

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

January 14, 2008

OPENING ITEMS

1.01 Call to Order

A meeting of the Board of School Directors, Derry Township School District was held on Monday, January 14, 2008, in the District Office Board Room. Mr. Charles Stover, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1.02 Roll Call

Directors Present: Mr. Christopher Barrett
Mrs. Beulah Chabal
Dr. Henry Donahue
Mr. Alan Malkoff
Dr. William Parrish
Mrs. Ellen Sheffey
Mr. Charles Stover

Excused: Dr. Donna Cronin
Mr. John Gräb

Superintendent: Dr. Linda Brewer

Secretary: Mr. Stephen Rineer

Student Representative: Mr. John Snyder

Press: Mr. Jeff Werner HERSHEY CHRONICLE
Mr. Drew Weidman THE SUN
Mr. Daniel Victor PATRIOT NEWS

Representatives of the Administrative Staff: Mrs. Cynthia Goldsworthy, Mr. Michael Michaels and Mr. Dan Tredinnick

Representatives of the Staff and Community: Ms. Marietta Mierski, Ms. Bunny Hottenstein, Mr. Ron Gruver, Mr. Mitchell Gruver and Ms. Ann Marie Schupper.

1.03 Flag Salute

Mr. Barrett led the meeting in the Salute to the American Flag.

2.01 Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett and seconded by Mrs. Chabel to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2007 board meeting. All board members present signified by a Yes vote.

MOTION CARRIED

3.01 Announcement of Executive Session

Mr. Stover noted all members of the board, with the exceptions of Mr. Gräb and Dr. Cronin, who were excused, had met in executive session prior to the meeting to discuss matters related to personnel.

3.02 Recognition of Citizens

None.

3.03 Standing Committee Reports

Mr. Barrett reported the Finance Standing Committee met at 4:30 p.m. January 14. The committee heard an analysis of the District's debt and discussed factors related to the District's credit rating, which remains extremely strong. There was some preliminary discussion regarding a potential policy change related to the Capital Reserve Budget.

Mrs. Chabel reported the Curriculum and Instruction Standing Committee met January 7 and conducted a review of the proposed new science curriculum for 10th Grade Physical Science and Physical Science II for 11th Grade. A second review was given to a proposed new Accounting III/Business Management class for the high school. A general discussion was held regarding the swimming education component for 5th Grade.

4.01 Unfinished Business

None

5.01 Anticipated Agenda Items of the January 28, 2008 meeting

1. Students of the Month - December 2007 and January 2008
2. General Services Standing Committee Report
3. Presentation - Annual Audit Report
4. School Board Recognition
5. Approval of Finance Report
6. Budget Transfer
7. Request for Payment
8. New Course Proposal - Advanced Placement English Language and Writing
9. Request for Tuberculin Testing Modification
10. Request for the Use of Facilities
11. Personnel
12. Announcement of Staff Development Conferences

5.02 Requests for Use of School Facilities

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

Group: Hershey Youth Soccer Association

Date/Time: Saturdays

January 19, 26, February 9, 16, 23, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2008

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Sundays

January 20, 27, February 10, 17, 24, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 2008

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Requested Facility: Middle School Gym

Event: Indoor Soccer Practices and Games

Fee: As per Lease Agreement

Group: Hershey Youth Soccer Association

Date/Time: Sundays

January 20, 27, February 10, 17, 24, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 2008

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Requested Facility: Elementary Gym

Event: Indoor Soccer Practices and Games

Fee: As per Lease Agreement

Group: Hershey Youth Soccer Association

Date/Time: Sundays

January 20, 27, February 10, 17, 24, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 2008

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Requested Facility: ECC Gym

Event: Indoor Soccer Practices and Games

Fee: As per Lease Agreement

Group: Boys' Basketball

Date/Time: March 9, 2008

10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Requested Facility: ECC and Middle School Gymnasiums

Event: Boys' Basketball Tournament

Fee: As per Lease Agreement

Group: Boys' Basketball

Date/Time: March 14, 2008

6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

March 15, 2008

8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Requested Facility: ECC and Middle School Gymnasiums

Event: Boys' Basketball Tournament

Fee: As per Lease Agreement

Group: Boys' Basketball

Date/Time: March 28, 2008

6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

March 29, 2008

8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Requested Facility: ECC and Middle School Gymnasiums

Event: Boys' Basketball Tournament

Fee: As per Lease Agreement

A motion to approve the requests was made by Mr. Malkoff and seconded by Dr. Parrish. All Board members present signified by a Yes vote.

MOTION CARRIED

5.03 Personnel – Resignations

1. The Administration recommended the approval of the following resignations:

Professional:

Davis, Michael

Music Teacher

Elementary School

Reason: Retirement

Effective: At the end of the 2007-08 school year and not later than 06/30/08

Classified:

Bowden, Mary Lou

General Food Service Worker
Early Childhood Center
Reason: Retirement
Effective: 12/17/07

Knighen, Karen

Custodian
Middle School
Reason: Separation
Effective: retroactive to 12/31/07

Trump, George Jr.

Bus Driver
District-wide
Reason: Personal
Effective: 01/02/08

A motion to accept was made by Mr. Barrett. Mrs. Sheffey seconded the motion. The board members present approved with a unanimous consent vote

MOTION CARRIED

5.04 Personnel – General

1. The Administration recommended the approval of the following appointments:

Act 93:

Dell, Lynn (replacing Karen Shenk)

Director of Special Education
District-wide
Salary: \$87,000 (pro-rated)
Effective: to be determined

Professional:

Dawes, Darlene * (replacing Maria Franchina)

Grade 3 Teacher
Elementary School
Professional
Masters, Step 1
Salary: \$39,625 (pro-rated)
Effective: 01/15/08

Donnelly, Eileen * (for Joni Prisbe)

Grade 4 Teacher

Elementary School

Long-term Substitute

Bachelors, Step 1

Salary: \$38,040 (pro-rated)

Effective: 01/17/08 through the end of the 2007-08 school year.

Peters, Amanda

Psychology Intern (replacing Caitlin Flinn)

District-wide

Salary: \$14,000 (no benefits, funded through IDEA)

Effective: 08/18/08 through the end of the 2008-09 school year

Rectenwald, Amanda

Psychology Intern (replacing Jenelle Walmer)

District-wide

Salary: \$14,000 (no benefits, funded through IDEA)

Effective: 08/18/08 through the end of the 2008-09 school year

Classified:

Kintzer, Mary Sue *

Substitute General Food Service Worker

District-wide

Salary: \$8.42 per hour

Effective: retroactive to 12/21/07

Peter-Bates, Rita

Substitute Recess/Cafeteria Aide

District-wide

Salary: \$8.89 per hour

Effective: 01/15/08 (pending receipt of Act 151 and 114 clearances)

Sotack, Marie * (replacing Carmel Lucas)

Cafeteria Aide

Elementary School

Level A: 3.0 hours per day

Salary: \$11.77 per hour

Effective: retroactive to 12/18/07

TRANSFER OF CLASSIFIED STAFF:

Grudi, Denise *

From: Recess Aide
Elementary School
To: Teacher's Aide (replacing Brenda Snare)
Elementary School
Level B: 6.0 hours per day
Salary: \$12.54 per hour
Effective: 01/15/08

Limited Service Contracts:

Marron, Jennifer *

Mentor to Susan Curry, Speech Therapist
Salary: \$500
Effective: 01/15/08

Ortiz, Jose, Jr. *

Intramural Instructor
Salary: \$26 per hour
Effective: retroactive to 09/04/07

Schrufer, Tabitha (replacing Crystal Condran)

Assistant Varsity Girls Softball Coach
High School
Level II, Group C, Step 3
Salary: \$2,001
Effective: 01/15/08 (pending receipt of Act 34, 151, & 114 clearances)

Tredinnick, Daniel * (replacing Troy Portser)

Website Coordinator
Salary: \$3,000 (pro-rated)
Effective: retroactive to 12/03/07

2. The Administration recommended the approval of a salary increase of \$3,690 for **MaryBeth Kaylor**, Personnel Secretary. The salary adjustment is reflecting additional responsibilities to this Act 93 position with respect to a transfer of another current district employee.
3. The Administration recommended the approval of a salary increase of \$3,975 for **Michelle Kunder**, Secretary to the Assistant to the Superintendent. The salary adjustment is reflecting additional responsibilities to this Act 93 position with respect to a transfer of another current district employee.
4. The Administration recommended the approval of the following request in accordance with District Policies 435 & 439:

Prisbe, Jonie

Grade 4 Teacher

Elementary School

Extension of Unpaid Childrearing Leave

Effective: 01/17/08 through the end of the 2007-08 school year

5. The Administration recommended the approval of the following additions to the **Substitute Teacher List** for the 2007-08 school year.

Jones, Alexander

B.A. in Elementary Education from Susquehanna University

6. The Administration recommended the approval of the **Guest Teacher List** for the 2007-08 school year as attached.

Lorraine, Clare

Manning, Margaret

A motion to accept all recommendations was made by Mr. Barrett. Mrs. Chabel seconded the motion. The board members present approved with a unanimous consent vote.

MOTION CARRIED

6.01 Dauphin County Technical School Report

Mr. Barrett reported that the Dauphin County Technical Schools budget was in good shape. An ongoing building project is progressing without change orders.

6.02 Derry Township Tax Collection Association Report

Mr. Barrett noted the Association had recently met and conducted routine business.

6.03 Harrisburg Area Community College Report

No Report

7.01 Announcement of Staff Development Conferences

The Administration reported the following staff development conference:

Be the Best You Are Baseball Clinic
Al Fricke, Michael Gustantino, Art Titzel
Cherry Hill, NJ
January 17 - 19, 2008
Expenses: \$266 (each)

7.02 Student Representative's Report

Mr. Snyder indicated some students were disappointed by the district's decision to delay test and quizzes in the wake of the December ice storm that caused the cancellation of classes and preferred to have taken the exams immediately upon the return to school

7.03 School and Community Information Report

Mr. Tredinnick reminded those assembled that the Trojan Foundation's signature event, Taste of Hershey, would be held January 27, 1-4 p.m. at the Hershey Lodge. He also noted that artwork by Hershey Middle School students was on display throughout January at the Middletown Area Arts Collective.

7.04 Board Members' Reports

None

7.05 Superintendent's Report

None

7.06 Board President's Report

None

8.01 Recognition of Citizens

None

9.01 Adjournment

Mr. Malkoff moved to adjourn, with a second by Mr. Barrett and unanimous voice vote by all members. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen E. Rineer
Secretary to the Board
Approved at the January 28, 2008 meeting

Charles Stover
President of the Board

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