

LEGISLATIVE BOARD
MEETING

The legislative board meeting of the Board of School Directors of the School District of Cheltenham Township was held on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at 8:01 p.m. in the Administration Building, 2000 Ashbourne Road, Elkins Park, PA. The meeting was called to order by the Vice President: Ms. Haywood. Those present were: Mr. Delgado, Mr. England, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Hawkins, Ms. Haywood, Mr. Malloy, Mr. Rackow, Ms. Russell. Dr. Marseille-Superintendent, Ms. Michaels-Director of Financial Services, Mr. Roos-Solicitor, Crystal Mance-Secretary.

Mr. Nelson was absent.

The following members of the staff were present:

Beverly Gallagher, Director of Special Education

Lynn David, Director of Human Resources

Dwight Nolt, Director of Education

Ray Bavi, Director of Support Services

Susan O'Grady, Director of Communications

Christopher Barone, Director of Technology

Tim McCleary, Supervisor of Technology

Cheryl Horsey, Director of Pupil Services

There were six signatures in the guest register.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Delgado

Ms. Haywood announced two changes to the agenda: addition of a discussion of possible changes to the 2015-16 calendar to observe both days of Rosh Hashanah, and removal of former item 9, Approval of Contract, from the Educational Affairs portion of the Agenda.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Dr. Marseille stated his transition has been exciting and he wants to thank the community for all of their well wishes and welcome the community. In the past 4 weeks Dr. Marseille met with community members and thanks Mr. Brian Havir, township manager, for the introductions to the community and for introducing him to the police, fire chief and emergency management staff. Dr. Marseille thanks Mr. Havir for the most comprehensive tour of a township that he's ever received. Dr. Marseille and his family are relocating to Cheltenham this weekend, and they are excited about this move. He also stated that he and the Board received a letter today regarding the Cedarbrook project and its timeline. Dr. Bavi took Dr. Marseille on a tour of the old Cedarbrook, and he's glad they are rebuilding the school. Some of the increases in costs stem from the programming and we are working with Gilbert to work through the cost estimate and reduce costs. Everyone is excited about the grand reopening of Wyncote Elementary in the coming weeks including excitement of the teachers and Dr. Clark with their new school. The induction program begins August 24 and continues through August 27. We get to spend 4 days with the new teachers and get them acclimated to our District and we get to know them. We are also working on curriculum design and getting it aligned to the PA core standards and the teachers are getting ready and primed for the standards. Dr. Marseille is looking forward to keeping everyone posted as the school year develops.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Roos stated there was nothing to report at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON
AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There were no public comments on agenda items.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

Upon motion by Mrs. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Delgado, the minutes of the July 21, 2015 Legislative Board Meeting were unanimously approved.

CONTRACT
AGREEMENT

Upon motion by Mr. England, seconded by Mr. Rackow, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board approves the Agreement with the Cheltenham Association of School Supervisors and Administrators (CASSA) effective, July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019.

On roll call the following voted in the affirmative: Mrs. Hawkins, Mrs. Gray, Mr. England, Mr. Delgado, Ms. Haywood, Mr. Malloy, Ms. Russell, and Mr. Rackow. Negative: None. Motion adopted.

WYNCOTE
ELEMENTARY UPDATE

Dr. Bavi reported on the recent Wyncote Elementary School Construction Project stating that all inspections have been completed and we successfully passed all the building code requirements. Today we received our TOC (Temporary Occupancy Certificate) from the Township. Dr. Bavi is pleased to announce that the construction of Wyncote Elementary School has been completed on time and under budget by \$193,661.33. Dr. Bavi hopes our teachers and students will enjoy their new building and make very happy memories for years to come.

CEDARBROOK MIDDLE
SCHOOL

Dr. Bavi reported on the recent Cedarbrook Middle School Construction Project stating that during the months of June and July we met with our teachers, principals, township code officials, police departments, and township residents concerning the schematic design for the project. The asbestos abatement specification and drawing has been completed and is scheduled to be advertised on August 16th through September 2, 2015. On August 6th the geo-conductivity test and drilling was completed for the HVAC geothermal system. On July 15th we reviewed the schematic drawing design with the Pennsylvania Department of Education concerning Plan Con Part B. At this time our design team continues to work on design development.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion of Mr. Rackow, seconded by Mr. Delgado, the Treasurer's Report for the period ending July 31, 2015, as presented in the financial statements to the board and as attached to the original minutes, was unanimously approved.

MCIU REPORT

Mr. England, reporting for the MCIU, stated that no meeting was held since the last Legislative Board meeting.

EASTERN CENTER
REPORT

Mrs. Gray, reporting for the Eastern Center, stated no meeting was held since the last Legislative Board meeting. They are scheduled to meet on August 12, 2015.

SUNSHINE
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Haywood stated that the sunshine announcements are as listed on the agenda noting an additional Executive Session on Personnel that took place on August 11 at 6 p.m. prior to the Legislative meeting:

Tuesday, June 16, 2015

Educational Affairs Meeting

Monday, July 20, 2015

Personnel Committee Meeting

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Special Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 4, 2015

Executive Session

Financial Affairs Committee Meeting

Immediately followed by Facilities Committee Meeting

Immediately followed by Agenda Build & Information Session

Monday, August 10, 2015

Personnel Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 11, 2015

Executive Session - Personnel

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

Mr. Malloy, reporting for the Financial Affairs Committee, stated the committee participated in a meeting with PFM (Public Financial Management) about bond refunding. This is like a refinancing for our bonds. Refunding the bonds will assist the School District with saving approximately 1.5 million dollars over the next 15 years. PFM also laid out a refunding schedule for the remainder of this year. This will allow the Cheltenham School District to maintain its AA rating and it saves us more money because we don't have to buy insurance when we issue new bonds or refunds. The Committee also had a presentation on the unaudited budget for 2014 - 2015. Revenue is a bit higher than expected and expenses came in a little lower than anticipated but there are still some bills for 2014- 2015 that have not come in and will increase our expenditures. We could finish with an overall surplus of about 2 million dollars, which could be used to bolster our capital reserve fund, which will be used for future projects. Finally, the Committee discussed the 2015 – 2016 budget, even though it has only been a short period of time, our expenditures are right on target. Mr. Malloy announced the next meeting on September 1, 2015.

Upon motion by Mr. Rackow, seconded by Mr. Delgado, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board authorizes Public Financial Management as Financial Advisor, RBC Capital Markets as Underwriter, Saul Ewing as Bond Counsel and WislerPerlstein as General Counsel to work with Administration in conjunction with the issuance of multiple series of General Obligation Bonds, for the purpose of refunding the General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2007, 2009, 2010 A, B, C, D.

On roll call the following voted in the affirmative: Mrs. Hawkins, Mrs. Gray, Mr. England, Mr. Delgado, Ms. Haywood, Mr. Malloy, Ms. Russell, and Mr. Rackow. Negative: None. Motion adopted.

EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

Mr. Rackow reporting for the Educational Affairs Committee, stated that the Committee discussed the following agenda items at the June 16, 2015 meeting: 2015 graduation report, which included a breakdown of the Senior class and what's needed to graduate and meet the graduation requirements. The report was also separated by gender and race and compared to last year's graduation rate of the students who didn't graduate. The list also provides the number of students who applied and were accepted to colleges. The Committee also discussed the calendar revision to increase parent conference time at CHS from 2 hours to 7 hours. November 25th has been designated for this additional parent conference time. Finally, the Committee heard about implementation of the Envision 2.0 math program and the summer webinars, and training. We are designating one full time teacher consultant for the 2015 – 2016 school year to assist the teachers with this new program. Mr. Rackow announced the next meeting on August 18, 2015, however the meeting might be cancelled so he requested that the community check the website for updates.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Mrs. Gray, reporting for the Facilities Committee, stated that it discussed the following agenda items at the August 4, 2015 meeting: Dr. Bavi provided an update on Wyncote, Gilbert Architect gave a presentation and plans on Cedarbrook Middle School, however Dr. Marseille provided a further update on the Cedarbrook plan since last week's meeting. Ms. Gray announced the next meeting on September 1, 2015.

Upon motion by Mr. Rackow, seconded by Mr. England, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Facilities Committee the administration is authorized to approve Partner Energy to perform commissioning services for the Cedarbrook Middle School Project not to exceed the amount of \$69,700.00.

By voice acclamation the following voted in the affirmative: Ms. Hawkins, Mrs. Gray, Mr. Rackow, Mr. England, Mr. Delgado, Mr. Malloy, Ms. Russell, and Ms. Haywood Negative: None. Motion adopted.

LIAISON COMMITTEE Mrs. Gray, reporting for the Liaison Committee, stated that no meeting was held since the last legislative board meeting. Mrs. Gray announced the next Liaison meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 21, 2015 at the Township Building.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE Ms. Russell, reporting for the Personnel Committee, stated that it met on July 20, 2015 and reviewed the following items: adding an additional staffing support vendor to our current vendor list. Ms. David provided a listing of the additional vendors to support the current vendor and the committee agreed and it was approved at the Special board meeting on July 21. The Committee also reviewed and discussed the personnel agenda items for the Special board meeting and all items were approved. It also met on August 10, 2015 and reviewed the personnel agenda items for the Legislative Board meeting and discussed the operational structure and discussed the objectives for the committee. Members want to ensure that all board members are apprised of the items that are discussed in the personnel committee meetings. Most of the Board's committees are committees of the whole, which means the entire board attends all the committee meetings, with the exception of liaison, policy and personnel committees. Since the personal committee is a less than majority committee, as they move in this direction, they want to ensure they keep the entire board apprised of meetings. No date has been set for the next meeting.

POLICY COMMITTEE Mrs. Hawkins, reporting for the Policy Committee, stated that no meeting was held since the last legislative board meeting. Mrs. Hawkins announced that a Policy meeting will be scheduled in the coming weeks.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT Ms. Haywood, Montgomery County Legislative Committee Representative, reported that they have not been meeting as a group, but a lot is going on at the state level. This is the 42nd day since the budget has not been passed. Since the budget has not been passed Cheltenham School District will not have the funds coming from the state until the budget is passed. The Republicans could try to override the Governor's veto or to pass a three-month budget to be able to fund the 200 plus line items for social services. The basic education funding commission recommended a new funding formula, which is also on hold until the budget passes. Ms. Haywood suggested everyone contact Senator Art Haywood and State Representative Steve McCarter to share your concerns about the budget not passing. Ms. Haywood also reported the Senate passed a bill in June regarding delaying the Keystone exams for two years. This concludes her report.

PERSONNEL Upon motion by Ms. Russell, seconded by Mr. Rackow, the following resolutions were adopted:

Acceptance of Retirements
Acceptance of Resignations
RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board accepts the resignation of Rebecca Channing, part-time C.L.A.S.P. Aide at Myers Elementary School, effective July 28, 2015.

Approval of Leaves of Absences
RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board accepts the resignation of Maria Duarte, Paraeducator, Learning Support at Cheltenham Elementary School, effective August 03, 2015.

Approval of Changes in Position
Appointment of Long Term Substitutes
RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board accepts the resignation of Barrese Amos, part-time Academic Aide at Myers Elementary School, effective August 03, 2015.

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board accepts the resignation of Mattlock Duczeminski, C.L.A.S.P. Site Director at Myers Elementary School, effective August 03, 2015.

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board accepts the resignation of Sheila Mundy, part-time C.L.A.S.P. Aide at Myers Elementary School, effective August 03, 2015.

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board accepts the resignation of Amanda Bennett, part-time Lunchroom/Playground Aide at Elkins Park School, effective August 05, 2015.

PERSONNEL
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Appointment of Support Staff
Appointment of Professional Employee
Appointment of Temporary Professional Employee
Appointment of District Tutors
Appointment of Extra Duty/ Extra Pay Positions

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board accepts the resignation of Michael Dinan, part-time C.L.A.S.P. Aide at Myers Elementary School, effective August 10, 2015.

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board accepts the resignation of Jarinil Tan, 1:1 Paraeducator at Glenside Elementary School, effective August 10, 2015.

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board accepts the retirement of Winifred Stobbe, Receptionist at Cheltenham High School, effective August 31, 2015 end of workday. Ms. Stobbe has been a district employee for 33 years.

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board grants Damia Moore, 1:1 Paraeducator at Cheltenham High School, an unpaid leave of absence from September 1, 2015 until October 02, 2015 under the provisions of the Family & Medical Leave policy. Ms. Moore's return to work date is October 05, 2015.

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board approves a change in position and status for Dominique Peters, from: part-time C.L.A.S.P. Aide, Tier III, Wyncote Elementary School, to: full-time C.L.A.S.P. Site Director, Tier IV at Myers Elementary School, 6 hours per day for 182 days at an hourly rate of \$18.54, effective August 25, 2015.

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board appoints Sara Cooper as Long Term Substitute Teacher, Special Education Teacher, Learning Support at Elkins Park School, at a salary of \$46,415 prorated (Step 4/Bachelor's) effective August 24, 2015, through January 29, 2016.

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board appoints Jamila Kirkland as Long Term Substitute Teacher, Grade 5 Teacher at Elkins Park School, at a salary of \$69,357 (Step 5/Masters +36) to be hired conditioned upon meeting pre-employment requirements, effective August 24, 2015, through the end of the 2015-2016 school year.

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board ratifies the appointment of Jerome Payton as a HVAC Maintenance Mechanic, Grade 13, at the Administration Building, at an annual salary of \$53,237 prorated, to be hired provisionally pending statutory requirements, effective date to be determined. A 90-day probationary period is required.

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board appoints Keisha Sanders as a 1:1 Paraeducator, Tier IIA at Wyncote Elementary School, 7 hours per day for 184 days, at an hourly rate of \$14.19, to be hired provisionally pending statutory requirements, effective September 01, 2015. A 90-day probation period is required.

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board appoints Sundrie Ragoopath as a 1:1 Paraeducator, Tier IIA at Myers Elementary School, 7 hours per day for 184 days, at an hourly rate of \$14.19, to be hired provisionally pending statutory requirements, effective September 01, 2015. A 90-day probation period is required.

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board appoints Lauvonnia Pollock-Beard as a 1:1 Paraeducator, Tier IIA at Cheltenham Elementary School, 7 hours per day for 184 days, at an hourly rate of \$14.19, to be hired provisionally pending statutory requirements, effective September 01, 2015. A 90-day probation period is required.

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board appoints Suzette Clements as an Inclusion Paraeducator, Tier IIA at Cheltenham Elementary School, 7 hours per day for 184 days, at an hourly rate of \$14.19, to be hired provisionally pending statutory requirements, effective September 01, 2015. A 90-day probation period is required.

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board appoints Jennifer Del Bove as

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C.L.A.S.P. Group Supervisor, Tier III at Myers Elementary School, 4.75 hours per day for 182 days, at an hourly rate of \$15.90, to be hired provisionally pending statutory requirements, effective August 25, 2015. A 90-day probation period is required.

*Start date includes 3 days of mandatory training.

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board appoints Richard Otto as C.L.A.S.P. Group Supervisor, Tier III at Glenside Elementary School, 4.75 hours per day for 182 days, at an hourly rate of \$15.90, to be hired provisionally pending statutory requirements, effective August 25, 2015. A 90-day probation period is required.

*Start date includes 3 days of mandatory training.

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board appoints Cherish Crawford as C.L.A.S.P. Assistant Group Supervisor, Tier I at Glenside Elementary School, 4.75 hours per day for 182 days, at an hourly rate of \$12.96, to be hired provisionally pending statutory requirements, effective August 25, 2015. A 90-day probation period is required.

*Start date includes 3 days of mandatory training.

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board appoints Brandon Kinsey as C.L.A.S.P. Group Supervisor, Tier III at Cheltenham Elementary School, 4.75 hours per day for 182 days, at an hourly rate of \$15.90, to be hired provisionally pending statutory requirements, effective August 25, 2015. A 90-day probation period is required.

*Start date includes 3 days of mandatory training.

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board appoints Earl Morgan as C.L.A.S.P. Group Supervisor, Tier III at Wyncote Elementary School, 4.75 hours per day for 182 days, at an hourly rate of \$15.90, to be hired provisionally pending statutory requirements, effective August 25, 2015. A 90-day probation period is required.

*Start date includes 3 days of mandatory training.

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board appoints Tiffany Wilson as C.L.A.S.P. Group Supervisor, Tier III at Myers Elementary School, 4.75 hours per day for 182 days, at an hourly rate of \$15.90, to be hired provisionally pending statutory requirements, effective August 25, 2015. A 90-day probation period is required.

*Start date includes 3 days of mandatory training.

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board appoints Jessica Louie, Social Studies Teacher at Cheltenham High School, to be hired conditioned upon meeting pre-employment requirements, effective August 24, 2015, at a salary of \$54,090 (Step 6/Masters).

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board appoints MeLisa Bracone, Reading Specialist at Cedarbrook Middle School, to be hired conditioned upon meeting pre-employment requirements, effective August 24, 2015, at a salary of \$45,265 (Step 1/Masters).

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board appoints Antoinette McCormick, School Nurse at Cheltenham Elementary School, to be hired conditioned upon meeting pre-employment requirements, effective August 24, 2015, at a salary of \$42,122 (Step 1/Bachelor's).

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board appoints Katherine Barberides, Special Education Teacher, Life Skills at Myers Elementary School, to be hired conditioned upon meeting pre-employment requirements, effective August 24, 2015, at a salary of \$51,688 (Step 5/Masters).

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board approves a correction to the rate of pay for the approval of Daniel Blitstein to provide individualized tutoring in mathematics to student J.N. during summer 2015, not to exceed a total of fifty (50) hours, at a rate of \$42.00/hour.

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RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board approves of the following Extra Duty/Extra Pay assignments, per the attachment, at a rate of \$220 per unit, as listed.

On roll call the following voted in the affirmative: Mrs. Hawkins, Mrs. Gray, Mr. England, Mr. Delgado, Ms. Haywood, Mr. Malloy, Ms. Russell, and Mr. Rackow. Negative: None. Motion adopted.

EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS

Upon motion by Ms. Russell, seconded by Mr. England, the Board adopted the following resolutions:

Approval of
Conferences

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board approves attendance and payment of expenses for Cheryl Horsey, Director of Pupil Services, to attend the Family Involvement Conference in Harrisburg, PA, on October 18 to 21, 2015, with an estimated total cost of \$457.90, to be paid from CASSA account.

Approval of Ancillary
Pay Schedule and
Athletic Activities

Approval of Educational
Service Agreements

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board approves attendance and payment of expenses for Crystal Mance, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, to attend the Annual Pa School Board Secretaries and Affiliates Conference in Harrisburg, PA, on October 14 to 16, 2015, with an estimated total cost of \$850.00, to be paid from the Superintendent Training account.

Approval to Enter Into
Contract

Approval of Enrollment
Teacher

Approval of Volunteers

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board approves attendance and payment of expenses for Cara Michaels, Director of Financial Services, to attend the 4 County Business Official Fall Workshop in Pocono, PA, on September 30 to October 2, 2015, with an estimated total cost of \$425.00, to be paid from the General Fund account.

Approval of Eastern
Arts & Technology

Memorandum of
Understanding

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board ratifies and approves payment and expenses for Tom Di Giulio, Latin Teacher, to attend the AP Latin Conference, in Watertown, CT, on July 13 through July 17, 2015, with an estimated cost of \$1,095.25, to be paid from the ACT 178 and Educational account.

Approval of Wyncote
Elementary Address

Change
Review 2015 – 2016

Calendar

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board approves the following ancillary pay schedule for the 2015-2016 school year athletic activities, per the attachment.

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board approves the educational service agreements between the District and the parents of the students identified below by confidential student number in the form presented to the Board:

1. Student # 221228

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board approves entering into a contract with A Step Up Academy for \$57,750.00 with the terms of agreement to be determined in the next 30 days for student # 405766.

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board approves of two new, full-time, elementary teacher positions to meet the enrollment needs at the K-4 schools.

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board approves of one full-time 1.0 Specials teacher to meet the additional needs of the additional K-4 classes.

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board approves the long-term and overnight volunteers pursuant to Policy 916, as attached to the original minutes.

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board authorizes the Administration to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Eastern Center for Arts and Technology which provides that absent extenuating circumstances, a student who is expelled from the School District of Cheltenham Township should be regarded as expelled from EASTERN and not be permitted to attend EASTERN for the duration of the expulsion.

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board approves the following address change for Wyncote Elementary School to reflect the new building: Wyncote Elementary School, 333 Rices Mill Road, Wyncote, PA 19095.

On voice vote, the following voted in the affirmative: Mrs. Hawkins, Mrs. Gray, Mr. England, Mr. Delgado, Ms. Haywood, Mr. Malloy, Ms. Russell and Mr. Rackow. Negative: None. Motion adopted.

Discussion of 205-2016 Calendar

Dr. Marseille explained that after a member of the community raised a question about the second day of Rosh Hashanah being a regular school day this year, the Board asked Dr. Marseille to look into the possible impact of making September 15 a holiday. Dr. Marseille conferred with the administrative team and others, and presented the Board with several options for making up the day if September 15 were to become a holiday. Dr. Marseille had not yet discussed any potential calendar changes with the bargaining units, and was not ready to make a recommendation to the Board. Mr. Malloy proposed that the Board discuss the options in this meeting and the Solicitor agreed that it was appropriate to do so. Several board members gave their views on whether to change the calendar and, if so, which of the options presented by Dr. Marseille they would prefer. Dr. Marseille thanked Board members for their input and promised to make a formal recommendation soon so that it could be voted on in an anticipated special board meeting in the next few weeks.

Upon motion by Mr. Rackow, seconded by Mr. Malloy, the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board approves the school district insurance for 2015-16, as listed:

Coverage	Company	Premium
Property	Granite State	\$138,325.00
General Liability & Crime	American Alternative	\$ 58,665.00
Automobile	American Alternative	\$ 26,113.00
Boiler & Machinery	Hartford Steam Boiler	\$ 13,393.00
Umbrella	North River	\$ 36,743.00
School Board Legal	National Union	\$ 76,474.00

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board authorizes the District's Solicitor's office to sign the settlement stipulation regarding the assessment appeal of the property located at 7800 Montgomery Avenue, Cheltenham Township, with parcel number 31-00-19282-00-1, as submitted to the board.

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board authorizes the District's Solicitor's office to sign the settlement stipulation regarding the assessment appeal of the property located at 8000 High School Road, Cheltenham Township, with parcel number 31-00-146-50-00-7, as submitted to the board.

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board approves the 2014-15 Budget Transfers as required by state and mandated auditing procedures.

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board approves the bills for payments for the period June 10, 2015 through August 11, 2015 in the following amounts in accordance with the list submitted to the board.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS
Approval of 2015-16
School District
Insurance
Settlement Stipulation
of Assessment Appeal
Approve 2014-15
Budget Transfers
Approval of Payments

Fund	Check Numbers	Amount
General Fund	137349 – 138030 & JE150521	\$4,523,713.04
Payroll Fund	8758 – 8817	\$117,556.25
Bond Fund	1839 – 1873	\$1,929,296.58
Food Services Fund	2296 – 2304	\$376,054.61
Student Activities Fund	2209 – 2247	\$31,098.83

On voice vote, the following voted in the affirmative: Mrs. Hawkins, Mrs. Gray, Mr. England, Mr. Delgado, Ms. Haywood, Mr. Malloy, Ms. Russell, and Mr. Rackow. Negative: None. Motion adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Haywood responded to the question that was asked at the last board meeting regarding adding Tuesday, September 15th to the 2015- 2016 calendar was just discussed and the Administration is now charged with going back to the leadership and bringing any recommended change to the Board for final approval.

Fred Milbert, inquired about the status of the law suit with contractors and engineers with Myers and the bid bond for Myers. Mr. Roos responded by saying the lawsuit and bid bond are both pending and he will give an update at the next board meeting.

Sherry Hazlewood, Glenside asked about the class sizes, and the process for assigning students to schools when class sizes get large, whether the District has considered that leases don't begin until September 1st and we should have registration from Sept 1st to 8th for these new incoming students, Elkins Park clean up and construction status, PSSA scores and when there will be a public report, and commented regarding Rosh Hashanah that the calendar was presented in 2014 and the considerations the calendar team had for recommending that the second day of Rosh Hashanah be a school day this year. Last year, Yom Kippur had fallen on a weekend and they didn't have to take off a school day but they are more weekday holidays this year. A lot of the students had camp requirements at the end of June and extending a day at the end of June would have challenges. They also discussed changing spring break which would allow the students to get out a little earlier at the end of the year. Ms. Hazlewood noted a concern about class size as what happened last year at Glenside, they are concerned it will happen again. She also asked the status of hiring the Cedarbrook principal.

Dr. Bavi responded about EP asbestos abatement is a work in progress and on the entire 2nd floor, floors have been replaced with new tiles and the asbestos has been removed. Dr. Marseille commented by stating we have the PSSA scores and the Administration will review and discuss the scores at the Leadership Academy and find meaning in the data points and work to determine the next steps, which will be shared with the community. We need a much more robust data gathering and data analyzing system that allows us to review the achievement and data points of the students. We look forward to sharing the data with the board and community and he is looking forward to getting a better system that allow us to identify the data points. He also responded about the status of the Cedarbrook principal and they are working through the process for hiring the Cedarbrook principal and considering bringing in an interim principal if necessary. Cedarbrook is a very special place and the teachers want to be put back together and they don't need just anyone there but need a leader to bring them back together.

Ms. Marion Biglan, Glenside, commented about the class sizes and the concerns of the parents that 1st grade and kindergarten as well as the other grades that could also have class size issues. She also commented on the PSSA scores and hope the Board will be transparent with the community and engage the parent groups on the scores when they are released.

Mrs. Gray left at 9:10 pm and returned at 9:16 pm.

MEETING ADJOURNED Upon motion by Mr. Rackow, seconded by Mrs. Hawkins and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.


Secretary


President