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Minutes of the
Board of School Directors
DERRY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
Hershey, PA 17033

August 8, 2011

OPENING ITEMS

1.01 Call to Order

A meeting of the Board of School Directors, Derry Township School District was held on Monday, August 8, 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

Superintendent: Dr. Richard Faidley

Secretary: Mr. Stephen Rineer

Solicitor: Mr. Brian Jackson (Not Present)

Student Representative: Not Present

Press: Mr. Nick Malawsky THE PATRIOT-NEWS

Representatives of the Administrative Staff: Mr. Dan Tredinnick, Dr. Bernie Kepler, and Mr. Joseph McFarland.

Representatives of the Staff and Community: Heidi Eby, Amanda Kahl, Brian Shiflett, Louis Paoletti, Maryellen Sheehan, Bruce Hancock, John Freeman.

1.03 Flag Salute

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

INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

2.01 Approval of the June 27 and July 25, 2011 School Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mrs. Chabal and seconded by Dr. Hagan to approve the minutes of the June 27 and July 25, 2011 School Board meetings.

All Board members present signified by a Yes vote.

MOTION CARRIED

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 matters that must be conducted in private to protect lawful privilege or confidentiality and certain conferences or concessions, and financial matters.

3.02 Recognition of Citizens (Agenda Items)

Louis Paoletti: It's a previous item. Can I still speak now?

Dr. Donahue: I'd prefer you'd wait until the end if that's not inconvenient for you.

Mr. Paoletti: Okay.

Dr. Donahue: Okay, thank you.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.01 Unfinished Business

None.

NEW BUSINESS

5.01 Anticipated Agenda Items for August 22, 2011 Public School Board Meeting

1.	Approval of August 8, 2011 School Board Minutes
2.	Approval of July 2011 Finance Report
3.	Requests for Payment
4.	Approval of Weapons Policy Waiver - Twenty-One Gun Salute - Michael Horrocks Memorial Ceremony
5.	Requests for the Use of Facilities
6.	Personnel
7.	Announcement of Staff Development Conferences

5.02 Approval of Finance Report for June 2011

The Administration recommended the approval of the June 2011 Finance Report.

1.	The Treasurer's Report for the month ending June 30, 2011 was summarized as follows:	
	• General Fund Revenues	\$2,205,744
	• General Fund Expenditures	4,562,029
	• Balance of Cash Plus Investments (Includes \$4,757,431 Capital Reserve)	14,747,581
2.	The listed schedule of investment transactions for the period beginning June 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011 had totaled interest earnings of \$3,201 comprised of the following:	
	• General Fund	\$30
	• Money Market	2,018

	• Capital Reserve	977
	• PA Local Government Investment Trust	176
	The average interest rate for June 2011 was .25%	
3.	The June 2011 expenditures for the paid bills for all funds totaled \$2,098,668 excluding net payroll, retirement contributions, and debt service.	
4.	The July 2011 expenditures for the unpaid bills for all funds totaled \$547,756.	
5.	The estimated expenditures of the General Fund for the month of July 2011 were in the following amounts:	
	• Operating Expenses	\$1,100,000
	• Utilities	159,300
	• Net Payroll (End of Year Pay)	1,463,000
	• Employer Provided Insurance	426,200
	• Payroll Deductions	629,000
	• Employer Payroll Taxes (FICA/RET)	160,000
	• Debt Service	<u>0</u>
	Total Estimated Expenditures	\$3,937,500

Dr. Cronin moved the Board approve the Finance Report and was seconded by Dr. Hagan.

Roll Call Vote:

Chabal – Yes
Cronin – Yes
Donahue – Yes

Gräb – Yes
Hagan – Yes
Morelli – Yes

Parrish – Yes
Sheffey – Yes
Stover - Yes

9 Yes

MOTION CARRIED

5.03 Approval of Physician of Record Contract 2011-2012 School Year

The Administration recommended the appointment of Cocoa Family Medicine as the School Physician of Record for the 2011-2012 school year. The Physician of Records stipend is \$1,200.00, \$22.00 for each physician exam, and \$5.00 for each recertification.

Dr. Parrish moved the Board approve the 2011-2012 School Year Physician of Record Contract and was seconded by Mrs. Chabal.

Roll Call Vote:

Chabal – Yes

Cronin – Yes

Donahue – Yes

Gräb – Yes

Hagan – Yes

Morelli – Yes

Parrish – Yes

Sheffey – Yes

Stover - Yes

9 Yes

MOTION CARRIED

5.04 Approval Bus Stops

The Administration recommended adopting bus stop locations for the 2011-2012 school year as attached.

The Administration also requested authorization to change bus stop locations for the following reasons: safety, efficiency, and also the transportation of new students.

Dr. Hagan moved the Board approve the bus stops and was seconded by Mrs. Sheffey.

Roll Call Vote:

Chabal – Yes

Cronin – Yes

Donahue – Yes

Gräb – Yes

Hagan – Yes

Morelli – Yes

Parrish – Yes

Sheffey – Yes

Stover - Yes

9 Yes

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5.05 Request for the Use of School Facilities

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

<i>Group:</i>	Hershey Soccer Club
<i>Date/Time:</i>	August 8 to November 11, 2011
	Monday through Friday 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
	Saturday and Sunday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
<i>Requested Facility:</i>	Middle School Soccer Field
<i>Event:</i>	Travel Program Games and/or Practices
<i>Fee:</i>	None

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

Roll Call Vote:

Chabal – Yes

Cronin – Yes

Donahue – Yes

Gräb – Yes

Hagan – Yes

Morelli – Yes

Parrish – Yes

Sheffey – Yes

Stover - Yes

9 Yes

MOTION CARRIED

5.06 Personnel – Resignations

The Administration recommended the approval of the following resignations:

Professional:
Baird, Julie Grade 2 Teacher Elementary School Reason: Personal Effective: 07/29/2011 (retroactive)
Gensimore, Wendy English Teacher High School Reason: Personal Effective: 08/22/2011
Classified:
McConnell, Margaret

Nurse Assistant High School Reason: Personal Effective: 08/03/2011 (retroactive)
Plott, Kelli Teachers' Aide Elementary School Reason: Personal Effective: 07/22/2011 (retroactive)
Limited Service Contract:
Gratkowski, Michael Assistant Football Coach Middle School Reason: Personal Effective: 08/04/2011

Dr. Parrish moved the Board approve the resignations and was seconded by Mr. Stover.

Roll Call Vote:

Chabal – Yes
Cronin – Yes
Donahue – Yes

Gräb – Yes
Hagan – Yes
Morelli – Yes

Parrish – Yes
Sheffey – Yes
Stover - Yes

9 Yes

MOTION CARRIED

5.07 Personnel - General

1.	The Administration recommended the approval of the following appointments:
	Professional:
	Ellis, Emily (replacing Kaitlyn Yohn) Learning Support Teacher Middle School Temporary Professional Bachelors, Step 1 Salary: \$40,281.25 (pending HEA Agreement) Effective: 08/22/2011

<p>Langue, Jordan (replacing Nicole Butler) Computer Education Teacher Middle School Temporary Professional Masters, Step 1 Salary: \$41,892.50 (pending HEA Agreement) Effective: 08/22/2011 (pending receipt of Act 34 clearance)</p>	
<p>Lehman, Caroline (replacing Kristin Vath) Grade 7 Communications Arts Teacher Middle School Temporary Professional Bachelors, Step 1 Salary: \$40,281.25 (pending HEA Agreement) Effective: 08/22/2011 (pending receipt of Act 34 clearance)</p>	
<p>Manari, Christen * (replacing Julie Baird) Grade 2 Teacher Elementary School Temporary Professional Bachelors, Step 1 Salary: \$40,281.25 (pending HEA Agreement) Effective: 08/22/2011</p>	
<p>Norheim, Grace (replacing Ronald Wales) English Teacher Middle School Temporary Professional Bachelors, Step 1 Salary: \$40,281.25 (pending HEA Agreement) Effective: 08/22/2011 (pending receipt of Act 114 clearance)</p>	
<p>Prestidge, Heidi * (replacing Nicole Rode) Grade 4 Teacher Elementary School Temporary Professional Bachelors, Step 1 Salary: \$40,281.25 (pending HEA Agreement) Effective: 08/25/2011</p>	
<p>Transfer of Professional Staff:</p>	
<p>Wales, Ronald * From:</p>	<p>English Teacher Middle School</p>

To:	English Teacher (replacing Wendy Gensimore) High School
Effective:	08/25/2011
Classified:	
Holley, Kristy (replacing Kelly Bernstein) General Food Service Worker High School Level A: 4.0 hours per day Salary: \$11.01 per hour Effective: 08/09/2011 (pending receipt of Act 114 clearance)	
Mansburger, Nicole * (replacing Kelli Plott) Teachers' Aide Elementary School Level B: 6.5 hours per day Salary: \$12.52 per hour Effective: 08/29/2011	
Marsh, Justin (Co-op Food Service) General Food Service Worker Middle School Not to exceed 3.0 hours per day Salary: \$7.25 per hour Effective: 08/29/2011	
Plott, Kelli * Substitute Teachers' Aide District-wide Salary: \$10.97 per hour Effective: 08/29/2011	
Transfer of Classified Staff:	
Machtinger, Robin * From:	Recess Aide Elementary School Level A: 4.5 hours per day Salary: \$11.58 per hour
To:	Teachers' Aide (new position) Elementary School Level B: 6.5 hours per day Salary: \$12.52 per hour
Effective:	08/29/2011

2.	The Administration recommended the approval of the following request in accordance with District Policy 535:
	Staller, Kevin * Custodian District-wide Paid/Unpaid Family Medical Leave (up to 12 weeks) Effective: 07/27/2011 through 09/30/2011 (retroactive)
3.	The Administration recommended the approval of the Mentor List for the 2011-2012 school year as attached.
4.	The Administration recommended the approval the Substitute Teacher List of the 2011-2012 school year as attached.
*	This individual is currently an employee and/or volunteer. Clearances are on file.

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

Roll Call Vote:

Chabal – Yes

Gräb – Yes

Parrish – Yes

Cronin – Yes

Hagan – Yes

Sheffey – Yes

Donahue – Yes

Morelli – Yes

Stover - Yes

9 Yes

MOTION CARRIED

DELEGATES REPORTS

6.01 Dauphin County Technical School Report

Mr. Gräb: The Joint Operating Committee will be meeting Wednesday, and we'll have a full report at the next meeting.

Dr. Donahue: Thank you John. Are there any questions for John?

6.02 Harrisburg Area Community College Report

Dr. Cronin: The new HACC schedule for the fall is not out yet, but they told me it would be coming shortly.

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

6.03 Capital Area Intermediate Unit Report

Mrs. Chabal: Dr. Faidley had included a lot of the talking points in our Board Docs information, so you did have an opportunity to look at any of that. If you have any questions about that, please ask me. I would just highlight very quickly, one of the most important things that we did was to hire the new Executive Director, Dr. Mary Jane Giles. She will be reporting for duty the end of this month. I think that she will be a wonderful Executive Director and I'm very pleased to have her on board. Just some rudimentary other procedures were done – there was an election of new officers for the 2011-2012, we retained our current President, new Vice President Anthony Tezik, and the same treasurer and secretary as before. That's all I have.

Dr. Donahue: Thanks Beulah. Are there any questions for Beulah?

6.04 Derry Township Tax Collection Association Report

Mr. Stover: The Tax Association will be meeting on Thursday, August 27. The Dauphin County Tax Collection Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, August 17.

Dr. Donahue: Mrs. Sheffey, anything to add?

Mrs. Sheffey: Nothing to add.

Dr. Donahue: Any questions? Thanks Chuck.

SPECIAL REPORTS

7.01 Announcement of Staff Development Conference

Brendan Hensel
National Association of College Admissions Counsel
New Orleans, LA
September 22 - 24, 2011
Expenses: \$2,140.00

7.02 School Community Information Report

Mr. Tredinnick: On Friday, September 2, as we remember the 10 year anniversary of the September 11 terror attacks, Hershey High School and the Derry Township School District and community will take a moment to recognize one of its own.

Michael Horrocks was a 1981 graduate of Hershey High School and during his time here was a stellar student athlete. After graduation, he went on to college, and then later the Marine Corps., and eventually became a commercial pilot. He was a co-pilot

on Flight 175 on September 11. It was the second plane that was hijacked and crashed into the Trade Centers in New York.

As part of the 10 years anniversary or to really commemorate the 10 year anniversary and the loss of one of our own during that, an effort has been put forth to have a permanent memorial placed on the High School grounds on the north end of the football field underneath the American Flag. So as to not use precious tax dollars that are needed for educational programs, we are soliciting funds through the auspices of the Trojan Foundation to help offset the cost of this. When you came in this evening, you might have seen the flyer that has information about donations to this. We certainly encourage members of the community to get involved in this project. Information about donations are also available on the District website.

The formal unveiling of this memorial will take place, as I said, September 2. That's really pre-game period for the annual Cocoa Bean Bowl and there will also be commemoration at half time of that game as well.

Dr. Donahue: Thanks Dan. That's certainly a moving tribute. I'd like to thank Dr. Faidley and Dan taking leadership on this. I think Chris was intimately involved with getting this off the ground. I certainly thank the Trojan Foundation for their role in this also. Any questions for Dan?

7.03 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Faidley: Mr. President, Members of the Board, thank you for the opportunity to speak with you this evening during the Superintendent's Report.

As this is the first time the Board has met as a whole since the July 25 meeting at which you authorized special legal counsel to take appropriate action to settle the longstanding dispute between the District and the MS Hershey Foundation Trust, I wanted to provide a brief update.

There have been many perspectives shared regarding the situation in our local community. Our job as a School District is to educate our community and not to share our perspectives. Our job as educators is to share the facts regarding this situation. I will share the facts as the facts will speak for themselves.

There are three (3) members of the School Board who have excused themselves from participating in discussions regarding the Hershey Interests, due to connections they or their spouse may have with the M.S. Hershey Foundation, the Hershey Company or other Hershey entities. Those members are: Beulah Chabal, John Gräb and Chris Morrelli. Our special counsel (and the School District's regular counsel) have advised us that these members should not participate in any discussion of the case, because it will avoid any question or appearance of conflict of interest. Also, it is important that the

District and the public remain focused on the significant issues that have been raised in our Orphan's Court petition filing.

On July 28, the District filed a Petition for Declaratory Judgment in the Orphans Court of Dauphin County to determine if the non-profit Milton S. Hershey Foundation is properly exercising its discretion and complying with the local educational mandate established in 1935 by Milton S. Hershey when the Foundation funds entertainment attractions geared toward tourists. Our counsel has had preliminary conversations with the legal representatives for the Foundation. The court has not yet established a schedule for a response from the Trustee of the Foundation. So as of this point and time, the Petition has been filed, but we have not heard any response of the filing of that Petition.

By way of brief background and context: Milton Hershey created three separate trusts. The M.S. Hershey Foundation Trust is the trust Mr. Hershey established in 1935, 10 years before his passing, to benefit Derry Township residents, Derry Township public schools, and other educational institutions within our School District. This trust should not be confused with the 1909 Trust established to support the private Milton S. Hershey School or with the 1945 Trust that is solely to help the School District meet its annual operating obligations.

So this is not about chocolate bars, candy kisses, roller coasters, the Hershey brands, or with the exemplary Milton S. Hershey School. To be crystal clear: this is about enforcing the legacy of Milton S. Hershey as articulated in 1935 when he created the M.S. Hershey Foundation to support the educational aspirations of his local community.

Derry Township School District, a named beneficiary in the M.S. Hershey Foundation Trust document, is not being treated in accordance with the specific wishes of Mr. Hershey. Our decision to seek guidance from the courts came only after protracted discussions with the Foundation. It was prompted by our obligation to do all we can to honor the legacy of Mr. Hershey and to benefit the 3,600 students in the District, their families, and every member of the community. The Foundation Trust's public financial records show that during a five-year period, it consumed \$10 million of assets to cover the operating losses of the Hershey Archives and Hershey operated entertainment attractions: the Hershey Theatre, Hershey Gardens, and Hershey Museum. Those funds should have been used for educational purposes.

As this is now a matter of active litigation, we cannot and will not discuss any further the particulars of the case. Our public filings with the court system speak for themselves.

I want to note this evening that we respect the Hershey concerns, and we have great regard for all members of our community. The Foundation Trust from its start in 1935 through the mid-1960's helped the School District significantly in supporting major projects, including new school construction. As the Hershey organizations grew, so did our School District. Along with growth came added demands on infrastructure and instructional programs. We would very much like to see a resumption of that kind of

relationship through the forging of a new partnership between our organizations. This is precisely what Milton Hershey himself envisioned and intended.

It is our hope and it is my hope that we will be able to forge that new partnership. This is a civil way to solve a disagreement and that's what we have done. Thank you Mr. President.

Dr. Donahue: Thank you Dr. Faidley. As Board President, I wish to thank Dr. Faidley for his leadership on this very important matter, as well as setting the stage for what we know will be a fantastic school year. We all need to remember that this legal matter is entirely about education, namely our desire to do everything possible to provide the best possible educational programs and learning environment to every student today and for the years to come. It is inherent on this Board to follow the lead and legacy of Milton Hershey, who personally created the M.S. Hershey Foundation, and whose goal it was to establish a model company town and have our School District serve the educational needs of that town as a model public school system. I personally support what the Board and the Administration is doing, obviously, since the Board voted. I want to emphasize that, with the exception of the conflicted members of course, the whole Board is in support of this action.

7.04 Board Members' Report

Mr. Stover: As Board Treasurer and one of the longest serving members on the Board, I am in total agreement with the comments of Dr. Donahue and the actions of the Board and Dr. Faidley. This Petition is long overdue. Dr. Faidley was hired largely because we were so impressed with his single minded focus on doing what is right and what is best for every child in the School District. I can assure you that in Dr. Faidley every student has a strong advocate, and he has already demonstrated tireless dedication and devotion to educational excellence and fiscal responsibility. As I supported filing this Petition, I recalled how devastating it was to be faced not long ago with a nearly 24% property tax increase. I thought: never again, if it can be avoided. Clearly, we're doing what is correct and morally responsible in the best interest of our community. Thank you.

Dr. Donahue: Other Board member reports?

Dr. Parrish: As a physician, I am regularly asked about my view of second opinions. I think it's important for people to realize that this wasn't an overnight decision. In fact, these types of discussions started six and a half years ago and had been ongoing to the point that a year ago we actually sought mediation voluntarily to resolve this matter which was rebuffed. In my world when you have two physicians that disagree on a diagnosis, you get a second opinion. In the world of the legal system, that second opinion comes in the form of Orphans Court in this case and after many years and failed attempts at mediating what has been described as a document that is open to interpretation, I think we are sort of forced to move in this direction.

Dr. Donahue: Thanks Bill. Other Board members?

Mrs. Sheffey: I, too, welcome this conversation and hope that the community understands we were elected to make choices and some of those choices are very hard. For me, this was not a hard choice, but one dictated by the need to exercise to sound financial stewardship and to produce the best educational results. We cannot forget the fact that we live in a community where hundreds of millions of dollars of property, a mix of charitable institution, and for profit businesses is exempt from school taxes. About one-third of the assessed real estate in our District is tax exempt and on top of that, our School District in some cases provides direct services where no funds are received in return. A notable exception is the Hershey Medical Center, owned and operated by Penn State with whom we have a Pilot.

As a Board member, a parent, and a tax payer in the most challenging economic environment I've seen for the School District, there was no alternative, but to seek court intervention to help resolve this disagreement.

Dr. Donahue: Thanks Ellen. Other comments?

Dr. Cronin: After being on the Board for six years, I really welcome Dr. Faidley's leadership in helping us as a community make sure that we're able to fund our School District adequately and appropriately. As a parent and a tax payer, I believe it is the responsibility of the Board to pursue this avenue as an opportunity for our District. I support these actions. Thank you.

Dr. Donahue: Thank you Donna. Other comments? Alright, thank you.

7.05 Board President's Report

None.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS (Agenda and Non-Agenda Items)

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

John Freeman: Members of the Board, you deserve great support as you follow your oath. School Boards submit to the laws that create them, staff members are bound to the constitution by federal and state statutes. I submitted a proposal to you with supporting facts and laws. It was a resolution that no member of staff teach that Obama became President. This Board affects about 4,000 student body members and staff there and our futures. State laws describes the Board's ethical and legal duties in Title 22, Section 235.3(a)

The quality of their services directly influences the nations and its citizens.

Federal law requires your staff and C.F.R. Title 34, part 73 to:

Help uphold the constitution.

Since January 20, 2009, I believe the District has contradicted PA Title 22, Section 235.3(b) and following where it requires a consistent instruction of truth, democratic principles, and societal responsibility. Despite the evidence, Obama has been misrepresented as if a U.S. President. [Not audible] Section 3 requires Presidents-Elect to prove eligibility before not during the starting time. Presidency depends on qualifying. Debate whether Obama currently has eligibility is [not audible]. The law states:

If the President-Elect shall have failed to qualify, the Vice President Elect shall act as President.

Everyone understands qualifying. It has a time limit. In this case, for the security of this nation. Recent attempts to prove eligibility prove prior failure. Tim Adams, Senior Hawaii elections official, no less, swore to an affidavit stating that Obama did not prove eligibility. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas stated that the Supreme Court has been avoiding the matter. While Congress [not audible] the courts avoided, this Board must not forsake its societal responsibility. This Board is not permitted to teach 3,500 or 3,600 children that their constitution and their own security were meant to be sacrificed at the personal safety of Congress. If Rosa Parks can awaken Congress, certainly an oath bound Board can. As explained, all students, parents, staff, and Board members have legal standing in this matter per state and federal law. I also welcome any comments or questions.

Dr. Donahue: Thank you. Other comments from citizens?

Louis Paoletti: Chuck, the suspense is over, in case you're wondering why I'm here. My name is Lou Paoletti. I'm here as a citizen tonight. I know a lot of you from just being around town, some of you from serving on the Tax Board. I'm here purely as a citizen. I quickly and sincerely want to thank everybody. I don't come to many Board meetings as you know, many of us should come to more. It's also our prerogative not to come to meetings. You do, honestly, a great job. Tonight, I'm not here to comment on the Trust issue, but let me make one little comment. It's a tough decision and I don't envy you for having to make some of these tough decisions, and I do appreciate your time. One of the tough decisions I think you had to make a few months ago was the decision to change the walking versus busing. I knew about this a couple months ago, I thought long and hard about it, I should have been here a couple months ago. My expectations are somewhat low that anything will happen in the near term, but I am, at the very least, that (a) you'll change your mind or (b) for the next school year we reconsider. I live on the corner of Areba and Ridge. I am probably the 1% of 1% of all Americans who never left home. Nobody knows the neighborhood as well as I do. I

have seen the neighborhood, the whole Township, the entire demographics of the Township change. Not many people on this Board, maybe a couple of you can remember when the Township was, and predominately might be a stretch, but a blue collar Township, not a medical research community. It's not a criticism; I'm just telling you how the demographics has changed by the way.

With the change, has come more development which is fine and has come an awful lot of more traffic. If you're familiar with Areba and Ridge, for example, it's an extraordinary busy road, because Ridge Road is the only road that connects the south end and the north end of the Village. Areba is the only road that connects the east end and the west end of the Village. I've seen the traffic. We've had numerous times. The Police Department's great. When they sit out there, I'll quote a police officer, he said, you know it's not a matter of pulling cars over that go through the stop sign, it's a matter of how fast must they be going through the stop sign before we pull them over. I have a 7 year old daughter; she'll be 8 next month. I would have brought her here as an exhibit, but she's home sick right now. There is no way I'm going to make her walk to school. Now we're fortunate, my wife is fortunate enough to be able to stay home with the kids right now. She'll walk her to school every day, she'll drive her to school every day. My prediction is that you're going to get a lot more traffic at the schools from residents like us who are not going to allow their kids to walk to school. Getting back to the traffic thing, I live on the other side of Ridge, so no, my daughter doesn't have to cross Ridge, but Linden Road is the same thing. To get there, she's going to have to cross Linden, no crossing guards, Maple, Cedar, that's before she gets to Elm where we do have a crossing guard.

Again, and I'll conclude with this. I've seen the traffic patterns change and I've seen them change a lot. I do not think that for children and the elderly, I might add, walking across the streets in town anymore is terribly safe. I would really appreciate a strong reconsideration. I know it's going to cost some taxpayer dollars, possibly, there's no doubt about that, but I would like us all to get creative and figure out a way to change it back to the way it was. Thank you for your time.

Dr. Donahue: Thank you very much. I don't think I'm out of line in saying that we will look at this again and we'll look at, as we do the budget process, it will be just as detailed if not more detailed than it was last year. Also, I'm not saying this because I think you have a lot of time on your hands, but you should try to make a General Services committee meeting and say exactly what you just said. That's the committee that recommends these sort of decisions. Just as you said it just now, come and that will help drive your point home, I think.

Mr. Paoletti: Will do. Thanks for your time. I appreciate it.

Mrs. Sheffey: Lou, can I add? When we first started discussing it, a community member came to me and asked if we would organize walking school buses. Apparently, that's something that's done a lot in cities. I don't know that we're prepared

to do that, but I'm going to touch base with you after the meeting and maybe you can talk to that person about doing it for this year at least.

Mr. Paoletti: Alright, thanks a lot.

Dr. Donahue: Great, thanks. Any other comments?

ADJOURNMENT

9.01 Adjournment

Dr. Donahue: The next public Board meeting will be held Monday, August 22, 2011 starting at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

Mrs. Chabal moved to adjourn, with a second by Dr. Cronin and, approved by unanimous voice vote by all members. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen E. Rineer
Secretary to the Board
Approved at the August 22, 2011 meeting

Dr. Henry Donahue
President of the Board

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