

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

April 9, 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, April 9, 2007, in the District Office Board Room. Mr. Charles Stover, board president, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

1.02 Roll Call

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

Director Absent Mr. Christopher Barrett

Superintendent: Dr. Linda Brewer

Secretary: Mr. Stephen Rineer

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

Representatives of the Administrative Staff: Ms. Jacquelyn Castleman, Ms. Lori Dixon, Ms. Cindy Goldsworthy, Ms. Sue King, Mr. Joseph McFarland, Mr. Mike Murphy, Mr. Troy Portser, and Dr. Timothy Quinn.

Representatives of the Staff and Community: Ms. Bunny Hottenstein.

1.03 Flag Salute

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

2.01 Approval Of Minutes of the March 26, 2007 Meeting

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

Moved by Mr. Malkoff; 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 seven directors were present. He noted that Mr. Barrett and Dr. Parrish had excused absences.

3.02 Recognition Of Citizens (Agenda Items)

No citizen comments.

3.03 Standing Committee Reports

Mrs. Chabal provide a report from the April 9, 2007 Finance Standing Committee meeting.

3.04 Presentation – Writing Curriculum

Ms. Castleman, Ms. Dixon, Ms. King, Mr. McFarland, and Mr. Murphy presented on the district's writing curriculum.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.01 Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

5.01 Anticipated Agenda Items for the April 23, 2007 Public Meeting

The administration announced that the following items would be on the agenda for the April 23, 2007 Public Board Meeting:

1. Students of the Month April 2007
2. General Services Standing Committee Report
3. Presentation - Science, PSSA and District Planning
4. Approval of April 9, 2007 Minutes
5. Approval of March 2007 Finance Report
6. Budget Transfer
7. Requests for Payment
8. Installment Real Estate Payment
9. Approval of 2007-2008 Capital Area Intermediate Unit General Operating Budget
10. Approval of Capital Area Intermediate Unit Special Education Contract 2007-2008 School Year
11. Textbook Adoption
12. Preliminary Approval for Foreign Excursion - France - May 31 - June 17, 2008 - Middle School Students
13. Approval of Overnight Field Trip/Excursion - Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science
14. Approval of Thirty-day Review of Policies:
 - 238 - Child Custody
 - 810.1 - Drug and Alcohol Testing of Covered Drivers
 - 916.1 - Megan's Law
15. Requests for the Use of Facilities
16. Personnel
17. Announcement of Staff Development

5.02 Foreign Excursion - Final Approval - High School Students - Spain - Castilla y Andalusia

The Administration recommended retroactive final approval of a foreign education excursion for Hershey High School Students to Spain - Castilla y Andalusia from March 30 - April 8, 2007, in accordance with Board Policy 121.1.

The District reserved the right to cancel the excursion based on events that could pose a heightened safety or security risk.

Mr. Stover requested a motion to approve the Foreign Excursion.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

8 Yes 1 Absent

MOTION CARRIED

5.03 Final Approval LaLigue French Exchange - Middle School Students - June 2 - 17, 2007

The Administration recommended the final approval of a foreign education excursion for Hershey Middle School Students to France from June 2 through 17, 2007 by LaLigue French Exchange as proposed by Leslie Shearer, Middle School French Teacher in accordance with Board Policy 121.1.

The District reserved the right to cancel the excursion based on events that could pose a heightened safety or security risk.

Mr. Stover requested a motion to approve the Foreign Excursion.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

8 Yes 1 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:

Group: Hershey Youth Football Association
Date/Time: April 19, 2007 - 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Requested Facility: Middle School LGI
Event: Pre-registration Meeting for Youth 7-12 - Football and Cheerleading Information Meeting
Fee: None

Group: League of Women Voters
Date/Time: April 25, 2007
Requested Facility: Middle School LGI
Event: Candidate Debate for Supervisors and School Board Election
Fee: As Per Lease Agreement

Group: Wilkes University
Date/Time/Location: Monday and Wednesdays - May 14 - June 20, 2007 (Not May 28) 4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Middle School Room A-148
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursdays - July 2 - 19, 2007 (Not July 4 - Make-up July 6) - 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - District Office - Room A
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursdays - July 2 - July 19 (Not July 4 - Make-up July 6) - 12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Middle School Computer Lab - Room #147
Requested Facility: Middle School Room A-148 and District Office - Room A Middle School Computer Lab
Event: Summer Graduate Courses
Fee: None

Group: Hershey Youth Football Association
Date/Time: June 6, 2007 - 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Requested Facility: ECC Gym
Event: Cheerleading Registration and Uniform Fitting
Fee: None

Group: Hershey Youth Football Association
Date/Time: August 6 - November 9, 2007 (Monday through Friday) - 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
September 8, 29, October 13, 20, and November 10, 2007 (Saturday) - Noon - 9:30 p.m.
Requested Facility: Memorial Football Field
Event: Football Practices and Games
Fee: None

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

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

7 Yes 1 Abstention 1 Absent

MOTION CARRIED

5.05 Personnel - Resignations

The Administration recommended the approval of the following resignation:

Classified:

Kinsey, M. Jane

Secretary
High School
Reason: Retirement
Effective: 06/06/07

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

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

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:

Transfer of Professional Staff:

Mackley, Allison *

From: English Teacher - Middle School
To: Library Media Specialist - High School
Effective: 07/01/07 (pending receipt of certification)

Classified:

Sweigart, Rebecca (replacing Karen Finney)
General Food Service Worker
Elementary School
Part-time 4 hours per day
Salary: \$11.50 per hour
Effective: 04/10/07 (pending receipt of FBI check)

Witmer, Heather * (replacing Amy Bagg)
Teacher's Aide
Elementary School
Full-time 6 hours per day
Salary: \$11.71 per hour
Effective: 04/11/07

Limited Service Contract:

Griffith, Juliane
Volunteer Assistant Varsity Track & Field Coach
High School
Salary: Volunteer
Effective: 04/10/07

2. The Administration recommended the retroactive approval of the following chaperones for the March 30 - April 8, 2007 trip to Spain:

Lynn Shirk - Trip Leader
Kevin Adams
Kristie Cavallaro
Sarah Gebhard
John Mazzante
Bonnie Ritchey
Gregory Woodbridge

3. The Administration recommended a Leave of Absence for **Erik Barber**, High School Science Teacher. Mr. Barber has been called to active military duty. His date of deployment is on or about April 24, 2007, with an approximate return date in August 2007.
4. The Administration recommended the approval of the following addition to the Substitute List for the 2006-07 school year:

Walker, Judy

B.S. in Elementary Education from Clarion University

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

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

8	Yes	1	Absent
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DELEGATES REPORTS:

6.01 Dauphin County Technical School Report

Mr. Gräb announced that the Dauphin County Technical School would meet next on Wednesday, April 11, 2007.

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

The administration announced the following staff development conferences.

Christan Taylor-Fickes

Visualizing and Verbalizing

King of Prussia, PA

April 12 - 13, 2007

Expenses: \$792.84

Mary Turner

Anja S. Greer Conference on Secondary School Mathematics, Science, and Technology
Phillips Exeter Academy, NH

June 24 - 29, 2007

Expenses: \$2,435.00

Jennifer Marron

American Speech Hearing Language Association
Pittsburgh, PA

July 13 - 15, 2007

Expenses: \$1,011.00

Michelle O'Brien

English Language for Teachers of Advanced Placement
Manhattan College, New York City, NY

July 29 - August 4, 2007

Expenses: \$900.00

Lori Schmoyer

Statistics for Teachers of Advanced Placement
Manhattan, New York City, NY

July 29 - August 4, 2007

Expenses: \$900.00

7.02 Student Representatives Report

No student representative 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. Cronin provided a report on the April 4, 2007 Safe Schools/Act 211 meeting

Mrs. Cin announced that the middle school talent show would be held on Friday, April 13, 2007.

7.05 Superintendent's Report

No report

7.06 Board President's Report

Mr. Stover announced that the next meeting would be held on Monday, April 23, 2007 in the District Office Board Room at 7 p.m.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS (Non-Agenda Items)

8.01 Recognition of Citizens

No citizen comments.

ADJOURNMENT

9.01 Adjournment

Mr. Stover asked for a motion for adjournment.

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

All Board members present signified by a Yes vote.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen E. Rineer
Secretary to the Board
Approved at the April 23, 2007 meeting

Charles Stover
President of the Board

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