

# WYOMISSING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 2005-3745

## Minutes October 24, 2005

The regular meeting of the Board of School Directors convened at 7:39 p.m. at the Berks Career & Technology Center with Mr. Snyder, Board President, presiding.

Board Members Present: Mrs. Barnett, Mr. Deem (arr. 7:50 p.m.), Mr. Larkin (arr. 7:40 p.m.), Mr. Love, Mr. Bertges, Mrs. Sakmann, Mrs. McCready, and Mr. Snyder.

Board Member Absent: Dr. Shuttlesworth

Administrative Staff Present: Dr. Dietz, Dr. Riedel, Dr. Kennedy, and Ms. Leister.

Attendees: Mr. Georgeadis, Kozloff Stoudt; Mr. Curtis Clifford, Reading Eagle; Mr. Hinsey, Ms. Beadle, Mr. Fitzgerald, and Ms. Stewart-Himes.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Snyder called the meeting to order.

Dr. Dietz thanked Dr. Runkle and his staff for their hospitality, tour and curriculum materials. He then introduced Stan Kita, Assistant Director, Berks County Intermediate Unit.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment on agenda items.

### APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Upon motion by Mrs. McCready, and second by Mr. Bertges, the minutes of the following meetings were approved as presented and included as part of these official minutes.

September 19, 2005      Work Session  
September 26, 2005      Regular Business Meeting

Yeas:    7  
Nays:    0    Motion carried.

### RATIFIED FINANCIAL REPORTS

Upon motion by Mrs. McCready, and second by Mr. Love, payment of properly approved vendor invoices for the General Fund, and 2001 and 2003 G.O. Bond, September and October 2005, were approved.

Yeas:    Barnett, Bertges, Larkin, McCready, Sakmann, Love, and Snyder.  
Nays:    None.    Motion carried.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. Dietz shared correspondence from Mr. Clyde Myers, Penn State Cooperative Extension-Berks County and Ms. Tami Hildebrand, Executive Director of the Berks County Ag Land Preservation Board, relative to their proposal for land use and preservation of farmland that is critical to the future of Berks County's economic development, the quality of life for all Berks County residents, present business retention, and future business development.

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Dr. Dietz was also in receipt of letters from Pam Price, Director of Board Development Services at PSBA and Jay Himes, PASBO Executive Director, commending Mr. McDonnell for his activities on the PSBA executive board and for his renewed status as a Pennsylvania Registered School Business Administrator.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATES

Dr. Dietz provided an update on Act 26. He noted that the student disciplinary report was submitted to the state and there were two incidents at the elementary level and five incidents at the Jr./Sr. High School.

Drs. Kennedy and Riedel discussed the newly formed Wellness Committee. They reported that one meeting was held and another scheduled for November 15. Mr. Snyder offered to serve on the committee.

Dr. Dietz shared a PowerPoint presentation on the state of the school district. Included was information on changing demographics, the ESL program, student assessment data, standardized test scores, and district goals. A copy of the presentation is included as part of these minutes.

Several Board members asked the administration why test scores were down. Administration responded that several factors affect test scores, and scores may change if appropriate adjustments in curriculum take place.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Dietz informed the Board that there was an addendum to the superintendent's report. Item IX to approve tuition student ID100791, Grade 12, son of a professional staff member, as a tuition student for the 2005-06 school year at the tuition rate of \$4,241.88 subject to an adjustment in May 2006 to reflect the actual rates set by the Pennsylvania Department of Education will be included.

## APPROVED SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Upon motion by Mrs. McCready, second by Mrs. Sakmann, the Superintendent's report including the addendum was approved. A copy of the superintendent's report is included as part of these official minutes.

Yeas: Barnett, Bertges, Deem, Larkin, McCready, Sakmann, Love, and Snyder.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

## SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mrs. McCready stated that the EIT meeting would be held October 25, 2005.

Mr. Love reported on the recent BCIU meeting held and noted Dr. Nancy Allmon was reappointed as executive director. Mr. Love also reminded the Board of the November 3, 2005, property tax reform meeting at the IU.

Mr. Love and Mr. Snyder reported that they would be attending the PSBA conference in Hershey on October 27, 2005.

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OLD BUSINESS None.

NEW BUSINESS None.

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Love and seconded by Mrs. McCready to adjourn at 8:43 p.m.

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Arthur J. McDonnell  
Board Secretary

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To: Members of the Board of School Directors

The superintendent respectfully submits the following information and recommendations for Board approval:

### I. Personnel

#### A) Employee

1. Approve Professional Staff Resignation – **Diane Hurst**, Jr./Sr. High School Student Dean, resignation letter October 4, 2005, resignation effective in 60 days or as soon as position is filled.

*Background information: Mrs. Hurst is leaving to assume an assistant principal position at Ephrata School District. While employed at Ephrata, she will receive reimbursement for her doctorate. Mrs. Hurst was also teaching two classes of junior high math in addition to completing her responsibilities as a dean.*

2. Approve Professional Staff Appointment – **Mary Alice Einolf**, Jr./Sr. High School student dean, effective November 14, 2005, at an annual salary to be determined by the new contract, based on the 2004-05 Step 6, B+15 position, pending receipt and administrative approval of all necessary documents and certifications.

*Background information: Mrs. Einolf earned her B.S. degree in economics with a concentration in math from Towson State University and worked as an assistant controller and an accounts specialist. She then completed her requirements for a teaching certificate and began instructing math at St. Ignatius Loyola School. Currently she is serving as the Director of Studies at Holy Name High School. Mrs. Einolf is enrolled in graduate classes in Educational Leadership at Alvernia College.*

*While at Holy Name her responsibilities included building the master schedule, directing the grade reporting system, scheduling standardized tests, overseeing the faculty advisory board and working with students who are at-risk academically. She has also taught geometry and algebra and prepared students for the PSAT, SAT, and PSSA exams.*

3. Approve Support Staff Resignation – **Miguel Torres**, custodian, effective October 20, 2005.
4. Approve Support Staff Appointment – **Linda Newkirk**, part-time food service worker at the Jr./Sr. High School, 4 hours/day during the school year, effective October 17, 2005, at \$8.04 per hour.
5. Approve District volunteer list.
6. Approve Substitute list for professional/support staff.

### II. Curriculum

III. Finance

- A) Approve Transportation contract with BCIU to transport one elementary student and one secondary student, five days per week, round trip, to the Janus School at a cost of \$65.02 per day per student, effective August 30, 2005, to June 30, 2006.
- B) Approve Acceptance of Kurr Foundation grant of \$25,000 for sensory mural and playground at Wyomissing Hills Elementary Center.

IV. Facilities

V. School Activities & Athletics

- A) Approve Winter Athletic Coaches List for 2005-06.
- B) Approve Orchestra as a Supplemental Contract Activity.
- C) Approve Supplemental Activity Appointment – **Jessica Godek**, orchestra director, 27.5 points, \$2,159, effective the 2005-06 school year.
- D) Approve Spanish Club/Spanish III-V (Grades 10-12) Field Trip to Costa Rica from April 8 – 16, 2005 (spring break).

VI. Technology

- A) Approve Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit Licensing Agreement for Software Applications.

VII. Policy

- A) Approve Adoption of Revised Policies –
  - 1. 008 – Organization Chart
  - 2. 105.2 – Exemption From Instruction
  - 3. 117 – Homebound Instruction
  - 4. 217 – Graduation Requirements
  - 5. 803 – School Calendar
  - 6. 804 – School Day

VIII. Community Relations

IX. Other Items

X. Discussion Items

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**ADDENDUM TO THE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**IX. Other Items**

- A) Approve Tuition Student – Student ID100791, Grade 12, son of a professional staff member, as a tuition student for the 2005-06 school year at the tuition rate of \$4,241.88 subject to an adjustment in May 2006 to reflect the actual rates set by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.