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The regular 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 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. Davis, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mrs. McAvoy, Mr. Portner

and Mrs. Seltzer.

Board Members Absent Mrs. Butera, Mrs. Helm and Mr. Painter

Administrative Staff Mrs. Vicente, Mr. Stem and Mrs. Mason

Present:

Attendees: David Kostival, Reading Eagle, Student Representative June Chiango, and

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

of these official minutes.

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

everyone and announced that an Executive Session was held prior to the meeting and also on October 12, 2012, at 8:00 a.m. Personnel was

discussed and no action was taken.

The following meeting schedules and locations were announced:

• School Board Business Meeting with Committee Reports – November 5, 2012, 6:00 p.m.

Policy/Personnel Committee Meeting – November 6, 2012, 5:00 p.m.

• Finance/Facilities Committee Meeting – November 14, 2012, 12:00 p.m.

- Technology Committee Meeting November 14, 2012, 3:30 p.m.
- Curriculum Committee Meeting November 15, 2012, 2:30 p.m.
- School Board Business Meeting November 19, 2012, 6:00 p.m.

All listed meetings are held in the Community Board Room of the Jr./Sr. High School unless otherwise noted.

REPORT FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE June Chiango reported on the following activities at the Jr./Sr. High School:

- Spirit Week.
- The cross country teams' competition in Walt Disney World.
- Girls' tennis team won 14<sup>th</sup> district title and individual district title won by Audrey Ann Blakely.
- Football team's success.
- Assembly by author and international speaker, Bob Lenz about his VCR message – the inclusion of value, courage, and respect in students' lives.

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### **RECOGNITION**

Mrs. Davis announced that Mrs. Mason was granted renewal of her status as a Pennsylvania Registered School Business Administrator (PRSBA). In order to be granted this status the administrator must meet high personal ethical and professional standards established by the registration program. This includes formal education, experience and continuing education.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Richard Geertman requested additional information on recent student settlement agreements approved by the Board. Mrs. Vicente offered to meet with him following the meeting.

### ROUTINE APPROVALS

### MEETING MINUTES

Upon a motion by Mrs. Seltzer, second by Mrs. McAvoy, the Board approved the following minutes.

- September 10, 2012 Business Meeting with Committee Reports
- September 24, 2012 Regular Business Meeting

Yeas: Bamberger, Davis, Fitzgerald, McAvoy, Portner and Seltzer.

Absent: Butera, Helm and Painter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon a motion by Mr. Portner second by Mrs. Bamberger, the Treasurer's Report for September 2012 was accepted as presented.

Yeas: Bamberger, Davis, Fitzgerald, McAvoy, Portner and Seltzer.

Absent: Butera, Helm and Painter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

### PAYMENT OF BILLS

Upon motion by Mrs. Seltzer, second by Mrs. Bamberger, payment of bills for the month September 2012 was approved.

Yeas: Bamberger, Davis, Fitzgerald, McAvoy, Portner and Seltzer.

Absent: Butera, Helm and Painter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

# SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

### A. CURRICULUM/ TECHNOLOGY

No items.

### B. FINANCE/ FACILITIES

Upon a motion by Mrs. McAvoy, and second by Mrs. Bamberger, the Board approved the Finance/Facilities agenda items as follows.

During discussion Mrs. Davis complimented Mrs. Mason on saving the District \$2,000 on the YMCA agreement.

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Mrs. Bamberger clarified the contract with ELA Sport is set up in phases for a sum-total of \$80,200. Because of the feasibility study involved, there are various points at which the Board could back out and end the project. Should the Board decide to go ahead with the entire project, the \$80,200 includes all architectural work for the re-turfing of the existing field and proposed turfing of the stadium field. Mrs. Davis thanked everyone for their work on this project as well as establishing the revised facilities fee schedule.

- 1. Approved Budget Transfers in the amount of \$81,080.
- 2. Approved donation of \$1,000 from Communities in Schools of Pennsylvania (CISPA) for the implementation of the My Life, My Choice campaign.

  \*\*Page approximation This compaign is a joint effort between

Background information: This campaign is a joint effort between CISPA and the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency to help empower students to be drug and alcohol free while promoting each individual's interest and the need to make positive choices.

- 3. Approved YMCA Facilities Use Agreement for the 2012-13 school year for use of the pool for athletic practices and events at a total of \$6,000.
  - Background information: This is a decrease of \$2,000 from 2011-12.
- 4. Approved Requests to Close Student Activity Accounts for the Class of 2010 and the Class of 2011.

Background information: Per Board policy, these accounts are being closed because more than a year has passed since these classes have graduated. Unused funds are transferred to the Student Council.

- 5. Approved Budget Calendar for 2013-14 (see attachment).
- 6. Approved Facilities Usage Fee Schedule for the 2012-13 year (see attachment).
- 7. Approved Spotts, Stevens & McCoy to perform Task 2 (Stadium Field Seismic Refraction Survey) and Task 3 (Geophysical Report) from their October 11, 2012 proposal for geotechnical services at a cost not to exceed \$11,100.
- 8. Approved ELA Sport for professional athletic facilities design and planning services as per their proposal for a total of \$80,200.

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9. Approved Accountability Block Grant monies in the amount of \$24,854. This will amend the 2012-13 Budget as follows:

Revenue			Expense	
7501	ABG	\$29,854	1100-123-212-10-021	\$ 8,292
			1100-123-212-10-022	8,292
			1100-123-212-30-081	8,293
			1100-220-212-10-021	634
			1100-220-212-10-022	634
			1100-220-212-30-081	634
			1100-230-212-10-021	1,025
			1100-230-212-10-022	1,025
			1100-230-212-30-081	1,025
		\$29,854		\$29,854

Yeas: Bamberger, Davis, Fitzgerald, McAvoy, Portner and Seltzer.

Absent: Butera, Helm and Painter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

## C. PERSONNEL/POLICY

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

#### 1. LEAVES

- a. Professional Staff
  - 1) **Toni Wengerd**, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher, WHEC, Family Medical Leave effective on or about December 21, 2012 with a return to work the beginning of the 2013-14 School Year.
- b. Support Staff
  - 1) **Barbara Brehony**, Secretary, WHEC, Family Medical Leave updated end of leave date to October 12, 2012 with a return to work date of October 15, 2012.
  - 2) **Joseph Palubinsky,** Custodian, Jr./Sr. High School, end FML effective October 15, 2012, begin Leave of Absence effective October 16, 2012 until a date to be determined.

## 2. APPROVAL OF REVISED ACTIVITY ADVISORS STIPENDS/LIST

(A complete revised list inclusive of the changes listed below and the appropriate stipend amounts is attached.)

a. **Christine Mohler**, Advisor, Jr. High Student Council at a stipend of \$1,216.15.

Background information: Ms. Mohler was previously approved as a co-advisor for two activities. This change

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reflects a change to advisor of one activity.

b. **Danielle Gingrich**, Advisor, Sr. High Student Council at a stipend of \$2,015.50.

Background information: Ms. Gingrich was previously approved as a co-advisor for two activities. This change reflects a change to advisor of one activity.

c. **Rose Sneeringer**, Advisor, Ballroom Dancing at a stipend of \$903.50.

Background information: Ballroom Dancing was erroneously omitted on the previously approved advisor stipend list.

### 3. VOLUNTEERS

### 4. POLICIES

Second and adoption of the following policies:

103 – Nondiscrimination in School and classroom Practices

122 – Extracurricular Activities

123 – Interscholastic Athletics

137 – Home Education Programs

236.1 – Suicidal/Depressed Students

701 – Facilities Planning

Yeas: Bamberger, Davis, Fitzgerald, McAvoy, Portner and Seltzer.

Absent: Butera, Helm and Painter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

### **PRESENTATION**

Mr. Stem gave a presentation on the Pennsylvania Teacher Effectiveness Pilot Program. We have an advantage of working through the new process before it becomes mandatory for all districts in September 2013 for teachers of subject areas. In 2014, educational specialists will be included as well. With assistance from WAEA, 20% of the teaching staff in each building will be asked to volunteer to be evaluated with the new process this school year.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Fitzgerald reported on the conference he attended in Hershey, PA. He has the list of items that PSBA will be pushing for legislative vote next year. The legislature has closed down until after the November election. The bill on Charter Schools and the bill on property assessments were not voted on.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Davis reported that Alex Anzalone has been named as one of twelve nationwide semifinalists for the Butkus award honoring an outstanding linebacker in football.

## UPDATE FROM ORGANIZATIONS

Kami Fecho, Vice President of WAEA read a prepared statement urging settlement of a fair and equitable contract.

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ADJOURNMENT	A motion was made by Mrs. Bamberger, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald to adjourn at 6:31 p.m.
	Corinne D. Mason  Board Secretary