

LEGISLATIVE BOARD MEETING

The legislative board meeting of the Board of School Directors of the School District of Cheltenham Township was held on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, 2000 Ashbourne Road, Elkins Park, PA. The meeting was called to order by the President: Mr. Nelson. Those present were: Mr. Delgado, Mr. England, Ms. Gray, Mrs. Hawkins, Ms. Haywood, Mr. Malloy, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Rackow, Ms. Russell. Dr. Marseille-Superintendent, Ms. Michaels-Director of Financial Services, Mr. Roos-Solicitor, Ms. Mance-Secretary.

Susan O'Grady 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

Christopher Barone, Director of Technology

Tim McCleary, Supervisor of Technology

Cheryl Horsey, Director of Pupil Services

There were eleven signatures in the guest register.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Marseille.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Student representatives Nissim Lebovits and Megan Lam reported on the first day of school, fall sports, choir and band are back in full swing, Friday is the first home football game, recycling program will begin this year and they are anticipating collecting the maximum of 35% recyclables for the year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Marseille reported on the first day of school, which began this morning, the grand reopening of Wyncote Elementary, upcoming District events, upcoming events with the Superintendent, and issued a reminder of the school closures in observance of the religious holidays of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Roos stated Wisler Pearlstine has received the documents for the legal matter with Myers Elementary School regarding water infiltration and are in the process of reviewing the documents in terms of litigation against the agency, construction manager, and contractor. They were notified that Hayes Large has filed bankruptcy and they are precluded from pursuing claims against them at this point. They are reviewing the records for the Murphy Quigley bid bond with a response due by early October. They also filed a judgment against a family that were not residents of the District. The judgment was approved and filed against the family. Mr. Roos noted that there are consequences for living in the District illegally.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Gretta Millis of Elkins Park stated that the Cedarbrook community team forwarded an analysis earlier today regarding the rebuild of Cedarbrook. They compared the original budget against the current budget. The 45-½ million dollar budget includes less programming for the students and lack of renovations of the athletic fields. The Board and design team need to understand the needs of the community. They are concerned about the schedule and want to ensure the project will be done on time.

Monica Camhi of Elkins Park stated there is no transparency with the Board to the community. It appears all of the Board did not see the original proposal that was submitted by Gilbert Architects. The original proposal included renovation of the athletics fields and the new proposal does not. She believes 3 million dollars can be used towards educational programs not the building. Ms. Camhi stated that she believe that educational programs are more important than the building itself.

Myron Goldman of Elkins Park thanked the Board and Superintendent for approving the 2 days for Rosh Hashanah. Mr. Goldman asked the Board to take charge of the Cedarbrook project and instruct the

design team to get the budget below 51 million for this project. He reminded the Board to keep in mind that additional funds spent on this building will take money away from the District and from the primary need of educating our children.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

The approval of minutes from the August 11, 2015 and September 1, 2015 legislative meetings was tabled until the Board has a chance to read them.

WYNCOTE
ELEMENTARY UPDATE

Dr. Bavi reported on the recent Wyncote Elementary School Construction Project stating that the Wyncote Elementary School construction project has been completed. At this time they are working to close out 2,350 punch list items.

CEDARBROOK MIDDLE
SCHOOL UPDATE

On August 27, the school district had our bid meeting for the asbestos abatement project with a bid opening scheduled for September 9. The Phase I environmental study has been completed, we had 3 meetings with the township staff concerning the site plan and submitted the plan to the Township on August 5, the boundary and topographic survey were completed, the Montgomery County planning commission application was filed, on August 27 the Shade Tree Commission reviewed the existing site plan, and on August 25, Dr. Bavi met with the design team concerning interior finishes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion of Mr. Rackow, seconded by Mrs. Hawkins, the Treasurer's Report for the period ending August 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 the Intermediate unit took over the administration for the Head Start for Montgomery County, the proposal for the Pre-k Counts program at Districts across Montgomery County is still awaiting budget approval. In terms of the Papal visit Mr. England reported that the Intermediate Unit believes they will make \$20,000 from renting parking spaces in Norristown, since the garages in Center City will be closed, IU and PSBA are hosting a trip to Harrisburg for a day of action on September 21st to urge the legislature to pass the state budget.

EASTERN CENTER
REPORT

Ms. Gray, reporting for the Eastern Center, stated they met on August 12 and the following agenda items were discussed: appointments of instructors and aid, school goals, new Board policies, program reviews, update on veterinary science renovation planning and the Executive Advisory Committee Chair gave an update on activities and accomplishments. The next meeting is scheduled for September 9 at 8:00pm.

ELECTION OF PSBA
CANDIDATES

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

RESOLVED, The Board of School Directors recommends, by a majority vote, the election of candidates from PSBA for Office of President, Vice President, and At-Large Representative.

President – Mark Miller

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

Upon motion by Ms. Haywood, seconded by Mr. Malloy, the following resolution was adopted:

Vice-President – Robert Schwartz

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

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

At-Large Representative East – Larry Feinberg

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

SUNSHINE
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Nelson stated that the sunshine announcements are as listed on the agenda:

Thursday, August 20, 2015

Executive Session - Personnel

Tuesday, September 1, 2015

Executive Session - Personnel

Special Board Meeting

Facilities Committee Meeting

Immediately followed by Financial Affairs Committee Meeting

Immediately followed by Agenda Build & Information Session

Tuesday, September 8, 2015

Executive Session - Personnel and Real Estate

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

Mr. Delgado, reporting for the Financial Affairs Committee, stated that they discussed the following agenda items at the September 1, 2015 meeting: approval of minutes, transportation overview, and 2015 – 2016 budget status update. Mr. Delgado announced the next meeting on October 6, 2015.

EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

Mr. Rackow reporting for the Educational Affairs Committee stated that no meeting was held since the last legislative board meeting. Mr. Rackow announced the next meeting on September 29, 2015.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Ms. Gray, reporting for the Facilities Committee, stated that they discussed the following agenda items at the September 1, 2015 meeting: approval of minutes, Elkins Park asbestos abatement information, District wide master planner, and Cedarbrook design update. Ms. Gray announced the next meeting on October 6, 2015.

Upon motion by Mr. England, the following amended resolution failed:

Mr. England presented an amendment to the original motion as follows: The design going forward shall include building the auditorium presented as a part of the initial proposal with changes in the design and costs to come from other reductions to the design presented.

On roll call the following voted in the affirmative: Mr. England and Mr. Rackow. Negative: Mrs. Hawkins, Ms. Gray, Ms. Haywood, Mr. Delgado, Ms. Russell, Mr. Malloy, and Mr. Nelson. Motion failed.

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

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board approves KCBA Architects to complete the District wide Master Plan for a total amount of \$46,200.00.

On roll call the following voted in the affirmative: Mrs. Hawkins, Ms. Gray, Mr. England, Ms. Haywood, Mr. Malloy, Ms. Russell, Mr. Rackow, Mr. Nelson. Negative: Mr. Delgado. Motion adopted.

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

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board approves the attached Resolution scheduling a public hearing on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at 6:30 p.m., relating to the renovations and additions to rebuild Cedarbrook Middle School (the "Project") and authorizing a "maximum project cost" of \$51,291,516 and a "maximum building construction cost" of \$12,118,433 in connection with the Project.

On roll call the following voted in the affirmative: Mrs. Hawkins, Ms. Gray, Ms. Haywood, Mr. Malloy, Ms. Russell. Negative: Mr. England, Mr. Delgado, Mr. Rackow, and Mr. Nelson. Motion adopted.

LIAISON COMMITTEE

Ms. Gray, reporting for the Liaison Committee, stated that no meeting was held since the last Legislative board meeting. Ms. Gray announced the next Liaison meeting on Monday, September 21 at the Township Building.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Ms. Russell, reporting for the Personnel Committee, stated that no meeting was held since the last Legislative board meeting. Ms. Russell announced they are anticipating scheduling a meeting on Tuesday, October 6 at the Administration Building in room 119.

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 Policy meetings are scheduled for Thursday, October 8 at 8:30 am and Thursday, November 5 at the Administration building in room 119.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Ms. Haywood, Montgomery County Legislative Committee Representative, reported that there is still an impasse with the state budget. Ms. Haywood reiterated what Mr. Delgado reported in terms of our District being in good fiscal shape because of our fund balance. The School District is able to continue operating without a negative impact to our operations.

PERSONNEL

Upon motion by Ms. Russell, seconded by Ms. Haywood, the following resolutions were adopted:

Appointment of Support Staff

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board approves the appointment of Kelly Blake as a Kindergarten Assistant at Wyncote Elementary School, 7 hours per day for 182 days, at an hourly rate of \$13.33, to be hired provisionally pending statutory requirements, effective date to be determined. A 90-day probation period is required.

Approval of Salary Adjustment

Approval of Changes in Position

Approval of Extra Duty/ Extra Pay Positions

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board approves the appointment of Krystina Whitehouse as a Paraeducator, Inclusion 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 date to be determined. A 90-day probation period is required.

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board approves the appointment of Nicole Flowers as a 1:1 Paraeducator at Cheltenham High School, 7 hours per day for 184 days, at an hourly rate of \$14.19, to be hired provisionally pending statutory requirements, effective date to be determined. A 90-day probation period is required.

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board approves the appointment of Porsche Johnson as a Lunchroom/Playground Aide at Elkins Park School, 3 hours per day for 182 days, at an hourly rate of \$12.96, to be hired provisionally pending statutory requirements, effective date to be determined. A 90-day probation period is required.

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board approves the appointment of Anita Alden as a Paraeducator, Inclusion 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 date to be determined. A 90-day probation period is required.

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board approves the appointment of Jesse Carlin as a 1:1 Paraeducator at Cheltenham High School, 7 hours per day for 184 days, at an hourly rate of \$14.19, to be hired provisionally pending statutory requirements, effective date to be determined. A 90-day probation period is required.

PERSONNEL
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RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board approves the appointment of Janay Reynolds as a Paraeducator, Inclusion at Elkins Park School, 7 hours per day for 184 days, at an hourly rate of \$14.19, to be hired provisionally pending statutory requirements, effective date to be determined. A 90-day probation period is required.

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board approves the appointment of Taylor Gray as a Paraeducator, Emotional Support at Elkins Park School, 7 hours per day for 184 days, at an hourly rate of \$14.19, to be hired provisionally pending statutory requirements, effective date to be determined. A 90-day probation period is required.

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board approves horizontal salary column movement, effective September 1, 2015, for professional employees per the attachment, inasmuch as they have submitted official evidence of credits earned.

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board approves of a change in position and status for Coleen Kilkenny, from: part-time Lunchroom/Playground Aide, Tier I, Elkins Park School, to: full-time 1:1 Paraeducator, Tier IIA at Elkins Park School, 7 hours per day for 184 days at an hourly rate of \$15.24, effective September 08, 2015.

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, Mr. England, Mr. Delgado, Ms. Haywood, Mr. Malloy, Ms. Russell, Mr. Rackow, Mr. Nelson and Ms. Gray. Ms. Gray approved all items, but abstained from voting on approving the appointment of Taylor Gray as a Paraeducator, Emotional Support at Elkins Park due to a family member conflict. Negative: None. Motion adopted.

EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS
Approval of
Conferences
Approval of Volunteers
Approval of Educational
Service Agreement
Approval of Contract
for Student Placement
Approval of
Professional
Development

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

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board approves of attendance and payment of expenses for several of the Board members and the Superintendent, to attend PASA/PSBA Annual Conference, in Hershey, PA. The attendees are as follows: Mr. Rackow (Board member) will attend from October 13 to the 16, with an estimated cost of \$1,280, Mr. England (Board member) will attend from October 13 through 15, with an estimated cost of \$1,078, and Dr. Marseille (Superintendent), Mr. Nelson (Board President), Ms. Haywood (Board Vice President), Ms. Gray (Board member), and Mr. Malloy (Board member) will attend from October 14 to 15 with an estimated cost of \$876 per person, all to be paid from the 2015-2016 budget.

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board approves of attendance and payment of expenses for Dr. Wagner Marseille, Superintendent, to attend the New Superintendent's Academy Conference in Harrisburg, PA, on September 15 to 16, 2015, with an estimated total cost of \$451.00, to be paid from general fund account.

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

1. Student # 234563
2. Student # 401486
3. Student # 99229307

EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS
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RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board approves the attached agreement with Foundations Behavioral Health for placement of District students for the 2015-2016 Academic Year at Life Works Schools.

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board approves attendance and payment of expenses for Lynn Trumbette, Assistant Principal at Cheltenham High School, to attend the CAPP (Certificate in Applied Positive Psychology) in Philadelphia, PA, from September 2015 to March 2016, with an estimated total cost of \$3,900.00, to be paid from CASSA and Superintendent's budget.

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

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS
Approval of Payments
Approval of 2015 Bond
Refinance

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

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board approves bills for payments for the period August 12, 2015 through September 8, 2015 in the following amounts in accordance with the list submitted to the board.

Fund	Check Numbers	Amount
General Fund	138031-138247 & JE's 150578, 150587 & 160044	\$2,135,352.90
Payroll Fund	8818 - 8869	\$66,123.21
Bond Fund	1874 - 1890 & JE's 150578 & 150587	\$1,147,964.35
Food Services Fund	2305 - 2308	\$128,371.76
Student Activities Fund	2248 - 2249 & JE 150578	\$2,700.91

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

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

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the administration, the Board approves the Resolution Authorizing the Incurrence of Non-Electoral Indebtedness and the issuance of one or more series of General Obligation Bonds in a maximum aggregate principal amount of up to Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000) to provide funds to (1) currently refund the outstanding General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2007, (2) currently refund the outstanding General Obligation Bonds, Series A of 2010, (3) currently refund the outstanding General Obligation Bonds, Series B of 2010, and (4) pay the costs and expenses related to the foregoing purposes and the issuance of the Bonds; authorizing each of the other actions described in said Resolution; authorizing the administration to work with Public Financial Management, Inc., as Financial Advisor, RBC Capital Markets, LLC as Underwriter, Saul Ewing, LLP, as Bond Counsel, and its Solicitor to proceed with all action necessary in conjunction with the issuance of one or more series of said General Obligation Bonds; and further authorizing and directing the proper officers of the School District of Cheltenham Township to execute any and all agreements, papers and documents, and to do or cause to be done any and all acts and things necessary or proper to carry out the purposes of said

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS
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Resolution, attached hereto.


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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Myron Goldman of Elkins Park asked the Board to take charge of the Cedarbrook project and instruct the design team and give the design team instructions for moving forward. In his opinion, the design team has been driving the project and not the Board. To have a beautiful auditorium and not be able to accommodate all the students is important. Also the exteriors of the building have not been discussed at any time. Before we consider not having an auditorium, not having classrooms or adequate gym, maybe we should consider why we want a building that's nice to have, but can't afford. He recommended the Board ask the design team to come up with another design that will accommodate all the programming. He feels delaying the Act 34 hearing was the best suggestion. He urged the Board to reconsider having the Act 34 hearing and instruct the Board to review the design and exterior for savings.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Upon motion by Mr. England, seconded by Mrs. Hawkins and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:59 p.m.


Secretary


President

