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The regular meeting of the Board of School Directors convened at 6:07 p.m. in the Community Board Room of the Jr./Sr. High School with Mrs. Davis, Board President, presiding.

<u>PLEDGE OF</u> Following the pledge of allegiance, Mrs. Davis asked if anyone would be

<u>ALLEGIANCE</u> recording the meeting. No one indicated the intent to record.

Board Members Present: Mrs. Bamberger, Mrs. Butera, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Helm, Mrs.

McAvoy, Mr. Painter, Mr. Portner and Mrs. Seltzer.

Administrative Staff

Present:

Mr. Krem, Mrs. Mason, Mr. Fries and Ms. Lampe.

Attendees: Ashley Gold, Reading Eagle, Doug Brown, student representative, and

Shelley Filer, recording secretary. Audience sign-in sheet included as part

of these official minutes.

<u>MEETING</u>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Following the roll call by the recording secretary, Mrs. Davis welcomed everyone and announced that an Executive Session was held prior to the

meeting to discuss legal items. No action was taken

The following meeting schedules and locations were announced:

• Policy/Personnel Committee Meeting – February 7, 2012, 5:00 p.m.

• School Board Business Meeting with Committee Reports – February 13, 2012, 6:00 p.m.

• Curriculum Committee Meeting – February 16, 2012, 2:30 p.m.

• Finance/Facilities Committee Meeting – February 22, 2012, 12:00 n m

• Technology Committee Meeting – February 22, 2012, 3:30 p.m.

• School Board Business Meeting – February 27, 2012, 6:00 p.m. All listed meetings are held in the Community Board Room of the

Jr./Sr. High School unless otherwise noted.

PRESENTATIONS

AUDIT REPORT Ms. Roxanne McMurtry from Herbein & Company presented an overview

of the 2010-11 audit report.

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION

MONTH

In honor of School Board Recognition Month, Mr. Krem presented each

Board member with a certificate of appreciation.

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

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ROUTINE APPROVALS

MEETING MINUTES

Upon a motion by Mr. Painter, second by Mrs. Butera, the Board approved the following minutes.

- December 5, 2011 Reorganization Meeting
- December 5, 2011 Business Meeting
- December 12, 2011 Special Board Meeting

Yeas: Bamberger, Butera, Davis, Fitzgerald, Helm, McAvoy, Painter,

Portner and Seltzer.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon a motion by Mr. Fitzgerald, second by Mr. Portner, the Treasurer's Report for November and December 2011 was accepted as presented.

Yeas: Bamberger, Butera, Davis, Fitzgerald, Helm, McAvoy, Painter,

Portner and Seltzer.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Upon motion by Mrs. Seltzer, second by Mr. Painter, payment of bills for the months of November and December 2011 were approved.

Yeas: Bamberger, Butera, Davis, Fitzgerald, Helm, McAvoy, Painter,

Portner and Seltzer.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. CURRICULUM/ TECHNOLOGY

No items.

B. FINANCE/ FACILITIES

Upon a motion by Mrs. Seltzer, and second by Mrs. Helm, the Board approved the Finance/Facilities agenda items as follows:

In answer to Mrs. Helm's question, Mrs. Mason responded that the delinquent tax amount is 7 ½% higher than last year. Due to the way collections are handled, we can expect to receive 75% of the delinquent balance within the first 30 days. Overall, we usually recoup about 90% within the first year.

Mrs. Helm questioned when notices regarding the change in facilities fees would be sent out and asked whose responsibility it was to send those notices. Mrs. Mason responded that she would be meeting with Mr. Stoltzfus and Mr. Fries to develop a joint letter to serve as communication of the increased fees.

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- 1. Approved Budget Transfers in the amount of \$75,820.
- 2. Approve donations to be used towards walkie-talkies as follows:
 - a. Dr. and Mrs. Kurt Bamberger in the amount of \$300
 - b. Mr. and Mrs. Alan Seltzer in the amount of \$300
 - c. Mr. and Mrs. Scott Davis in the amount of \$300.
- 3. Approve donation from the Wyomissing Area PTA in the amount of \$2,400 to be used toward a repeater for walkie-talkies.
- 4. Approve donations from the Wyomissing Area Education Foundation in the amounts of \$73.36 and \$22.50 to be used toward student supplies at the Project Help Desk at the JSHS Library.
- 5. Approve Berks County Joint Purchasing bids for copy paper as follows:

Lindenmeyr Munroe Paper \$13,888.50 Contract Paper group, Inc. 3,846.30 W.B. Mason <u>129.12</u>

Total \$17,863.92

- 6. Approve evacuation agreements with Spruce Manor and Temple Oheb Sholom.
- 7. Approve Early Intervention transportation agreements with BCIU for two students at a rate of \$46.64 each per day for the 2011-12 school year.
- 8. Approve Contingent Fee Agreement for Delinquent Real Estate Tax Accounts with Ebner, Nevins & McAllister, LLC (ENM Law Group).
 - Background information: This agreement replaces the agreement with BMF Law Group.
- 9. Approve submission of delinquent real estate taxes to ENM Law Group in the amount of \$551,257.86.

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10. Approve Title III grant monies in the amount of \$11,596. This will amend the 2011-12 Budget as follows:

	Revenue		Expense
8516	Title III ELL	\$11,596	2271-123-471 Salaries \$ 1,000
			2271-220-471 Social Security 44
			2271-230-471 Retirement 52
			2271-348-471 Tech Services 4,000
			2271-610-471 Supplies <u>6,500</u>
		\$11,596	\$11,596

- 11. Approve 2010-11 Audit Report with \$800,000 to be added to the designated fund balance.
- 12. Approve Facilities Usage Fee Schedule effective January 1, 2012 as per attachment.

Yeas: Bamberger, Butera, Davis, Fitzgerald, Helm, McAvoy, Painter,

Portner and Seltzer.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

C. PERSONNEL/POLICY

Upon a motion by Mr. Portner second by Mrs. McAvoy, the Board approved the Personnel/Policy agenda items as follows:

1. RESIGNATION/TERMINATION

- a. Professional Staff
 - Scott Angstadt, full-time Music Teacher, WHEC/WREC, resignation effective January 13, 2012.
 - 2) **Cayla Printz,** Emotional Support Teacher, JSHS, resignation effective January 23, 2012.

2. LEAVES

- a. Professional
 - 1) **Bridgettte Kozuch**, full-time 6th grade teacher (WREC), return from Family Medical Leave effective January 17, 2012.
- b. Support
 - 1) **Diane Kaag**, Cafeteria Manager, Jr./Sr. High School, intermittent Family Medical Leave effective January 5, 2012 until a date to be determined.
 - 2) **Donna Bottiglieri**, Instructional Aide, WHEC, unpaid leave February 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 2012.
- 3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE DISTRICT VOLUNTEER

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LIST (See attached list)

4. POLICIES

Second reading of the following policies:

409 - Assignment and Transfer 818 - Contracted Services

Yeas: Bamberger, Butera, Davis, Fitzgerald, Helm, McAvoy, Painter,

Portner and Seltzer.
None. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

Nays:

NEW BUSINESS

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Mr. Portner had asked Mr. Krem to develop a resolution regarding Charter School Funding and Accountability Reform. Mr. Krem recommended the Board consider approving the resolution to take a political stance on the amount of money the district pays out each year because charter schools are not held to the same standards as the public schools Following discussion, the Board members decided to add it to the February 13 agenda for approval.

HEARING FROM WAEA

None.

HEARING FROM AFSCME

None.

HEARING FROM WAEF

None.

HEARING FROM THE PTA

None.

HEARING FROM STUDENT

REPRESENTATIVE

Doug Brown reported that the cast list was recently posted for the spring drama production of *Footloose*. The indoor track team met with success at the Penn State Invitational by having one athlete, Thomas Taylor, qualify for nationals. He also provided an update on the progress of the mini-THON.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Portner, seconded by Mrs. Helm to adjourn at 6:36 p.m. Mrs. Davis announced the Board would continue their earlier Executive Session.

Corinne D. Mason

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