

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

August 23, 2010

OPENING ITEMS

1.01 Call to Order

A meeting of the Board of School Directors, Derry Township School District was held on Monday, August 23, 2010, in the District Office Board Room. Dr. William Parrish, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:02 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. Chris Morelli
Dr. William Parrish
Mrs. Ellen Sheffey
Mr. Charles Stover

Superintendent:

Dr. Linda Brewer

Secretary:

Mr. Stephen Rineer

Solicitor:

Brian F. Jackson (Not Present)

Student Representative:

Press:

Mr. Drew J. Weidman THE SUN
Mr. Nick Malawskey THE PATRIOT NEWS

Representatives of the Administrative Staff: Mr. Dan Tredinnick, Dr. Bernie Kepler, Mr. Ed Consalo, Mr. David Yarian, Mr. Joe McFarland, Ms. Lori Dixon, Ms. Jackie Castleman, Ms. Sue King, Mr. Greg Hummel, Mr. Michael Murphy, Mr. Sam Elias, Ms. Lisa Sviben Miller, Mr. Peter Ebert, Ms. Joy L. Mackenzie, Ms. Lynn Dell, and Mr. Al Harding.

Representatives of the Staff and Community: Bunny Hottenstein, Bruce Hancock, Susan Foxx, and Maria DeCarmine-Bender.

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 August 9, 2010 School Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mrs. Sheffey and seconded by Mrs. Chabal to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2010 School Board meeting.

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 personnel issues.

3.02 Recognition of Citizens (Agenda Items)

None.

3.03 Standing Committee Report

Finance Standing Committee

Mrs. Sheffey presented Finance Standing Committee report that focused on the SWAP.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.01 Unfinished Business

None.

NEW BUSINESS

5.01 Approval of Finance Report for July 2010

1.	The Treasurer's Report for the month ending July 31, 2010 was summarized as follows:	
	• General Fund Revenues	\$3,261,482
	• General Fund Expenditures	3,060,808
	• Balance of Cash Plus Investments (Includes \$4,544,891 Capital Reserve)	13,212,840
2.	The listed schedule of investment transactions for the period beginning July 1, 2010 through July 31, 2010 totaled interest earnings of \$3,677 comprised of the following:	
	• General Fund	\$102
	• Money Market	2,081
	• Capital Reserve	1,494
	• PA Local Government Investment Trust	0
	The average interest rate for July 2010 was .36%	
3.	The July 2010 expenditures for the paid bills for all funds totaled \$1,522,774 excluding net payroll, retirement contributions, and debt service.	
4.	The August 2010 expenditures for the unpaid bills for all funds totaled \$482,053.	
5.	The estimated expenditures of the General Fund for the month of August 2010 were in the following amounts:	
	• Operating Expenses	\$800,000
	• Utilities	108,500

	• Net Payroll	1,015,000
	• Employer Provided Insurance	335,600
	• Payroll Deductions	500,000
	• Employer Payroll Taxes (FICA/RET)	116,000
	• Debt Service	<u>0</u>
	Total Estimated Expenditures	\$2,875,100

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

5.02 Requests for Payment - Construction Projects

The Administration recommended the approval of the following invoices as reviewed and approved by Mr. Consalo:

	Multi-Purpose Practice/Playing Fields:	
1.	John E. Fullerton, Inc. (Electrical Contractor Application No: 9 33,878.86 Application No: 10 (final) <u>60,427.96</u>	\$94,306.82
2.	ATT Sports, Inc. Invoice No. 10-035REP	31,057.00
	Parking Lot Improvements:	
3.	Handwerk (General Contractor) Application No: 2	267,155.89

4.	Bitner Electric Inc. Invoice No: 6698	1,212.08
5.	Fullerton (Electrical) Application No: 2	26,975.15
6.	UGI Utilities Invoice No: 791991	2,084.69
7.	Derry Township School District, in repayment of Letters of Credit Fees PNC Bank Letter of Credit 12502826 582.99 PNC Bank Letter of Credit 12502826 375.00 PNC Bank Letter of Credit 12502827 10,632.91 PNC Bank Letter of Credit 12502827 <u>375.00</u>	11,965.90
8.	Hayes Large Architect LLP Bill No: 1007-057 4,715.00	
9.	Hayes Large Architect LLP (CS Davidson) Bill No: 1006-047 6,050.92 Bill No: 1007-058 <u>1,558.32</u>	12,324.24
10.	Township of Derry Invoice No: 71592-6	1,256.70
	Middle School Expansion:	
11.	A.H. Moyer (HVAC) Application No: 2	303,372.00
12.	Bass (Plumbing) Application No: 1 18,712.80 Application No: 2 <u>67,804.38</u>	86,517.18
13.	Guy M. Cooper, Inc. (Fire Systems) Application No: 1 4,080.60 Application No: 2 <u>786.60</u>	4,867.20
14.	Leer (Electrical) Application No: 2	36,610.65
	Elementary School/LGI:	
15.	East Coast Contracting (General Contractor)	80,392.27

	Application No: 9477-01	
16.	H & R Mechanical (HVAC) Application No: 1	4,277.25
17.	PSQ Inc. (Electrical) Invoice No: 730	10,075.50
18.	Hayes Large Architect LLP Bill No: 1006-046 675.31 Bill No: 1007-059 <u>1,350.63</u>	2,025.94

The Administration paid the following contractors in July, after review and approval by the Director of Buildings and Grounds and the Business Manager, based on the Authorized "not to exceed" amounts:

Middle School Expansion:	Not -to-Exceed	Amount Paid
ECI (General Contractor)	\$79,000.00	\$70,548.59
Bass (Plumbing)	19,000.00	0.00
Leer (Electrical)	40,000.00	29,241.90
A.H. Moyer (HVAC)	66,393.00	66,393.00
Parking Lot Improvements:		
Handwerk (General Contractor)	\$113,390.50	\$113,290.57
Fullerton (Electrical)	3,250.00	3,250.00

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

Roll Call Vote:

Chabal – Yes
Cronin – Yes
Donahue –Yes

Gráb – Yes
Hagan – Yes
Morelli – Yes

Parrish – Yes
Sheffey – Yes
Stover - Yes

9 Yes

MOTION CARRIED

5.03 Approval to Rescind March 2009 SWAP Resolution

A RESOLUTION

**OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS OF THIS SCHOOL DISTRICT
REPEALING A RESOLUTION, ADOPTED MARCH 23, 2009, WHICH APPROVED
AND ADOPTED AN INTEREST RATE MANAGEMENT PLAN AND RELATED
ACTIONS OF THIS SCHOOL DISTRICT.**

WHEREAS, The Board of School Directors (the “Board”) of this School District (the “School District”) heretofore determined to adopt an interest rate management plan (the “Plan”) with respect to certain outstanding debt obligations of this School District; and

WHEREAS, By a Resolution of the Board of this School District, adopted March 23, 2009, the Board approved and adopted the Plan and other related actions (the “Resolution”); and

WHEREAS, The Board of this School District desires to repeal the Resolution in its entirety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of this School District, that the Resolution is hereby repealed, and all actions taken in furtherance thereof hereby are repudiated.

DULY ADOPTED, by the Board of this School District, in lawful session duly assembled, this 23rd day of August, 2010.

DERRY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT,
Dauphin County, Pennsylvania

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

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 of Athletic Training Contract 2010-2011 School Year

The Administration recommended the Board approve and ratify the Athletic Training Agreement with Drayer Physical Therapy Institute. Under the Agreement, The District

will pay Drayer Physical Therapy Institute \$2,500.00 per calendar month or a total of \$30,000.00 to provide a full-time certified athletic trainer for the High School and a part-time certified athletic trainer for the Middle School for the 2010-2011 school year.

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

5.05 Approval of Physician of Record Contract 2010-2011 School Year

The Administration recommended the appointment of Cocoa Family Medicine as the School Physician of Record for the 2010-2011 school year. The Physician of Records stipend is \$1,200.00, \$22.00 for each physician exam, and \$5.00 for each recertification.

Mrs. Chabal moved the Board approve the request 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

MOTION CARRIED

5.06 Approval of Textbook

The Administration recommended the approval of the following textbook for the use in the 2010-2011 school year:

High School:	
<i>Curricular Area:</i>	Mathematics
<i>Subject/Course:</i>	Essentials of Mathematics
<i>Title:</i>	Mathematic Navigator
<i>Publisher:</i>	America's Choice

<i>Author:</i>	America's Choice
<i>Copyright:</i>	2010

Dr. Cronin moved the Board approve the request 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

9 Yes

MOTION CARRIED

5.07 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 Mustangs
<i>Date/Time:</i>	August 24 through November 15, 2010 Various Times (In conjunction with Hershey Little League Schedule)
<i>Requested Facility:</i>	Memorial Baseball Field
<i>Event:</i>	Youth Baseball Fall Practice and Games
<i>Fee:</i>	None

<i>Group:</i>	Wilkes University
<i>Date/Time:</i>	September 13 through December 8, 2010 4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
<i>Requested Facility:</i>	District Office Classrooms
<i>Event:</i>	Off-campus Graduate Courses
<i>Fee:</i>	None

<i>Group:</i>	American String Teachers Association
<i>Date/Time:</i>	October 30, 2010

	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
<i>Requested Facility:</i>	Middle School Auditorium, Chorus/Orchestra Room
<i>Event:</i>	Solo Competition
<i>Fee:</i>	Waiver Requested

Dr. Cronin moved the Board approve the request and was seconded by Mr. Morelli.

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

5.08 Personnel - Resignations

The Administration recommended the approval of the following resignations:

Act 93:
Bomgardner, Erin Accounts Payable/Payroll District Office Reason: Personal Effective: On or about 01/26/2011
Classified:
Bernstein, Kelly General Food Service Worker High School Reason: Personal Effective: 08/19/2010 (retroactive)
Murray, Gail Teachers' Aide Elementary School Reason: Personal Effective: 08/08/2010 (retroactive)

Mrs. Chabal moved the Board approve the resignations 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

MOTION CARRIED

5.09 Personnel – General

1.	The Administration recommended the approval of the following appointments:
	Act 93:
	Urevich, Debra (replacing Erin Bomgardner) Accounts Payable/Payroll District-wide Salary: \$37,500 (pro-rated) Effective: 09/13/2010
	Professional:
	Chiarelli, Elizabeth Anne (for Emily Reinert) English Teacher High School Long Term Substitute Bachelors, Step 1 Salary: \$40,281.25 (pro-rated) Effective: 08/23/2010 through 01/14/2011
	Dell, Hailey * (for Megan Kerwin) Mathematics Teacher High School Long Term Substitute Bachelors, Step 1 Salary: \$40,281.25 (pro-rated) Effective: 09/30/2010 through the end of the 2010-2011 school year
	Fry, Laura (replacing Melissa Cherry) Autism Support Teacher High School Temporary Professional Bachelors, Step 1 Salary: \$40,281.25 Effective: 08/23/2010
	Tomazin, Brooks (for Jennifer Klos) Gifted Support Teacher

<p>Middle School Long Term Substitute Bachelors, Step 1 Salary: \$40,281.25 (pro-rated) Effective: 08/23/2010 through the end of the 2010-2011 school year</p>
<p>Classified:</p>
<p>Bryner, Heather Substitute Recess/Cafeteria Aide Elementary School Salary: \$9.53 per hour (pending HESPA contract) Effective: 08/30/2010 (pending receipt of Act 34, 151, and 114 clearances)</p>
<p>Substitute Teachers' Aide District-wide Salary: \$10.34 per hour (pending HESPA contract) Effective: 08/30/2010 (pending receipt of Act 34, 151, and 114 clearances)</p>
<p>Cray, Andrea Substitute Recess/Cafeteria Aide Elementary School Salary: \$9.53 per hour (pending HESPA contract) Effective: 08/30/2010 (pending receipt of Act 34, 151, and 114 clearances)</p>
<p>Julian, Elizabeth Substitute Teachers' Aide District-wide Salary: \$10.34 per hour (pending HESPA contract) Effective: 08/30/2010</p>
<p>Marsini, Larissa Substitute Recess/Cafeteria Aide Elementary School Salary: \$9.53 per hour (pending HESPA contract) Effective: 08/30/2010</p>
<p>Substitute Teachers' Aide District-wide Salary: \$10.34 per hour (pending HESPA contract) Effective: 08/30/2010</p>
<p>Poole, Randall Substitute Recess/Cafeteria Aide Elementary School Salary: \$9.53 per hour (pending HESPA contract) Effective: 08/30/2010</p>
<p>Substitute Teachers' Aide District-wide Salary: \$10.34 per hour (pending HESPA contract) Effective: 08/30/2010</p>

<p>Riehl, Christine Substitute Recess/Cafeteria Aide Elementary School Salary: \$9.53 per hour (pending HESPA contract) Effective: 08/30/2010 (pending receipt of Act 34, 151, and 114 clearances)</p>
<p>Substitute Teachers' Aide District-wide Salary: \$10.34 per hour (pending HESPA contract) Effective: 08/30/2010 (pending receipt of Act 34, 151, and 114 clearances)</p>
<p>Shifflett, Laura (replacing Gail Murray) Teachers' Aide Elementary School Level B: 6.0 hours per day Salary: \$11.70 per hour (pending HESPA contract) Effective: 08/27/2010 (pending receipt of Act 34, 151, and 114 clearances)</p>
<p>Limited Service Contracts:</p>
<p>Clouser, Emma * Volunteer Assistant Cross Country Coach Middle School Effective: 08/24/2010</p>
<p>Hocker, Gerald Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach Middle School Level III, Group B, Step 3 Salary: \$1,720 Effective: 11/19/2010 (pending receipt of Act 151 clearance)</p>
<p>Sterner, Robert * Volunteer Assistant Varsity Cross Country Coach High School Effective: 08/24/2010</p>
<p>Wilson, Thomas Head Boys' Basketball Coach Middle School Level II, Group B, Step 22 Salary: \$4,377 Effective: 11/19/2010</p>
<p>Woodbridge, Gregory * Department Coordinator - Fine Arts, Music District-wide Salary: \$1,580 Effective: 08/24/2010</p>
<p>Transfer of Coaching Staff:</p>
<p>Deliberty, William *</p>

	<p>From: Volunteer Assistant Boys' Soccer Coach Middle School To: Assistant Boys' Soccer Coach (replacing Jarryd Erb) Middle School Level III, Group C, Step 6 Salary: \$1,667 Effective: 08/24/2010</p>
2.	<p>The Administration recommended the approval of the following additions to the Mentor List for the 2010-2011 school year:</p>
	<p>Balanda, Lisa * Mentor to Elizabeth Anne Chiarelli HS English LTS Yr. 1 \$526.50</p>
	<p>Brought, Naomi * Mentor to Vanessa Horst MS Art LTS Yr. 1 \$1,053.00</p>
	<p>Brown, Julee * Mentor to Laura Fry HS Autism Support Teacher Yr. 1 \$1,053.00</p>
	<p>Turner, Mary * Mentor to Hailey Dell HS Mathematics LTS Yr. 1 \$789.75</p>
	<p>Wales, Ronald * Mentor to Brooks Tomazin MS Gifted Support LTS Yr. 1 \$1,053</p>
3.	<p>The Administration recommended the approval of the following request in accordance with District Policies 435:</p>
	<p>Cantore, Kathleen Mathematics Teacher Middle School Paid/Unpaid Family Medical Leave (up to 12 weeks) Effective: 08/26/2010 to be used intermittently during a one-year cycle as necessary</p>
4.	<p>The Administration recommended the approval of the following additions to the 2010-11 Substitute Teacher List:</p>
	<p>Burton, Danielle B.A. in Secondary History Education from Saint Francis University</p>
	<p>Davis, William M.E. in Secondary Social Studies from Eastern New Mexico University</p>
	<p>Eisenhour, Katelyn B.S. in Elementary Education from Kutztown University of Pennsylvania</p>
	<p>Goetz, Meghan M.A. in Elementary Education from Johns Hopkins University</p>
	<p>Graham, Wendy B.H. in Secondary English from Pennsylvania State University</p>
	<p>Grimes, Jason B.S. in Elementary Education from Pennsylvania State University</p>

	Kolonauski, Rose Ellen B.H. in Secondary English from Pennsylvania State University
	Lego, Stuart B.S. in Elementary Education from Frostburg State University
	Rubeo, Melissa B.S. in Elementary Education from Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania
	Scott, Adena B.S. in Elementary Education from Lebanon Valley College
	Vance, Nicole M.S. in Educational Administration from University of Scranton with teaching certification in Spanish
	Wagner, Joshua B.S. in Elementary Education from Lebanon Valley College
	Wentzel, Megan B.S. in Elementary Education from East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania
	* 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. Cronin.

Roll Call Vote:

Chabal – Yes

Cronin – Yes

Donahue – Yes

Gräb – Yes

Hagan – Yes

Morelli – Yes

Parrish – Absent

Sheffey – Yes

Stover - Absent

7 Yes, 2 Absent

MOTION CARRIED

DELEGATE REPORTS

6.01 Dauphin County Technical School Report

Mr. Gräb: School will start on Monday, August 30 for 9th and 10th graders and Tuesday, August 31, for juniors and seniors. All the Tech School construction has been completed.

6.02 Derry Township Tax Collection Association Report

Mr. Stover: The next Tax Association meeting will be held this Thursday, August 26. The Dauphin County Tax Collection Committee met on Wednesday, August 18th. I was

unable to attend, but Mr. Rineer attended. The result of the meeting was that the three candidates that we have narrowed the selection process down to all presented to the committee and answered questions. The three candidates are: Berkheimer, Keystone, and Cap-Tax. A vote will be taken at our next Dauphin County Tax Collection Committee meeting on Wednesday, September 15th, which is the deadline for our selection to be made. That is my report.

6.03 Harrisburg Area Community College Report

Dr. Donahue: No report.

6.04 Capital Area Intermediate Unit Report

Mrs. Chabal: The Capital Area Intermediate Unit board would be voting on August 26 to approve a contract between the CAIU and the Harrisburg City School District. The contract would be for the school calendar year of 2010-2011 and would 'loan' Mr. Farr (who currently is employed by the CAIU as Treasurer) to the Harrisburg School District to serve as their Financial Officer.

SPECIAL REPORTS

7.01 School and Community Information Report

Mr. Tredinnick: Thank you, Mr. President. There has been a great deal of public interest in the progress of the campus construction projects, especially as we get closer to the opening day. We have been using the communications tools the Board has given of the resources to provide for us and it seems to be paying off. For instance, the new traffic flow map document that shows the new parking lots, parent drop-off areas and the bus corrals has been downloaded over 700 times. We'll continue the communication efforts in the days leading up to the start of school. We have a Trojan Quest newsletter scheduled to go out later this week and we'll communicate any last-minute information via Connect-Ed, our high speed phone system."

Dr. Parrish: That map is great. I think people are finding it very useful.

7.02 Board Members' Report

Dr. Donahue announced that a committee would be formed to look at the ideas related to the daily bell schedule as part of the larger examination of high school restructuring.

Dr. Cronin suggested that in addition to Board members, the physicians that had provided information about sleep needs also be involved. Dr. Donahue agreed. Mrs. Sheffey volunteered to be a Board rep.

Mrs. Chabal warned that as we study the issue, the committee should take great care to involve other entities such as the IU and Dauphin County Technical School and study the unintended consequences of a possible shift in scheduling. Dr. Donahue agreed and said that it seems clear to him that any major change in scheduling – if one were to occur - would have to occur on a regional basis and it is not something Derry Township School District could accomplish on its own.

7.04 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Brewer: Today the administrative team and I welcomed our new employees, many of whom are about to experience their first year in public education. This happens to be the 37th year that I have been a part of opening the new school year. So I have some perspective; and I've been thinking a lot about transitions.

If you will indulge me for just a moment - I entered public education under the sweeping laws that ensured that every child was entitled to a free, appropriate public education. Next week the class of 2023 enters Early Childhood Center; but back in 1973, when I began my career, not all of our kindergarteners would have been permitted to come to school. If a child was not potty trained, if he could not hear, see, or speak, he could be turned away. And for those special children that did attend school, their classroom was often in the basement next to the boiler room. So, in 1973 we worked to find all those children and bring them to school. I was a part of that as a school psychologist and I'm proud of that. Then, in 1975 the first major law that guaranteed the right to a public education for all children, ages 5 to 21 was enacted. However, for years, though we gave them safe haven and access, we did not know enough about how to teach them to learn; and we did not have high enough expectations for them. But now, 37 years later, our expectations are high for all who enter our doors – students and staff alike. We know how to differentiate instruction to help every child be successful. These children are in our classrooms; special education is not a place; it is learning strategies, responses to intervention for all children. That is extraordinary progress in 37 years, not only in equity; but also in knowledge.

Our collective mission – from administrator, to custodian; from food service worker to teacher; from school board member to bus driver is to meet the needs of every child, every day. Not only do we strive to meet the national mandate of “leave no child behind,” but we also are committed to “hold no child back.”

Together, we have held the space for that mission. I am proud of that, too. I believe that the true measure of an effective leader is that she can step out and the mission not only continues, but thrives. By that measure, I know that I will have been successful long after I leave this District.

I also believe that a true leader paves the way for those that come after her; that she works to make a seamless, civil transfer of leadership. That she leaves the system better than she found it. In the last 20 or so years at Derry, transitions from one superintendent to another have been fractious and anxious. It doesn't need to be that way; and I'd like us together to model how a public school district should transition from one leader to another. Therefore, I am announcing now that you need to start the search so that I can be a part of the healthy transfer of leadership.

I want you to know how blessed I feel to have spent my last 11 years in public education at Derry Township School District. I particularly want to acknowledge my administrative team. I've been around, you know, and I can tell you that you are not going to find a more committed, knowledgeable, principled group of leaders anywhere. I also want to recognize this Board. I hope our citizens and our faculty recognize, as I do, how capable and committed to our students that you truly are.

We are well on our way to achieving our Strategic Plan. The construction projects are well in-hand. The budget process we have developed is sound. The administrative team is seasoned, solid, and high-functioning. The timing is right to begin this transition.

On a personal note, I do not intend to go quietly into the night. I intend to find vehicles to advocate for public education and for this wonderful District in particular. But I am also hoping for more balance - time to ride my horses every day; see at least one of my grandchildren every day; buy another puppy; read more novels; learn to play bridge; write a book; and have wonderful adventures with my husband of 43 years before our neo-geriatric stage catches up to us.

At some point we will formalize this and I will give you a letter and a date certain; but for now, it is time to begin the transition. Thank you for all your support throughout these 11 years. It has been a distinct privilege to work side by side with you. It has been a rare gift. And I know it.

And so, tonight I am announcing my intention to retire. Though you and I have not determined a date certain, it is time to develop a transition plan and search for my replacement.

Mr. President that completes the Superintendent's report for tonight.

7.05 Board President's Report

Dr. Parrish commented positively on Dr. Brewer's leadership, as did Mrs. Chabal, Mr. Stover, and Dr. Donahue.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

8.01 Recognition of Citizens

Bunny Hottenstein commented positively on Dr. Brewer's leadership.

ADJOURNMENT

9.01 Adjournment

Dr. Donahue: The next public school board meeting will be held Monday September 13, 2010 starting at 7 p.m. in the District office board room.

Mrs. Chabal moved to adjourn, with a second by Dr. Hagan and, approved by unanimous voice vote by all members. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen E. Rineer
Secretary to the Board
Approved at the September 13, 2010 meeting

Dr. William Parrish
President of the Board

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