

NO: XII
Minutes of the
Board of School Directors
DERRY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
Hershey, PA 17033

June 13, 2011

OPENING ITEMS

1.01 Call to Order

A meeting of the Board of School Directors, Derry Township School District was held on Monday, June 13, 2011, in the District Office Board Room. Dr. Henry Donahue, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1.02 Roll Call

Directors Present: Mrs. Beulah Chabal
Dr. Donna Cronin
Dr. Henry Donahue
Mr. John Gräb
Dr. Mary Beth Hagan
Mr. Christopher Morelli
Dr. William Parrish
Mrs. Ellen Sheffey
Mr. Charles Stover

Acting Superintendent: Dr. Bernie Kepler

Secretary: Mr. Stephen Rineer

Solicitor: Mr. Brian Jackson (Not Present)

Student Representative: Not Present

Press: Ms. Elizabeth Kotz THE PATRIOT-NEWS
Mr. Drew Weidman THE SUN

Representatives of the Administrative Staff: Mr. Dan Tredinnick, Mr. Joseph McFarland.

Representatives of the Staff and Community: Bunny Hottenstein, Megan G. Hulse, Mike Leonard, David E. Fisher, and John Freeman

1.03 Flag Salute

Mr. Stover led those gathered in the Salute to the American Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.01 Approval of the May 23, 2011 School Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Dr. Hagan and seconded by Mrs. Chabal to approve the minutes of May 23, 2011 School Board meeting.

All Board members present signified by a Yes vote.

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INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

3.01 Announcement of Executive Session

Dr. Donahue: I'd like to announce that the Board met in Executive Session prior to this meeting to discuss employment issues, labor relations, and arbitrations and certain financial matters.

3.02 Recognition of Citizens (Agenda Items)

Mike Leonard: I'm not sure if I will be allowed or if you need to give me time at the end when you think you'll finish – mine doesn't pertain to what's on the agenda tonight. I don't know if I can make it back though.

Dr. Donahue: Go ahead.

Mike Leonard: The last meeting you guys talked about Kenbrook and Sandy Hill and I know that the discussion according to the minutes, Mrs. Sheffey said that it doesn't mean that in the future we can't pursue other funding opportunities and we can't reinstate them. Well, I think that's always hard to do. I've been involved with Kenbrook twice and the amount the effort the teachers have put into that to get it to run like clockwork – to pull the clock out and try to get it to restart, I think would be really hard. I think instead of the future, we can't pursue funding opportunities, we can reinstate it, I think the future is now. I came before you tonight to offer some . . .

Bunny Hottenstein: I'm reading for Mike Leonard. This is from Mike:

I come before the Board tonight to offer something for consideration. I have had the privilege of being a chaperone two times for Kenbrook. I have no doubt in my mind that this camp and Sandy Hill are programs in this school that every kid gets to participate in. It is a time of learning, not only science and environmental stuff, but a time when every kid is challenged because he or she is put into a different group other than the one they are used to. Also it challenges them to try something they say they cannot do. I have witnessed strangers helping each other and accepting each other. I have witnessed kids say "no way" and teachers and chaperones encourage them to try. When they try, succeed or not, a light goes off in the kids' heads of wow, I can do this or I tried to do this. When I was at Kenbrook this year, the Finance Committee recommended that one of these camps be kaputzed. I could not be here, because I was there, but my heart was heavy when the news got to me. See, this year was really special for me. The group I was involved with had a special needs kid included in their group. The group accepted this boy openly and without any prejudice. When he would try something, the kids would say, "Go Lucas. You can do it, Lucas. Have fun, Lucas" and on and on. See, Lucas did something to me those two days and I believe to the kids that showed no matter how God made us, we are all part of a plan. Lucas decided to do the rope course and walk across a wire between two trees. Sure it took another parent and I, one on each side to help him, but as he made it across the 25 feet of wire and got to the end, the joy and shouts of "I did it, Mr. Leonard! We did it, Mr. Leonard!" could be heard throughout the woods as he jumped into my arms and hugged me overcome with pride. The most awesome thing happened. All the kids in his group stopped what they were doing as Lucas progressed and cheered him on and encouraged him when he got to the end and they all cheered along with Lucas. There is enough on everyone's plate right now to change this and have all the meetings and changes and costs associated with this right now is a waste of valuable time and energy. I personally talked to four different teachers about the camps. The teachers are for keeping it, but say it is what it is. Let's show them our efforts pay off in this program and give them the opportunity to educate all our kids in a fun, wanting to learn atmosphere.

Mr. Leonard: I think I can read this.

Ms. Hottenstein: Okay.

Mr. Leonard: Sorry about that. Lucas kinda touched me. I think pursuing and changes things like this cost time and money. I know it was recommended that we might want to charge \$50 for the field trips and that got us within \$16,000 of where we had to be. Mike Leonard's fund is willing to donate \$5,000 towards that \$16,000. I feel that maybe the PTO, the Trojan Foundation, and other local businesses we can solicit fundraisers

to raise the difference to close that \$11,000 gap. I think with the new Superintendent in place, I think this should be given a year, because of the two programs are just incredible and what they do for the kids and this will give time to work those things through whether we have to change one and go to a local venues and things like that and some of the other ideas that are out there. I just wanted to make that offer tonight. Thank you.

Dr. Donahue: Thank you Mike and we appreciate your offer. I appreciate your concerns regarding the program. Might I suggest based on your kind offer that you get in contact with I think the Trojan Foundation might be the appropriate avenue for this.

Mr. Leonard: I would need someone's help on that. I have a lot of contacts in town I think I can come up with some money, but I don't know the ins and outs and who's on what committee and who has what available and if the PTO's already strapped and everyone's strapped.

Dr. Donahue: I might be speaking out of turn, but I would suggest that Mr. Leonard be invited to the next Trojan Foundation meeting. Is that out of line?

Male Voice: As a member of that committee, Steve, do we have anything on the books for a next meeting?

Mr. Rineer: The next Trojan Fund meeting? As far as I know, Dan may be able to add something on that.

Dr. Kepler: No, there is nothing on the books. The most recent was a call for grant proposals from faculty that were voted on or sent to them electronically.

Male Voice: As we all know, that's not necessarily up to us. That's up to the Board and I'm on the Board, but I'm not a voting member, so that would be completely up to the Trojan Foundation Board which I would be happy to, along with Bernie and Steve . . .

Dr. Donahue: I'm on the Board also.

Male Voice: Chris, you go to those to as well, don't you? So, we can present that to them.

Mr. Leonard: If we can close the gap, I don't know if the School District can come up with any of it or not. I just wanted offer the \$5,000. I wish I could do the \$16,000, but I can't. I've seen it change lives and it's one of the few programs that every kid – and they want to stay. It isn't like school they have to wake up in the morning and you want to put them on the bus and you have to drag them on. It's just – I have a passion about this for the kids.

Dr. Donahue: Thanks Mike. Bill?

Dr. Parrish: Mike, another thing and I suggest you can sort of rally some support in that the Township has available to them about 6 acres of land down by Stonegate off Middletown/Hummelstown Road where the new development is. As part of the Parks and Recs Board, we looked at that last month and the discussion was what do we do with it? What do we develop with it? What I pushed forward was that we develop it as an outdoor lab that we could reproduce. There's a stream that goes through it, we could reproduce much of the activities that we do at Kenbrook so in the long run it's available to us every week of the year, not just a week where we can take kids on a trip if we want. I would encourage you just in the long term maybe to talk to Matt [not audible]. I understand the – I did Kenbrook three times and I understand the overnight experience and things. The only thing I question is do we need two overnight experiences or is one enough in middle school. I don't know what the answer is.

Mr. Leonard: I have a passion about it. I can understand the other viewpoints too.

Dr. Donahue: Thanks Bill. Any other Board member comments? Thanks Mike.

Mr. Leonard: Thank you for letting me do this.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.01 Unfinished Business

None.

NEW BUSINESS

5.01 Anticipated Agenda Items for June 27, 2011 Public School Board Meeting

1.	Adoption of Final 2011-2012 Final Budget
2.	Approval of June 13, 2011 School Board Minutes
3.	Approval of May 2011 Finance Report
4.	Budget Transfers
5.	Requests for Payment
6.	Second Amendment to Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement
7.	Hershey Christian School Agreement - Food Services
8.	Textbook Adoptions
9.	PSSA High School Testing Schedule - March 17-20, 2012
10.	Requests for the Use of Facilities
11.	Capital Area Intermediate Unit 2011-2012 Contracted Services
12.	Adoption of Policies:

	620 - General Funds 625 - Maintenance of Fund Balance
13.	Personnel
14.	Announcement of Staff Development Conferences

5.02 Election of Board Treasurer

Section 404 of the School Laws of Pennsylvania stipulates "In each school district of the third class, The school directors shall elect a Treasurer to serve for one year, beginning the first day in July following such election"

Dr. Donahue: At this point, I would like to call for nominations of School Board Treasurer. Bill?

Dr. Parrish: I'll nominate Mr. Stover.

Dr. Donahue: Is there a second for that nomination?

Mrs. Chabal. Second.

Dr. Donahue: Are there other nominations for School Board Treasurer? Mr. Gräb.

Mr. Gräb: Thank you Mr. President. I'd like to nominate Dr. Donna Cronin.

Dr. Donahue: Is there a second for that nomination?

Dr. Hagan: Second.

Dr. Donahue: Is there any discussion?

Mr. Gräb: Well we need to close nominations first.

Mrs. Sheffey: Yes, are there any other nominations?

Male Voice: I move that the nominations be closed.

Mr. Gräb: Second.

Dr. Donahue: Okay, is there any discussion?

Mrs. Sheffey: I think the position of Treasurer has really evolved over the years mainly due to Act 1. Act 1 has required school districts to think differently about how they develop their budget and the process starts much earlier and it really requires long term thinking, very strategic long term thinking because the decisions we make today really have significant impact on the out years. Couple that with the very challenging

economy these last three years and we've really had to drill down deeper and look at the budget in far more detail and the Administration has provided far more detail to the Board, not just for the Board, but for the community as well so that we can make better decisions. Really all that is to say that the position of Treasurer now requires a lot more time than it has in the past and I've really enjoyed working as Treasurer. It's been an honor and, unfortunately, I don't have the time to do the job the way I think it should be done. I'm thrilled that we have two Board members who are willing to give their time freely to the Board to serve in this capacity. I think the position takes more than just time and dedication. I think we really, as we look towards next year when we know that the budget is going to be even more challenging we really need a Treasurer who can hit the ground running, who has sound background in finance, who has experience and understands the budget process, and understands the details of our budget and really knows all of the safeguards that we've built into our budget so we that we can handle the very difficult challenges that are pending for this Board. I would highly recommend Mr. Stover for the position of Treasurer.

Dr. Donahue: Thank you Ellen. Any other discussion?

Dr. Cronin: I'll just make a comment. I appreciate that discussion and I appreciate Chuck's willingness to serve in that capacity. I just want to share, I'm sure the Board members don't know my background. I have spent 15 years in the business world and currently am still full time employed in the pharmaceutical industry. As the Director for the East Coast, I've been involved in multi-million dollar budgeting processes for the last 15 years. I'm glad that not only do I have a finance background and I guess Chuck has been Treasurer before, so he also has a background, but I certainly don't want my fellow Board members to think I'm just a mom, but I also am a business woman, so thank you.

Dr. Donahue: Thank you Donna. Steve? Roll call vote? You have to do one name?

Mr. Rineer: I think what we can do since this situation never actually presented itself, I think what we do is roll call and each Board member should state who they are in favor of.

Male Voice: That's what we've done in the past.

Dr. Donahue: Alright.

Roll Call Vote:

Chabal – Stover

Cronin – Cronin

Donahue – Stover

Gräb – Cronin

Hagan – Cronin

Morelli – Stover

Parrish – Stover

Sheffey – Stover

Stover - Stover

Mr. Rineer: Mr. Stover is elected Treasurer.

Dr. Cronin: Congratulations.

Dr. Donahue: Congratulations Chuck. I have prepared words on your last day as Treasurer, but I just want to express my appreciation for all the hard work you've done thus far, but you have two more weeks so I'll wait. Thank you for two weeks.

5.03 Approval of Overnight Field Trip/Excursion - High School Football Team - Juniata College

The Administration recommended the approval of the overnight field trip/excursion as listed:

<i>Group:</i>	High School Football Team
<i>Number of Participating Students:</i>	40
<i>Grade Level:</i>	10-12
<i>Destination:</i>	Juniata College Huntingdon, PA
<i>Purpose:</i>	Football Camp
<i>Depart:</i>	July 8, 2011
<i>Return:</i>	July 9, 2011
<i>Trip Leader:</i>	Mark Painter

The District reserves the right to cancel the excursion based on events that could pose a heightened safety or security risk.

Dr. Cronin moved the Board approve the overnight field trip excursion and was seconded by Dr. Parrish.

Mr. Morelli: Just a question. I just wanted to ask, I couldn't tell by the document but it sounds like it's all paid for by the booster club. Is that a true statement? Even transportation?

Male Voice: That is correct.

Mr. Rineer: It's not paid by the District.

Dr. Donahue: Any other questions or discussion?

Roll Call Vote:
Chabal – Yes
Cronin – Yes
Donahue – Yes

Gräb – Yes
Hagan – Yes
Morelli – Yes

Parrish – Yes
Sheffey – Yes
Stover - Yes

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5.04 Approval of Overnight Field Trip/Excursion - Middle & High School Wrestling Team - July 9, 2011

The Administration recommended the approval of the overnight field trip/excursion as listed:

<i>Group:</i>	Middle & High School Wrestling Team
<i>Number of Participating Students:</i>	8
<i>Grade Level:</i>	7-12
<i>Destination:</i>	Pennsylvania State University University Park, PA
<i>Purpose:</i>	Team Wrestling Camp
<i>Depart:</i>	July 9, 2011
<i>Return:</i>	July 12, 2011
<i>Trip Leader:</i>	Brandon Bucher

The District reserves the right to cancel the excursion based on events that could pose a heightened safety or security risk.

Mrs. Chabal moved the Board approve the overnight field trip and was seconded by Dr. Hagan.

Mr. Gräb: I'd just like to amend the name of the group. It's Middle and Junior High School football team. We might want to make that wrestling team.

Dr. Donahue: Where does it say football team?

Mr. Gräb: On this sheet of paper I have here.

Dr. Donahue: Okay, got it.

Mrs. Sheffey: On the left it says the right thing.

Male Voice: On mine it's right.

Dr. Donahue: Alright. Thank you John. Mr. Rineer, the roll call please?

Roll Call Vote:

Chabal – Yes

Gräb – Yes

Parrish – Yes

Cronin – Yes

Hagan – Yes

Sheffey – Yes

Donahue – Yes

Morelli – Yes

Stover - Yes

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5.05 Requests for the Use of School Facilities

The Administration recommended the approval of the following Requests for the Use of School Facilities:

<i>Group:</i>	Hershey Flag Football
<i>Facility/Date/Time:</i>	Cinder Track Saturdays August 13 - November 12, 2011 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
	Field Behind Middle School Monday - Wednesdays August 15 - November 14, 2011 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
<i>Event:</i>	Flag Football Games and Practices
<i>Fee:</i>	None
<i>Group:</i>	Special Olympics PA - Area M
<i>Date/Time:</i>	September 17, 2011 - Set-up 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
	September 18, 2011 - Event 7:a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
<i>Requested Facility:</i>	Middle School Gym, Locker Rooms, Auditorium, Cafeteria, Kitchen, 1/2 LGI, Front and Side Middle School Parking Lots
<i>Event:</i>	Special Olympics Pennsylvania Area M Fall Sports Classic
<i>Fee:</i>	Waiver Requested
<i>Group:</i>	Deer Run of Hershey Homeowners Association
<i>Date/Time:</i>	November 8, 2011

	5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
<i>Requested Facility:</i>	Middle School LGI
<i>Event:</i>	Homeowner's Annual Meeting
<i>Fee:</i>	None

Dr. Parrish moved the Board approve the requests and was seconded by Dr. Cronin.

Mr. Gräb: I'd just like to recommend that the facility be the cinder track football field as opposed to the cinder track. It's tough to play football on a cinder track.

Dr. Donahue: It's probably the field and the cinder track.

Mr. Gräb: That could well be.

Dr. Donahue: Okay we'll note that.

Mr. Gräb: I know you will.

Dr. Donahue: Thank you again John. Any other? Mr. Rineer, roll call please.

Roll Call Vote:

Chabal – Yes

Cronin – Yes

Donahue – Yes

Gräb – Yes

Hagan – Yes

Morelli – Yes

Parrish – Yes

Sheffey – Yes

Stover - Yes

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5.06 Personnel – Resignations

The Administration recommended the approval of the following resignations:

Professional:
Friel, Melissa School Nurse Elementary School Reason: Personal Effective: 07/01/2011
Rogers, Douglas Technology Education Teacher High School

Reason: Personal Effective: 06/09/2011
Vath, Kristin Grade 7 Communications Arts Teacher Middle School Reason: Personal Effective: 06/09/2011

Mrs. Chabal moved the Board approve the resignations and was seconded by Dr. Hagan.

Roll Call Vote:
 Chabal – Yes Gräb – Yes Parrish – Yes
 Cronin – Yes Hagan – Yes Sheffey – Yes
 Donahue – Yes Morelli – Yes Stover - Yes

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5.07 Personnel – General

1.	The Administration recommended the approval of the following appointments:
	Professional:
	Ettinger, Jennifer * (for Timothy Wallace) Half-time Art Teacher Elementary School Long Term Substitute Bachelors, Step 4 Salary: \$45,115 (prorated) (pending HEA Agreement) Effective: 08/26/2011 through the end of the 2011-2012 school year
	Hensel, Brendan (replacing Marliss Berke) School Counselor High School Temporary Professional Masters, Step 3 Salary: \$45,115 (pending HEA Agreement) Effective: 08/22/2011 (pending receipt of Act 151 clearance)
	Reese, Laura Half-time Social Studies Teacher High School

<p>Long Term Substitute Bachelors, Step 1 Salary: \$40,281.25 (prorated) (pending HEA Agreement) Effective: 08/22/2011 through the end of the 2011-2012 school year</p>
<p>Woodrow, Jesse (replacing Teresa Govelovich) French and Spanish Teacher High School Professional Bachelors, Step 5 Salary: \$46,726.25 (pending HEA Agreement) Effective: 08/22/2011</p>
<p>Classified:</p>
<p>Bernardo, Marci * (replacing Martha Davenport) Recess Aide Elementary School Level A: 4.5 hours per day Salary: \$11.58 per hour Effective: 08/29/2011</p>
<p>Davenport, Martha * Substitute Cafeteria/Recess Aide Elementary School Salary: \$10.10 per hour Effective: 08/29/2011</p>
<p>Friel, Melissa * Substitute Nurse Assistant District-wide Salary: \$21.82 per hour Effective: 07/01/2011</p>
<p>Limited Service Contract:</p>
<p>Hickey, Ara Head Fall Cheerleading Coach Middle School Level II, Group G, Step 3 Salary: \$1,070 (pending HEA Agreement) Effective: 08/15/2011 (pending receipt of Act 34, 151, and 114 clearances)</p> <p>Head Winter Cheerleading Coach Middle School Level II, Group G, Step 3</p>

	Salary: \$1,070 (pending HEA Agreement) Effective: 11/18/2011 (pending receipt of Act 34, 151, and 114 clearances)
2.	The Administration recommended the approval of the Limited Service Contract for the following individual for the 2011 Summer School Staff, contingent upon enrollment:
	Ritchey, Julia Volunteer Summer School Effective: 06/13/2011 - 06/30/2011
3.	The Administration recommended the approval of the following individuals for 2011 Extended School Year for the Special Education Department:
	Acri, Kristen * Extended School Year Special Education Teacher, Learning Support Reading and Math Elementary School Part-time, between 2 and 4 days a week Salary: \$26.00 per hour Effective: 06/13/2011 - 08/19/2011
	Edwards, Ashley * Extended School Year Special Education Teacher, Learning Support Reading and Math Elementary School Part-time, between 2 and 4 days a week Salary: \$26.00 per hour Effective: 06/13/2011 - 08/19/2011
	Ermold, Dana * Extended School Year Special Education Teacher Reading and Math Middle School Part-time, 60 minute and 120 minute sessions Salary: \$26.00 per hour Effective: 06/13/2011 - 08/19/2011
	Ford, Tina * Extended School Year Special Education Aide Elementary School Part-time for a period of 4 weeks Salary: \$15.83 per hour Effective: 07/01/2011

	<p>Fry, Laura * Extended School Year Special Education Teacher, Learning Support Reading and Math Elementary School Part-time, between 2 and 4 days a week Salary: \$26.00 per hour Effective: 06/13/2011 - 08/19/2011</p>
	<p>Greene, Adam * Extended School Year Multiple Disabilities Special Education Teacher Elementary School Part-time, 1:1 Direct Instruction Salary: \$26.00 per hour Effective: 07/01/2011 - 07/10/2011</p>
	<p>Grudi, Denise * Extended School Year Teachers' Aide Middle School Part-time for a period of 4 weeks Salary: \$14.36 per hour Effective: 07/01/2011</p>
	<p>Rusbult, Jessica * Extended School Year Teachers' Aide Middle School Part-time for a period of 4 weeks Salary: \$12.52 per hour Effective: 07/01/2011</p>
	<p>Stewart, Kelly * Extended School Year Occupational Therapist District-wide Part-time Salary: \$26.00 per hour Effective: 06/13/2011 - 08/19/2011</p>
4.	<p>The Administration recommended the approval of the following request in accordance with District Policies 435 & 439:</p>
	<p>Ogle, Lori * Mathematics Teacher High School Paid/Unpaid Childbearing/rearing Leave Effective: On or about 10/14/2011 through the end of the 2011-2012 school year</p>

5.	The Administration recommended the approval of the following request in accordance with District Policies 535:		
	Miller, Sylvia * Bus Driver District-wide Paid/Unpaid Family Medical Leave Effective: 05/20/2011 through 07/30/2011 (retroactive)		
6.	The Administration recommended the approval of the following additions to the 2011-2012 Substitute Teacher List:		
	Govelovich, Teresa * M.A. in Spanish from Millersville University of Pennsylvania		
7.	The Administration gave notice that the following teachers have completed a successful term of three years of employment with a satisfactory evaluation for the District and will receive tenure as a teacher in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:		
	Butler, Nicole Campbell, Laura Cherry, Melissa Davies, Zachary Dunlop, Alicia Erb, Jarryd Ettinger, Jennifer Grimes, Megan Guydo, Keith Huston, Emily Jones, Alexander Kisner, Michelle Licata, Amy McCarthy, Nicole Simmons, Holly Slessor, Megan Vondran, Kimberly Witwer, Melody Womer, Amy Yarzabek, Christine Zitko, John	Computer Elementary - Grade 1 Learning Support Science Elementary - Grade 2 Health/PE Art Spanish Mathematics Elementary - Grade 3 Elementary - Grade 4 Music Chemistry Elementary - Grade 4 Mathematics Elementary - Grade 2 Elementary - Grade 2 Learning Support Learning Support Elementary - Grade 1 Science	Middle School Elementary Middle School Middle School Elementary Middle School Middle School High School High School Elementary Elementary Elementary High School Elementary High School High School Elementary Elementary Elementary High School Elementary Elementary Elementary Middle School
*	This individual is currently an employee and/or volunteer. Clearances are on file.		

Dr. Cronin moved the Board approve the personnel recommendations and was seconded by Mrs. Chabal.

Dr. Parrish: I noticed that we're hiring an extended year occupational therapist, just out of interest I read in the paper that Harrisburg Hospital has decided to suspend their therapy program for children and that [not audible] Society will not have the capacity to pick up that slack so we may actually see increased requests to the School District – just something to put on your radar screen.

Dr. Donahue: Thank you Dr. Parrish. Any other discussion or questions?

Roll Call Vote:

Chabal – Yes

Cronin – Yes

Donahue – Yes

Gräb – Yes

Hagan – Yes

Morelli – Yes

Parrish – Yes

Sheffey – Yes

Stover - Yes

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DELEGATES REPORTS

6.01 Dauphin County Technical School Report

Mr. Gräb: Thank you. The Technical School did meet on June 8th. We had a presentation from Mr. Matthew Arnold on the matter of horticulture and the different things that that particular career in technical education shop does in the community. We had a projected 2011-2012 enrollment from Dr. Kevin Lacey. Our projected enrollment next year is approximately 955. Seeing as how we ended this year with 793, that's a growth of about 160 some.

In our community session we did the normal approval of minutes, staff reports, noted that the Dauphin County Technical School [not audible] do a project for Fort Indiantown Gap, accepted a check from Giant Foods on the School Rewards program, passed and approved financial bills for April and May and consent agendas. Basically that was about it unless Mr. Morelli has anything he'd like to add.

Mr. Morelli: Just one – the Giant grocery store rewards program gave the school \$4,000. Apparently you have your swipe card and you can donate money or your points to the school that way. The school is going to take that money and make a little patio outside their cafeteria for the students to use when the weather is nice. It's kind of a neat project and it involves a couple of shops: the ornamental horticulture shop that John just talked about will do some landscaping. The masonry shop will actually do the patio with pavers, I assume. The carpentry shop will build some picnic tables. It's a pretty neat way for the kids to use their skills for a project that will obviously be at that school for a long time to come. Perhaps if we have any projects like patios in the future, we could use those guys, because they typically do a pretty good job. That's it.

Dr. Donahue: Thank you John and Chris. Any questions for John or Chris?

Dr. Hagan: Well, a thought – a question. How much money do we get from Giant for these little swiping card things?

Male Voice: It's by school. I don't have that information, but I could find out from the principals.

Dr. Hagan: I'm curious.

Male Voice: It depends. It's more in the elementary, less in secondary, but each school gets some, so I can find that out for you.

Dr. Hagan: So if we could have a drive to get us all to sign up our bonus cards, because we all have them, we might have some answers to some of our problems.

Dr. Donahue: Any other comments?

6.02 Harrisburg Area Community College Report

Dr. Cronin: No report, but I will plan on doing so next meeting.

6.03 Capital Area Intermediate Unit Report

Mrs. Chabal: The Finance Committee of the IU Board reported that the Act 93 from the IU has requested a freeze. They too went back and requested a freeze after they had a contract in place saving \$40,000 for the IU in the 2011-2012 year.

The general operating school budget which is the budget that all school districts participate in, all the school districts contribute \$902,000 out of that \$5 million dollar budget. In addition to the pay freeze for Act 93, the IU is doing a number of things. They have lost \$558,000 from that general operating budget because of the Governor's budget and also because school districts are taking back classrooms. What they are doing is they are eliminating positions that have not been filled over the last several years. They are making some delays in some hoped for facility improvements. Those improvements will not be made until some future date. Also they are looking at taking what they have called to be a first look at furloughs. Furloughs that are due to the reduction of contracts in 2011 and 2012. They are looking at non-tenured professionals, educational pair professional, and classified support staff. They have a fairly intricate way that they have to establish that due to the contract that they're currently under. Also they are doing a reduction from full time to part time in their educational pair professionals. They are like many of us – taking a [not audible] stand

and a real serious look at their budget. They, in June, reorganized the IU Board and the Executive Council and they swear those in in July.

I would also like to say that it has been my pleasure, even though I do have several more meetings by the time I roll off in November. For those of you who are coming if no one actually in the audience that may be coming on, but those of you who are coming back, I highly recommend this placement. The IU Board is complicated. There are 19 Board members around the table, but it is a wonderful place to be. It truly is a great organization and they are working very hard at changing, not their mission, but changing the way they do business. I have the [not audible] sitting on the HR Committee as we are searching for a new Executive Director. I am happy to say that they have a nice list of folks to that they are going to start presenting to their faculty. That decision should be made, I'm going to guess, maybe in the next two months. As I look around and say to my fellow Board members, the IU seat as a Board member is really a wonderful place to be, so if you're coming back and, hopefully some of the folks who are coming on board will take advantage of what's offered at the IU as far as a Board membership seat. Thank you.

Dr. Donahue: Thank you Beulah. Any questions for Beulah?

6.04 Derry Township Tax Collection Association Report

Mr. Stover: The next Tax meeting is Thursday, June 23. The next Dauphin County Tax Collection Committee meeting is this Wednesday the 15th. I am unable to attend that meeting, but Mr. Rineer is going to attend as an alternate.

We've made very good progress and have reached an agreement on a contract with Keystone. Now the challenge is for Keystone to roll out how they are going to get this done for us. Some of the issues that we have – really our Tax Association and the County Association really are interrelated, so we have some issues to work out on whether we continue to collect the EIT in 2012 or we try and let them do that. It depends on our software, so I'm hoping that we do have the meeting in June to work out some of those issues with our Association and be able to report back on how we're going to resolve that issue.

Dr. Donahue: Thanks Chuck. Ellen? Any questions for Chuck?

SPECIAL REPORTS

7.01 Announcement of Staff Development Conferences

Allison Mackley International Society for Technology in Education 2011: Unlocking Potential

Philadelphia, PA June 26 - 29, 2011 Expenses: \$200.00
Melicia Widmer French Advanced Placement Workshop LaSalle University, Philadelphia, PA July 18 - 22, 2011 Expenses: \$2,205.00
Jean Good National Association for College Admissions Counseling Conference New Orleans, LA September 22-24, 2011 Expenses: \$2,010.00

7.02 School Community Information Report

Mr. Tredinnick: I only have one item this evening. As you all are aware, the 104th commencement for Hershey High School occurred last week with a new wrinkle. We had, for the first time, live webstreaming of the commencement ceremony. I'm happy to say for the first time, I think it went very well, certainly from a technical end our IT folks will tell you that from a community standpoint, it was very well received. We had 347 folks actually watch all or part of the live streaming and we've had a similar number of folks who have now taken the opportunity to watch the archived version. So close to 700 folks have taken the time to either watch it live or watch the archived version of that. I don't have a breakdown yet of where all those folks might be, but based on some of the e-mails that we've received, anecdotally they are both hither and yon, so I think that bodes well for positioning ourselves and providing a service to our graduates and their families.

Dr. Donahue: Dan do you think this has gone like youtube viral status yet? How far are we from making lots of money off this?

Mr. Tredinnick: I don't think we're going to wake up tomorrow and have a million, but there is enough community interest and we are definitely going to do it again next year. There's been some talk about upgrading the quality of the video and, in fact, maybe even doing something like making a DVD copy available to folks. It was certainly received well enough that if something were going to continue and will probably grow it a little bit as well.

Dr. Donahue: Thanks. It was really fantastic. I looked at. The camera wasn't as focused on me as I would have preferred, but I thought it was great. I had to call in the newspaper and the Harrisburg Newspaper was fantastic. I think it was an outstanding idea and I'm glad you did it.

7.03 Board Members' Report

Mr. Stover: I was unable to attend the last meeting, so I would just like to publicly welcome Dr. Faidley as our Superintendent and I look forward to working very closely with him. I'd also like to thank Bernie. You did an outstanding job as Acting Superintendent and I truly believe that our District is very lucky to have both these top Administrators lead our District.

Dr. Donahue: Thanks Chuck.

Mr. Morelli: Just one quick comment again about graduation as a Board member and as a parent. I think the night went perfectly. The Administration did everything possible to make it go smoothly and year after year they do a good job and this year they did great, so thank you.

Dr. Donahue: Anybody else? Joe, will you be able to update on the Curriculum Council meeting on my behalf?

Mrs. Sheffey: Do you need the minutes?

Mr. McFarland: I would, yes. I had actually spoken with Mrs. Sheffey so she has the info.

Dr. Donahue: Did you want to do it Mrs. Sheffey?

Mrs. Sheffey: Oh, I guess I can do it.

Dr. Donahue: Alright. Thanks Joe.

Mr. McFarland: I'll jump in.

Mrs. Sheffey: Curriculum Council met June 6. They did the second review on a textbook adoption. We'll see that on our agenda next meeting. They did a first review for a high school mathematics geometry 10 textbook and gave approval for an accelerated second approval. That will also be on our agenda in two weeks so they can get the books ordered and in the classroom in time.

They talked about and gave the second approval for the alternate PSSA high school testing schedule. I think we've all seen notes on it. Basically, the week of PSSA testing which is March 17 through 20 the juniors will come in at regular time. They will take their test for the first two hours and then the remainder of our high school students will come in on a two hour delayed schedule. I don't believe we have – the Board doesn't have to approve this, do we? We should.

Mr. McFarland: Because it involves calendar. We want to get it on the calendar.

Mrs. Sheffey: That will be then at our next – we will have this on the agenda.

Mr. McFarland: Correct. It's on for an anticipated agenda item.

Mrs. Sheffey: Okay. The next item was a presentation from the Foreign Language Department. I think last year when we voted to remove the German program, at least for me, it was based on the understanding that we would do an intensive review of our foreign language program. That's what they've done. They talked about 5th grade students. Right now they have to make a decision for three years in the middle school what language they are going to take. They have nothing other than, "Oh, that's what my brother took" or "That sounds like a good language" to make that decision. Two of our teachers at the middle school developed an exploratory website so our 5th grade students can go to the website. The parents can go as well, other students can, like our 6th grade students who have reading intervention who aren't taking a foreign language yet, but may in the future can also go to that website and get some basic understanding of what the two languages are and make an informed decision. To date, they've had over 350 visits. It's definitely been well received. You can look at it as well. It's hmsfl.weebly.com

Mr. McFarland: That was in your Board packet too so it's in there.

Mrs. Sheffey: The next thing they talked about with foreign language was they revised the vision. Basically the vision says the goal for all our students is to reach a minimum intermediate/low proficiency in a selected world language. Students will be encouraged to pursue a world language through at least Level 3 courses and opportunities are available for students to advance beyond the intermediate/low level. That's just a minimum.

They also talked about the 8th grade accelerated language. Right now we have children who are identified as proficient. This is a gift for them so they go into the accelerated program and then when they get into high school, they start Level 3 courses. Is that correct, Level 3?

Mr. McFarland: Most of them do.

Mrs. Sheffey: But the problem is the 8th grade accelerated isn't exactly the same as Level 2, so they're coming in and they haven't really learned all the same stuff. It's similar, but it's not the same. What they are going to be doing this summer is ensuring that the curriculum for 8th grade accelerated is the same as Level 2 so that kids will move into the high school and know exactly what their peers know. I think that's it for the language program.

They talked about a new initiative, I think this was in our packet, in the middle school. An opportunity to test run the one to one initiative. We have a couple of technology

teachers in the 6th grade who are not coming back, so their computers are available. What they are recommending is to transfer those computers to our 8th grade class. So all of our 8th grade students will be assigned a laptop. When they come to school, they will get their laptop in their homeroom, they'll log in and they will carry that laptop with them throughout the day. At the end of the day they will log off, put it back in the homeroom in the docking station. They will have a laptop one to one, but they will not take it home to them. That will give an opportunity to see does it really have all the advantages we think it will have. We talked about the concerns with the one to one. Will the battery life last? Will they be able to remain logged in? All of those issues can be addressed as part of this pilot. There will be no additional cost to the District. We'll just be shifting resources so that in the future if we decide that we want to have a one to one initiative, we'll have data to use to make that decision. I said they will not be going home, but we do have a grant for digital textbooks so any student – part of the agreement with the grant is that the computer will go home with the student, so there are a small percentage of students who the laptop will go home, but that's not the 8th grade initiative. It's actually associated with the grant for testing digital textbooks.

Mr. McFarland: Right. It's two sections in the high school. One section of physics and one section of geometry.

Mrs. Sheffey: So none of the 8th graders.

Mr. McFarland: None of the 8th graders, no.

Mrs. Sheffey: I believe that is it.

Mr. McFarland: You did a fantastic job.

Mrs. Sheffey: Thank you.

Dr. Cronin: Quick question, Ellen. The laptops are being recycled, so to speak, from which classes?

Mrs. Sheffey: From the two 6th grade teachers who are not returning who were technology teachers.

Mr. McFarland: They had a full set of classroom laptops.

Dr. Cronin: So they were just regular teachers, they weren't Tech Ed or anything like that, regular teachers who were utilizing that.

Mr. McFarland: No. They were regular 6th grade gen ed teachers.

Dr. Cronin: The replacements are not tech teachers?

Mr. McFarland: Well, it will be a new teacher coming and they have a lot to get up to speed on and to then expect them to integrate fully technology in a one to one environment, we though that's a lot to put on them.

Dr. Cronin: There's enough in just those two classes for the entire 8th grade?

Mr. McFarland: A good portion of the 8th grade currently have one to one.

Dr. Cronin: Because their teachers are already . . .

Mr. McFarland: And it's repurposing from other areas.

Dr. Cronin: Gotcha. Thank you.

Dr. Donahue: Other questions for Ellen or Joe?

7.04 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Faidley: Mr. President, Members of the Board, this is my first opportunity to address the Board as the Superintendent. I'd like to share with you some observations in my short time on the job.

First of all, I had the opportunity to attend the Scholarship Award Night where the seniors were recognized for all of the things that they've done throughout the course of their high school career. I was amazed by the number of scholarships that students received. Not only was I amazed by the scholarship, but I was amazed by the whole atmosphere of that evening. After the scholarship awards were given, there was a social in the cafeteria where I had the opportunity meet with many of the parents of those students in the community. Not only did I receive a warm welcome, but many of them had younger students in the District that they anticipated all of the things that we were going to be doing in the future.

The highlight of that is obviously the senior graduation. A total of 371 graduates walked across the stage at Founders Hall. All in all we had 88 scholarships given. In your Board packets, you received some extensive detail which I won't go into all of it this evening, but just highlighting for the media out there this evening. The total dollar amount as reported by surveys that were sent to the students is over \$1.9 million dollars. I think that's something that we need to address in a positive manner as we communicate with our community all of the wonderful things that the staff and students are doing in our community.

Also in your packet is a list of the colleges that are anticipated colleges and universities that our students are attending. That information is also impressive – over 88 different institutions, many of them very significant in the academic world that our students are off to.

In addition to those scholarships and our graduates, we had a military academy appointment - the Naval Academy. You know you don't receive very many of those. In my experience as a District Administrator, those come very few and far between and the significance of that award and what that stands for is amazing. We had National Merit Scholars. We had finalists, four finalists, and also commended National Merit students. So all in all it was a good, actually great experience in terms of navigating through and gathering this information.

I look forward to many more reports. Obviously, the information in the Board book will speak for itself. We are in good hands with the graduates that we are producing in the Derry Township School District. Thank you very much.

Dr. Donahue: Thank you Dr. Faidley.

7.05 Board President's Report

Dr. Donahue: All I wanted to say was that it's been another outstanding school year for all Derry Township schools. I'd like to express the Board appreciation to the Administration. I'd like you to express our appreciation to the teachers, the staff, and, indeed, the parents because they are an important part of having a successful school year, and ultimately the students are the main contributors to a successful school year. I think, once again, we've had a very good year. I think each and every one of us should be proud of that.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS (Agenda and Non-Agenda Items)

8.01 Recognition of Citizens (Agenda and Non-Agenda Items)

John Freeman: I have a small request. I'd like to have some details, if possible, regarding Item 5: the textbooks that are going to be adopted for the next meeting. If there is going to be any detail provided, I was wondering if I could give my e-mail address and just start some dialogue and someone could follow up. It might save some time that way. So who might I give my e-mail address to?

Mr. McFarland: Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

9.01 Adjournment

Dr. Donahue: The next public School Board meeting will be held Monday, June 27, 2011 starting at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office Board room.

Dr. Cronin moved to adjourn, with a second by Mrs. Chabal and, approved by unanimous voice vote by all members. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen E. Rineer
Secretary to the Board
Approved at the June 27, 2011 meeting

Dr. Henry Donahue
President of the Board

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