.65 and lunches will be \$1.05 for elementary and \$1.15 for secondary. Seconded by Mr. Maglicco.

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

Out of room. Mr. Holtzman

Software – Mr. Chiaverini moved to accept the proposal from Point Click Learn for the A+ Software upgrade in the amount of \$35,310.00. Seconded by Mr. Brown.

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

Out of room. Mr. Holtzman

Agreement – Mr. Brown moved to approve the participation agreement between McKeesport Area School District and Long Run Children's Learning Center. Seconded by Mrs. Maksin.

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

Out of room. Mr. Holtzman

Regular Board Meeting

March 24, 2010

Testing – Mr. Kondrosky moved to approve the revised PSSA testing schedule as requested by Mr. Harry Bauman. Seconded by Mr. Brown. Discussion followed.

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

Name Change – Mr. Chiaverini moved to change the name of the Alternative Education Program to East End Academy. Seconded by Mrs. Maksin.

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

PSBA – Mr. Maglicco moved to approve the Standards for Effective School Governance and the Code of Conduct as recommended by PSBA. Seconded by Mr. Halaszynski.

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

Subcontract – Mr. Brown moved to subcontract with the following individual to provide services under the ELECT EFI and PPT Grants:

Hillary Spell Young Parent Project Case Manager Liaison and Parent Educator

2010/2011 Rate - \$21.50/hour

24/hours/week – 46 weeks (prorated for the 09/10 school year)

Seconded by Mr. Maglicco.

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

Curriculum – Mr. Lopretto moved to approve the high school curriculum changes as presented. Seconded by Mr. Halaszynski.

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

Bids – Mr. Chiaverini moved to authorize the Business Manager to advertise for bids for security camera, wiring and installation. Seconded by Mr. Brown.

Regular Board Meeting

March 24, 2010

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

Proposal – Mr. Kondrosky moved to accept the proposal from Dillan Well Drilling Inc. to conduct geothermal testing for the new McKeesport Elementary/Intermediate school, the Cornell Elementary/Intermediate school and the renovated McClure Elementary/Intermediate school in the amount of \$25,961.00. Seconded by Mr. Brown.

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

PlanCon – Mr. Kondrosky moved to permit the submission of PlanCon Parts A & B for the new Cornell Elementary/Intermediate school. Seconded by Mr. Brown.

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

Public Hearing – Mrs. Maksin moved to authorize the Solicitor to advertise for a public hearing pursuant to the Public School Code of 1949, as amended 24PS7-708 for the purpose of closing the Cornell Intermediate School. Seconded by Mr. Brown.

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

Policies – First reading of Board Policies – sections 300, 400 and 500.

Green Sheets – Mr. Maglicco moved to approve personnel recommendations. Seconded by Mr. Brown.

Professional:

To be hired: effective immediately:

Julianne Giel-Huwalt (V. Hammett)	Elementary Teacher, Cornell Intermediate School Step 1B Salary \$36,500 (pro-rated)
--------------------------------------	----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

Leave of Absence:

Tamara Ekis	Elementary Teacher, White Oak Elementary School, maternity leave of absence effective approximately 4/1/10 to an
-------------	------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

Regular Board Meeting
March 24, 2010

undetermined date. Unpaid leave will commence at the expiration of sick days.

Amy DeCecco Elementary Teacher, White Oak Elementary School, maternity leave of absence effective approximately 4/7/10 to an undetermined date. Unpaid leave will commence at the expiration of all sick and personal days.

To be hired: long term substitutes: rate of pay will be \$80/day + benefits and increase to \$125 on the 61st day:

Anne Marie Steel Math Teacher, High School, effective 3/8/10
(Maksin)

Jennifer Tondera Elementary Teacher, White Oak Elementary School,
(DeCecco) effective approximately 4/7/10

Kayla McCormley Elementary Teacher, White Oak Elementary School,
(Ekis) effective approximately 4/1/10

Resignation: extra curricular athletics effective 3/12/10:

Chris Capozzoli Weight Lifting Coach (shared) \$324.28

To be hired: extra curricular athletics effective immediately:

*Chad Hutsko Weight Lifting Coach (shared) \$1,046.87

Conference Requests:

Chris Kastronis Statewide 21st Century Advisory Board Meeting
Sponsored by Center for Schools & Communities/PDE
In Harrisburg, PA March 29, 2010
(Paid for by 21st CCLC Grant) \$421.00

Patricia Tkacik PDE Annual Conference
Sponsored by the PA Department of Education in Hershey, PA
April 6, 2010 through April 9, 2010
(Paid for by the Inclusive Practices Mini Grant) \$1,445.76

Mary Ann Plance PDE Annual Conference
Sponsored by the PA Department of Education in Hershey, PA
April 6, 2010 through April 9, 2010
(Paid for by the Inclusive Practices Mini Grant) \$777.88

Patricia Codelka PA Association of School Nurses Conference
Sponsored by the PA State Nurses Association in Pittsburgh, PA
April 9, 2010 through April 11, 2010
(Paid for by Title I) \$354.00

Randy Gwosden NCSM Annual Conference
Sponsored by the NCSM in San Diego, CA
April 19, 2010 through April 21, 2010
(all expenses will be reimbursed by the AIU #3) \$1,815.95

Changes to the substitute teacher list:

Additions:

*Brian Balasko	Social Studies, Mid Math, Mid Science, Reading Specialist
*Rachel DiBenedetto	Art
*Davis Roddy	Health and Physical Education
*Vivienne Simko	Elementary
*John Wojtunik	Elementary

Support Staff:

Retirement: effective 3/31/10:

James Evans Plumber, Maintenance Department

Resignation: effective immediately:

Gloria Lucza	Instructional Assistant, Centennial Elementary School
Melissa Creighton	Lunch Aide, Food Service Department, Centennial Elementary School

Changes to the substitute lists:

Additions:

*Thomas Mihun	Custodian
*Monica Kramer	Special Education Assistant
*Patricia Ferraro	Instructional Assistant
*Ryan Pavlovic	Custodian
*Audrey Scott	Special Education Assistant

Deletions:

Ryan Warner	Crisis Intervention Specialist
Stephen Tompkins	Crisis Intervention Specialist
Tonya Boma	Food Service

Regular Board Meeting
March 24, 2010

Linda Kitchen Food Service

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

*Bob Bazala	*Dean Holtzman	*Michael Milko
*Joshua Brinkos	*Ted Kampert	*Ryan Pavlovic
*Corey Cash	*Jacqueline Kost	*Joseph Seger
*Leonard Fowler	*Donald Kowalski	*Josh Volpe
*Frank Haydok	*Joseph Lopretto	*Cory Winters

*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. Lopretto, Mr. Maglicco, Mrs. Maksin, Mr. Washowich

*Abstaining on page 3 – summer laborers.

Resolutions – Mr. Kondrosky moved to approve Resolutions #982, #983 and #984 – student discipline. Seconded by Mr. Lopretto.

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

Property Acquisition – Mr. Lopretto moved to authorize the Administrative team and district Solicitor to begin property acquisition procedures for the Cornell site. Seconded by Mr. Kondrosky.

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

Bonds – Mr. Halaszynski moved to authorize the Business Manager to submit applications for qualified school construction bonds. Seconded by Mr. Lopretto.

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

Waiver Request – Mr. Chiaverini moved to authorize the Administrative team to submit mandate waiver request to PDE for single prime bid for the new McKeesport Elementary/

Regular Board Meeting

March 24, 2010

Intermediate school, new Cornell Elementary/Intermediate school and the renovated McClure Elementary/Intermediate school. Seconded by Mr. Kondrosky.

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

Committee Reports –

Athletic – James Brown – no report

Buildings & Grounds – Steve Kondrosky – Thank you, Mr. President, I do have a lengthy report here this evening. First of all, I had a very good conversation with Ed Fagan, our Buildings & Grounds Director. He informed me of some basin problem we have in our parking lot next to where the band enters and exits on the South. I am going to instruct Dr. Brinkos, hopefully with Board approval to have Dave Seropian find Ed Fagan tomorrow and direct him to get this taken care of immediately because it is a serious issue. I tried to call Bob Lopez from the sewer authority and blame him for that, but he informed me that it was our problem, he's not going to take care of it, but I tried none the less. He also informed me that two (2) classrooms were completed at McClure with no doors on it yet. I guess for temporary classroom positions. He has also informed me that he is working on hot water power burners that are being rebuilt at the high school right now with new motors, pumps, bearing and gaskets and Haughey Plumbing is doing that. False walls are being constructed at Founders Hall and that work is being done in house by our own people. Continue to package items at Cornell and get them ready for storage for the closure at the end of this year. He had gotten in touch with a couple of individuals for two (2) proposals to add twenty (20) parking spaces at McClure. Dr. Skezas wants some additional parking spaces and he put that out to bid and it came back at around \$7,500 or so. I'm sure he will have that information for us next time. I can go on and on, but I don't want to bore you any more. That's the end of my report.

Cultural Diversity – Tom Maglicco – We had a meeting, myself, Dr. Brinkos, Mrs. Maksin and we had a great meeting, well attended. Dr. Brinkos did a presentation of the building plans. We identified three (3) objectives that we want to focus on. There was talk about incorporating the Highmark Healthy High Five program, focusing on bullying, we're going to do some research on that one of the members of the committee is going to look into that. That was about it. Great job.

Regular Board Meeting

March 24, 2010

Education/Technology/Grants & Outside Funding – Pat Maksin – We did meet. Before we go into that, there is one other thing I wanted to bring up tonight and it was I attended a program at the high school on March 4th. It was Music in our Schools. It was extremely well attended, it was standing room only in the auditorium. There were students there from the elementary all the way through the high school. It was a wonderful evening and you who were there, I'm sure you enjoyed yourself. It was vocal music, it was instrumental, it was just a wonderful evening and it was wonderful to see the joy that the students had to be on the stage and perform. I just wanted to thank all of the staff members, the adults that were involved and certainly the students who were there and gave us all a wonderful evening. Now I can get into my Education Committee meeting. We did meet, most of the things have already been covered such as the testing calendar, the A+ cyber software and the name change for the alternative ed. There is also going to be a new program in the vocational area called Entrepreneurial Studies. It's taking a lot of the things that were already there under the business program and it's kind of organizing them into a new group of studies so that the 10th graders will have certain things that they will follow, some 11th graders will have certain classes that they will be able to take and the 12th graders so that they will then be able to finish up with this Entrepreneurial Studies. I just thought that was a wonderful name because the kids were the ones that said we kind of like that name when they were looking for a name for the program. When you get the kids involved in naming your program it kind of helps a lot. So that's going to be a new program of study that they are going to be able to start next year. Also, I was really impressed that a lot of the academic students will be able to take some of these classes for an elective so it's not going to be just for the business students or technology students that you're going to have a wonderful marriage here of both ends of our curriculum that they are going to be able to partake of both.

Financial Affairs – Tom Maglicco – Yes, we did meet. We went over the budget, the food service proposal which it turned out there was only one. There was a potential other proposal, but they pulled back. Fund balance history and the financing project. We are going to send representation to the AIU in April for this meeting on the pension crisis. It's coming up in a couple years, 2012 I believe. I know myself and I think Mrs. Maksin are going to attend that meeting to hear what they have to say. Seeing that looking at the budget the fund balance, a lot of hard work and effort went into that so hats off to administration and to the business managers to keep that going.

Legislation/Policy – Pat Maksin – Those are just the items we had looked at tonight. Those were the 300, 400 and 500 sections. They were very redundant. They were just being consolidated. We had the first reading tonight.

Regular Board Meeting
March 24, 2010

Personnel – Joe Lopretto – Yes, we did have a meeting and the green sheet reflects on what we met and the personnel moves that were made.

Safe Schools – Joe Lopretto – No, we didn't have a meeting, but myself and Dr. Gabauer and Dr. Brinkos, we stay in contact constantly on issues within the schools and like I say every month, the schools I feel are safe and we're going to keep them as safe as we can.

Solicitor's Report – no report

Correspondence - none

New Business - none

Adjournment – 8:30 PM – Mr. Lopretto moved for adjournment. Seconded by Mr. Halaszynski.

Voting aye. All Members present.

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