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

February 12, 2007

OPENING ITEMS

1.01 Call To Order

A work session of the Board of School Directors, Derry Township School District, was held on Monday, February 12, 2007, in the District Office Board Room. Mr. Charles Stover, board president, called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

1.02 Roll Call

Directors Present: Mr. Christopher Barrett
Mrs. Beulah Chabal
Mrs. Sharon Cin
Dr. Donna Cronin
Mr. Brad Dorrance
Mr. Alan Malkoff
Dr. William Parrish
Mr. Charles Stover

Directors Absent Mr. John Gräb

Superintendent: Dr. Linda Brewer

Secretary: Mr. Rick Etter

Solicitor: Mr. Brian Jackson

Press: Mr. David Hunt HERSHEY CHRONICLE
Mr. Daniel Victor PATRIOT-NEWS
Mr. Drew Weidman HUMMELSTOWN SUN

Representatives of the Administrative Staff: Ms. Cindy Goldsworthy, Mr. Troy Portser, and Dr. Timothy Quinn.

Representatives of the Staff and Community: Ms. Melissa Chroscinski, Ms. Bunny Hottenstein, Ms. Sue Kennedy, Mr. D. Troy Sellars, Ms. Ellen Sheffy, Mr. Jim St. John, Mr. Gary Swanson, Mr. Anthony Weaver, and Ms. Amy Williams.

1.03 Flag Salute

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

2.01 Approval Of Minutes of the January 22, 2007 Meeting

Mr. Stover requested a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 22, 2007 meeting of the Derry Township Board of School Directors.

Moved by Mr. Barrett; seconded by Mrs. Chabal.

All Board members present signified by a Yes vote.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS OF MEETING

3.01 Announcement Of Executive Session

Mr. Stover announced that the Board met in Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss matters of personnel and that all board members were present.

3.02 Announcement of Discussion Item

Mr. Stover announced that the board would be discussing the Local Tax Study Commission recommendation later in the meeting. He noted their recommendation was presented at the December 4, 2006 meeting.

3.03 Recognition Of Citizens (Agenda Items)

No comments.

3.04 Standing Committee Reports

Mr. Barrett provide a report from the February 12, 2007 General Services Standing Committee meeting.

3.05 Presentation – District Data Portfolio

Dr. Quinn presented the proposed 2007 District Data Portfolio.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.01 Unfinished Business

None

NEW BUSINESS

5.01 Resolution for the Sale of Bonds - Guaranteed School Revenue Bonds, Series of 2007

The administration announced that the following items will be on the agenda for the February 26 2007 Public Board Meeting:

1. Students of the Month February 2007
2. Finance Standing Committee Report
3. Public Hearing EIT/PIT
4. Approval of February 12, 2007 Minutes
5. Approval of January 2007 Finance Report
6. Budget Transfer
7. Requests for Payment
8. Resolution to Lease Computer Equipment from Fulton Bank
9. Approval of Plancon K - Issurance of GO Note Series of 2006
10. Approval of 2007-08 Harrisburg Area Community College Proposed Budget
11. Approval of Food Service Cooperative Purchasing/Bid Agreement
12. Approval of School Bus Bids
13. Approval of Policies
 - 140 Charter Schools
 - 146 Student Services
 - 603 Budget Preparation
 - 604 Budget Adoption
 - 605 Tax Levy
 - 606 Tax Collection
 - 610 Purchases Subject to Bid
 - 830 Breach of Computerized Personal Information
 - 919 District/School Report Cards
14. Requests for the Use of Facilities
15. Personnel
16. Announcement of Staff Development

5.02 Requests for the Use of School Facilities

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

Group: Hershey Youth Soccer Association
Date/Time: February 24, 2007, 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Requested Facility: Middle School Cafeteria
Event: Registration
Fee: As per Lease Agreement

Group: Hershey High School Music
Date/Time: May 4, 11, 18, June 1, 2007 (Fridays), 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
May 25 and June 8, 2007 (Fridays), 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
May 5, 12, 19, June 2, 2007 (Saturdays), 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Requested Facility: High School Music Rooms, Auditorium
Event: Music in the Parks - 2007 Season
Fee: As per Lease Agreement

Mr. Stover requested a motion to approve the Requests for Use of School Facilities.

Moved by Dr. Parrish; seconded by Dr. Cronin.

Roll Call Vote:

Barrett	-	Yes	Cronin	-	Yes	Malkoff	-	Yes
Chabal	-	Yes	Dorrance	-	Yes	Parrish	-	Yes
Cin	-	Yes	Gräb	-	Absent	Stover	-	Yes

8 Yes 1 Absent

MOTION CARRIED

5.03 Personnel - Resignations

The Administration recommended the approval of the following resignations:

Professional:

Fencel, Frances

Long-term Substitute French Teacher
Middle School/High School
Reason: Personal
Effective: 01/22/07

Limited Service Contract:

Anderson, David

Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach
High School
Reason: Personal
Effective: 12/01/06

Boyer, Phillip

Assistant Varsity Golf Coach
High School
Reason: Personal
Effective: 02/08/07

Mr. Stover requested a motion to approve the personnel resignations.

Moved by Mr. Dorrance; seconded by Mrs. Cin.

All Board members present signified by a Yes vote.

MOTION CARRIED

5.04 Personnel - General

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

Professional:

Dawson, Tracie (replacing Janet Martin)

School Nurse
Middle School
Temporary Professional
Bachelors, Step 7
Salary: \$45,298 Pro-rated
Effective: To be determined (pending receipt of Acts 34 and 151 clearances)

Downing, Denise (for Melicia Widmer)

Part-time French Teacher
High School
Bachelors, Step 1
Salary: \$17,963 pro-rated (no benefits)
Effective: Retroactive to 01/22/07 (pending receipt of emergency certification)

Haken, Debra * (for Melicia Widmer)

Part-time French Teacher

Middle School

Bachelors, Step 1

Salary: \$17,963 pro-rated (no benefits)

Effective: Retroactive to 02/20/07 (pending receipt of emergency certification)

Classified:

Middlesworth, Susan

Substitute General Food Service Worker

District-wide

Salary: \$10.25 per hour

Effective: 02/13/07

Zagurskie, Debra

Substitute General Food Service Worker

District-wide

Salary: \$10.25 per hour

Effective: 02/13/07

Transfer of Classified Staff:

Light, Joan *

From: Part-time Bus Driver - District Wide

To: Substitute Bus Driver - District Wide

Salary: \$13.94 per hour

Effective: Retroactive to 01/29/07

Limited Service Contracts:

Deliberty, William * (replacing Jessica Conrad)

Assistant Varsity Girls' Soccer

High School

Level II, Group C, Step 3

Salary: \$1,975

Effective: 02/13/07

Houtz, Bonnie * (replacing Penny Arnold)

Co-Advisor for Stage Crew MS Student Production

Middle School

Level II, Group I, Step 1

Salary: \$641

Effective: 02/13/07

Kicielinski, Kimberly

Volunteer Assistant Varsity Track Coach

High School

Salary: Volunteer

Effective: 02/13/07 (pending receipt of Act 151 clearance)

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

Brubaker, Kristina

Grade 1 Teacher

Early Childhood Center

Paid/Unpaid Childbearing/rearing Leave

Effective: On or about 4/13/07 through the end of the 2006-07 school year

McDonald, Susan

Special Education Teacher

High School

Paid/Unpaid Childrearing Leave

Effective: 08/27/07 through the end of the 2007-08 school year

Myer, Jennifer

Spanish Teacher

High School

Paid/Unpaid Childbearing/rearing Leave

Effective: 08/27/07 through the end of the 2007-08 school year

3. The Administration recommended the approval of the following additions to the Substitute List for the 2006-07 school year:

Caseino, Christopher

B.A. in Economics with teaching certification in Citizenship from Lycoming College

Caso, Jessica

B.S. in Health & Physical Education from Slippery Rock University

Ebersole, Janelle

B.S. in Criminal Justice from Shippensburg University with teaching certification in Elementary Education from Wilson College

Martin, Brianna

B.A. in English Education from Shippensburg University

Powell, Charlene

B.S. in Early Childhood Education from West Chester University

Mr. Malkoff said he favored increasing the earned income tax due to lack of information on how the personal income tax would be collected.

Dr. Cronin stated that she favored converting to a personal income tax due to the larger tax base.

Mr. Stover sated he favored increasing the earned income tax citing the cost of implementation and the fact that the personal income tax would create a duel system between the school district and township.

Mrs. Cin stated that either scenario hurts the district but the lesser of two evils was converting to a personal income tax.

Mr. Dorrance said he deferred to the local tax study commission who studied the legislation. He said he favored increasing the earned income.

Mr. Barrett said Act 1 was a travesty for school districts and constituents and converting to a personal income tax is the less of two evils.

Mrs. Chabal said the personal income tax had a broader base but she was concerned with upfront costs. Leaning slightly toward increasing the earned income tax.

Mr. Stover polled the board to determine whether the referendum question should be drafted to ask voters whether they preferred funding property tax relief through increasing the Eared Income Tax (EIT) or though conversion of the present EIT to a Personal Income tax (PIT).

Informal Polling:

- Mr. Barrett – favored converting to a personal income tax.
- Mrs. Chabal – favored converting to a personal income tax.
- Mrs. Cin – favored converting to a personal income tax.
- Dr. Cronin – favored converting to a personal income tax.
- Mr. Dorrance – favored increasing the earned income tax.
- Mr. Malkoff – favored increasing the earned income tax.
- Dr. Parrish – favored converting to a personal income tax.
- Mr. Stover – favored increasing the earned income tax.

Mr. Stover then polled the board to determine whether the referendum question should be drafted to ask the voters what percent to median assessed value that the PIT conversion should fund; specifically, should the PIT conversion fund a 25% exclusion of the median assessed value (the state mandated minimum), a 50% exclusion of median assessed value (the state mandated maximum), or some other percentage.

Informal Polling:

- Mr. Barrett – minimum
- Mrs. Chabal – minimum
- Mrs. Cin – minimum

Dr. Cronin – minimum
Mr. Dorrance – minimum
Mr. Malkoff – minimum
Dr. Parrish – minimum
Mr. Stover – minimum

DELEGATES REPORTS:

6.01 Dauphin County Technical School Report

No Report

6.02 Derry Township Tax Collection Association Report

Mr. Barrett announced that the Derry Township Tax Collection Association met on Thursday, January 25, 2007 and at that meeting, he was named president of the association.

SPECIAL REPORTS:

7.01 Student Representatives Report

No report

7.02 School and Community Information Report

Mr. Portser, Director of School and Community Information, provided a report on District activities.

7.03 Board Member's Report

Dr. Cronin gave a report on the curriculum council, safe schools committee, and wellness policy committee.

7.04 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Brewer gave a report on the impending winter storm and announced that should schools be closed due to the storm, he district would not make the day up on Monday, February 12, 2007.

7.05 Board President's Report

Mr. Stover said the Home Access Center was operational and announced that the next meeting would be held on Monday, February 26, 2007 in the District Office Board Room at 7 p.m.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS (Non-Agenda Items)

8.01 Recognition of Citizens

No comments

ADJOURNMENT

9.01 Adjournment

Mr. Stover asked for a motion for adjournment.

Moved by Mr. Dorrance; seconded by Mrs. Cin.

All Board members present signified by a Yes vote.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen E. Rineer
Secretary to the Board
Approved at the February 26, 2007 meeting

Charles Stover
President of the Board

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