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Minutes of the
Board of School Directors
DERRY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
Hershey, PA 17033

February 11, 2008

OPENING ITEMS

1.01 Call to Order

A meeting of the Board of School Directors, Derry Township School District was held on Monday, February 11, 2008, in the District Office Board Room. Mr. Charles Stover, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

1.02 Roll Call

Directors Present: Mr. Christopher Barrett
Mrs. Beulah Chabal
Dr. Donna Cronin
Mr. John Gräb
Mr. Alan Malkoff
Dr. William Parrish
Mrs. Ellen Sheffey
Mr. Charles Stover

Excused Dr. Henry Donahue

Superintendent: Dr. Linda Brewer

Secretary: Mr. Stephen Rineer

Press: Mr. Dave Hunt 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: Heidi Eby, Bunny Hottenstein, Thomas Long, Mary Semenski, Julie Nea,l and Megan Hulse.

1.03 Flag Salute

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

2.01 Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett and seconded by Mr. Malkoff to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2008 board meeting. All board members present signified by a Yes vote.

MOTION CARRIED

3.01 Announcement of Executive Session

Mr. Stover announced all members of the board met in executive session prior to the meeting to discuss matters related to personnel. All members were present, including Dr. Donahue, who participated by conference call.

3.02 Recognition of Citizens (Agenda Items)

None.

3.03 Standing Committee Reports

Mr. Barrett reported the Finance Standing Committee met earlier in the day and reviewed the finances for the second quarter of the 2007-2008 budget year. To-date, revenues are ahead of estimates and expenditures are below projections. The Committee continues to consider Dauphin County General Authority School Pool refinancing options.

4.01 Unfinished Business

None

5.01 Anticipated Agenda Items of the February 25, 2008 Board Meeting

Students of the Month - February 2008 (Mr. Murphy & Mr. Tredinnick)
Joint Finance, General Services, and Policy Standing Committee Report
Presentation - School Climate Survey Results (Ms. Miller)
Approval of Finance Report (Mr. Rineer)
Budget Transfer (Mr. Rineer)
Request for Payments (Mr. Rineer)
Final Approval - Middle School Students to France - May 30 - June 16, 2008
Approval of Revised 2008-2009 School Calendar
Acceptance of Gift - Jupiter B Flat Clarinet Donated by Amy Claxton
Request for the Use of Facilities (Mr. Elias)
Personnel (Mr. Michaels)
Announcement of Staff Development Conferences (Mr. Michaels)

5.02 Approval & Authorization of Settlement Regarding Former HESPA Employee

The Administration recommended that the Board approve and authorize the resolution of certain potential employment claims by a former HESPA employee for an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00. Upon approval, the District's Solicitor will draft a Settlement Agreement and General Release that would resolve all potential claims related to the above-referenced employee. All members present signaled in the affirmative during a roll call vote.

MOTION CARRIED

5.03 Requests for the Use of School Facilities

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

<i>Group:</i>	Ben & Tim Scholarship Fund
<i>Date/Time:</i>	August 22, 2008 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. August 23, 2008 6:00 a.m. - Noon
<i>Requested Facility:</i>	High School Cafeteria, Patio by Cafeteria, Parking Lots and Road by High School
<i>Event:</i>	Annual 5k and Fun Run
<i>Fee:</i>	None

Group: Derry Township Parks & Recreation
Date/Time: May 31, 2008
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Requested Facility: High School Track
Event: Hershey's Annual Track Meet and Field Games
Fee: None

Group: Pennsylvania Jazz Workshop/Pennsylvania Council on the Arts/Pennsylvania Department of Education
Date/Time: June 17, 2008
3:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
June 18 - 22, 2008
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Requested Facility: Middle School Auditorium, Band Room, Chorus/Orchestra Room, LGI, Cafeteria, Classrooms - A148, A150, A152, A154
Event: Jazz Workshop for Music Educators
Fee: As per Lease Agreement

Group: United States Junior Nationals
Date/Time: June 28 - 29, 2008
7:00 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Requested Facility: ECC Gym
Event: Girls' Basketball Tournament
Fee: As per Lease Agreement

Group: Derry Township Parks & Recreation
Date/Time: October 31, 2008
3:15 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
November 1, 2008
5:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Requested Facility: High School Cafeteria, LGI, First Floor Hallways, Restrooms
Event: Winter Arts and Craft Show
Fee: None

A motion to authorize the use of school facilities was made by Mrs. Chabal and seconded by Mr. Malkoff. All directors present indicated yes in a roll call vote.

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5.04 Personnel - Resignations

The Administration recommended the approval of the following resignations:

Professional:

Bechtold, Jamie

Grade 5 Teacher
Elementary School
Reason: Personal
Effective: 02/08/08

Hamilton, Michael

Mathematics Teacher
High School
Reason: Retirement
Effective: At the end of the 2007-08 school year and not later than 06/30/08

Holwig, Edward Jr.

Health/Physical Education Teacher
Middle School
Reason: Retirement
Effective: At the end of the 2007-08 school year and not later than 06/30/08

Myer, Jennifer

Spanish Teacher
High School
Reason: Personal
Effective: 06/06/08

Panek, Elizabeth

Speech Therapist
Middle School
Reason: Personal
Effective: To be determined

Pegg, Elizabeth

English Teacher
Middle School
Reason: Retirement
Effective: At the end of the 2007-08 school year and not later than 06/30/08

Weigard, Diane

Grade 2 Teacher
Elementary School

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

Classified:

Flocken, Larry
Custodian
Elementary School
Reason: Retirement
Effective: 07/24/08

Limited Service Contract:

Klos, Jennifer
Assistant Varsity Girls' Volleyball Coach
High School
Reason: Personal
Effective: 01/24/08

A motion to accept the recommendations was made by Dr. Cronin and seconded by Mrs. Chabal. The motioned carried by unanimous voice vote.

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5.05 Personnel - General

The Administration recommended the approval of the following appointments:

Professional:

Brown, Kimberly * (replacing Patricia Etchberger)
English Teacher
High School
Temporary Professional
Bachelors, Step 1
Salary: \$38,040 (pro-rated)
Effective: retroactive to 01/18/08

Classified:

Ross, Dorothy * (replacing Mary Lou Bowden)
General Food Service Worker
Elementary School
Level A: 4.0 hours per day
Salary: \$12.32 per hour

Effective: 02/12/08

Layden, William (replacing Wanda Dunham)

Custodian

Elementary School

Full-time, 8.0 hours per day

Salary: \$12.44 per hour

Effective: 02/12/08

2. The Administration recommended the approval of the following trip leaders/assistants for the June 3 – 16, 2008, trip to France.

Leslie Shearer – Trip Leader

Melicia Widmer – Trip Assistant

3. The Administration recommended the approval of the following request in accordance with District Policies 435 & 439:

Roesch, Jennifer

Learning Support Teacher

High School

Paid/Unpaid Childbearing/rearing Leave

Effective: 04/01/08 through 03/30/09

4. The Administration recommended the approval of the following addition to the **Substitute List** for the 2007-08 school year.

Crowley, Joel

B.S. in Elementary Education from Shippensburg University

Gabor, Amanda

B.S. in Elementary Education from Millersville University

Price, Lori

B.S. in Elementary and Special Education from Millersville University

Zellers, Kimberly

B.S. in Art Education from Millersville University

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

Boyer, Sara

Fusco, Teresa

6. The Administration recommended the approval of the following addition to the **Substitute List** for the 2008-09 school year.

Myer, Jennifer *

B.S. in Spanish and Business from Lebanon Valley College

Weigard, Diane *

B.S. in Elementary Education from Penn State University

A motion to accept the recommendations was made by Dr. Cronin and seconded by Mrs. Chabal. In a roll call vote, all board members signified by a Yes vote.

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6.01 Dauphin County Technical School Report

Mr. Barrett reported that the next meeting would be February 13.

6.02 Derry Township Tax Collection Association Report

No Report

6.03 Harrisburg Area Community College Report

No Report

6.04 Capital Area Intermediate Unit

No Report

7.01 Announcement of Staff Development Conferences

The Administration reported the following staff development conference:

Tracie Dawson
Pennsylvania Association of School Nurses and Practitioners Annual Education
Conference
Valley Forge, PA
March 28 - 30, 2008
Expenses: \$783.40

7.02 Student Representative's Report

None

7.03 School and Community Information Report

Mr. Tredinnick reported six Hershey High School student athletes signed National Letters of Intent to continue their educational and playing careers at NCAA Division I colleges and universities.

7.04 Board Members' Reports

Dr. Cronin reported on the Safe School meeting and noted new security cameras had been installed in all buildings and were being configured for viewing on administrators' computers.

7.05 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Brewer noted that Lynn Dell began work that day as the district's new Director of Special Education.

7.06 Board President's Report

Mr. Stover indicated the district is continuing to explore options for the creation of an early care and education center for use by district staff and the community, making good on the administration and board's commitment to consider input and ideas gathered from constituents.

Mr. Barrett lauded the administration for its thorough and systematic methodology - spanning several years - in considering approaches to the provisions of a child care facility for employees.

8.01 Recognition of Citizens

Julie Neal addressed the board and indicated her desire to have more information provided by the district relative to drug-related incidents involving students, even if the incidents did not take place on school grounds. She also requested the district be more proactive in providing access to data on school violence via its web site.

Thomas Long asked the board to consider ways it could adjust the school calendar to provide a week-long spring break for students.

Heidi Eby told the board she would like to see extra instructional days built into the

school calendar that could compensate for days lost to weather-related closures, rather than utilizing existing holidays for make-up.

Mary Semenski spoke in favor of an extended spring break.

Megan Hulse added that she too would be interested in changes to the school schedule to create a week-long break between semesters in the spring.

9.01 Adjournment

Mr. Barrett moved to adjourn, with a second by Mr. Malkoff and approved by unanimous voice vote by all members. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen E. Rineer
Secretary to the Board
Approved at the February 25, 2008 meeting

Charles Stover
President of the Board

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