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

August 10, 2009

OPENING ITEMS

1.01 Call to Order

A meeting of the Board of School Directors, Derry Township School District was held on Monday, August 10, 2009, in the District Office Board Room. Mrs. Beulah Chabal, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

1.02 Roll Call

Directors Present: Mrs. Beulah Chabal
Dr. Henry Donahue
Mr. John Gräb
Mr. Alan Malkoff
Dr. William Parrish
Mrs. Ellen Sheffey
Mr. Charles Stover

Excused: Mr. Christopher Barrett
Dr. Donna Cronin

Superintendent: Dr. Linda Brewer

Secretary: Mr. Stephen Rineer

Solicitor: Not Present

Student Representative:

Press: Mr. Jeffrey B. Roth THE SUN
Ms. Monica von Dobeneck: PATRIOT-NEWS

Representatives of the Administrative Staff: Mr. Dan Tredinnick, Dr. Bernie Kepler, and Mr. Ed Consalo.

Representatives of the Staff and Community: Cindy Hertz, Steve Ballard,

John Schniepp, Mark Shrift, Bunny Hottenstein, Anne Searer, Tom Searer, Scott Sear, and John Dunn.

1.03 Flag Salute

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

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.01 Approval of July 15, 2009 School Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Malkoff and seconded by Mrs. Sheffey to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2009 School Board meeting. All Board members present signified by a Yes vote.

MOTION CARRIED

INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

3.01 Announcement of Executive Session

Mrs. Chabal announced the Board met in executive session prior to the meeting to discuss personnel and labor relations matters. Mr. Barrett and Dr. Cronin were excused from the meeting.

3.02 Recognition of Citizens (Agenda Items)

Steven Ballard: I didn't prepare a statement tonight because I thought that the materials that we sent to you on the issue of the Cocoa pass have been documented fairly well, but we appreciate the opportunity to speak before the Committee, the Board at this meeting and we appreciate your review and consideration of the materials. Thank you very much.

Mrs. Chabal: Thank you Mr. Ballard.

3.03 Standing Committee Report

General Services:

Mr. Gräb: The General Services committee did meet this afternoon and we were fortunate to have several members of the community as well as members of the Friends of the Hershey Public Library Board and the Hershey Public Library

Endowment Board join us. We talked about requests for proposals for the high school parking and the middle school parking lot. I'm going to skip over item B just for a moment.

We talked about enrollment projections – kindergarten seems to be down a little bit this year. First grade is up and we may be hiring an additional first grade teacher. Fifth grade is up as well. Mr. Consalo gave us an update on the multipurpose field. It appears as if rain has been having a negative impact on the completion. We've had 21 days of rain. Right now, we're about 15 days behind schedule, but we are on budget.

Going back to Item B because that's where we spent the majority of our time this afternoon discussing the library access driveway location and those two groups I referred to before – the friends of the Hershey Public Library Board and the Hershey Public Library Endowment Board did present us with a resolution. We had, from my viewpoint, a very good dialogue between all members of the community and all members of the public today. The public was able to express some of their concerns. The Board and Mr. Consalo and Mr. Shrift were able to answer some of those concerns. Everything was not resolved, however, there are some upcoming meetings. On August 13, we are taking the Master Plan to the Planning Commission to present to them what our ideas might be. On the 24th of August there will be a joint Finance/General Services Committee meeting to further discuss that and on August 25th, the Township Supervisors will take a look at the Plan.

One of the major bones of contention right now appears to be the library access driveway location or that secondary route off campus in the case of an emergency. Through the dialogue today, we did possibly examine two alternatives and we're going to do some further exploration on those two alternatives. One would bring us out on Route 322 and the other would bring us out on Cocoa Avenue. There are still a large number of questions that have to be answered to both groups – the constituents as well as the Board and the administration. Hopefully at the August 24th meeting, we'll be able to bring you an updated report.

I personally would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people from the constituency who did come to the meeting this afternoon. They were all extremely well versed, well spoken, and it was a very cordial, I thought, meeting, although we did not resolve all those issues.

Mrs. Chabal: Thank you.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.01 Unfinished Business

None.

NEW BUSINESS

5.01 Anticipated Agenda Items for the August 24, 2009 Public Meeting

The following items will be on the agenda for the August 24, 2009 Public Board Meeting:

1.	Approval of August 10, 2009 Board Minutes
2.	Standing Committee Reports - Joint Finance/General Services
3.	Approval of July 2009 Finance Report (Mr. Rineer)
4.	Requests for Payment (Mr. Rineer)
5.	Approval of Bus Stops 2009-2010 School Year (Mr. Yarian)
6.	Approval of Further Extension to Contract - Hershey Christian School (Mr. Hummel)
7.	Approval of Athletic Training Coverage Contract
8.	Requests for the Use of Facilities (Mr. Elias)
9.	Personnel
10.	Announcement of Staff Development Conferences

5.02 Approval of Finance Report for June 2009

The Finance Report for the month of June 2009 is listed below:

1.	The Treasurer's Report for the month ending June 30, 2009 was summarized as follows:	
	• General Fund Revenues	\$2,276,874
	• General Fund Expenditures	4,669,654
	• Balance of Cash Plus Investments	13,429,446
	(Includes \$3,973,052 Capital Reserve)	

2.	The listed schedule of investment transactions for the period beginning June 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009 has totaled interest earnings of \$12,989 comprised of the following:	
	• General Fund	\$317
	• Money Market	7,381
	• Capital Reserve	3,184
	• PA School District Liquid Asset Fund	58
	• PA Local Government Investment Trust	2,049
	The average interest rate for June 2009 was 0.96%	
3.	The June 2009 expenditures for the paid bills for all funds totaled \$2,345,871 excluding net payroll, retirement contributions, and debt service.	
4.	The July 2009 expenditures for the unpaid bills for all funds totaled \$2,443,902.	
5.	The estimated expenditures of the General Fund for the month of July 2009 were in the following amounts:	
	• Operating Expenses	\$1,000,000
	• Utilities	186,650
	• Net Payroll (2 pays)	1,290,000
	• Employer Provided Insurance	398,800
	• Payroll Deductions	600,000
	• Employer Payroll Taxes (FICA/RET)	145,000

	• Debt Service	<u>0</u>
	Total Estimated Expenditures	\$3,620,450

Mr. Rineer: There was an article in the paper recently about the state budget and the impact on schools and our funding from the state is so minimal that any delay in us receiving funds from the state is of no consequence.

Mrs. Chabal: Thank you.

Dr. Parrish moved the Board approve the Finance Report and was seconded by Mr. Malkoff.

Roll Call Vote:

Barrett – Absent

Donahue – Yes

Parrish – Yes

Chabal – Yes

Gräb – Yes

Sheffey – Yes

Cronin – Absent

Malkoff – Yes

Stover - Yes

7 Yes, 2 Absent

MOTION CARRIED

5.03 Approval of Team Physician Contract 2009-2010 School Year

The Administration recommended the Board approve and ratify an Agreement with Penn State Orthopedics. Under the Agreement, the District will pay Penn State Orthopedics \$115.00 per game to serve as Team Physician for all varsity games and scrimmages. The Agreement will begin on July 1, 2009 and end midnight June 30, 2010.

Mrs. Sheffey moved the Board approve the request and was seconded by Mr. Malkoff.

Dr. Donahue: I probably should abstain from this vote. I am employed by Penn State Orthopedics.

Mrs. Chabal: Okay. Thank you.

Roll Call Vote:

Barrett – Absent

Donahue – Abstain

Parrish – Yes

Chabal – Yes

Gräb – Yes

Sheffey – Yes

Cronin – Absent

Malkoff – Yes

Stover - Yes

6 Yes, 2 Absent, 1 Abstention

MOTION CARRIED

5.04 Approval of Physician of Record Contract 2009-2010 School Year

The Administration recommended the appointment of Cocoa Family Medicine as the School Physician of Record for the 2009-2010 school year. The Physician of Records stipend is \$1,200.00, \$22.00 for each physician exam, and \$5.00 for each recertification.

Mr. Gräb moved the Board approve the request and was seconded by Dr. Parrish.

Dr. Parrish: Do we pay for individual athletic exams at a rate of \$22.00 per person up to \$1,200, because \$1,200 is the retaining fee. Does anybody know?

Dr. Kepler: This would not be for athletic physicals. This would be for required physicals at two different grade levels throughout the course of a student's educational career. It's on the academic side, that if they do not see their family physician, we provide them.

Dr. Parrish: And recertification is what?

Dr. Kepler: That would be for the athletic recertification.

Dr. Brewer: But we do pay them a stipend of \$1,200 in addition to that.

Dr. Parrish: And we pay the \$22.00 or does the family pay?

Dr. Brewer: We pay that, but a lot of families see their own physician.

Dr. Parrish: The reason I bring it up is that's a recurring theme at the beginning of the summer ever year and I personally probably do about two dozen of these just gratis, because people don't have the money to pay or they don't have a physician. So my question is, are these guys responsible for doing that and, if so, should we push that a little bit. Just for clarification.

Dr. Kepler: I can seek from Mr. Elias some clarification.

Dr. Brewer: I don't think Dr. Parrish that it's too many people and this is just like the ones last year, there wasn't any increase.

Dr. Parrish: Okay. It's just the way it's worded. I didn't know.

Mrs. Chabal: Any further questions from the Board?

Roll Call Vote:

Barrett – Absent
Chabal – Yes
Cronin – Absent

Donahue – Yes
Gräb – Yes
Malkoff – Yes

Parrish – Yes
Sheffey – Yes
Stover - Yes

7 Yes, 2 Absent

MOTION CARRIED

5.05 Approval of Policies: (Dr. Kepler); 237 - Electronic Devices; 815.1 - Acceptable Use of Technology Resources

The Administration recommended the approval of Policies: 237 Electronic Devices, and 815.1 Acceptable Use of Technology Resources of the Derry Township School District Policy Manual which have been on public display in the following locations for the past 30 days: Hershey Public Library, Derry Township Tax Office, Derry Township Municipal Office, Hershey High School Library, and the District Office.

Mrs. Sheffey moved the Board approve the request and was seconded by Mr. Malkoff.

Mrs. Sheffey: I just had a quick question for Dr. Kepler. I should have asked you earlier. I know we had some input on the policies before we put them out for public review. Have we had some comments since they've been on public review.

Dr. Kepler: We have not.

Mrs. Sheffey. Okay.

Mrs. Chabal: Thank you.

Roll Call Vote:

Barrett – Absent
Chabal – Yes
Cronin – Absent

Donahue – Yes
Gräb – Yes
Malkoff – Yes

Parrish – Yes
Sheffey – Yes
Stover - Yes

7 Yes, 2 Absent

MOTION CARRIED

Mrs. Chabal: One other comment about policies. They will be online on our website if anyone is interested in approved policies they can look at them on the website. If you have any questions or concerns about what has been approved at this point, please check the website.

Dr. Kepler: Absolutely.

5.06 Requests for the Use of School Facilities

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

<i>Group:</i>	Hershey Flag Football
<i>Date/Time:</i>	Saturdays August 15 through November 9, 2009 7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
	Monday and Wednesdays August 15 through November 9, 2009 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
<i>Requested Facility:</i>	Saturdays - Memorial Field Monday and Wednesdays - Middle School Field
<i>Event:</i>	Flag Football Games and Practices
<i>Fee:</i>	None

<i>Group:</i>	Hershey Aquatic Club
<i>Date/Time:</i>	August 30, 2009 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
<i>Requested Facility:</i>	Middle School Auditorium and Cafeteria
<i>Event:</i>	Awards Ceremony
<i>Fee:</i>	As per Lease Agreement

<i>Group:</i>	Special Olympics Pennsylvania Area M
<i>Date/Time:</i>	Saturday, September 19, 2009 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
	Sunday, September 20, 2009 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
<i>Requested Facility:</i>	Middle School Athletic Fields, Gym, Auditorium, Cafeteria/Kitchen, LGI, Locker Rooms
<i>Event:</i>	Fall Sports Classic
<i>Fee:</i>	Waiver Requested

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<i>Group:</i>	Dauphin County Association of Educational Office Professionals (DCAEDP)
<i>Date/Time:</i>	September 22, 2009 4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
	October 21, 2009 4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
<i>Requested Facility:</i>	District Office Room A
<i>Event:</i>	Meetings
<i>Fee:</i>	None

<i>Group:</i>	Pennsylvania Educational Technology Expo & Conference (PETE & C)
<i>Date/Time:</i>	February 21, 2010 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
<i>Requested Facility:</i>	High School Rooms - 222, 233, 235 Middle School Rooms - A147, B08
<i>Event:</i>	Music in the Parks Festival
<i>Fee:</i>	As per Lease Agreement

<i>Group:</i>	Music in the Parks
<i>Date/Time:</i>	Saturdays May 8, 15, 22, June 5, 2010
<i>Requested Facility:</i>	Middle School Band Room, Choir Room, LGI, Auditorium, Front of Middle School
<i>Event:</i>	Music in the Parks Festivals
<i>Fee:</i>	As per Lease Agreement

Mr. Gräb moved the Board approve the request and was seconded by Dr. Parrish.

Mr. Gräb: Not a question, a point of clarification. Pennsylvania Educational Technology Expo and Conference, the event should be The Pennsylvania Educational Technology Expo and Conference, not Music in the Parks Festival so we need to make that adjustment.

Mrs. Chabal: On what day is that, John?

Mr. Gräb: February 21, 2010. It's about the 5th one down. I think it's just a misprint.

Mrs. Chabal: Mine says, Pennsylvania Education Technology and Expo.

Mrs. Sheffey: The event.

Mrs. Chabal: Oh, I see. Okay. That was a typo.

Mr. Gräb: I used to be highly involved with this particular group. I just wanted them get the credit.

Roll Call Vote:

Barrett – Absent

Donahue – Yes

Parrish – Yes

Chabal – Yes

Gräb – Yes

Sheffey – Yes

Cronin – Absent

Malkoff – Yes

Stover - Yes

7 Yes, 2 Absent

MOTION CARRIED

5.07 Personnel – Resignations

The Administration recommended the approval of the following resignations:

Professional:
Bihoreau, Stephan French Teacher High School Reason: Personal Effective: 09/18/09
Ecenrode, Kristyn Grade 5 Teacher Elementary School Reason: Personal Effective: 08/18/09
Classified:
Janderchick, Jessica Special Education Aide Elementary School Reason: Personal Effective: 08/17/09

<p>Quaid, Tonya Recess Aide Elementary School Reason: Personal Effective: 07/27/09</p>
<p>Spirk, Patricia Cafeteria Aide Elementary School Reason: Personal Effective: 07/24/09</p>
<p>Limited Service Contracts:</p>
<p>May, Robert Weight Trainer High School Reason: Retirement Effective: 07/13/09</p>
<p>Otey, Terri Head Varsity Fall Cheerleading Coach High School Reason: Personal Effective: 07/14/09</p>
<p>Head Varsity Winter Cheerleading Coach High School Reason: Personal Effective: 07/14/09</p>
<p>Head Fall Cheerleading Coach Middle School Reason: Personal Effective: 07/14/09</p>
<p>Head Winter Cheerleading Coach Middle School Reason: Personal Effective: 07/14/09</p>

Dr. Parrish moved the Board approve the resignations and was seconded by Mrs. Sheffey.

Roll Call Vote:

Barrett – Absent
Chabal – Yes
Cronin – Absent

Donahue – Yes
Gräb – Yes
Malkoff – Yes

Parrish – Yes
Sheffey – Yes
Stover - Yes

7 Yes, 2 Absent

MOTION CARRIED

5.08 Personnel – General

1.	The Administration recommended the approval of the following appointments:
	Professional:
	<p>Adams, Kaitlyn * (for Andrea Morrison) Grade 1 Teacher Early Childhood Center Long-term Substitute Bachelors, Step 1 Salary: \$40,281.25 (pro-rated) Effective: 08/27/09 through 01/15/10</p>
	<p>Fania Amy (for Emily Huston) Grade 3 Teacher Elementary School Long-term Substitute Masters, Step 1 Salary: \$41,892.50 Effective: 08/18/09 through the end of the 2009-2010 school year</p>
	<p>Hayman, Megan (replacing Kristyn Ecenrode) Grade 5 Teacher Elementary School Long-term Substitute Bachelors, Step 1 Salary: \$40,281.25 Effective: 08/18/09 through the end of the 2009-2010 school year (pending receipt of Act 114 clearance)</p>
	<p>Kulbacki, Ashley (replacing Susan Frankeny) Grade 6 Teacher Middle School Temporary Professional Bachelors, Step 1 Salary: \$40,281.25 Effective: 08/18/09</p>
	<p>Nast, Stephanie (replacing Kristen Schaffer) Communications Art Teacher Middle School Temporary Professional Bachelors, Step 1 Salary: \$40,281.25 Effective: 08/18/09</p>

	<p>Proithis, Despina (replacing Stephan Bihoreau) French/Spanish Teacher High School Professional Masters, Step 3 Salary: \$45,115 Effective: 08/18/09</p>
	<p>Rode, Nicole (new position added due to increased enrollment) Grade 5 Teacher Elementary School Long-term Substitute Bachelors, Step 1 Salary: \$40,281.25 Effective: 08/18/09 through the end of the 2009-2010 school year</p>
	<p>Transfer of Professional Staff:</p>
	<p>Bender, Kristin * From: Grade 3 Long-term Substitute Elementary School To: Grade 3 Teacher (replacing Laura Campbell) Elementary School Temporary Professional Bachelors, Step 1 Salary: \$40,281.25 Effective: 08/21/09</p>
	<p>Campbell, Laura * From: Grade 3 Teacher Elementary School To: Grade 1 Teacher (new position added due to increased enrollment) Early Childhood Center Effective: 08/21/09</p>
	<p>Classified:</p>
	<p>Fink, Joann * Study Hall Monitor High School Level C: 7.0 hours per day - 9 month position Revised Salary: \$12.54 per hour for 2007-2008 (following December 5, 2007 pay period) Revised Salary: \$12.98 per hour for the 2008-2009 school year Revised Effective: Retroactive to 12/05/07</p>
	<p>Huffman, Janet (replacing Lucille Behrendt) Custodian High School Full-time, 8.0 hours per day</p>

	<p>Salary: \$13.33 per hour Effective: 08/17/09 (pending receipt of Act 34, 151, and 114 clearances)</p>
	<p>Miller, Jill * (replacing Barbara Miller) General Food Service Worker Elementary School Level A: 4.0 hours per day Salary: \$10.38 per hour Effective: 08/11/09</p>
	<p>Transfer of Classified Staff:</p>
	<p>Finney, Karen * From: Cafeteria Aide Elementary School To: Library Aide (replacing Heather Mahraj) Elementary School Level C: 7.5 hours per day Salary: \$14.01 per hour Effective: 08/11/09</p>
	<p>Kimmel, Timothy * From: Substitute Bus Driver District-wide To: Bus Driver (replacing Paul Shutter) District-wide Level A: 5.0 hours per day Salary: \$14.14 per hour Effective: 08/11/09</p>
	<p>Limited Service Contracts:</p>
	<p>Bradley, Craig (replacing John Walizer) Assistant Varsity Golf Coach High School Level II, Group F, Step 15 Salary: \$2,015 Effective: 08/17/09 (pending receipt of Act 34, 151, and 114 clearances)</p>
	<p>Connell, Ryan Volunteer Assistant Varsity Boys' Soccer Coach High School Effective: 08/17/09 (pending receipt of Act 151 clearance)</p>
	<p>Gish, Anthony (replacing Jose Ortiz, Jr.) Assistant Varsity Football Coach High School Level II, Group A, Step 14 Salary: \$3,792</p>

	Effective: 08/17/09 (pending receipt of Act 114 clearance)
	<p>Lechleitner, Deborah * Head Fall Cheerleading Coach (replacing Terri Otey) Middle School Level II, Group G, Step 7 Salary: \$1,232 Effective: 08/17/09</p>
	<p>Head Winter Cheerleading Coach (replacing Terri Otey) Middle School Level II, Group G, Step 7 Salary: \$1,232 Effective: 11/20/09</p>
	<p>Mysel, Jennifer * Assistant Varsity Winter Cheerleading Coach (replacing Deborah Lechleitner) High School Level II, Group G, Step 3 Salary: \$1,043 Effective: 11/20/09</p>
	<p>Teague, Robert Volunteer Assistant 9th Grade Football Coach High School Effective: 08/17/09 (pending receipt of Act 34 and 114 clearances)</p>
	Transfer of Coaching Staff:
	<p>Lechleitner, Deborah * From: Assistant Varsity Fall Cheerleading Coach High School To: Head Fall Cheerleading Coach (replacing Terri Otey) High School Level I, Group G, Step 7 Salary: \$1,761 Effective: 08/17/09</p>
	<p>From: Assistant Varsity Winter Cheerleading Coach High School To: Head Winter Cheerleading Coach (replacing Terri Otey) High School Level I, Group G, Step 7 Salary: \$1,761 Effective: 11/20/09</p>
	<p>Mysel, Jennifer * From: Volunteer Assistant Fall Cheerleading Coach High School To: Assistant Varsity Fall Cheerleading Coach (replacing Deborah</p>

	<p>Lechleitner) High School Level II, Group G, Step 3 Salary: \$1,043 Effective: 08/17/09</p>
	<p>Taliani, Anthony * From: Volunteer Assistant 9th Grade Football Coach High School To: Assistant 9th Grade Football Coach (replacing Troy Wile) High School Level II, Group A, Step 3 Salary: \$2,607 Effective: 08/17/09</p>
2.	<p>The Administration recommended the approval of the following personnel for 2009 summer employment:</p>
	<p>Klahr, Deborah * Substitute Summer Bus Custodian As needed Salary: \$11.25 per hour Effective: Retroactive to 07/23/09</p>
	<p>Winter, Janet * Substitute Summer Bus Custodian As needed Salary: \$11.25 per hour Effective: Retroactive to 07/23/09</p>
3.	<p>The Administration recommended the approval of the following request in accordance with the District Policies 435 & 439:</p>
	<p>Remesnik, Kristen Grade 1 Teacher Elementary School Paid/Unpaid Childbearing/rearing Leave Effective: On or about 10/19/09 through 12/01/09</p>
4.	<p>The Administration recommended the approval of the Mentor List for the 2009-2010 school year as attached.</p>
5.	<p>The Administration recommended the approval of the Substitute List for the 2009-2010 school year as attached.</p>
	<p>* This individual is currently an employee and/or volunteer. Clearances are on file.</p>

Dr. Parrish moved the Board approve the personnel recommendations and was seconded by Mr. Malkoff.

Dr. Kepler: It's been a busy month.

Mrs. Sheffey: I don't see the new position for first grade. Have we not found them yet?

Dr. Brewer: I think that might have been on last time?

Mrs. Sheffey: Okay. My mistake.

Who: That is there. It's under Transfer of Classified Staff.

Mrs. Sheffey: Okay.

Mrs. Chabal: Any further questions?

Roll Call Vote:

Barrett – Absent

Donahue – Yes

Parrish – Yes

Chabal – Yes

Gräb – Yes

Sheffey – Yes

Cronin – Absent

Malkoff – Yes

Stover - Yes

7 Yes, 2 Absent

MOTION CARRIED

DELEGATES REPORTS

6.01 Dauphin County Technical School Report

Dr. Donahue: We have a meeting on Wednesday, August 12.

Mr. Gräb: That's absolutely correct and that's the first meeting for the new academic year and at the next meeting, either Dr. Donahue or myself will have a full, in depth report.

6.02 Derry Township Tax Collection Association Report

Mr. Malkoff: The next meeting of the Tax Collection Association will be August 27. The key issue that will be facing us in the next year or so is the implementation of Act 32 which basically requires that earned income tax be collected at the county level, so that's going to basically create some very significant issues that we're going to be facing over the next year or so.

6.03 Harrisburg Area Community College Report

Nothing to report.

6.04 Capital Area Intermediate Unit Report

Mrs. Sheffey: We will be meeting August 27.

SPECIAL REPORTS

7.01 School and Community Information Report

Mr. Tredinnick: I would just like to report that the Board has formed an ad hoc committee to look at improving the District's communications with our constituency. Mr. Barrett is chairing that effort. We've had one meeting to date where we look at refining our goals a little bit. We will be meeting next week to start to make some progress and implement some plans towards those goals, but I can tell you in general that we will be looking much harder at how we can utilize our existing technology resources to not burn as many trees and yet still do as good job of getting information out to students, parents, and the community at large.

7.02 Board Members' Report

Mr. Malkoff: As we are heading toward concluding the meeting, I thought I would end on a lighter note. There was a very interesting article in the Patriot News this past Friday regarding a Hershey High graduate from the class of 1994 who has done a series of videos. He's a comedian that lives in New York City and the videos that he has completed including visiting 171 Starbucks in Manhattan, living in an Ikea Furniture Store for a full week and his latest escapade was living on an AirTran jet plane for an entire month setting a Guinness World Record. As his father, I am not surprised, because I have told Mark for a number of years that his career is up in the air.

Mrs. Chabal: It's nice to have such a fantastic representative of the fine education that he received in Hershey High School.

7.03 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Brewer: I would like to point out that we are gearing up to begin the school year and you can see that from the number of hires. We're almost at a full complement and will be, obviously, by the time school starts. We have a very exciting opening for the staff. We certainly hope all of you can come and serve them, literally and figuratively on opening day. A person by the name of Dave

Peltzer is joining us who has written a number of books that are on the New York Times bestsellers list. He has been on Oprah, and I don't need to go further, if you've been on Oprah, you've arrived. He is going to give a message on what creates resiliency in kids. He is the poster child for that. His message will be on the real heroes which are the faculty that work with the kids day in and day out and we are very excited to get him here. His being here is funded in part by his foundation, so we're very happy to have him here and look forward to the opening.

Mrs. Chabal: We do too.

7.04 Board President's Report

No report.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

8.01 Recognition of Citizens

John Dunn: First of all, I have to let you know that Mark Malkoff has energized his class, so we ought to see a lot of shenanigans out of the Class of 94. The other point is that as we look forward, we talked about the implications of Act 32, I would like this Board to embrace the pursuit of fairness in taxation with the amusement tax. If I recall, out of the laborious process that we went through last year, one thing that they acquiesced was the fact that we don't have to wait 10 years to come up with our concerns about fairness. We all know that a flat tax over 50 years is about as egregious as you can get to a community that is looking for creative ways to develop revenue streams to support what you people are trying to do. As a result of that, it puts the whole onus back on to the private property owner and slowly but surely, we are basically subsidizing the quality of education and those people that are actually leveraging and doing everything in their powers to promote a wonderful quality [unheard] aren't paying their fair share. I would really hope just in the spirit of the exercise that we don't let this sort of fade away because we were rebuffed. I have a problem with the fact that we'll sell a David Matthews Band ticket for \$100, we will easily pay Ticketron \$17.50 to process that ticket and we only get 75 cents for what we provide in this community for that wonderful entertainment. I would really encourage the press to actually bring that to light on the imbalance on where the money is going, if Hershey Entertainment can find it okay to accept \$17.50 service fee for about a 3 second phone call, we should at least get more than our 75 cents, so enough of that.

Another point I just want to thank the Derry Township School Board for what I thought was the most productive meetings that we went through. The General

Services Committee meeting was very gracious and cordial and a lot of great exchange. One thing that I think came out of that meeting is we all believe in the Master Plan and one thing that we all agree to is that safety is paramount to our community - whether you are trying to accommodate kids out of the buses, but also within the community and confines of the streets that we have. I think there is a general sense that the school is on target with how we go about accommodating and finding solutions for that and I just want to thank you for the time and effort that the School Board provided the community today. It was a rich exchange and I'm sorry more people who are critical about what goes on in school are not participating in the open process that we have here in Derry Township. They're the ones that are losing. We're the ones that are gaining because we are participating and we'll find a solution that will be amicable for everybody and that safety is important to our kids.

Mrs. Chabal: Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

9.01 Adjournment

Mrs. Chabal: The next Board meeting will be held Monday, August 24, however, there will be a time change. There will be a joint Finance and General Services meeting but since quorum issues don't allow more than 4 Board members to come to those and we really would like to be able to participate as a full Board, we are actually going to begin our Board meeting on August 24 at 6:00 p.m. It will be a joint Finance and General Services meeting, so to speak, with the full Board participating and asking questions and coming up to speed. Sometimes, this may feel new to the community but we have been dialoging about various aspects of this plan for some time and we just need to make sure that we've got every "i" dotted and "t" crossed. We can't do that in committee structure effectively when the entire Board would like to speak to those issues. We will be starting at 6:00 p.m. instead of 7 p.m. on Monday, August 24 and hold our regular Board meeting as well as a discussion of the joint Finance and General Services meeting at that time.

Mrs. Sheffey moved to adjourn, with a second by Mr. Malkoff and, approved by unanimous voice vote by all members. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen E. Rineer
Secretary to the Board
Approved at the August 24, 2009 meeting

Beulah Chabal
President of the Board

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