

**NO: III**  
**Minutes of the**  
**Board of School Directors**  
**DERRY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Hershey, PA 17033**

**August 22, 2011**

**OPENING ITEMS**

**1.01 Call to Order**

A meeting of the Board of School Directors, Derry Township School District was held on Monday, August 22, 2011, in the District Office Board Room. Dr. Henry Donahue, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

**1.02 Roll Call**

**Directors Present:** Dr. Donna Cronin  
Dr. Henry Donahue  
Mr. John Gräb  
Mr. Christopher Morelli  
Dr. William Parrish  
Mr. Charles Stover

**Excused:** Mrs. Beulah Chabal  
Dr. Mary Beth Hagan  
Mrs. Ellen Sheffey

**Superintendent:** Dr. Richard Faidley

**Secretary:** Mr. Stephen Rineer

**Solicitor:** Mr. Brian Jackson (Not Present)

**Student Representative:** Not Present

**Press:** Ms. Elizabeth Kotz THE PATRIOT-NEWS

**Representatives of the Administrative Staff:** Mr. Dan Tredinnick, Dr. Bernie Kepler, and Mr. Joseph McFarland.

**Representatives of the Staff and Community:** Elizabeth B. Han, Andrew P. Han, Amanda Kahl, Bruce Hancock, David E. Fisher, John Freeman, Brian Shiflett, Maryellen Sheehan.

Dr. Donahue: Mrs. Chabal, Dr. Hagan, and Mrs. Sheffey have excused absences.

### **1.03 Flag Salute**

Mr. Stover led those gathered in the Salute to the American Flag.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **2.01 Approval of the August 8, 2011 School Board Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Gräb and seconded by Mr. Stover to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2011 School Board meeting.

All Board members present signified by a Yes vote.

## **MOTION CARRIED**

## **INFORMATIONAL AND PROPOSALS**

### **3.01 Announcement of Executive Session**

Dr. Donahue: I'd like to announce that the Board met in Executive Session prior to this meeting to discuss matters that must be conducted in private to protect a lawful privileged or confidentiality.

### **3.02 Recognition of Citizens (Agenda Items)**

None.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **4.01 Unfinished Business**

None.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 5.01 Approval of Finance Report for July 2011

1.	The Treasurer's Report for the month ending July 31, 2011 was summarized as follows:	
	• General Fund Revenues	\$3,446,034
	• General Fund Expenditures	3,308,912
	• Balance of Cash Plus Investments (Includes \$4,758,376 Capital Reserve)	14,332,894
2.	The listed schedule of investment transactions for the period beginning July 1, 2011 through July 31, 2011 had total interest earnings of \$3,201 comprised of the following:	
	• General Fund	\$67
	• Money Market	1,477
	• Capital Reserve	945
	• PA Local Government Investment Trust	0
	The average interest rate for July 2011 was .22%	
3.	The July 2011 expenditures for the paid bills for all funds totaled \$1,685,674 excluding net payroll, retirement contributions, and debt service.	
4.	The August 2011 expenditures for the unpaid bills for all funds totaled \$971,934.	
5.	The estimated expenditures of the General Fund for the month of August 2011 were in the following amounts:	
	• Operating Expenses	\$1,100,000
	• Utilities	142,300
	• Net Payroll (End of Year Pay)	1,030,000
	• Employer Provided Insurance	421,000
	• Payroll Deductions	495,000

	• Employer Payroll Taxes (FICA/RET)	117,000
	• Debt Service	<u>0</u>
	<b>Total Estimated Expenditures</b>	<b>\$3,305,300</b>

The Administration recommended the approval of the July 2011 Finance Report as listed.

Dr. Cronin moved the Board approve the Finance Report and was seconded by Mr. Stover.

Roll Call Vote:

Chabal – Absent

Gräb – Yes

Parrish – Yes

Cronin – Yes

Hagan – Absent

Sheffey – Absent

Donahue – Yes

Morelli – Yes

Stover - Yes

6 Yes, 3 Absent

## MOTION CARRIED

### 5.02 Requests for Payment - Construction Projects

The Administration recommended the approval of the following invoices as reviewed and approved by Mr. Consalo:

	<b>Parking Lot Improvements:</b>	
1.	Derry Township School District, reimbursement for PNC Bank, Standby Letter of Credit Fee	\$584.59
2.	Township of Derry Invoice No: 78611-7	425.54
	<b>Middle School Expansion:</b>	
3.	eci Construction LLC (General Contractor) Application No: 15	40,080.05
4.	A.H. Moyer (HVAC) Application No: 14	40,499.32
5.	G. Bass (Plumbing) Application No: 12	1,846.03
6.	Guy M. Cooper, Inc. (Fire Systems) Application No: 13	1,057.35

7.	Leer Electric (Electrical) Application No: 14		34,099.25
8.	SchraderGroup Architecture, LLC Invoice No: 991		2,624.41
9.	CENet Voice Solutions Invoice: 1869 Invoice: 2119	2,465.23 <u>1,177.00</u>	3,642.23
10.	Hershey PA Flooring Invoice: 3001		325.00
11.	Eagle Excavating Invoice: 11053-1		3,255.00

Dr. Cronin moved the Board approve the payments and was seconded by Mr. Gräb.

Mr. Gräb: How are we on the additions and improvements at the middle school? Are we ready to start there?

Dr. Kepler: Yes.

Mr. Gräb: Thank you.

Dr. Donahue: Any other questions?

Roll Call Vote:

Chabal – Absent

Cronin – Yes

Donahue – Yes

Gräb – Yes

Hagan – Absent

Morelli – Yes

Parrish – Yes

Sheffey – Absent

Stover - Yes

6 Yes, 3 Absent

## **MOTION CARRIED**

### **5.03 Approval for Weapons Policy Waiver - Twenty-one Gun Salute - Michael Horrock Memorial Ceremony**

The Administration recommended the approval of a waiver to the Derry Township School District Weapons Policy 218.1 for the Michael Horrocks Memorial Ceremony. During the ceremony, a twenty-one gun salute will be fired; no projectiles will be used.

Dr. Cronin moved the Board approve the policy waiver and was seconded by Dr. Parrish.

Roll Call Vote:

Chabal – Absent

Gräb – Yes

Parrish – Yes

Cronin – Yes  
Donahue – Yes

Hagan – Absent  
Morelli – Yes

Sheffey – Absent  
Stover - Yes

6 Yes, 3 Absent

## MOTION CARRIED

### 5.04 Requests for the Use of School Facilities

The Administration recommended the approval of the following Requests for the Use of School Facilities:

<i>Group:</i>	Logical Choice/Promethean Corporation
<i>Date/Time:</i>	August 10, 2011 (retroactive) 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
	August 11, 2011 (retroactive) 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
<i>Requested Facility:</i>	High School LGI, Cafeteria, Rooms: 143, 148, 150, 236, 238, 240, 246
<i>Event:</i>	Training on Use of Promethean Board and Software
<i>Fee:</i>	Waiver Requested
<i>Group:</i>	Hershey Mustangs
<i>Date/Time:</i>	August 23 - November 15, 2011 Time - To be determined (in conjunction with Hershey Little League Schedule)
<i>Requested Facility:</i>	Memorial Field
<i>Event:</i>	Youth Baseball Practice and Games
<i>Fee:</i>	None
<i>Group:</i>	Disabled American Veterans Chapter 48 Hershey
<i>Date/Time:</i>	Second Tuesday of Each Month September 13, 2011 to May 8, 2012 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
<i>Requested Facility:</i>	High School Library Conference Room
<i>Event:</i>	Monthly Meeting
<i>Fee:</i>	None
<i>Group:</i>	Wilkes University
<i>Date/Time:</i>	Wednesdays

	September 14 - December 7, 2011 4:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
<i>Requested Facility:</i>	District Office
<i>Event:</i>	Graduate Course for Fall 2011 Semester
<i>Fee:</i>	None

Dr. Cronin moved the Board approve the requests and was seconded by Dr. Parrish.

Roll Call Vote:

Chabal – Absent

Cronin – Yes

Donahue – Yes

Gräb – Yes

Hagan – Absent

Morelli – Yes

Parrish – Yes

Sheffey – Absent

Stover - Yes

6 Yes, 3 Absent

**MOTION CARRIED**

**5.05 Personnel – Resignations**

The Administration recommended the approval of the following resignations:

Classified:
Morelli, Vincent Bus Driver District-wide Reason: Personal Effective: 07/31/2011 (retroactive)
Shifflett, Laura Teachers' Aide Elementary School Reason: Personal Effective: 08/08/2011 (retroactive)
Simonetti, Heather Recess Aide Elementary School Reason: Personal Effective: 08/30/2011
Winter, Janet Bus Driver District-wide

Reason: Personal Effective: 08/26/2011
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Dr. Cronin moved the Board approve the resignations and was seconded by Mr. Stover.

Roll Call Vote:

Chabal – Absent

Gräb – Yes

Parrish – Yes

Cronin – Yes

Hagan – Absent

Sheffey – Absent

Donahue – Yes

Morelli – Yes

Stover - Yes

6 Yes, 3 Absent

## MOTION CARRIED

### 5.06 Personnel – General

1.	The Administration recommended the approval of the following appointments:
	<b>Professional:</b>
	<p><b>Carr, Caislin</b> (for Mandy Shirey) Part-time Spanish Teacher High School Long Term Substitute Bachelors, Step 1 Salary: \$40,281.25 (pending HEA Agreement) Effective: 08/22/2011 (pending receipt of Act 34 and 114 clearances)</p>
	<p><b>Fried, Richard *</b> (for James Shay) Science Teacher Middle School Long Term Substitute Bachelors, Step 1 Salary: \$40,281.25 (pending HEA Agreement) Effective: 08/22/2011 through 10/12/2011</p> <p>Gifted Support Teacher (for Jennifer Klos) Middle School Long Term Substitute Bachelors, Step 1 Salary: \$40,281.25 (pending HEA Agreement) Effective: 10/13/2011 through the end of the 2011-2012 school year</p>
	<p><b>Kirby, Matthew *</b> (replacing Keith Guydo) Mathematics Teacher</p>



High School Long Term Substitute Bachelors, Step 1 Salary: \$40,281.25 (pending HEA Agreement) Effective: 08/22/2011						
<b>Transfer of Professional Staff:</b>						
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To:	Gifted Support Teacher (for Jennifer Klos) Long Term Substitute Middle School					
Effective:	08/25/2011 through 10/12/2011					
<b>Tomazin, Brooks *</b> Mathematics Teacher (for Lori Ogle) Long Term Substitute Effective: 10/13/2011 through the end of the 2011-2012 school year						
<b>Classified:</b>						
<b>Arndt, Jamie</b> (new Transfer of Entity position - paid through ACCESS) Teachers' Aide Intermediate School Level B: 6.25 hours per day Salary: \$12.52 per hour Effective: 08/22/2011						
<b>Winter, Janet *</b> Substitute Bus Driver District-wide Salary: \$15.00 per hour Effective: 08/26/2011						
<b>Bricker, Gay</b> (replacing Margaret McConnell) Nurse Assistant High School Level A: 5.0 hours per day Salary: \$21.82 per hour Effective: 08/29/2011 (pending receipt of Act 151 clearance)						
<b>Habecker, Dennis *</b> (replacing Janet Winter) Bus Driver						

District-wide Level A: 5.0 hours per day Salary: \$14.56 per hour Effective: 08/25/2011	
<b>Olives, Kelly *</b> (replacing Laura Shifflett) Teachers' Aide Primary School Level B: 6.25 hours per day Salary: \$12.52 per hour Effective: 08/22/2011	
<b>Simonetti, Heather *</b> Substitute Recess Aide Elementary School Salary: \$10.10 per hour Effective: 08/30/2011	
<b>Transfer of Classified Staff:</b>	
<b>Mysel, Gary*</b> From:  To:  Level A: Salary: Effective:	Bus Driver District-wide General Food Service Worker (replacing Pamela Kennedy) High School 4.0 hours per day \$14.00 per hour 08/22/2011
<b>Limited Service Contract:</b>	
<b>Angello, Dina *</b> Volunteer Assistant Cheerleading Coach Middle School Effective: 08/23/2011	
<b>Brittain, Leah *</b> Mentor to Christen Manari, Grade 2 Teacher Elementary School Salary: \$1,053 (pending HEA Agreement) Effective: 08/22/2011	
<b>Brought, Naomi *</b>	

<p>Set Design - Musical High School Level I, Group I, Step 4 Salary: \$382 (pending HEA Agreement) Effective: 08/23/2011</p>
<p><b>Clouser, Barbara *</b> Student Council Advisor High School Level I, Group I, Step 5 Salary: \$813 (pending HEA Agreement) Effective: 08/23/2011</p> <p>Mentor to Caislin Carr, Part-time Long Term Substitute Spanish Teacher High School Salary: \$1,053 (pending HEA Agreement) Effective: 08/22/2011</p>
<p><b>Clouser, Emma *</b> Mentor to Grace Norheim, English Teacher Middle School Salary: \$1,053 (pending HEA Agreement) Effective: 08/22/2011</p>
<p><b>Kissinger, Donald *</b> Stage Manager - Musical High School Level I, Group I, Step 11 Salary: \$1,016 (pending HEA Agreement) Effective: 08/23/2011</p>
<p><b>Koons, Steven *</b> Set Design - Musical High School Level I, Group I, Step 4 Salary: \$382 (pending HEA Agreement) Effective: 08/23/2011</p>
<p><b>Lehman, Caroline *</b> (replacing Amy Mark) Assistant Field Hockey Coach Middle School Level III, Group C, Step 1 Salary: \$1,390 (pending HEA Agreement) Effective: 08/23/2011</p>

<p><b>O'Brien, Michelle *</b>  Costume Coordinator - Musical  High School  Level I, Group I, Step 11  Salary: \$1,016 (pending HEA Agreement)  Effective: 08/23/2011</p> <p>Co-Producer - Musical  High School  Level I, Group F, Step 2  Salary: \$846.50 (pending HEA Agreement)  Effective: 08/23/2011</p>
<p><b>Miller, Richard *</b>  Co-Producer - Musical  High School  Level I, Group F, Step 2  Salary: \$846.50 (pending HEA Agreement)  Effective: 08/23/2011</p>
<p><b>Stephens, Ryan</b>  Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach  High School  Level II, Group B, Step 1  Salary: \$2,189 (pending HEA Agreement)  Effective: 08/23/2011</p>
<p><b>Taliani, Anthony</b>  Assistant Football Coach  Middle School  Level III, Group A, Step 3  Salary: \$1,911 (pending HEA Agreement)  Effective: 08/23/2011 (pending receipt of Act 34, 151, and 114 clearances)</p>
<p><b>Turner, Mary *</b>  Mentor to Matthew Kirby, Long Term Substitute Mathematics Teacher  High School  Salary: \$1,053 (pending HEA Agreement)  Effective: 08/22/2011</p>
<p><b>Wales, Ronald *</b>  Freshman Class Advisor  High School  Level I, Group J, Step 5  Salary: \$406 (pending HEA Agreement)</p>

	Effective: 08/23/2011
<b>Transfer of Coaching Staff:</b>	
<b>Mark, Amy*</b> From:	Assistant Field Hockey Coach Middle School
To:	Assistant Varsity Field Hockey Coach High School
Salary:	Level II, Group C, Step 2
Effective:	\$1,945 (pending HEA Agreement) 08/23/2011
2.	The Administration recommended the approval of the following request in accordance with District Policies 435 & 439:
	<b>Kleinfelter, Bethany</b> Grade 5 Teacher Elementary School Paid/Unpaid Childbearing/rearing Leave Effective: On or about 11/09/2011 through 02/01/2012
3.	The Administration recommended the approval of the following additions to the 2011-2012 Substitute Teacher List:
	<b>Auker, Hilary</b> B.A. in History from Temple University
	<b>Beck, Christopher</b> B.S. in Communications from The Pennsylvania State University with Elementary Certification from Elizabethtown College
	<b>Carr, Caislin *</b> B.S. in Spanish Education from Shippensburg University
	<b>Kesselring, Daniel</b> B.S. in Social Studies from The Pennsylvania State University
	<b>Reitmyer, Vanessa</b> B.S. in Elementary Education from Shippensburg University
	<b>Rosati, Amber</b> B.S. in Health and Physical Education from Lock Haven University
	<b>Wagner, Michael</b>

	B.S. in Music Education from Lebanon Valley College
*	<b>This individual is currently an employee and/or volunteer. Clearances are on file.</b>

Dr. Cronin moved the Board approve the personnel recommendations and was seconded by Mr. Gräb.

Roll Call Vote:

Chabal – Absent

Cronin – Yes

Donahue – Yes

Gräb – Yes

Hagan – Absent

Morelli – Yes

Parrish – Yes

Sheffey – Absent

Stover - Yes

6 Yes, 3 Absent

## **MOTION CARRIED**

## **DELEGATES REPORTS**

### **6.01 Dauphin County Technical School Report**

Mr. Gräb: I was in error last meeting. The Technical School did not meet on the 10<sup>th</sup>. It has been postponed until the 24<sup>th</sup>, which will be Wednesday. At the next meeting, either Mr. Morelli or myself will have report. I apologize for the misinformation.

Dr. Donahue: No problem. Are there any questions for John?

### **6.02 Harrisburg Area Community College Report**

Dr. Cronin: The calendar has not been set, [not audible].

Dr. Donahue: Thanks Donna. Any questions for Donna?

### **6.03 Capital Area Intermediate Unit Report**

Dr. Donahue: Mrs. Chabal's not here, so we will skip the Capital Area Intermediate Unit report.

#### **6.04 Derry Township Tax Collection Association Report**

Mr. Stover: The Tax Collection meeting August 25 has been cancelled. We will be meeting in September. The Dauphin County Tax Collection Committee met on August 17. I was unable to attend, but Mr. Rineer did. They did not have a quorum, so nothing was voted on. The primary discussion was about picking a depository bank and no selection has been made to date.

Mr. Rineer: One was recommended by the ad hoc committee. There is a push to have Keystone's data processing department and a bank's data processing department communicate to organize the file structure so transfers can be made. On a temporary basis, they indicated that the leading candidate was Susquehanna Bank, so, I believe, communications between both organizations are taking place even though not formally approved.

Mr. Stover: Thank you. That's my report.

Dr. Donahue: Thanks Chuck. Are there any questions for Chuck or Steve? Steve, can I ask you a question?

Mr. Rineer: Yes.

Dr. Donahue: Did we do requests for payment?

Mr. Rineer: We did.

Dr. Donahue: Alright, just checking. I didn't leave anything out, did I?

Mr. Rineer: Not so far.

Dr. Donahue: Thank you.

#### **SPECIAL REPORTS**

##### **7.01 Announcement of Staff Development Conference**

Allison Mackley  
Pennsylvania Library Association Annual Conference  
State College, PA  
October 2 - 5, 2011  
Expenses: \$992.00

## **7.02 School Community Information Report**

Mr. Tredinnick: I want to address a rumor that has been widely circulating the community and that is that school will start for students next week. That is, in fact, a confirmed rumor, however, today was the first day of school for an equally important group of our constituents and that's our new teachers. We had induction and orientation begin for new teachers, teachers aides, and a recess aide was there as well. Those folks were equally bright eyed and bushy tailed and eager to get started. Of course, next week we'll welcome our students.

Tomorrow there is an opportunity for those students who have medications that need to be administered during the school day to bring those to the respective buildings, drop those off, fill out the appropriate paperwork in advance of the actual beginning of school. The nurses have organized that and are hopeful that that will cut down on some of the initial first week of school paperwork by doing it ahead of time and that's been advertised in the community.

Also I would like to note that we have a young man here with us this evening sitting in the back who is attending the meeting as part of his Boy Scout requirements, so welcome, and thank you for coming.

Dr. Donahue: Thanks Dan. Are there any questions for Dan?

## **7.03 Board Members' Report**

Mr. Morelli: The Ad Hoc Committee on advertising met last week and talked about a few things. A few weeks ago the members of the Township were nice enough to come to the campus one morning and talk with Dr. Faidley and I and Maryellen Sheehan. Chris Abruzzo, Mr. Negley, and Mr. Emert came and gave us some ideas on what we can do to sort of proactively, I guess, look at some sites and get some sort of preapprovals for templates, if you will, sizes of signs and locations of signs before we would actually go out and contract with some of the businesses to actually place signs on our campus.

In our ad hoc meeting, we actually talked about coming up with 15 to 20, I guess, locations for what we would call level one signs. Those were the signs that are going to bring in the most dollars to the campus. Over the next month or so, we'll go through an exercise where we identify the locations, identifying the size of them and talk about how we want to move forward with the committee and save some time and effort not going down the wrong path before we actually commit to talking with different businesses.

Bernie, I don't know if you had anything additional to add?

Dr. Kepler: I think the only thing I would add, Chris, is that we did look at seeing if Market Streets Sports would come in and meet and with us and give us some ideas. At



this point, they are not interested in taking on any additional clients as they are, with their current staffing, they are quite busy, so we're basically venturing forward as a committee and, I think, in the last meeting made some strong headway into some ideas. We met again on September 24, I believe.

Mr. Morelli: One of the other things we will probably do for that meeting is draft a policy guiding this process. If we do decide to do it, some sort of Board policy that will identify what we're going to do, who we plan on doing it with, who will authorize some of the business. That will also be part of the final report to the Board sometime this fall.

I did want to thank Mrs. Sheehan for getting the Township folks over to meet with us. They have really expressed the willingness to actually work with the District through some of the rules and things that they deal with when you're talking about signage and some of the ordinances and regulations dealing with that. Thanks.

Dr. Donahue: Chris or Bernie, do we have any ballpark figure of how much revenue could be generated?

Dr. Kepler: The member of our committee is estimating that a level one or tier one sign could bring \$2,500 a year. We're not talking about big big dollars, but if you find 8 to 10 of those sites, \$30,000-\$40,000 is hoped as a goal.

Dr. Donahue: Great, thanks. Any questions for Chris or Bernie? Are there other Board member reports?

Mr. Rineer: Mr. President? There is one other thing that I would like to add that took place at the Dauphin County Tax Collection meeting, which is important.

Dr. Donahue: Sure.

Mr. Rineer: Keystone Collections was selected as the collector and they asked that School Boards and the press be notified about a seminar for employers, which is going to be held on September 9 at the Township Municipal Office at 9:00 a.m. and at 1:00 p.m. It should last about 1 ½ to 2 hours. The purpose is to inform employers in the District about the ramifications of Act 32 and the changing of the collection method. There will be a flyer going out to all the employers in the District about it, but Keystone asked if we could mention it at our Board meeting.

Dr. Donahue: Great.

Male Voice: Could we also do something on the website with that?

Mr. Rineer: We could talk with Dan about that.

Dr. Donahue: Great, thanks Steve.

## 7.04 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Faidley: I want to share with the Board and the members attending this evening that our Administrative staff welcomed our new staff to the District at our first day of induction this morning. One of the neat things about that day is to look out and see the energy that is exhibited in that room. Many of these individuals are in their first jobs. I think each year the colleges are graduating them younger and younger, because they really look like they are about 15. Again, the energy is contagious. They are extremely eager, attentive to start the new school year one week from today as Mr. Tredinnick stated our students will arrive and our staff will be ready for them.

We anticipate approximately 3,600 students, maybe a little more than that to walk through our doors next week.

Our team of more than 500 full-time employees have been working extremely hard to prepare for a fantastic school year in every respect.

My personal goal on the first day of school and I will achieve it is to step foot in every single classroom in the District, starting with the ECC, then the elementary primary and middle school and then finishing the day with the high school. My reason for doing that is many times when you start the school year, it's nice to see a face from the District Office to say we're just as excited for you and your first day of school, students and staff, as you are. So I will be in every classroom that first day of school, probably be a little tired by the end of the day, but that's alright.

I want to also communicate that we've worked extremely hard this summer, the Administrative staff and other staff as well to align our educational purpose with our moral purpose. We are really committed to the fact that we will educate, obviously reading writing and arithmetic, but we will also educate the entire child. At my introductory comments this morning, I told a story of a teacher and many of those, and I can share that with you at another time, but many of the staff in the room, those of us who are older that started many years ago and some of them older than me, we had a wealth of experience dating back to, I believe, 1977 in our Administrative staff. We have a lot of years of experience, but the bottom line is that we are all in this business for one reason and that reason is because we care about children. We're going to demonstrate our moral purpose. Many of our kids come to us and they are gifted academically, but they have some struggles that they might be dealing with, whether it's peer pressure or those types of things and we're going to pay attention to those issues as well and help them and guide them in their education.

Then another goal that we will continue to work on is to create an unbreakable bond among the School District, our children, their families, and our community. We will strive to improve and to achieve an environment where vibrant collaboration and open communication are routine. Since I've started in the District on June 1, I've met with numerous parents, community members, legislatures, and Township supervisors to try

to get a handle on what we can do collectively and collaboratively to improve. We will take that one step at a time, one day at a time and we will do what's best for the students in our District.

Consistent with that open communication, I want to just make a brief remark regarding the litigation regarding the Hershey Trust Company and what the status of that is. I will note this evening that regarding the litigation with the Hershey Trust Company related to the operations of the M.S. Hershey Foundation that that process is continuing with the Trust Company's response to the District's filing of a Petition for Declaratory Judgment which is due to the Court no later than September 9. I will give another update next month. I will also state that the Court Order and Citation in this matter are posted to the website, so anyone in the community that wishes to look at that may do so. I would encourage that, because it is a document that really walks through the history and the details associated with why we're doing what we're doing.

Finally, I encourage everyone in the community, the Board as well, to attend our planned September 2 dedication of the memorial to Michael Horrocks, Class of 1981. Michael Horrocks was the co-pilot of the second hijacked plane that crashed into the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. That memorial dedication will be at the Memorial Field at 5:00 p.m. on September 2. I want to commend the work of many individuals, but specifically this evening, I would like thank Dr. Kepler, Mr. Morelli, the Trojan Foundation, the local Rotary, and all the many volunteers who have made this memorial a realization and a possibility. September 2 will be a terrific event. It will really do justice to an individual who is a graduate of our school system and will create a memorial that will stand the test of time and members of our community will be able to come and visit and remember this individual.

Mr. President, that concludes my Superintendent Report. Thank you very much.

Dr. Donahue: Thanks Richard. Are there any questions for Richard?

Mr. Morelli: Just one clarification Dr. Faidley. The Trojan tailgate will be at the high school in the bus corral from 4:00 to 6:00 and the memorial dedication will be right there on the turf field by the flag pole at the football turf field.

Dr. Faidley: Thank you Mr. Morelli.

Mr. Morelli: 5:00 p.m. Thank you.

## **7.05 Board President's Report**

None.

## **RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS (Non-Agenda Items)**

### **8.01 Recognition of Citizens (Agenda and Non-Agenda Items)**

John Freeman: There were parts of my comment in the previous meeting that apparently were inaudible. I wanted to complement these gaps.

The first was: Federal law requires your staff and CFR Title 34 Part 73 to “uphold the constitution”.

The second was: Amendment 20 Section 3 requires Presidents-elect to prove eligibility before and not during the starting time. Presidency depends on qualifying. Debate whether Obama currently has eligibility is a red herring. The law states that the President-elect shall have failed to qualify the Vice President-elect shall act as President.

The third was: While Congress breaks the law and the courts avoid it, this Board must not forsake its societal responsibility.

As a quote in a truncated form, Mrs. Sheffey stated in the previous meeting regarding the Hershey Trust Company issue, “We were elected to make choices and some of those choices are very hard. For me this was not a hard choice, but one dedicated by the need.” Thank you.

Dr. Donahue: Thank you. Are there other citizens who would like to make a comment?

## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **9.01 Adjournment**

Dr. Donahue: The next public School Board meeting will be held Monday, September 12, 2011 starting at 7:00 p.m. in the District office Board room.

Mr. Gräb moved to adjourn, with a second by Dr. Cronin and, approved by unanimous voice vote by all members. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Stephen E. Rineer  
Secretary to the Board  
Approved at the September 12, 2011 meeting

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Dr. Henry Donahue  
President of the Board

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