

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

November 8, 2010

OPENING ITEMS

1.01 Call to Order

A meeting of the Board of School Directors, Derry Township School District was held on Monday, November 8, 2010, in the District Office Board Room. Dr. William Parrish, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

1.02 Roll Call

Directors Present: Mrs. Beulah Chabal
Dr. Donna Cronin
Mr. John Gräb
Dr. Mary Beth Hagan
Mr. Chris Morelli
Dr. William Parrish
Mrs. Ellen Sheffey
Mr. Charles Stover

Excused: Dr. Henry Donahue

Superintendent: Dr. Linda Brewer

Secretary: Mr. Stephen Rineer

Solicitor: Brian F. Jackson

Student Representative: Emma Witwer

Press: Mr. Drew J. Weidman THE SUN
Mr. Nick Malawskey THE PATRIOT-NEWS

Representatives of the Administrative Staff: Mr. Dan Tredinnick, Dr. Bernie Kepler, and Ms. Lynn Dell.

Representatives of the Staff and Community: Pat Payonk, Bunny Hottenstein, David E. Fisher, John J. Voeluele, Jr., Carol Fricke, Susan Foxx, Tiffany Iriana, Jeff Rosensteel, Carol Schneiderei, and Corinne Gibilterra.

1.03 Flag Salute

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

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.01 Approval of the October 25, 2010 School Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mrs. Chabal and seconded by Dr. Hagan to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2010 School Board meeting.

All Board members present signified by a Yes vote.

MOTION CARRIED

INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

3.01 Announcement of Executive Session

Dr. Parrish: I'd like to announce that the Board did meet in Executive Session tonight to discuss legal matters and personnel issues.

3.02 Recognition of Citizens (Agenda Items)

None.

3.03 Student Representatives' Report

Miss Witwer: I just have a few things to share tonight. Meredith is actually in Ecuador in right now with a trip from school. There are 6 students in Ecuador right now with the Medical Center. They left last Friday and they are coming home Sunday. Then another 6 students will be leaving on Sunday to go to Ecuador. They are helping the doctors. Doctors from the Medical Center are going down and doing heart transplants. They are going just to help and to translate and to experience that.

I want to tell you a little bit about the sports this weekend. They were very successful. There was one senior cross country runner who ran in the states race this weekend. Field hockey won the District title and they are playing their first states game tomorrow at Milton Hershey. On Friday, Hershey played L.D. again. This was the first time in two years and Hershey won 35-3, so it was a very exiting weekend for sports.

Also, keep thinking about the people in Ecuador. That's all.

Dr. Parrish: Thank you. I'll note that in spite of all the success our field hockey program has had, this is the first, correct me if I'm wrong, but I believe the first District championship we've ever had. So, congratulations. Man, they were getting pummeled on penalty corners, so it was amazing.

3.04 Standing Committee Report

Finance Standing Committee Report

Mrs. Sheffey: Finance Committee met today. We had a very robust agenda. We managed to get through all of it although we were a bit rushed at the end.

We started out with good news. Mr. Verdelli was in and he had mentioned to us about six months ago that we had some refinancing opportunities coming up. Well, they will be coming up in February and we will be refinancing two of our bond series that are about \$9 million dollars. We would be able to save a total of about \$400,000. We're going to spread it out over 3 years so that we can maintain a level debt service payment. It works out very nicely. We will have that on our agenda November 22 for the Board to give Mr. Verdelli a recommendation to proceed and he will also be here to present to the full Board.

Second item we reviewed was our capital improvement budget. We talked about it two weeks ago in General Services. We talked about it a month ago in General Services. We've been working on this. It started at \$1.15 million and we now have it down to about \$982,000. We've done that by removing small items and by reducing others. The two that we spent most of our time talking about were the update to our radios. The FCC is requiring us to go from broadband to narrow band. We will have to spend about \$40,000 on hardware in order to do this. Right now, we're looking at about \$80,000 on the actual radios. It started at a much higher number, I think we started with 147 radios and we've now got it down to 90. Ed's not here, but Ed did a good job. I've been a pest, so sorry. That was good news.

The tennis courts – we don't have any final decision on that, but we are working with the Supervisor to see if we can come up with some kind of plan where we would work together. We would help them. They would help us. It's in very preliminary stages, nothing really to share in detail tonight.

Mr. Morelli: Bernie, I wanted to make a comment because we were running late, I didn't. I just had a quick idea if the Township thing falls through with the tennis courts, maybe we could ask the folks at the Racquet Club or the Country Club about sharing some of their space. They have some nice facilities. Kind of like we do with the Country Club and the golf team.

Dr. Kepler: Thanks, Chris. The key for tennis is having 5 courts in one location, because of the match play – singles, doubles, kids moving around. That's probably the most key element, but we're open to anything that we can do that's cost effective.

Dr. Parrish: The Parks and Recs Board meets Wednesday night and this will be open for discussion on their agenda too.

Mrs. Sheffey: The next item we discussed was our fund balance and that is more good news. Our actual now for ending 2009-2010 school year, our fund balance grew by almost \$900,000. Most of it is in our retirement designation, which we expected. We knew we were going to be adding to for PSERS, but the other areas where we saw positive growth – our revenues were up, because we had not budgeted the full Giant payment which we received. We did not use our \$300,000 budgetary reserve; healthcare was positive almost \$400,000. Is that correct, Steve?

Mr. Rineer: \$371,000.

Mrs. Sheffey: Thank you. Heating costs were down, Ed said, by about \$200,000 and fuel costs were actually down about \$114,000. So, positive news, but we are still projecting for next year reduction in our fund balance of close to one million dollars, and that's mainly because of capital. We planned that.

Then we had a handout for budgetary considerations. This is very preliminary, and it's just a start, right? Nobody's nodding. One of the areas we talked about was CASA. This is something that was brought up last year. Right now we've got in our budget tuition for 4 students. What we talked about was reducing that to 2 students and tightening up on the requirements. So, any student who would apply for it would have to demonstrate that they had utilized all of the classes we had available and that this was more than just recreation. That this was clearly a career path they were pursuing.

We also talked about summer school enrichment – somehow making that cost neutral. Right now, it costs us about \$20,000 to provide the enrichment summer school programs, so we talked about fees and then making that a cost neutral program.

We discussed the use of facilities. Ed's going to come back to us in two weeks with a proposal on that looking at all of our facilities. We had focused tonight just on the Memorial Fields and the football field, the cinder track field. He's going to look at all of our facilities and come back with a proposal.

Our activity bus is not well utilized. We talked about eliminating that. We talked about, which we had already talked about in General Services, for the summer going to a four day work week. That would save about \$20,000.

The District calendar – that's something that we spend \$5,000 a year providing that. Is that something that we want to continue to provide when it costs that much?

Drivers Ed – again, we talked about making that a cost neutral program. Right now, the District funds about \$37,000 for the behind the wheel cost. If we raise the price to \$200 a student, it would become cost neutral.

Online learning – if we bought into the IU program, it would cost us the \$50,000, but if we could bring 5 students back – only 5 students back who are currently enrolled in cyber school that would cover the cost and, hopefully, we could bring back more and it would become a savings.

Dr. Kepler: I'll just jump in there. We're currently, if you recall, two weeks ago at our data portfolio, we're at 74 students that are attending cyber school. You put a price tag of \$10,000 plus dollars per child – that's a lot of money we can recoup. Hopefully, \$50,000 spent will bring much more than \$50,000 back to us for our other programs.

Mrs. Sheffey: The other thing we talked about were athletic tickets. We charge \$4 and \$2, but most of our surrounding districts charge an average of \$5 to \$3. If we raise those fees, we could generate about \$10,000 in revenues.

We briefly discussed an extracurricular activity fee of \$20 a student. That would generate about \$15,000.

Student parking tag fees – we are the only high school in the area that doesn't charge student parking. If we charge \$25 a year for students to park, it would generate \$7,500.00.

Then, we had just a very basic discussion about advertising. I'm looking to you, Beulah. I think that's a policy issue first. We need to discuss that in Policy Committee if we would want to pursue advertising.

Those were the 12 items we've discussed so far. We talked very quickly about the budget calendar and exceptions. We have a costing out for the exceptions that we could pursue: Special Education, that's a look back exception. It's based on actual costs. We would be able to - \$131,000 would be the exception we would be able to claim, which is about a ½% increase in our millage. With all of the exceptions, if we were to pursue all of the exceptions, PSERS and Special Education, we would be able to raise taxes by 3% without needing any kind of referendum. Just very basic discussions.

We talked about Plan Com submission to PDE. That's for state reimbursement on current construction projects. That will be on our agenda in two weeks for approval, and basically that would give us a 4% payment from the state on our current debt service payment for the 2010A General Obligation Bonds.

Lastly, we have a school District budgeting 101 document. We didn't review it. I have extra copies of that if everybody would like to see it. We're hoping to put this on the

website and have Trojan Quest that would point community members to the website. I think that was everything. Did I miss?

Mrs. Chabal: I have one question. I needed to back up to the radios. Just really to kind of make sure everybody understands. Can you articulate what they're used for?

Mrs. Sheffey: Bernie would do a much better job.

Mrs. Chabal: Okay, thank you.

Dr. Kepler: I'll take that. Our radios vary by department. They started here in the District in their infancy with our maintenance department as their primary means of communication. Today, it continues to have the greatest utilization of radios. That's their main point of communication – staffs out in buildings and different areas working alone, so that equates to 20 radios for that staff, custodians, buildings and grounds, etc. Other radios are utilized in Phys Ed department. If a Phys Ed teacher is going outside, they take a radio with them. Our Zone Coordinators currently use radios for fire drills and any other evacuations for emergency purposes. Various administrators carry radios and we're actually curtailing that a bit. I think we're going down 6 administrative radios. Anybody in our first line of response to student situations whether that be on regular education or with any student with special needs, there is a response there. Some of the key factors in transitioning to the wideband radio is that we'll have better communication with the police department in their response that at a flip of a switch they can hear everything on our frequency. Currently, they carry one radio – Officer Kepple does – so in an emergency, this would be a benefit. The range would increase. The bottom line is we don't have a choice with the FCC's move to the narrow band. We've even looked at – do we go back to some type of a Nextel scenario – and we placed out the cost alone for just the maintenance folks and buildings and grounds custodians to have radios or, excuse me, cell phones, like a Nextel would be, over a 15 year period, the same cost as buying all the radios that would equip the entire District.

Dr. Parrish: Bernie, one other thing, I think we need to understand about half the cost for the radios is for the base system – for the home base – is it about 1/3 depending on which number you're looking at.

Dr. Kepler: Correct. Now \$39,000 for the base hardware, I believe, couples that with repeaters, stuff that goes on the towers, if you will, and then we're down to \$79,000 for the radios where we started with the proposal of \$150,000 we're now down to just over \$100,000.

Mr. Stover: I would also add Ellen, sharing the good news that we reduced the cost of the fencing behind the ECC. Our original cost was \$16,000, the second bid was \$12,900, the third bid got us down to \$7,300. I'd just like to note and congratulate the administration, because the Finance Committee along with General Services has really stood back and charged the administration to look for ways of reducing the capital

budget and they did. We were well above one million dollars and now we're well below one million dollars, so congratulations. Thank you.

Dr. Parrish: Bernie, one last question relative to the radios. We talked about going back, having Ed go back to Motorola or whoever the supplier was and see if indeed there is a lower model radio that we could get for most of those instead of a 4 or 5 channel?

Dr. Kepler: I will use correct verbiage as in Finance Committee I used that it is the cheapest model. Mr. Gräb was correct in asking me to further specify in that it is the least expensive model of a digital formatted radio.

Dr. Parrish: Alright, very good.

Dr. Kepler: And it is what we use basically now and they are lasting 15 years, so good radios.

Dr. Parrish: Thank you. Any other questions for Ellen?

Mrs. Sheffey: I just have copies if anybody's interested. I think the two things you'd want to see most are the School Budgeting 101 and the list of reductions, so I'll pass those.

Dr. Parrish: Good. Any other standing committee reports?

Dr. Hagan: We have Curriculum Council. Curriculum Council met last Monday, November 1. On our agenda, we discussed English 9 course revisions that are under consideration. It was presented by Mrs. O'Brien and Mrs. Stuckey from the high school. That will be coming to the Board at a later date with more information and for a final approval upon some of those things.

We also spent a good amount of time learning, I did, about the Keystone exams. It seems to be a little bit of an ever changing process as to exactly when this will be implemented and how, but there will be more information as that continues. This will eventually be something that will be integral to our school.

We have a meeting established for the Curriculum Standing Committee. That will be November 22 coming up. Our next Curriculum Meeting is December 6.

Dr. Parrish: Any other committee reports? I think now would be a good time to note that we are moving forward with the Superintendent search, and for the public, November 23 will be a day in which there will be time set aside for the public to meet with Dr. Rednack who is coordinating the search. From 10 to 12, correct? From 10 to 12 in the morning, tentatively, and then we're going to ask him to be available in the evening for an additional time, but those times haven't been set. Keep your eye on the paper and on the website as we'll get those out to you. Any other committees?

Mrs. Sheffey: Would you like me to give an update?

Dr. Parrish: Go right ahead.

Mrs. Sheffey: Okay. We met to discuss the Superintendent search last week. We have a timeline. I'll just share with the community the whole timeline. I think it's very good news. Anyway, the first thing the community needs to know is that they should go to our website. We have a survey on there for them to identify the top 10 characteristics of a Superintendent. There's 33 that you can choose from, but we want you to narrow it down to 10. Then, November 23, Dr. Rednack will be meeting with various constituency groups, our citizen advisors, other business and community representatives. He'll be meeting with the administrative team with our professional and support staff. He'll be meeting with PTO and booster representatives. On November 23, the times haven't been finalized, so if you fit into any of those categories, hold the date for us. Then, on December 13, he will share with the Board the interview input he got and all of the survey input he got and together the Board will develop a Superintendent profile – what kind of Superintendent are we as a Board looking for for this community. Then, the very next day we're going to post job postings. We're going to be posting them in Education Weekly, the AASA, what does that stand for?

Dr. Brewer: American Association of School Administrators.

Mrs. Sheffey: We'll be posting it there. That will cost the District about \$4,000. Then, we'll be posting on some free websites – the Pennsylvania School Board Association, Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators, Pennsylvania Association of Rural Small Schools, the K – 12 Jobs website, an executive registry website, and one more – executives only website. So, we're going to post this many places on December 14. The application from any candidates will all be due by February 22, which means that by March 12 the consultants will meet again with this full Board and they will share with us the top 12 candidates based on our Superintendent profile. They will have information on all the candidates, but they will have weeded out and picked the top 12 and then we as a Board will review those top 12 and any from the full pool if we would like and pick 3 semi-finalists. Then, the following week, we will interview the 3 semi-finalists and then we will also have a community meeting where the community can interview the 3 semi-finalists. Shortly after that, we will select final candidate. So, if all goes as planned by the end of March or early April, we should have selected a new Superintendent. The intention is that the start date would be sometime in June, so we would be ready to start school with a new Superintendent.

Mrs. Chabal: One of the other things I wanted just to add – one of the reasons why we went with this particular group to help us in the search is, yes, they do all these postings, but they also will make phone calls to individuals who meet our criteria who may be working somewhere else. To me, that was very vital. I think it's important that if there is somebody out there who fits our criteria and they have an opportunity to decide whether or not they may want to move where they are to come to us, which I think is a

lot more proactive than just throwing something out in the newspaper. So, they were very proactive in how they were going to help our search. For me, that was one of the things that made me feel very comfortable with this organization, because we want people who are very successful and in that mindset, they may be very successful where they are, but maybe they want to come and be successful with us as well. I just wanted to let you know. It's not just looking for people who are looking for jobs, it's also looking for people who may not be looking for jobs, but might go "aha" this would be a good match. That was a very important piece.

Dr. Parrish: Any other comments about the Superintendent search? Any other committees?

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.01 Unfinished Business

NEW BUSINESS

5.01 Anticipated Agenda Items for November 22, 2010 Public Meeting

Dr. Parrish: What you see projected before you are agenda items that will appear on the November 22 agenda. If you have questions or comments you'd like to make relative to these issues, please review those and be prepared.

1.	Approval of November 8, 2010 Board Minutes
2.	Standing Committee Report
3.	Presentation - Refinancing Options (Lou Verdelli)
4.	Approval of October 2010 Finance Report (Mr. Rineer)
5.	Transfer of Payment
6.	Requests for Payment (Mr. Rineer)
7.	Authorization to Proceed to Refinance the 2006 and 2006A Bond Issues
8.	Authorization to Submit PlanCon K to PDE for the State Reimbursement for the 2010A General Obligation Bond Issue
9.	Authorization to approve special counsel
10.	Requests for the Use of Facilities
11.	Personnel
12.	Announcement of Staff Development Conferences

5.02 Approval of Change Orders

The Administration recommended the approval of Change Order Number One and Number Two from East Coast Contracting for the amounts of \$19,735.25 and \$38,306.42. The Change Orders are for completion of new roof line and footer for the LGI/music room addition at the Elementary School. These change orders have been approved by Hayes-Large Architects and Mr. Consalo.

Hershey Elementary School:	
East Coast Contracting Change Order One RFI - #2	\$19,735.25
East Coast Contracting Change Order Two RFI - #1	\$38,306.42

Dr. Cronin moved the Board approve the change orders and was seconded by Mrs. Chabal.

Dr. Cronin: I just have a comment. Not these specific change orders, but I did notice today while I was driving by the Middle School that the railings were being put up and they looked very nice. It was very quick.

Dr. Parrish: Excellent.

Roll Call Vote:

Chabal – Yes

Gräb – Yes

Parrish – Yes

Cronin – Yes

Hagan – Yes

Sheffey – Yes

Donahue – Absent

Morelli – Yes

Stover - Yes

8 Yes, 1 Absent

MOTION CARRIED

5.03 Approval of Compensation Waiver - Sanitary Sewer Easement and Written Agreements for Easements Approved Last Month

The Administration recommended the Board: (1) approve the granting of three temporary construction easements and three permanent stormwater/drainage easements to Derry Township to facilitate the completion of the Township's stormwater project; (2) approve the granting of one temporary construction easement and one permanent easement to the Derry Township Municipal Authority to facilitate the completion of the Authority's sanitary sewer improvement project; (3) approve a waiver of compensation, estimated to be in the amount of One Hundred Seventy-Six Dollars

(\$176), that would otherwise be payable by the Authority to the School District for the easements requested by the Authority; and, (4) authorize the execution of the attached easement documents, including the compensation waiver forms.

Dr. Hagan moved the Board approve the request and was seconded by Mrs. Sheffey.

Roll Call Vote:

Chabal – Yes

Gräb – Yes

Parrish – Yes

Cronin – Yes

Hagan – Yes

Sheffey – Yes

Donahue – Absent

Morelli – 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:

<i>Group:</i>	Oakmont Condo Association #1
<i>Date/Time:</i>	January 12, 2011 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
<i>Requested Facility:</i>	High School LGI
<i>Event:</i>	Annual Meeting for Condo Association
<i>Fee:</i>	As per Lease Agreement
<i>Group:</i>	Wilkes University
<i>Date/Time:</i>	January 26 - April 27, 2011 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
<i>Requested Facility:</i>	Room in the District Office for Class
<i>Event:</i>	Spring 2011 Graduate Course
<i>Fee:</i>	None
<i>Group:</i>	Hershey Little League
<i>Date/Time:</i>	March 1, 2011 through November 15, 2011
	Monday - Friday 4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
	Saturday

	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
	Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Requested Facility:	Memorial Baseball Field, North & South Fields, JV Field, Batting Cages
Event:	Hershey Little League Games and Practices, Tournaments
Fee:	None
Group:	Solo South Indian Classical Dance Recital c/o Thyagarajan Subramanian
Date/Time:	August 4, 2011 1:00 p.m. - 5 p.m.
	August 6, 2011 3:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Requested Facility:	High School Auditorium and Cafeteria
Event:	Solo South Indian Classical Dance Recital of Hershey High School Sophomore Megha P. Subramanian
Fee:	As per Lease Agreement

Dr. Cronin moved the Board approve the request and was seconded by Mrs. Sheffey.

Roll Call Vote:

Chabal – Yes

Gräb – Yes

Parrish – Yes

Cronin – Yes

Hagan – Yes

Sheffey – Yes

Donahue – Absent

Morelli – Yes

Stover - Yes

8 Yes, 1 Absent

MOTION CARRIED

5.05 Personnel – General

1.	The Administration recommended the approval of the following appointments:
	Professional:
	Adams, Kaitlyn * (for Alicia Bohn) Kindergarten Teacher Early Childhood Center Long Term Substitute Bachelors, Step 1 Salary: \$40,281.25 (pro-rated)

Effective: 01/14/2011 through the end of the 2010-2011 school year
Classified:
Remsnyder, Wendy Substitute General Food Service Worker District-wide Salary: \$9.014 per hour (pending HESPA contract) Effective: 11/09/2010 (pending receipt of Act 114 clearance)
Transfer of Classified Staff:
Stumpf, Patricia * From: Library Aide Early Childhood Center To: Secretary (replacing Lenora Morningstar) Middle School Revised: Full-time, 7.5 hours per day Salary: \$17.029 per hour (pending HESPA contract) Effective: 10/28/2010 (retroactive)
Yengo, Amy * From: Substitute Library Aide District-wide To: Library Aide (replacing Patricia Stumpf) Early Childhood Center Level C: 7.5 hours per day Salary: \$12.248 per hour (pending HESPA contract) Effective: 11/09/2010
Limited Service Contract:
Lemke, John Volunteer Marching Band Assistant High School Effective: 11/09/2010
Transfer of Coaching Staff:
Zitko, John * From: Volunteer Varsity Assistant Softball Coach High School To: Volunteer Assistant Girls' Volleyball Coach Middle School Effective: 02/28/2011

2.	The Administration recommended the approval of the following requests in accordance with District Policies 435 & 439:
	Bohn, Alicia Kindergarten Teacher Early Childhood Center Extension of Unpaid Childrearing Leave Effective: 01/14/2011 through the end of the 2010-2011 school year
	Klos, Jennifer Gifted Support Teacher Middle School Change from: Compensated Professional Development Leave (Sabbatical) To: Unpaid Childrearing Leave Effective: 01/14/2011 through the end of the 2010-2011 school year
3.	The Administration recommended the approval of the following request in accordance with District Policies 535 & 539:
	Broadbent, Lindsay Part-time Secretary Elementary School Unpaid Childbearing Leave Effective: On or about 02/07/2011 through the end of the 2010-2011 school year
4.	The Administration recommended the approval of the following additions to the 2010-2011 Substitute Teacher List:
	Holzman, Kate B.S. in Elementary Education from Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania
	Nguyen, Wendy * B.A. in Elementary Education from Eastern College (retroactive to 10/01/2010)
5.	The Administration recommended the approval of the following addition to the 2010-2011 Guest Teacher List:
	Geesaman, Lori

Mrs. Sheffey moved the Board approve the personnel recommendations and was seconded by Mrs. Chabal.

Roll Call Vote:

Chabal – Yes

Cronin – Yes

Donahue – Absent

Gräb – Yes

Hagan – Yes

Morelli – Yes

Parrish – Yes

Sheffey – Yes

Stover - Yes

8 Yes, 1 Absent

MOTION CARRIED

DELEGATE REPORTS

6.01 Dauphin County Technical School Report

Mr. Gräb: The Tech School will meet Wednesday evening. At the next meeting, either Mr. Morelli or myself will give you a detailed report.

6.02 Harrisburg Area Community College Report

Dr. Parrish: Dr. Donahue is not here for a Community College Report.

Dr. Kepler: Dr. Parrish, I have an update.

Dr. Parrish: You're the stand in?

Dr. Kepler: I am the stand in. Dr. Donahue was also unable to attend the HACC delegate meeting last Wednesday evening, however, I represented the District on Thursday at the bi-annual review of the HACC budget as they closed out 2009-2010. At this meeting, the superintendents spoke to HACC leadership from their business office and from their administration regarding a long standing, I'll say, agreement with the Community College. Although the agreement is not truly specified in print, annually the Derry Township School District pays a portion of the capital expense that is incurred by the Harrisburg Area Community College. For this current year, our payment was just over \$25,000. Under that agreement, it grows to \$50,000 next year and \$75,000 the following.

In addition to that, most of the school districts in Dauphin/Cumberland county pay a percentage of tuition for any resident who wishes to attend the Harrisburg Area Community College. This dates back to the inception of the College, and has grown over time. With the fiscal parameters that public education is operating under in today's world, this concern has really come to the forefront. To give you an idea, the participating school districts in 2009-2010 funded \$11 million dollars worth of tuition for their residents. So, \$11 million dollars coming to a K to 12 institution is being paid to fund college education for the residents going to HACC.

This issue, the superintendents made very clear that this is not an issue about Harrisburg Area Community College. They have a place in the community. They are providing a sound education to the students that attend there, but in an era where we are looking at cutting teachers, looking at class size, looking at athletics, looking at our

music programs, we raise question in a K to 12 environment why we're funding \$400,000 a year towards a post-secondary institution.

We have asked the administration at the college to sit down with us as a group and dialogue about this and see if we can come to an understanding. They were open to that and will take back to their Board of Trustees the idea of sitting down with us, hopefully here in the next few months as they will bring forward their budget to you in March. The superintendents involved in this effort are clearly recommending to their Boards of School Directors to vote no to the Harrisburg Area Community College budget that will presented to you in March 2011.

If you have any specific questions, I'd be happy to answer those.

Dr. Parrish: Our vote though is largely ceremonial?

Dr. Kepler: What the "no" vote does is not 100% clear. It is our belief in working with specifically six other school districts who are shoulder to shoulder with us in this effort that a "no" vote will require the college to revisit their budget, and that it would need a majority vote to pass and expend dollars. We are hopeful that any potential litigation would be resolved by an ability to sit down collectively as a group and basically saying, HACC, nothing against you, but we're spending tax payer dollars from K to 12 program on post-secondary institutions. It's a struggle for us in our budgets.

Dr. Brewer: Bill, I would add to that that one of our bones of contention is that there are not specific written agreements that tell you when you need a majority, a super majority of votes. If it's just the people that are in the room or if it's everybody that should be in the room, that's one of the problems. When you look at the agenda items for the next meeting, you saw in their special counsel. As you know, we and six other school districts are joining together to very seriously legally look at this issue.

Dr. Parrish: And how many school district boards actually vote on their budget? Total number?

Dr. Kepler: We've talked about the 22. We need 12 no votes.

Dr. Parrish: Okay, 12 out of 22.

Dr. Kepler: That's correct.

Dr. Parrish: Okay. Any questions? It's a very difficult subject for us and expensive. Very expensive.

Dr. Kepler: Thank you.

6.03 Capital Area Intermediate Unit Report

Mrs. Chabal: I have no report. The November 18 meeting will be coming up. I had told the Board that the last two meeting I was out of town. I have been keeping up with them via their meeting agendas, but not being there is significant, so I will make sure that I am there this next time.

6.04 Derry Township Tax Collection Association Report

Mr. Stover: The Tax Association met last Wednesday, the 27th. It was a fairly short meeting. The primary agenda was to approve staff raises. We approved a 2% which was the same as last year. We just felt with these economic times that that was appropriate.

We will not be meeting in November, but we will have a meeting on December 14.

The Dauphin County Tax Collection Committee did not meet since our last meeting. We will not be meeting in November. Our next meeting will be December 15.

Dr. Parrish: Thank you. Questions for Chuck?

SPECIAL REPORTS

7.01 School Community Information Report

Mr. Tredinnick: Thank you, Mr. President and thank you for covering parts of my planned report for this evening. I do want to add one thing in regards to the sports. It should be noted that with the football victory on Friday, the football team qualified for the District playoffs. They will be traveling to Shippensburg this Friday for a first round game there. Advanced tickets are available through the Athletic Office for those folks who wish to purchase those.

In addition to things to look for on the website besides the survey for the Superintendent Search, we will, hopefully, tomorrow assuming the build out goes as I plan, launch a feature where folks will be able to register for the upcoming community forums in regards to high school restructuring. Along those same lines, just a reminder that November 18 in the high school LGI there will be a public informational meeting with an opportunity for dialogue about the status of high school restructuring, the rationale, where we're headed, what he hope to accomplish going forward. Those two things will be well advertised on the website, but probably by tomorrow afternoon, we'll be taking online registrations for folks who want to sign up for 1 of 12 planned small group focus groups that will have an opportunity for more in depth dialogue.

Dr. Parrish: Thank you. Questions for Mr. Tredinnick?

7.02 Board Members' Report

Mrs. Chabal: It's not really a report, but I would really like to encourage those of you who have joined us today to go online and do the survey for the Superintendent. That survey is an exact one that we did. The significance of that is that it's standardized all the way through. They didn't ask us a lot of questions that they're not asking you. If you would please go online, encourage everyone that you know to go online, and fill that out, because it will make a difference. As you look through those categories, there are significant differences in what they're asking. So, read carefully, pick 10, it was hard to do that, I wanted to pick 20, but please do that. That's really all I wanted to say.

Mr. Stover: I think we should probably update the Board on the mural. The Marketing subcommittee for the Joint Task Force for the civility mural met last Thursday. Really what we're talking about is the mural should be completed sometime in December. We're looking at an unveiling sometime in January, probably will be a Sunday afternoon. We think it will be a very interesting event. We saw some graphics of it. It's really cool. A lot of people have been involved in this so, look out for that to happen in January. More to follow.

Mr. Gräb: I just wanted to back up with what Beulah had said. If we can make sure before they leave this evening that those members of the public have that exact URL for the District's website, so people can access that.

7.03 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Brewer: No report.

7.04 Board President's Report

Dr. Parrish: I have nothing further to say.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS (Non-Agenda Items)

8.01 Recognition of Citizens (Non-Agenda Items)

None.

ADJOURNMENT

9.01 Adjournment

Dr. Parrish: I'll announce that the next public Board meeting will be November 22 at 7:00 p.m. in this room.

Donna Cronin moved to adjourn, with a second by Mr. Morelli and, approved by unanimous voice vote by all members. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen E. Rineer
Secretary to the Board
Approved at the November 22, 2010 meeting

Dr. William Parrish
President of the Board

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