

McKEESPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Board Meeting
May 27, 2015

Presiding	Patricia Maksin, Board President
Date, Time, Place	Wednesday, May 27, 2015, 7:40 PM, Board Room, Administration Building, 3590 O'Neil Boulevard, McKeesport, PA 15132.
Opening Exercises	Mrs. Maksin called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, followed by the Pledge to the Flag. We did meet in Executive Session prior to the Regular Meeting to discuss personnel and potential litigation items and issues.
Present	Trisha Gadson Chris Halaszynski Mary Jane Keller Terri Kisan Steve Kondrosky Joe Lopretto Thomas Maglicco Patricia Maksin Scott Smith
Others Present	Dr. Rula S. Skezas, Superintendent Dr. Harry A. Bauman, Assistant Superintendent James G. Humanic, Director of Human Resources/ Assistant to the Business Manager Gary Matta, Solicitor

Board President's Remarks – Good evening and at this time of year everyone involved in education is anxiously awaiting the end of the school year. It is also a time to look forward with much anticipation. For our seniors it's the end of a period of their lives, but the beginning of a new part whether it be college, community college, trade or technical school or the working world. This is exciting and a little bit terrifying. Knowing that you are well prepared helps a lot, so good luck to all of the seniors. For our others students it's a time to reflect on what has happened this past year and prepare for the new adventures coming in the next school year. For our retiring staff, this time is certainly a time of mixed emotions. It's hard to leave the job that many of you have been doing for a very long time. Relax and enjoy the retirement that you have earned, and try to make as many lunches as you can. It is a middle of the day treat and it keeps you attached to the people that you have come to see as

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family. For the rest of the staff this is a time of rest and renewal preparing for the next class, the next challenge, the next school year. You are valued and appreciated. Let out a deep breath and take some time for yourself. Before you know it, August will be here and a new school year will begin. To everyone we wish a safe, happy and healthy summer and the best of luck in whatever life brings your way.

Superintendent's Report – Good evening. As the 2014/2015 school year draws to a close, I want to express my appreciation for the commitment of McKeesport Area School District students, teachers, administrators and support staff in making our mission to graduate all students prepared to succeed in an ever changing world. A true reality. I also want to thank our incredible parents in which I see many here in the audience and the community for their continued support and involvement. Educating children and preparing them for the future is truly a team effort. I believe we have much to be proud of within our school district. Not a day goes by that I do not encounter individuals who are passionate about improving the lives of our students and providing them with the best education possible. Next month, June 10th to be exact, the McKeesport Area School District will bid farewell to the Class of 2015 and we will be saying goodbye to our retiring staff members. These administrators, teachers and support staff have earned their community's gratitude. They have given of their time and lives most generously to our students and we appreciate all of their dedication. At this time I would like to recognize our Winterguard, a special educator and half of the students that have received scholarships for the 2014/2015 school year. Let's begin with our Winterguard, under the direction of Katlyn Decarlo, won the section 8 championship and continued on to place 7th at the Atlantic Coast Championships in Wildwood, New Jersey! Educator Brad Braverman of our high school was selected as a Nobel Educator of Distinction by the National Society of High School Scholars. Brad was nominated for outstanding dedication and commitment to excellence in the classroom. The following students received scholarships. These are only half. The second half will be recognized at the June meeting: ABIGAIL ALTIERI - Matthew A. Kellermann Memorial Scholarship; MATTHEW ANDREJCAK - All-Alumni Scholarship; MACKENZIE BANA - Arthur N. Rupe Foundation Scholarship, Mary V. Tomko Scholarship, College Board National Hispanic Recognition Award, Edwin R. Crawford Scholarship; AMELIA BERBACH - Zon Fleckenstein Memorial Scholarship; NASSIAH BRAY - Gerald Grayson Scholarship; AMY CICCII - Yecies Family Award; CASSANDRA COLES - MHS Class of 1962 Book Fund, Y Achievers Scholarship; MICHAEL ELIAS - Yecies Family Award; TAYLOR FILLIPPA - PTSA Scholarship, Lou Guarascio Memorial Award, Band Boosters Scholarship; CAMERON FINNEY - Nick Bakalis Memorial Award; JAZZLYN GEORGE - Rick Keller Memorial Award; NICOLE GERGELY - All Alumni Scholarship, Bechtol Family Scholarship, Y Achievers Scholarship, Chuck Lickert Memorial Award; MADISON HUTCHISON - Mary V. Tomko Scholarship; KEYLAND KISAN - Kenneth & Evelyn Frew Scholarship, William P. "Billy" Isbir Memorial Scholarship; GIANNIA KUSTRA - Antoncic Family Scholarship, Swanson First Generation Scholarship, William P. "Billy"

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Isbir Memorial Scholarship; BRIANNA LOPRETTO - Antoncic Family Scholarship; STEPHEN MANDELLA - Arthur N. Rupe Foundation Scholarship, Albert T. Fallquist Memorial Scholarship, Kenneth & Evelyn Frew Scholarship; ANTHONY PERCIAVALLE - Walter C. Shaw Memorial Scholarship, Dr. Matthew R. Hadley Memorial Scholarship; JOSHUA REIST - Marlene Keller Farkas Memorial Scholarship, Albert T. Fallquist Memorial Scholarship; SHAWN ROBINSON - Antoncic Family Scholarship; SIDNEY SATTERFIELD - Donald L. Livingston Chemistry Scholarship; Walter C. Shaw Memorial Scholarship; JACKIE SAVAGE - Randy S. Gwosden Scholarship Fund, McKeesport Area Education Association Scholarship, Rotary Club of White Oak Scholarship Award; PETE SMERECKY - Albert T. Fallquist Memorial Scholarship, Bob & Geri Bathe Scholarship, PTSA Scholarship; KEVIN STALTER - Mary V. Tomko Scholarship, Nick Bakalis Memorial Award, Chuck Lickert Memorial Award; SAMANTHA STORMS - Arthur N. Rupe Foundation Scholarship, Duane & Alta Watkins Memorial Scholarship, Mary V. Tomko Scholarship, McKeesport College Club Scholarship, Simplicio Maramba Filipino Scholarship, Barbara G. Shawl "Share the Music" Scholarship; BENA E TAYLOR - Dr. Mary Jo Sharbaugh Cerepani Scholarship; ANGELA VARGA - Garden Club of McKeesport Scholarship; CASEY WASH - Carol Stipkovits Memorial Scholarship; DE'ON WEBB - Neenie Campbell Memorial Scholarship; DAMONTAYE WILLIAMSON - Antoncic Family Scholarship; TAYLOR YESTER - Cheerleading & Dance Team Alumni Scholarship, McKeesport College Club Scholarship, Rotary Club of White Oak Scholarship Award. Congratulations to all! I wanted to mention before I conclude my report, at this time I would like to take an opportunity to thank Mrs. Alice Saxon, our Career Counselor at the High School, because although you're only one part of it, you are very instrumental in all of these students getting these scholarships. So, I thank you very very much. I would to congratulate again everyone that was recognized, but I want to say that Dr. Bauman and I this morning attended State Senator Jim Brewster's student government seminar at Penn State Greater Allegheny. I would like to conclude my report with a quote from Senator Brewster, and I feel as if we had a taste of what this quote says in front of us, "today's students will be tomorrow's leaders". That concludes my report. Thank you.

Treasurer's Report – Mr. Kondrosky moved to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's Report for the month of April 2015. Seconded by Mrs. Kisan.

Voting aye. Mrs. Gadson, Mr. Halaszynski, Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Kisan, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Mr. Maglicco, Mrs. Maksin, Mr. Smith

Hearing of Citizens –

Chris Preston, 1409 Craig Street, McKeesport, PA 15132.

Ms. Preston addressed the Board on the issue of the East End closing.

Aaron Johnson, 2317 Banker Street, McKeesport, PA 15132.

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Mr. Johnson addressed the Board on the issue of the East End closing.

Fred Haynes, 98 Carmella Drive, White Oak, PA 15131.

Mr. Haynes addressed the Board on the issue of education.

Minutes – Mrs. Gadson to approve the minutes of the Open Agenda Meeting of April 15, 2015 and Regular Meeting of April 22, 2015. Seconded by Mrs. Kisan.

Voting aye. Mrs. Gadson, Mr. Halaszynski, Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Kisan, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Mr. Maglicco, Mrs. Maksin, Mr. Smith

Bills – Mr. Kondrosky moved to approve the list of bills. Seconded by Mrs. Keller.

Voting aye. Mrs. Gadson, Mr. Halaszynski, Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Kisan, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Mr. Maglicco, Mrs. Maksin, Mr. Smith

Refunds – Mr. Lopretto moved to approve property tax refunds as presented. Seconded by Mr. Kondrosky. Seconded by

Voting aye. Mrs. Gadson, Mr. Halaszynski, Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Kisan, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Mr. Maglicco, Mrs. Maksin, Mr. Smith

Program – Mrs. Keller moved to approve the following:

Extended School Year Program. Seconded by Mrs. Kisan. Discussion followed.

Voting aye. Mrs. Gadson, Mr. Halaszynski, Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Kisan, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Mr. Maglicco, Mrs. Maksin, Mr. Smith

Program – Mrs. Keller moved to approve the Summer Music Program of 27 hours of brass, 27 hours of percussion, 26 hours of woodwinds, 40 hours of strings and 60 hours for High School Marching Band instruction and pre-band camp. Seconded by Mrs. Kisan.

Voting aye. Mrs. Gadson, Mr. Halaszynski, Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Kisan, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Mr. Maglicco, Mrs. Maksin, Mr. Smith

Depositories – Mrs. Gadson moved to designate the District's financial depositories for the 2015/2016 fiscal year as presented. Seconded by Mrs. Keller.

Voting aye. Mrs. Gadson, Mr. Halaszynski, Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Kisan, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Regular

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Lopretto, Mr. Maglicco, Mrs. Maksin, Mr. Smith

Budget – Mrs. Gadson moved to adopt the 2015/2016 Preliminary Budget in the amount of \$61,734,428.00 with a millage rate of 16.15 mills as presented. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Discussion followed.

Voting aye. Mrs. Gadson, Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Kisan, Mr. Maglicco, Mrs. Maksin, Mr. Smith

Voting no. Mr. Halaszynski, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto

Resolution – Mr. Lopretto moved to approve Resolution #1120 – Memorandum of Understanding between McKeesport Area School District and the Pennsylvania State Police dated May 8, 2015 pending review by the solicitor. Seconded by Mr. Kondrosky.

Voting aye. Mrs. Gadson, Mr. Halaszynski, Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Kisan, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Mr. Maglicco, Mrs. Maksin, Mr. Smith

Resolution – Mr. Halaszynski moved to approve Resolution #1121 – Memorandum of Understanding between McKeesport Area School District and White Oak Borough Police Department dated May 8, 2015 pending review by the solicitor. Seconded by Mr. Smith.

Voting aye. Mrs. Gadson, Mr. Halaszynski, Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Kisan, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Mr. Maglicco, Mrs. Maksin, Mr. Smith

Resolution – Mr. Lopretto moved to approve Resolution #1122 – Memorandum of Understanding between McKeesport Area School District and the City of McKeesport Police Department dated May 8, 2015 pending review by the solicitor. Seconded by Mr. Kondrosky.

Voting aye. Mrs. Gadson, Mr. Halaszynski, Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Kisan, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Mr. Maglicco, Mrs. Maksin, Mr. Smith

First reading of the following Board Policy:
610 – Finances – Purchases Subject to Bid

Policies – Mrs. Keller moved for second reading and adoption of the following Board Policies:
811 – Operations – Bonding
812 – Operations – Property Insurance
813 – Operations – Other Insurance
814 – Operations – Copyright Material

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817 – Operations – Background Checks
Seconded by Mr. Lopretto.

Voting aye. Mrs. Gadson, Mr. Halaszynski, Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Kisan, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Mr. Maglicco, Mrs. Maksin, Mr. Smith

Green Sheets – Mr. Lopretto moved to approve the personnel recommendations (green sheets). Seconded by Mrs. Kisan.

PROFESSIONAL:

RESIGNATION: Effective 04-13-15:

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| 1. | Maureen Gault | Special Education Teacher, Founder's Hall |
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LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

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| 1. | Cory Kunicky | Elementary Counselor, Twin Rivers Intermediate,
maternity leave of absence effective approximately
05-26-15 to an undetermined date. Unpaid leave of
absence to commence at the expiration of sick and
personal days. |
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TO BE HIRED: Long Term Substitute Teacher: Rate of pay will be \$80.00/day + benefits and increase to \$125.00 on the 61st day:

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| 1. | Amanda Santucci
(A. McArdle) | Science Teacher, High School, effective 05-01-15. |
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TO BE HIRED: 21st CCLC Credit Recovery Summer School: Rate of pay will be \$24.13/hour:

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| 1. | Kathy McCormack | Program Coordinator |
| 2. | Steven Guydo | Math Teacher |
| 3. | Derek Pavlovic | Math Teacher |
| 4. | Matthew Mols | Math Teacher |
| 5. | Kathy Kenny | Science Teacher |
| 6. | Marla Hayes | Science Teacher |
| 7. | John Debes | Social Studies Teacher |
| 8. | Diane Metz | English Teacher |

SUBSTITUTES:

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| 1. | Erica Guadalupe | 5. | Jennifer Hairston |
| 2. | Kerri Bryer | 6. | Dale McCall |
| 3. | Becky Tutko | 7. | Allison Attenberger |

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4. Ashley Sayles

8. Linnea Homa

TO BE HIRED: Extended School Year Program – Summer 2015:

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| 1. | Carolyn Will | Special Education Teacher
6.5 hours/day - \$24.13/hour for 25 days |
| 2. | Marion Cronin | Special Education Teacher
6.5 hours/day - \$24.13/hour for 25 days |
| 3. | Cassandra McBride | Special Education Teacher
6.5 hours/day - \$24.13/hour for 25 days |

Substitute:

1. Benjamin Noonan

TO BE HIRED: Summer Family Literacy Camp. Rate of pay will be \$24.13/hour (Salaries paid from KtO Grant):

1. Amy O'Grady (Coordinator)
2. Dana Dubyak (6/15, 6/16, 6/17, 6/18)
3. Krystal Reid (6/15, 6/16, 6/17, 6/18)
4. Bethany Sadler (6/22, 6/23, 6/24, 6/25)
5. Eran Scozzaro (6/22, 6/23, 6/24, 6/25)
6. Denise Haselhoff (6/29, 6/30, 7/1, 7/2)
7. Rebecca Tutko (6/29, 6/30, 7/1, 7/2)
8. Lisa Miracle (7/6, 7/7, 7/8, 7/9)
9. Betsy Bacon (7/6, 7/7, 7/8, 7/9)

TO BE HIRED: Summer Music Program (pending approval): Hourly rate of pay will be \$24.13/hour:

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| 1. | Mark DeCarlo | 27 hours | Brass |
| 2.* | Tom Murphy | 27 hours | Percussion |
| 3.* | Jesse Bush | 26 hours | Woodwinds |
| 4. | Sarah Persin | 40 hours | Strings |
| 5. | Karen Cole | 60 hours | Marching Band Instruction |

BOARD ACTION TO **ELIMINATE** THE FOLLOWING PROFESSIONAL STAFF POSITIONS EFFECTIVE 06-30-15:

- (1) Title I Math Teacher at Twin Rivers Primary/Intermediate School

BOARD ACTION TO **CREATE** THE FOLLOWING TEMPORARY GRANT FUNDED POSITION FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR: (Paid for by the KtO Grant):

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(1) Elementary Literacy Coach

TEMPORARY GRANT FUNDED POSITION: Effective 2015-2016 school year (paid for by the KtO Grant):

1. Mary Lynn Zosack Elementary Literacy Coach

TO BE HIRED: Extra Curricular Athletics effective for the 2015-2016 school year:

1.*	Ivan Hampton	Assistant Football Coach	\$3,269.00
2.*	Tom Smith	Assistant Football Coach	\$3,269.00
3.	Matt Miller	Assistant Football Coach	\$3,269.00
4.*	Tim Mader	Assistant Football Coach	\$3,269.00
5.	John Harper	Assistant Football Coach	\$3,269.00
6.*	Troy Blackwell	Assistant Football Coach	\$3,269.00
7.*	Dana Brown	9 th Grade Football Coach	\$2,521.14
8.*	Ryan Smith	9 th Grade Football Coach (shared)	\$1,260.57
9.*	Jon Moninger	9 th Grade Football Coach (shared)	\$1,260.57
10.	Derek Pavlovic	7/8 Grade Football Coach	\$2,521.14
11.*	John Grabowsky	7/8 Grade Football Coach (shared)	\$1,260.57
12.*	Dennis Robinson	7/8 Grade Football Coach (shared)	\$1,260.57
13.	Josh Volpe	7/8 Grade Football Coach (shared)	\$1,260.57
14.*	Troy Brown	7/8 Grade Football Coach (shared)	\$1,260.57
15.*	Tim Sweeney	7/8 Grade Football Coach (shared)	\$1,260.57
16.*	Gerald Grayson	Varsity Boys Basketball Coach	\$6,628.81
17.*	Eric Smith	Varsity Girls Basketball Coach	\$6,628.81
18.*	Amy Gumbert	8 th Grade Girls Basketball Coach	\$1,890.85
19.*	Adam Alfer	Wrestling Coach	\$6,265.59
20.	Milan Kiska	Swimming Coach	\$4,994.31
21.	Milan Kiska	7/8 Grade Swimming Coach	\$1,733.28
22.*	Corey Winters	Assistant Boys Soccer Coach	\$1,816.11
23.*	Matt Domiano	7/8 Grade Boys Soccer Coach	\$1,733.28
24.*	Garey Christian	Weight Lifting Coach (shared)	\$1,498.29
25.*	Jason Pavlecic	Weight Lifting Coach (shared)	\$1,498.29
26.	Stefanie Burgh	Cheerleading Coach	\$1,634.50
27.	Stacy Roddy	Assistant Cheerleading Coach	\$1,180.47
28.	Kristen Davis	Dance Team Coach	\$1,634.50

VOLUNTEERS: Extra Curricular Athletics effective for the 2015-2016 school year:

1.*	Dale McCall, Sr.	Assistant Football Coach
2.*	Scott Bishop	Assistant Football Coach

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3.*	James Eckels	Assistant Football Coach
4.*	Jim Wehner	Assistant Football Coach
5.*	Garey Christian	Assistant Football Coach
6.*	Jason Pavlecic	Assistant Football Coach
7.*	Jared Panek	Assistant Football Coach
8.*	Sam Bostic	Assistant Football Coach
9.*	Ron Kalup	Assistant Football Coach

TO BE HIRED: Extra Curricular Athletics effective for the 2014-2015 school year:

1.*	George Smith	Off-Season Conditioning Coach	\$2,500.00
2.*	Ivan Hampton	Off-Season Conditioning Coach	\$1,800.00
3.	Matt Miller	Off-Season Conditioning Coach	\$1,800.00
4.*	Todd Blackwell	Off-Season Conditioning Coach (2/3 shared)	\$1,200.00
5.*	Jon Moninger	Off-Season Conditioning Coach (1/3 shared)	\$ 600.00
6.*	Tim Mader	Off-Season Conditioning Coach	\$1,800.00
7.	John Harper	Off-Season Conditioning Coach (2/3 shared)	\$1,200.00
8.*	Jon Moninger	Off-Season Conditioning Coach (1/3 shared)	\$ 600.00
9.*	Troy Blackwell	Off-Season Conditioning Coach (shared)	\$ 900.00
10.*	Tom Smith	Off-Season Conditioning Coach (shared)	\$ 900.00

CHANGES TO THE SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS LIST:

ADDITIONS:

1.*	Linna Homa	Biology
2.*	Kate Monezis	Elementary (PK-4)
3.*	Brad Baldwin	English

SUPPORT STAFF:

TERMINATION: Effective immediately:

1.	Maureen Cunningham	General Worker, Food Service, Francis McClure Primary/Intermediate School.
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LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

1.	Jason Bierma	Custodian, Twin Rivers Primary/Intermediate Schools, effective 05-19-15. FMLA
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RESIGNATION:

1.	Kamela Gissendanner	Special Education Assistant, High School, effective 05-18-15.
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2. Jason Bierema Custodian, Twin Rivers Primary/Intermediate Schools,
effective 07-31-15.

TO BE HIRED: 21st CCLC Credit Recovery Summer School: Rate of pay will be
\$11.10/hour:

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| 1. | Marcellus Allen | Security Guard |
| 2. | Dassie Macklin | Security Guard |

TO BE HIRED: EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAM – 2015:

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| 1. | Holly Gallagher | Instructional Assistant
6 hours/day - \$11.50/hour for 19 days |
| 2. | Debbie Hose | Instructional Assistant
6 hours/day - \$11.50/hour for 19 days |
| 3. | Nevenka Kostley | Instructional Assistant
6 hours/day - \$11.50/hour for 19 days |
| 4. | Sharon Mols | Nurse Assistant
6 hours/day - \$17.67/hour for 19 days |

Substitutes:

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| 1. | Sarah Forsythe |
| 2. | Myranda Wynn |
| 3. | Brandi Stough |
| 4. | Ashley Kitta |
| 5. | Stephanie Murray |

CHANGES TO THE SUBSTITUTE LISTS:

ADDITIONS:

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| 1.* | Andrea Allen | Nurse Assistant |
| 2.* | Susan Orner | Nurse Assistant |
| 3.* | Bradlee Paul | Custodian |
| 4.* | Russell Matesig | Custodian |
| 5.* | Steve Cmar | Custodian |

DELETIONS:

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| 1. | Marjorie Freedline | Instructional Assistant |
| 2. | Lonnie McClain | Custodian |

TO BE HIRED: Summer laborers in the maintenance department effective
05-01-14: Hourly rate of pay will be \$7.25:

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1.*	Bradlee Paul	3.*	Justin Smith	5.*	Billy Carter
2.*	Russell Matesig	4.*	Steve Cmar		

*Pending receipt of Act 34, 114 and 151 clearances, 168 Disclosure Releases, T.B. Tine Test and Drug Test results

Voting aye. Mrs. Gadson, Mr. Halaszynski, Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Kisan, Mr. Kondrosky, *Mr. Lopretto, Mr. Maglicco, Mrs. Maksin, **Mr. Smith

*Mr. Lopretto – abstaining on page 3 – item 18.

**Mr. Smith – abstaining on page 6 – item 4.

Grievance – Mr. Smith moved to deny MAEA Grievance #3 14-15. Seconded by Mr. Lopretto.

Voting aye. Mrs. Gadson, Mr. Halaszynski, Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Kisan, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Mr. Maglicco, Mrs. Maksin, Mr. Smith

Proposal – Mrs. Kisan moved to accept the proposal from Garvin, Boward & Beitko to provide general services for the Twin Rivers site. Seconded by Mr. Smith.

Voting aye. Mrs. Gadson, Mr. Halaszynski, Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Kisan, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Mr. Maglicco, Mrs. Maksin, Mr. Smith

Committee Reports -

Athletic –Mary Jane Keller/Terri Kisan – The Athletic Committee met two times in May on Tuesday, May 19th, and again on Friday, May 22nd. The items that were covered were the following – one, the committee was updated on all of our coaches and possible vacancies for fall sports in 2015. Two, we also looked at the recommendations and possible vacancies for the winter and spring sports in 2016. Third, a recommendation was made for consideration of resurfacing the parking lots at Tiger Stadium. The budget constraints though were discussed and Director Smith was asked to advise us on what could or could not be done. Fourth, a special meeting was then called for Friday, May 22nd. That's my report.

Buildings & Grounds – Scott Smith – We had a meeting on May 20th to discuss the East End Academy as well as there were other items that I would like to report. Some miscellaneous work that has been done by the staff throughout the district, but primarily two projects that they are going to hopefully undertake one in the summertime that would be the stadium floors. We did a test area of the stadium floors where the ceramic tile which probably should never have been used as a product when that building was built is very slippery for the cleats and we

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rented a machine just for a day to see how it would pick up. It picked up pretty quickly. Mrs. Keller had mentioned with the parking lot the right thing to do would be to rip it up and replace the entire parking lot. The most expensive thing to do would be to rip it up and replace the entire parking lot. There are about two or three rather large areas that if we don't attend to them, we're going to have to rip it up and replace the parking lot. It is our intent I believe, and I think they have been released to hire a sub- contractor to make those patches so that the area where the band will be holding practices instead of being done at White Oak School like it was last year and that was done that way because of the construction that was being handled here. It is the intent to have it done back on the high school parking lot where it was before. (Approximately \$9,000 with a two inch covering.) Discussion followed.

Career & Technology – Terri Kisan – Thank you Madame President. We had a meeting on May 22nd and in the area of child care, the pre-school graduation was held on May 20th and we had 23 pre-school graduates. The future teachers helped the kindergarten registration at Founders Hall and we have six student that have earned their CDA certificates from the State Child Development Association. In the area of commercial advertising, sophomores Antonio Grigsby and Kyle Thompson received internships at Carnegie Mellon University's create lab, media interactions and Pennsylvania's writing project. We also with one of our specialty grants a new embroidery machine was ordered and its associated equipment. Under building and construction with Mr. Locke the new vinyl railing has been ordered and it will be installed in the courtyard and they continue to work on spring work in the courtyard that was used for the prom and will be used again over the summer. Under cosmetology, Mother's Day bring your mom to school celebration was a success. They had fifteen plus mothers and students who received waxing, hair color and nail services and it was enjoyed by all. Under the Allied Health UPMC Apprenticeship Partnership, a \$1,000 scholarship from the Blood Bank was awarded to Lily Wallace and Tosha Bryant. We were awarded with the blood drive of the week from our blood drive on April 21st. Our students received the best attitude award for that. Under engineering, Team 1708 our robotics team is revamping the shop for next year's season and I'm very happy to report that under culinary Mr. Richardson is prepared to go to a two day a week for the 2015/2016 Tiger Inn lunch. That is all Madame President, thank you.

Community Relations/Cultural Diversity –Trisha Gadson – We held a meeting today, May 27th. The meeting began with a discussion about the relevance of the committee as we begin to look forward to the 15/16 school year. It was the consensus of the committee members and those that attended to maintain the work of the diversity committee is necessary to assure that the discussion around diversity and inclusion is a mainstay within the district and that there are continuous discussions at the School Board. Further, the discussion resulted in assuring that we develop ways to close the educational gaps for minority students and those who fall on a lower social economic range. In addition, we discussed our year-end review to begin to think

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about what activities we want to address and what our strategy would be for the next school year. Discussion continued about activities for the upcoming school year as well as committee members discussed the need for community members to participate consistently. Lastly, it was agreed at the meeting that we would in fact host again the back to school bash and the date that was identified is Saturday, August 22nd, and the back to school bash is where we distribute free stuffed book bags to students who are educated within our school district. We will continue that planning and move forward with plans at our June meeting. That concludes my report.

Education/Legislation/Policy – Mary Jane Keller – The committee met on Wednesday, May 20th, and the following items were discussed. First of all I reported that I attended a program at UPMC McKeesport Hospital on April 29th with our Allied Health students and mentors and the featured speaker was Amy Brooks, author of a book called “Unseen Arms”. She has no arms and no legs. Her motivational speech was about overcoming obstacles and celebrating the human spirit. Second, the committee listened to a proposal of a development of a joint venture between our career and technology education program and the West to West Coalition Inc. Third, Dr. Holtzman addressed the committee on course schedules for the 2015/2016 school year. This included the impact of teach eliminations on courses and scheduling. We are now down one biology, one math and one social studies teacher. These are examples of our continued cuts and our emphasis on a balanced budget which is why again I voted yes for our current budget. Also, he addressed the Keystone testing and the instructions for the class of 2017 which are our current sophomores. Finally, a presentation concerning the proposed closing of East End Academy and the move to the high school was explained to the directors. Thank you. As far as Legislation went, we had everything done for the vote on the second reading of the Board policies and then we had the first reading this month on policy #610 – the finances bidding for our purchases. That’s my report. I thank Dr. Coughenour and the committee members for all their dedication this year and the very hard work that they have made.

Finance/Grants/Outside Funding–Tom Maglicco – Yes, Madame President, we did meet and thanks to Mr. Humanic for taking some of my report and Mr. Smith; I’ll touch upon a few other items. The fund balance as of June 30, 2015 is projected to be roughly \$2.6 million. The 2015/2016 preliminary budget has expenditures exceeding revenues by \$2,927,723. Continued adjustments will need to be made before the passage of the final budget. The amount of the fund balances budgeted will be adjusted by changes and expenditures and revenues now and the final budget. Thank you. Discussion followed.

Personnel –Joe Lopretto/Tom Maglicco – Mr. Maglicco reported. Yes, Madame President, we did meet and that meeting is reflected on the personnel sheets and Administration did a great

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job in putting that all together. We as a Board wish all of the retirees in the future good wishes and endeavors in the future and we thank them for their many years of service. We also welcome all of the new employees on the green sheets as well. Thank you.

Safe Schools – Joe Lopretto – No, we did not meet Madame President, but this is going to bring tears to my eyes because this is going to be my last DARE graduation they are going to be having, me as a policeman with DARE, and it's Friday, May 29th, at 9:45 AM at the high school and I would like to see as many people as possible out there. I'll tell you what, it's a great program, I hope they can continue to move forward with it and Officer Wehrli from White Oak has done that for me while I've been off and I commend him for that and I would like to see the city send someone else through the DARE academy for it and if I have my way it will happen, but it's going to be a rough Friday. Discussion followed.

Solicitor's Report – No report.

Correspondence – None.

New Business –

Mrs. Kisan – I do have a letter received from the County Bureau of Family and Community Services about our summer lunch program. If I could read just a little bit. The summer lunch program which was established in 1968 is a part of the national lunch program. It provides free meals for children up to the age of 18 for low income families. Since its founding it has been filling the gap by providing nutritious meals for low income children during the summer months. Allegheny County's 2015 summer food service program will operate June 8 through August 21. Children in the McKeesport Area School District can receive a free breakfast and/or lunch at several sites located in the district. Beginning June 8 parents and students in the district can call us at 1-800-851-3838 for the location of the sites. I could let you know that we are serving the breakfasts and lunches at the high school at Twin Rivers. We are also having them near the library in Heritage Park and we're working on another site at Riverview Baptist to try to fill the gaps between the high school and Twin Rivers. Our students receive currently free breakfast, lunch, dinner and a night snack so to go for the three months over the summer is a little bit scary, so we do have the sites and next year we're also looking for other new sites on Versailles Avenue. But, for right now we're working on the new sites trying to fill in the Versailles Avenue gap. Thank you very much Madame President. Discussion followed.

Field – Mrs. Keller moved to make a motion on behalf of the MASD Board, Administration and the staff, I am making a motion to designate October 10, 2015 as a date to honor George L. Smith for his many dedicated years of excellence in coach, not to mention teaching at the

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McKeesport Senior High School. I propose that our High School field be named the George L. Smith football field at the Weigle-Schaeffer Stadium at McKeesport High School. Seconded by Mr. Maglicco.

Voting aye. Mrs. Gadson, Mr. Halaszynski, Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Kisan, Mr. Kondrosky, Mr. Lopretto, Mr. Maglicco, Mrs. Maksin, Mr. Smith

Presentation – Alternative Education location.

Adjournment – 9:40 PM– Mr. Lopretto moved for adjournment. Seconded by Mr. Smith.

Voting aye. All Members present.

ATTEST:

David M. Seropian, Business Manager/Board Secretary