

WYOMISSING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 2008-3977

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The annual reorganization meeting of the Board of School Directors convened at 6:00 p.m. in the community board room of the Jr./Sr. High School with Mr. Larkin, Board President, presiding.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Following the pledge, President Larkin asked if anyone intended to record the meeting and no one responded.

The secretary called the roll of Board members.

Board Members Present: Mr. Althouse, Mrs. Barnett, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Hinsey, Mrs. McCready, Mr. Portner, Mrs. Sakmann and Mr. Larkin.

Administrative Staff Present: Dr. Pulkowski, Mrs. Mason, Mr. Ashton, Mr. Fries, Mr. Gaul, Mr. Roberts, Ms. Garman, and Dr. Larson

Attendees: Mr. Boland, Kozloff Stoudt and Diane Schaeffer, recording secretary, and residents Bill Murray and Audrey Schaeffer.

WELCOME

President Larkin welcomed everyone. He announced that an executive session was held just prior to the board meeting and no action was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETINGS

President Larkin noted that the list of dates for the 2009 Board meetings would be recommended for approval with one change. The monthly Board meeting start time will change to 7:00 p.m. rather than 7:30 p.m.

The Board members briefly discussed the list of committees and Mrs. McCready asked if agendas would be prepared for the committee meetings. Mr. Larkin said agendas will be prepared before the meetings with full explanations provided for the items to be discussed.

BOARD REORGANIZATION

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A motion was made by Mrs. McCready and seconded by Mrs. Sakmann, to nominate Mrs. Barnett to serve as President Pro Tempore. Motion carried 9-0.

A motion was made by Mrs. McCready, and seconded by Mr. Althouse to close the nominations. Motion carried 9-0.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

A motion was made by Mrs. McCready and seconded by Mr. Portner to approve Mrs. Barnett as President Tempore. Motion carried 9-0.

Mrs. Barnett called for nominations for the office of President.

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Mrs. McCready moved and Mrs. Sakmann seconded the nomination of John Larkin for the office of President. Motion carried 9-0.

A motion was made by Mrs. Sakmann, and seconded by Mrs. McCready to close the nominations. Motion carried 9-0.

PRESIDENT
APPROVED

A motion was made by Mrs. Sakmann and seconded by Mr. Portner to approve Mr. Larkin as President of the Board.

Yeas: Althouse, Barnett, Davis, Fitzgerald, Hinsey, McCready, Portner, Sakmann and Larkin

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mr. Larkin called for nominations for the office of Vice President.

Mrs. Barnett moved and Mrs. Mrs. McCready seconded the nomination of Lynn Sakmann for the office of Vice President. Motion carried 9-0.

A motion was made by Mrs. McCready, and seconded by Mrs. Barnett to close the nominations. Motion carried 9-0.

VICE PRESIDENT
APPROVED

A motion was made by Mrs. Barnett and seconded by Mrs. Davis to approve Mrs. Sakmann as Vice President of the Board.

Yeas: Althouse, Barnett, Davis, Fitzgerald, Hinsey, McCready, Portner, Sakmann and Larkin

Nays: None. Motion carried.

BERKS EIT
REPRESENTATIVES
APPROVED

A motion was made by Mr. Portner and seconded by Mrs. Sakmann to appoint Mrs. Barnett as representative and Mrs. McCready as the alternate representative to the Berks Earned Income Tax Bureau for a one-year term. Motion carried 9-0.

PSBA LEGISLATIVE
LIAISON APPROVED

A motion was made by Mrs. Barnett and seconded by Mrs. Sakmann to appoint Mr. Fitzgerald as the PSBA legislative liaison for a one-year term. Motion carried 9-0.

WAEF
REPRESENTATIVE
APPROVED

A motion was made by Mrs. Sakmann and seconded by Mrs. McCready to appoint Michelle Davis as representative to the Wyomissing Area Education Foundation Board for a one-year term. Motion carried 9-0.

BERKS VO-TECH
AUTHORITY
REPRESENTATIVE

A motion was made by Mrs. Barnett and seconded by Mrs. Sakmann to approve Robert Johnston as representative to the Berks Vocational-Technical School's Authority for a three-year term effective January 1,

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APPROVED

2009 to December 31, 2011. Motion carried 9-0.

COMMITTEE
ASSIGNMENTS AND
MEETING DATES
APPROVED

Upon motion by Mrs. Sakmann and second by Mrs. Barnett the School Board committee assignments and meeting schedule for 2009 was approved. Motion carried 9-0. Lists included as part of these official minutes.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Larkin noted that Personnel agenda item IV. to approve the winter sports team volunteers would be modified to delete Toby Blumenshine, John Clouser, Jeff Franks, Chris Froelich, and Andrew Kidd. They would be resubmitted after their paperwork was complete.

APPROVED
PERSONNEL REPORT

A motion was made by Mrs. McCready and seconded by Mrs. Barnett to approve the Personnel Report items as follows:

APPROVED
PROFESSIONAL
STAFF RESIGNATION

Approved Professional Staff Resignation – **Jane Ney**, Elementary/Special Education Teacher at WREC, effective January 23, 2009.

RATIFIED FMLA
LEAVE

Ratified FMLA Leave – **Joseph Ayala**, Custodian at WREC, effective November 22, 2008 for approximately 6 to 8 weeks.

RATIFIED SUPPORT
STAFF UNPAID
LEAVE

Ratified Support Staff Unpaid Leave Request – **Lisa Lamp**, PT food service worker at JSHS effective November 17-21, 2008.

APPROVED WINTER
SPORTS TEAM
VOLUNTEERS

Approved volunteers for winter sports teams as follows:

G Basketball	Richard Hoffmaster
SH Wrestling	Al Silveri,
Cheerleading	Stacy Moyer
Winter Track	Mike Rowley & Lance Atkins

APPROVED
ADDITIONS TO
SUBSTITUTE AND
VOLUNTEER LISTS

Approved additions/deletions to substitute list.

Approved additions to district volunteer list.

Yeas: Althouse, Barnett, Davis, Fitzgerald, Hinsey, McCready, Portner Sakmann and Larkin.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

CURRICULUM

There were no agenda items.

**FINANCE/BUSINESS
OFFICE**

A motion was made by Mr. Hinsey and seconded by Mr. Althouse to approve the Finance/Business office items as follows:

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AUTHORIZED
BRUMBACH,
MANCUSO & FEGLEY,
P.C.

Authorized Brumbach, Mancuso & Fegley, P.C. to represent the Wyomissing Area School District in filing a complaint to collect back taxes totaling \$31,531.35 on parcel 4396-08-88-3136.

Background Information – Brumbach, Mancuso & Fegley would be representing the District to collect delinquent taxes owed the District by the taxpayer for the years 2006 and 2007.

APPROVED
RESOLUTION TO
AMEND WASD &
EMMAUS GENERAL
AUTHORITY
AGREEMENT

Approved the Resolution to Amend the Agreement between the Wyomissing Area School District and Emmaus General Authority to reflect revisions relating to the substitution of a Letter of Credit from U.S. Bank, National Association as security and liquidity for the Emmaus General Authority's 2000 Pool Bonds which funded a loan to the School District.

Background Information: Our 2006 Bond Issue for the \$1,400,000 was part of the Emmaus General Authority's 2000 Pool Bonds. Emmaus is seeking to replace their existing Financial Security Assurance, Inc. (FSA) insurance and Wachovia liquidity with a U. S. Bank Letter of Credit. Given the problems that FSA has been experiencing and the higher interest rates the bond pool has been trading at due to being insured by FSA, moving to a Letter of Credit from a solid firm will be beneficial to the District. Each participating borrower must adopt a resolution prior to the completion of the restructuring. The hope is to complete the restructuring by January 2, 2009.

Yeas: Althouse, Barnett, Davis, Fitzgerald, Hinsey, McCready, Portner, Sakmann and Larkin
Nays: None. Motion carried.

FACILITIES

There were no agenda items for Board approval.

TECHNOLOGY

There were no agenda items for Board approval.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
OFFICE**

APPROVED FIRST
READING OF POLICIES

A motion was made by Mrs. Sakmann and seconded by Mrs. Barnett to approve the adoption/second reading of the following policies:

- Policy 005 – Organization
- Policy 006 – Meetings

Yeas: Althouse, Barnett, Davis, Fitzgerald, Hinsey, McCready, Portner, Sakmann and Larkin.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

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OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION

Mr. Murray asked if there are guidelines to follow in the collection of delinquent property taxes and if the item was a commercial or residential property.

Mrs. Mason responded there are guidelines, it is not a pick and choose, and the property discussed is residential.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. McCready, seconded by Mrs. Sakmann to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. Motion carried.

Corinne D. Mason
Board Secretary