

The Board of Education recognizes the value to school governance of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on school matters of community interest.

In order to permit the fair and orderly expression of such comment, the Board shall provide a period for public participation at every public meeting of the Board and publish rules to govern such participation. These rules are available at each Board meeting. Anyone desiring to speak is asked to make this request in advance. Participants must be recognized by the presiding officer. Comments shall be directed to the presiding officer; not to Board members individually. Board Bylaw 0169.1

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

6:02 pm



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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ROLL CALL:

Present: Mr. Manfredi, Mrs. Timmons, Mr. Miller, Mr. Koster, Mr. Honkala

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Timmons, to approve the current agenda and minutes of the November 5, 2008 meeting.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Expenditures:

Motion made by Mr. Manfredi, seconded by Mr. Koster to approve the expenditures in the amount of \$921,469.77 for the month of November and any necessary for December, along with month end reports as available, including amended certificate.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Interest Earned:

The treasurer earned \$4,387.65 in interest for November investments. The total fiscal year-to-date earnings are \$40,189.67.

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Appropriation Modifications:

Motion made by Mrs. Timmons, seconded by Mr. Honkala, to approve all appropriation modifications for November as needed.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Advance / Return of Advance and Transfers:

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Manfredi to approve the following advances and or return of advances for the month of November:

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Advance:

From 001 General Fund \$ (1,086.11)

To 006 Cafeteria Fund \$ 1,086.11

Return of Advance:

From 009 Uniform Supplies Fund \$ (4,036.90)

006 Cafeteria Fund \$ (66,561.45)

To General Fund \$ 70,598.35

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Roll Call:

Ayes: Manfredi, Timmons, Honkala, Koster, Miller

Nays : None

Motion carried

Add Fund and/or Increase Appropriations:

Motion made by Mr. Manfredi, seconded by Mr. Koster to increase the following appropriations to amount listed:

Add Fund and Set Appropriation:

499	9209	Gifted Identification FY09	\$ 3,057.34
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Set Appropriation to:

018	9203	Outdoor Education Camp	\$ 7,895.00
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024		Dental Insurance	\$ 45,107.00
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024	9002	Section 125	\$
		40,000.00	

024	9899	Self Funded Ins.	\$175,000.00
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200	9202	Art Club	\$ 6,000.00
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200	9242	Badger Pause	\$ 2,590.00
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200	9311	Class of 2009	\$ 7,300.00
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Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried

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Approve 403b Vendor:

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Koster to approve First Investors Corporation as a 403b vendor for Berkshire Locals Schools.

Roll Call: All Ayes

Motion carried.

Accept Rates:

Motion made by Mr. Manfredi, seconded by Mr. Honkala to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor.

Roll Call: All Ayes

Motion carried.

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Vocational Report:

Roger Miller reported that the Executive Director of Auburn Career Center was retiring and the Assistant Executive Director will step into the position. The Assistant Executive position will not be filled as they only hired an assistant in anticipation of the Executive Director's retirement.

Committee Report:

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

PRESENTATIONS:

Dr. Gina Symsek did a presentation for the Board and audience addressing the updates to the Strategic Plan for Berkshire Local Schools. The presentation was well received.

Personnel:

Certified:

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Timmons to approve substitute teachers on the County ESC certified substitute list.

Roll Call: All Ayes.

Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Honkala, seconded by Mr. Manfredi to approve supplemental contracts for the following employees for the 2009 Sixth Grade Education Camp:

Linda Stone Outdoor Education Coordinator

Janet Duns Outdoor Education Teacher

Chris Kostiha Outdoor Education Teacher

Amy Vinecourt Outdoor Education Teacher

Roll Call: All Ayes.

Motion carried.

Classified:

Motion made by Mr. Koster, seconded by Mr. Manfredi to approve the resignation of Stephanie Butler, Transportation Aide, effective November 6, 2008.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Koster to approve a Limited Contract for the remainder of the 2008/2009 school year for Karen Holschuh for the Cafeteria as a Cook, effective December 2, 2008, salary per negotiated agreement, with no benefits.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

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Motion made by Mr. Manfredi, seconded by Mr. Honkala to approve hiring Kimberly Brown for the position of Transportation Aide, 5.25 hours per day, effective December 2, 2008, salary and benefits per negotiated agreement.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

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Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Honkala to approve Connie Hietanen to drive a van to transport two students for one hour per day, four days per week, with salary per negotiated agreement.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

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Motion made by Mr. Manfredi, seconded by Mr. Honkala to approve the following positions for the 2008/2009 school year, with salary per negotiated agreement.

Tim Spangler Volunteer Girls Jr. High Basketball Coach

Al Tolchinsky Assistant Wrestling Coach

Bryce Freeman Assistant Wrestling Coach

Mary Alice Horton Substitute custodian

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Honkala, seconded by Mrs. Timmons to approve the 8th Grade Class Trip to Washington DC April 2-4, 2009.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Business:

Motion made by Mr. Manfredi, seconded by Mrs. Timmons to approve hiring Korenko Therapy Services, Inc. for physical therapy for special needs students for the 2008/2009 school year.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Koster to approve the release of transportation for Joseph Kaiser, special needs student, from Berkshire Schools to Kenston Schools for the remainder of the 2008/2009 school year.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried

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Old Business:

Motion made by Mr. Manfredi, seconded by Mr. Koster to approve the Second Reading of the following NEOLA Policies:

1460 3210.04	2220	2421	2464	2623	3120
3120.05 3139	3120.06	3120.07	3120.08	3120.09	3121
3140 4120.09	3160	3210	3214	4120.04	4120.08
4121 6460	4139	4140	4160	4210	5114
7540.01 8351	8141	8142	8210	8310	8315
8900	9211	9270	6600		

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried

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New Business:

John Manfredi shared that the Board is waiting for the completed bid packet from Burt Hill to be able to proceed with the modular project planned for Burton Elementary.

Roger Miller stated that he would like to see that Berkshire Local Schools provide education to our students on Cyber Bullying.

Doug Delong commented that he is aware of classes provided by the Educational Service Center.

Jen Sabol shared that the school counselors have attended meetings on this subject and have discussed providing information to our student on Cyber Bullying through the health curriculum.

John Manfredi expressed his thanks to everyone that was involved in the Roots and Shoots program.

Open Public Participation:

None

The Board set January 12, 2008 at 6:00pm at the High School Library for the Organizational Meeting, with the Regular Meeting to follow.

Adjournment:

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Honkala to adjourn the meeting at 6:40p.m.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. John Manfredi,

President

Mrs. Karen Andrei,

Treasurer