

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

March 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, March 12, 2007, in the District Office Board Room. Mr. Charles Stover, board president, called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

1.02 Roll Call

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

Superintendent: Dr. Linda Brewer

Secretary: Mr. Stephen Rineer

Solicitor: Mr. Brian Jackson

Student Representatives: Maulik Shah
Ashley Twaddell

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. Mike Murphy, Mr. Troy Portser, and Dr. Timothy Quinn.

Representatives of the Staff and Community: Mr. Hank Donahue, Mr. John Dunn, Ms. Bunny Hottenstein, Ms. Ellen Sheffy, and Mr. Jim St. John.

1.03 Flag Salute

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

2.01 Approval Of Minutes of the February 26, 2007 Meeting

Mr. Stover requested a motion to approve the Minutes of the February 26, 2007 meeting of the Derry Township Board of School Directors.

Moved by Mr. Barrett; seconded by Dr. Cronin.

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 Recognition Of Citizens (Agenda Items)

No comments.

3.03 Standing Committee Reports

Mrs. Chabal provide a report from the March 12, 2007 Finance Standing Committee meeting.

3.04 Presentation – Common Assessments

Mr. Murphy presented on Common Assessments at the High School.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.01 Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

5.01 Tax Assessment Appeal Litigation (Case No. 2005-CV-4871-TX)

Motion to approve settlement of the tax assessment appeal litigation (Case No. 2005-CV-4871-TX for Tax Parcel Nos. 24-023-077 and 24-023-010) involving the Hershey Community Center located at 14 East Chocolate Avenue for a fair market value of \$9,835,000. The District Administration and special counsel are authorized to take all steps necessary to effectuate this Settlement Agreement and to resolve the pending tax assessment appeal case.

Mr. Stover requested a motion to approve the litigation.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

9 Yes

MOTION CARRIED

5.02 Referendum Conversion to Personal Income Tax (PIT)

Act 1 mandates a referendum on whether the school district shall increase or impose an income tax for the purpose of generating revenues to be used to fund homestead/farmstead property tax exclusions for qualified homestead/farmstead property. The purpose of this resolution is to approve the referendum question and related steps.

RESOLVED, by the Board of School Directors of Derry Township School District, as follows:

1. The school district shall place a referendum question on the May 15, 2007 primary election ballot. The referendum question shall be in substantially the

following form, with additions or changes (other than the tax rate) as determined by the school board President and election officials prior to the election:

Do you favor the Derry Township School District converting the school district's current earned income tax to a personal income tax at a rate of 1.1%? The revenue generated from the personal income tax will be used to reduce school district taxes on qualified owner occupied residential properties and on qualified farm buildings by an estimated \$401 in the first year of conversion and by an estimated \$573 in subsequent years, and to replace the revenue from the school district's current earned income tax. The current school district earned income tax rate is 0.5%.

2. The school district administration, in consultation with the school board, shall prepare and present to election officials a non-legal interpretative statement that shall accompany the referendum question in accordance with the Pennsylvania Election Code.
3. School district officials shall take any and all action necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.
4. Should a majority of electors voting on the May 15, 2007 referendum question vote in the affirmative, the school district shall take action to assess and levy the tax beginning on July 1, 2007. This tax shall be self-executing and shall continue in force on a fiscal year basis without annual re-enactment except in a year in which the rate of the tax is changed or the tax is repealed.

Mr. Stover requested a motion to approve the request.

Moved by Mrs. Cin; seconded by Dr. Parrish.

Roll Call Vote:

Barrett	-	Yes	Cronin	-	Yes	Malkoff	-	Yes
Chabal	-	Yes	Dorrance	-	Yes	Parrish	-	Yes
Cin	-	Yes	Gräb	-	Yes	Stover	-	No

8 Yes 1 No

MOTION CARRIED

5.03 Anticipated Agenda Items for the March 26, 2007 Public Meeting

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

1. Students of the Month March 2007

2. General Services Standing Committee Report
3. PVAAS - Presentation
4. Approval of March 12, 2007 Minutes
5. Approval of February 2007 Finance Report
6. Budget Transfer
7. Requests for Payment
8. Tax Appeals Settlement
9. Preliminary Approval for Foreign Excursion - Costa Rica - The Naturalist - High School - March 14-23, 2008
10. Preliminary Approval of Foreign Excursion - Quebec Winter Carnival Educational Tour - Middle School - January 31-February 4, 2008
11. Approval of Overnight Field Trip/Excursion - Youth and Government Club
12. Requests for the Use of Facilities
13. Personnel
14. Announcement of Staff Development

5.04 Requests for the Use of School Facilities

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

Group: Hershey Baseball Academy
 Date/Time: Sunday's, March 11 (retroactive), 18, 25, April 1, 2007
 Noon - 1:00 p.m.
 Requested Facility: Middle School Gym
 Event: Indoor Practices
 Fee: As Per Lease Agreement

Group: Township of Derry - Kid's Club
 Date/Time: Start of 2007-2008 School Year to End of 2007-2008
 School Year, 6:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 Requested Facility: Primary Elementary School Cafeteria, Gym, Multi-
 purpose Room
 Event: Kid's Club
 Fee: None

Group: Township of Derry - Parks & Recreation
 Date/Time: June 2, 2007, 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
 Requested Facility: High School Track
 Event: Hershey's Track and Field Games
 Fee: None

Group: Township of Derry - Summer Day Camp
 Date/Time: June 4, 2007, 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
 Requested Facility: Elementary School Multi-purpose Room

Event: Parent's Night for Summer Day Camp
Fee: None

Group: Township of Derry - Summer Day Camp
Date/Time: June 11 - August 8, 2007, 6:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Requested Facility: ECC Rooms: 21,22,23,24,25,26, Music Room, Art Room, Intervention Room, Multipurpose Room, Cafeteria, Kitchen, Gym

Event: Summer Day Camp
Fee: None

Group: Township of Derry - Summer Day Camp
Date/Time: June 26 & 27, 2007, 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Requested Facility: Middle School LGI
Event: Summer Day Camp
Fee: None

Group: Township of Derry - Parks & Recreation
Date/Time: November 2, 2007, 3:15 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
November 3, 2007 , 5:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Requested Facility: Middle School Hallways, Gym, LGI, Cafeteria, Restrooms
Event: Winter Arts & Craft Show
Fee: None

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

Moved by Mr. Dorrance; seconded by Dr. Parrish.

Roll Call Vote:

Barrett	-	Yes	Cronin	-	Abstain	Malkoff	-	Yes
Chabal	-	Yes	Dorrance	-	Yes	Parrish	-	Yes
Cin	-	Yes	Gráb	-	Yes	Stover	-	Abstain

7 Yes 2 Abstentions

MOTION CARRIED

5.05 Personnel - Resignations

The Administration recommended the approval of the following resignations:

Professional:

Dickinson, Rodney

Art Teacher

High School

Reason: Retirement

Effective: At the end of the 2006-2007 school year and not later than 06/30/07

Goodman, Gretchen

Instructional Support Teacher

Early Childhood Center

Reason: Retirement

Effective: At the end of the 2006-2007 school year and not later than 06/30/07

Weir, Janet

Grade 3 Teacher

Elementary

Reason: Retirement

Effective: At the end of the 2006-2007 school year and not later than 06/30/07

Classified:

Cappuccio, Angelo

Bus Driver

District-wide

Reason: Personal

Effective: 03/05/07

Correll, Goldie

Special Education Aide

Middle School

Reason: Personal

Effective: 03/08/07

Lorenz, Patricia

Cafeteria Aide

Elementary School

Reason: Personal

Effective: 03/24/07

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

Moved by Mr. Barrett; seconded by Dr. Parrish.

All Board members present signified by a Yes vote.

MOTION CARRIED

5.06 Personnel - General

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

Act 93:

Transfer of Staff:

Bagg, Amy *

From: Teacher's Aide, Elementary School

Full-time 6.0 hours per day

Salary: \$11.71 per hour

To: Secretary to the Director of Curriculum and Instruction (replacing Susan Stough)

District-wide

Salary: \$28,500 (pro-rated)

Effective: To be Determined

Classified:

Zipprick, Karen * (replacing Faith Ezzo)

General Food Service Worker

Elementary School

Part-time 4.0 hours per day

Salary: \$11.50 per hour

Effective: 03/13/07

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

Cabell, Laurie

B.S. in English Education from Susquehanna University

3. The Administration recommended the approval of the following additions to the Substitute List for the 2007-08 school year:

Dickinson, Rodney

B.S. in Art Education from Penn State University

Zimmerman, Thomas

B.H. in Comprehensive English Education from Penn State University

4. The Administration recommended the approval of the following addition to the Guest Teacher List for the 2006-2007 school year:

Blattenberger, Lynne
Felty, Krista

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

Moved by Mr. Malkoff; seconded by Mr. Dorrance.

Roll Call Vote:

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

9 Yes

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DELEGATES REPORTS:

6.01 Dauphin County Technical School Report

No Report

6.02 Derry Township Tax Collection Association Report

No report

6.03 Harrisburg Area Community College

No report

SPECIAL REPORTS:

7.01 Announcement of Staff Development Conferences

William Meiser

Pneumatic HVAC Controls Training

Lester, PA

March 27-28, 2007

Expenses: \$1175.00

Melanie Wiscount

National Business Education Association
New York City, NY
April 4-7, 2007
Expenses: \$662.00

Kathryn Kingsbury, Marian Peck

Bloomsburg University Reading Conference
Bloomsburg, PA
May 17 - 18, 2007
Expenses: \$263 (each)

7.02 Student Representatives Report

No report

7.03 School and Community Information Report

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

7.04 Board Member's Report

Dr. Parrish provided a report on the PIAA State wrestling meet.

Dr. Malkoff congratulated Hershey High School for its production of Beauty and the Beast.

Mr. Cin thanked student board reps for comments and announced the start of spring sports.

Dr. Cronin provided a report on the elementary school's Jump Rope for Heart program.

7.05 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Brewer provided a report on the recent snowstorm and announced that graduation was still scheduled for June 6, 2007.

7.06 Board President's Report

Mr. Stover announced that the next meeting would be held on Monday, March 26, 2007

in the District Office Board Room at 7 p.m.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS (Non-Agenda Items)

8.01 Recognition of Citizens

Mr. Dunn commented on Act 1 stating that the legislation was flawed and that he hopes the May referendum fails.

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 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Charles Stover
President of the Board

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