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

September 22, 2008

OPENING ITEMS

1.01 Call to Order

A meeting of the Board of School Directors, Derry Township School District was held on Monday, September 22, 2008, in the District Office Board Room. Mr. Charles Stover, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Mr. Stover welcomed the 2008-2009 Student Representative, Andrew Rogers to his first Board meeting.

1.02 Roll Call

Directors Present:

Mrs. Beulah Chabal
Dr. Donna Cronin
Dr. Henry Donahue
Dr. William Parrish
Mr. John Gräb
Mr. Alan Malkoff
Mrs. Ellen Sheffey
Mr. Charles Stover

Excused:

Mr. Christopher Barrett

Superintendent:

Dr. Linda Brewer

Secretary:

Mr. Stephen Rineer

Solicitor:

Mr. Brian Jackson

Student Representative:

Andrew Rogers

Press:

Mr. Dave Hunt
Mr. Josh Etterman
Mr. Daniel Victor

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Representatives of the Administrative Staff: Mr. Dan Tredinnick, Dr. Cynthia Goldsworthy, Ms. Jackie Castleman, Mr. Sam Elias, Ms. Lori Dixon, Mr. Al Harding, Ms. Sue King, Mr. Joe McFarland, Ms. Lynn Dell, Mr. David Yarian, Mr. Michael Murphy, Ms. Lisa M. Sviben Miller, and Dr. Bernard Kepler.

Representatives of the Staff and Community: Bunny Hottenstein, Wayne Peffley, Lois Peffley, and Francis Spirk.

1.03 Flag Salute

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

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.01 Approval of September 8, 2008 School Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mrs. Chabal and seconded by Mr. Malkoff to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2008 Board meeting. All Board members present signified by a Yes vote.

MOTION CARRIED

INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

3.01 Announcement of Executive Session

Mr. Stover announced the Board met in executive session prior to the meeting to discuss matters related to personnel. All members of the Board were present, except Mr. Barrett who was excused.

3.02 Recognition of Citizens (Agenda Items)

None.

3.03 Presentation - District Data Portfolio

Dr. Brewer presented quantifiable data that provided information regarding the state of the District. The last time this information was presented was in January 2007 and that portfolio of information represented the state of the District for the 2005-2006 school year and partially included the 2006-2007 school year. Because student data, particularly the PSSA reports, are not available until August of every year, going

forward, the District's portfolio will be presented in September of each year and that portfolio will describe the state of the District for the previous school year. Dr. Brewer's presentation included information for the 2007-2008 school year and highlighted student services and staff data.

"The enrollment trend for 10 years, 1998-99 to the end of last year, 2007-2008, demonstrated an 11% increase in the overall enrollment from 3,196 to 3,471, or an increase of 275 students. Although the portfolio focuses on last year, we want to show the increase in enrollment for this current school year, 2008-2009 and project that to 2019, 10 years from now."

"The 2008 kindergarten class accounts for over 1/3 of the total enrollment increase that is projected now to 2019 compared to last year's projections. It is hoped that this year's kindergarten numbers do reflect some kind of anomaly, because the Derry Township burst for 2003 was not particularly high. It was 215. It would appear that there was an unusual number of kindergarteners that moved to the community this year. If there are other factors at work, we have not determined them to date. In 2010, our kindergarten enrollment will spike again because the bursts in 2005 were high. That number was 233. We will be monitoring the possible compounding effects, including migration to the community and the real estate market conditions."

"There are many implications for these enrollment figures for the feasibility studies that are underway for the Hershey Middle School and the Early Childhood Center. The projections do not account, for example, for full time kindergarten, should we decide to offer that at some point."

"The enrollment disaggregated for the elementary grades have an average class size of 19.9 for kindergarten through 5th grade. The enrollment disaggregate for the Middle School has an average class size of 22.3 for 6th through 8th grade. The enrollment disaggregate for the High School has an average class size of 21 for 9th through 12th grade."

"The District's demographics regarding ethnicity have not proportionally changed from 2005-2006 to 2007-2008. The student population remains largely Caucasian, with the second highest ethnic population being Asian. Our English as a Second Language, which is now referred to as English Limited Language, was 44 students for 2007-2008. That number seems like a manageable amount, until one looks at all of the languages that are represented in that number. There are approximately 15-16 different languages that are represented in that number of 44."

Dr. Brewer presented data that represented unduplicated numbers of special education students. For example, one student may have an individual educational plan as a learning disabled student, but that student might also have an IEP for speech and language. In that case, that student would only be represented once in that particular data. Dr. Brewer also mentioned that there have been an inordinate number of special education students that came into the District for this current school

year. In fact, in kindergarten/first grade there were 25 students, primary there were 10 students, intermediate there were 14 students, middle school there were 10 students, and the high school there were 6 students. The influx of these students for the current school year is challenging in the upper reaches of class size and the inordinate amount of administrative time that is represented in these students.

Dr. Brewer presented the number of students participating in the full day technical school program and noted some displeasure with the participation rate. The third day enrollment for the technical school this year was 36 kids. The number is not where the District would like to be, but is 3 students higher than is indicated on the report.

Graduation rates for the last five years have dropped slightly – a factor that is being addressed in the Strategic Plan. Hopefully, the numbers will be back up to the 99th percentile. There is work to do here, but last year's number was 11 students and percentages can be misleading when there isn't a large population.

Maintaining attendance rates in excess of 92% is the target for the District's Strategic Plan. The average daily attendance for 2007-2008 was 95.3, with the outliers being 4th grade which was high at 96.5, and 12th grade being the low point at 91.3.

A three year history of charter school enrollment for the District was presented. The District has experienced a growth in the placement of 14 students over the past three years with most of the growth being in 11 and 12th grade.

Home schooling enrollment over the last three years was reported. It has remained stable and relatively low by State and national standards.

Data for the Student Assistance Program by grade level for the past 5 years was reported and referral comparisons for 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 have been trending downward.

Hershey High School offers 18 advanced placement courses and there has been an increase in the number of students that took the AP test over a 2 year period. Last year, 460 tests were taken and 79% of the students scored a 3, 4, or 5 on the test.

Another quantitative snapshot of achievement would be the Scholastic Aptitude Test. The District is above the national and state measures on the SAT.

A four year comparison of graduation plans was provided. The great majority of students go on to a four year college. Last year, 36% of students indicated that they would enter a state university with another 17% planning to attend a Pennsylvania college other than state university, and 25% entering four year colleges outside of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Brewer presented information regarding the support services that were utilized last year and presented a three year comparison of gas and diesel prices. In 2007-2008,

the District budgeted diesel fuel at \$2.51 per gallon and the actual average was \$3.08, the budget was increased for the current year to \$3.35 for diesel. Likewise, for unleaded fuel, the District budgeted \$2.04 last year and the actual was \$2.53. For the current year, the District budgeted \$3.15 for unleaded. These prices may seem a little low, but that is because the District does not pay taxes on fuel.

Driving these costs are the annual miles. Last year, almost 704,000 miles were traveled to and from school alone, with the daily miles to and from school being almost 4,000 miles. Adding to that number are the instructional trips and the sports venues, for a total of 735,000 miles a year that the students are on the road to and from school and to various venues.

Also presented were the number of meals served by the Food Service Department last year. The great majority of our meals are paid for completely by students' families, though there are a number of students on free and reduced lunches.

Looking at the numbers that represent transportation and food services, it is really remarkable how smoothly things operate considering the quantity that is represented in these two departments.

Dr. Brewer presented information concerning staff data. The District has a relatively young professional staff with 29 of the 276 staff members having less than one year experience and 75 having one to 5 years experience. That translates into 38% of the professional staff having 5 or less years of experience. This data demonstrates the need for ongoing professional development and strong support for faculty as they acclimate to the culture and expectations.

In addition, information was presented that disaggregated the data by looking at hires over the past 5 years by building, by graduate degrees, by previous experience, and even whether or not they student taught at Derry Township.

Dr. Brewer concluded her presentation by stating that community members would be able to review the portfolio at various locations, including the website. She thanked Dan Treddinick for the fabulous job of putting the information together and also thanked the administrators for their help in providing the information. Dr. Brewer added that the enormity of information presented is dealt with every day by the administrators and noted that they do a phenomenal job with a scope that is far reaching.

Mr. Malkoff: "I noticed in the 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 graduation rate, that there were 10 and 11 respectively actual drop outs, which was a considerable increase from prior years. Is there a particular pattern that accounts for that?"

Mr. Murphy: "The slight increase that is reflected in the data really comes from a couple of different factors. You might recall several years ago, the Board did approve an increase in the graduation requirements, which caused some bumps, but we were

able to recover with most of those. Frankly the biggest change that occurred was the State changed the way we could report students who were leaving school to go for a Graduate Equivalency Diploma, a GED. It used to be we could classify those as going on to other education. Instead now, they force us to classify those as drop outs. So some students, even though they intend to finish their high school degree or diploma, we still have to call them drop outs, so that was the biggest change in that number.”

Dr. Donahue: “Looking at the HIP data, which of those categories would capture alcohol and drug use, self-referral, policy violation, or other referral? Do you have self-referral for D and A?”

Mrs. Miller: “Yes.”

Dr. Donahue: “So all the categories that you have for smoking, you have for D and A?”

Mrs. Miller: “Correct.”

Dr. Donahue: “If the gifted rate keeps going up, are we going to have to address that with more gifted staff?”

Dr. Brewer: “We actually did that this year. We now have a gifted consultant at each building level.”

Dr. Donahue: “So that is an unusual trend and we have to focus on that.”

Dr. Brewer: “Yes.”

Dr. Donahue: “Are these power points on the website?”

Dr. Brewer: “Right now, it’s just the full document that you have there, but if you think it will be beneficial, certainly we can post it.”

Dr. Donahue: “The one thing I liked was the cumulative data on the interventions (HIP data) that’s not reflected in the document and it seems to be dropping.”

Dr. Brewer: “Why don’t we just put it on the site? It would be very easy to do.”

Dr. Donahue: “Thank you.”

Mr. Gräb: “It’s not a question, Dr. Brewer, but I’m glad that this document is on the website, because although you alluded to it, I think it’s important that the public take a look at this and see how many of our students participate in both our school sponsored athletic programs and our school sponsored music programs. It is a deep indication that we are putting a well rounded student out there to the public, and I just wanted to make clear that when people go online, please take a close look at our

student participation.”

Dr. Brewer: “Thank you Mr. Gräb. I agree.”

Mr. Stover thanked Dr. Brewer and everyone that put the presentation together. He stated that it was valuable information to use.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.01 Unfinished Business

None.

NEW BUSINESS

5.01 Approval of Finance Report for August 2008

1.	The Treasurer's Report for the month ending August 31 2008 was summarized as follows:	
	• General Fund Revenues	\$10,393,780
	• General Fund Expenditures	3,723,927
	• Balance of Cash Plus Investments	18,280,727
2.	The listed schedule of investment transactions for the period beginning August 1, 2008 through August 31, 2008 had total interest earnings of \$27,492 comprised of the following:	
	• General Fund	\$1,365
	• Money Market	26,122
	• Certificates of Deposit	0
	• PA School District Liquid Asset Fund	0
	• PA Local Government Investment Trust	5
	The average interest rate for August 2008 was 2.67%	
3.	The August 2008 expenditures for the paid bills for all funds totaled	

	\$2,034,009 excluding net payroll, retirement contributions, and debt service.	
4.	The September 2008 expenditures for the unpaid bills for all funds totaled \$771,790.	
5.	The estimated expenditures of the General Fund for the month of September 2008 were in the following amounts:	
	• Operating Expenses	\$1,500,000
	• Utilities	157,800
	• Net Payroll (3 pays)	1,150,000
	• Employer Provided Insurance	410,600
	• Payroll Deductions	573,000
	• Employer Payroll Taxes (FICA/RET)	547,000
	• Debt Service	<u>4,194,337</u>
	Total Estimated Expenditures	\$8,532,737

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

All Board members present signified by a Yes vote.

MOTION CARRIED

5.02 Requests for Payment - Elementary HVAC Project

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

	Elementary School HVAC Improvements:	
1.	Trane, Inc. (HVAC Contractor) Application No. 4	\$180,000.00
	Application No. 5	172,125.00

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

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

* Mr. Stover noted that Dr. Cronin had to leave for an appointment and would not be present for the balance of the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

5.03 Requests for the Use of School Facilities

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

<i>Group:</i>	Hershey Youth Football Association
<i>Date/Time:</i>	October 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, 2008 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
<i>Requested Facility:</i>	ECC Gym
<i>Event:</i>	Cheerleading Practice for Upcoming Youth Competition (Run by Coaches)
<i>Fee:</i>	None

<i>Group:</i>	Hershey Youth Basketball Association
<i>Requested Facility:</i>	Middle School Gym
<i>Date/Time:</i>	Saturdays November 15, 2008 through March 7, 2009 8:00 a.m - 6:00 p.m.
	Sundays November 16, 2008 through March 8, 2009 Noon - 5:00 p.m.
	Monday - Fridays November 17, 2008 through February 27, 2009 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
<i>Requested Facility:</i>	Elementary Gym

<i>Date/Time:</i>	Saturdays November 15, 2008 through March 7, 2009 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
	Wednesdays November 19, 2008 through February 25, 2009 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
<i>Requested Facility:</i>	ECC Gym
	Saturdays November 15, 2008 through March 7, 2009 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
	Monday - Fridays November 19, 2008 through March 7, 2009 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
<i>Event:</i>	Hershey Youth Basketball Association Practices and Games
<i>Fee:</i>	As per Lease Agreement

<i>Group:</i>	Hershey High School Key Club
<i>Date/Time:</i>	March 22, 2009 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
<i>Requested Facility:</i>	High School Cafeteria, Kitchen
<i>Event:</i>	Senior Scholarship Spaghetti Dinner
<i>Fee:</i>	As per Lease Agreement

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

Mr. Gräb commented regarding the item pertaining to the Hershey High School Key Club. As a member of the Hershey Hummelstown Kiwanis Club, who was affiliated with the Key Club, there is a small possibility that he could receive some financial gain from this even and abstained from the vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Barrett – Absent

Chabal – Yes

Cronin – Absent*

Donahue – Yes

Gräb – Abstain

Malkoff – Yes

Parrish – Yes

Sheffey – Yes

Stover - Yes

6 Yes, 2 Absent, 1 Abstention

MOTION CARRIED

5.04 Personnel – Resignations

The Administration recommended the approval of the following resignations:

Classified:
Dorwart, Stacy General Food Service Worker Elementary School Reason: Personal Effective: Retroactive to 04/18/08
Dunham, Wanda General Food Service Worker Elementary School Reason: Personal Effective: 09/23/08
Mulder, Anton Bus Driver District-wide Reason: Personal Effective: 09/26/08

Mrs. Chabal 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

5.05 Personnel – General

1.	The Administration recommended the approval of the following appointments:
	Act 93:
	Kepler, Bernard (replacing Michael Michaels) Assistant to the Superintendent for Personnel and Student Services District Office Salary: \$113,500 (pro-rated) Effective: To be determined

	Professional:
	Ettinger, Jennifer (replacing Naomi Brought) Part-time Art Teacher Middle School Bachelors, Step 1 Salary: \$20,140.63 (pro-rated) Effective: 09/23/08
	Transfer of Professional Staff:
	Miller, Carol * From: Health and Physical Education Teacher High School To: Health and Physical Education Teacher (replacing Jayme Potts) Middle School Effective: 12/01/08
	Classified:
	Barge, Kris (replacing Jean Jewell) Recess Aide Elementary School Level A: 4.5 hours per day Salary: \$10.50 per hour Effective: 09/23/08 (pending receipt of Act 151 and 114 clearances)
	Drumm, Shawn Information Technology Intern District-wide Salary: \$10.00 per hour (no benefits) Effective: 09/23/08 through the end of the 2008-09 school year (pending receipt of Act 34, 151, and 114 clearances)
	Hamilton, Ronald * Bus Driver District-wide Level A: 5.0 hours per day Revised: Salary: \$15.46 per hour Effective: Retroactive to 08/26/08
	Mulder, Anton * Substitute Bus Driver District-wide Salary: \$13.60 per hour Effective: 09/26/08
	Mysel, Gary * (replacing Clarence Allen) Food Service/Stockroom Utility Driver Hershey Christian School Meal Run Part-time: 3.0 hours per day Monday, Wednesday, Friday

	Salary: \$14.11 per hour Effective: 09/29/08
	Reader, Robert (replacing Richard Long) Custodian High School Full-time, 8 hours per day Salary: \$12.81 per hour Effective: 09/23/08 (pending receipt of Act 151 and 114 clearances)
	Teyral, Susan * Bus Driver District-wide Level A: 5.0 hours per day Salary: \$13.60 per hour Effective: 09/23/08
	Wallace, Kimberly (replacing Wanda Dunham) General Food Service Worker Elementary School Level A: 4.0 hours per day Salary: \$9.98 per hour Effective: 09/29/08 (pending receipt of Act 114 clearance)
	Winter, Janet Bus Driver District-wide Level A: 5.0 hours per day Salary: \$13.60 per hour Effective: 09/06/08 (pending receipt of Act 34, 151, and 114 clearances)
	Limited Service Contracts:
	Balanda, Lisa * Drama Director - Musical High School Level I, Group G, Step 10 Salary: \$1,846 Effective: 09/23/08
	Fisher, Nicole * Quiz Bowl Co-Advisor High School Level I, Group I, Step 1 Salary: \$115 Effective: 09/23/08
	Koons, Steve * Set Design - Musical High School Level I, Group I, Step 1

	Salary: \$659 Effective: 09/23/08
	Lehrian, Linda * Costume Director - Musical High School Level I, Group I, Step 1 Salary: \$659 Effective: 09/23/08
	Mackneer, Jeff * Senior Class Treasurer High School Level I, Group I, Step 1 Salary: \$659 Effective: 09/23/08
	Miller, Richard * Quiz Bowl Co-Advisor High School Level I, Group I, Step 1 Salary: \$115 Effective: 09/23/08
2.	The Administration recommended the approval of the following addition to the Mentor List for the 2008-09 year:
	Costello, Patricia * Mentor to Jennifer Ettinger, MS Art Teacher - Yr. 1 - \$1,000
	Krayeski, Linda * Mentor to Melissa Cherry, HS Autism Support Teacher - Yr. 1 - \$1,000
	Lessard, Yvonne * Mentor to Kristen Bender, Grade 1 Teacher - Yr. 1 - \$1,000
3.	The Administration recommended the approval of the following additions to the 2008-2009 Substitute Teacher List :
	Baker, Robert B.S. in Health/Physical Education from Lock Haven University
	Ceresini, Heather B.S. in Music Education from Lebanon Valley College
	Collier, Robin B.S. in Nursing from Syracuse University
	Grimes, Kelly B.S. in Spanish Education from Shippensburg University
	Hart, Glenn B.S. in Elementary Education from Temple University
	Jackson, Emily

	B.S. in Elementary Education from Liberty University
	McClafferty, Dana B.S. in Secondary English from West Chester University
	McGovern, Kristy B.S. in Elementary Education from University of North Carolina at Charlotte
	Russell, Jennifer B.S. in Elementary Education from West Chester University
4.	The Administration recommended the approval of the following additions to the 2008-2009 Guest Teacher List: Crouse, Alison Einhorn, Anne Glass, Janet Mellott, Carol Uhl, Barbara
	<i>* This individual is currently an employee and/or volunteer. Clearances are on file.</i>

Mr. Malkoff moved the Board approve the personnel recommendations and was seconded by Mrs. Chabal.

Mrs. Chabal welcomed Dr. Kepler and added that she looked forward to having him at the District.

Dr. Brewer also added that she was delighted to have Dr. Kepler joining the District and encouraged all to welcome him immediately after the meeting.

Mr. Stover also welcomed Dr. Kepler and stated that the Board is very much looking forward to working with him.

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

DELEGATES REPORTS

6.01 Dauphin County Technical School Report

Mr. Gräb reported that the Dauphin County Technical School opened successfully. The construction project has been reviewed, which is approximately 99% complete. There was some concern among members of the Joint Operating Committee about the huge numbers of change orders with this construction project. Nonetheless, the project is still under the amount set aside in a contingency fund to cover the change orders.

6.02 Derry Township Tax Collection Association Report

Mr. Malkoff reported that the Derry Township Tax Collection Association will be meeting on September 25, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

6.03 Harrisburg Area Community College Report

Nothing to report.

6.04 Capital Area Intermediate Unit Report

Mrs. Sheffey reported that the Capital Area Intermediate Unit will be meeting on September 25, 2008.

SPECIAL REPORTS

7.01 Announcement of Staff Development Conferences

Arthur Titzel National Center for Open Source and Education Indianapolis, IN September 24 -27, 2008 Expenses: \$900.00
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Jeffrey Mummert National Council for Social Studies Annual Conference Houston, TX November 14-16, 2008 Expenses: \$1,616.78

7.02 Student Representatives' Report

Mr. Rogers had nothing to report, but thanked the Board for the opportunity to represent his peers.

7.03 School and Community Information Report

Mr. Treddinick reported that last fall, the District was honored as one of the top school districts in the nation. One of the major criteria in determining that, was the work that was put in by our High School students and the amount of advanced placement courses they took. In recognition of that, the Dauphin County Commissioners were kind enough to issue a Citation honoring the District.

7.04 Board Members' Report

Nothing to report.

7.05 Superintendent's Report

Nothing to report.

7.06 Board President's Report

Nothing to report.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS (Non-agenda Items)

8.01 Recognition of Citizens (Non-agenda Items)

Wayne Peffley: "The reason we came here tonight was because we picked up an item in the newspaper some time ago that caused us some concern, and I want to confirm that item before I comment on it, because I want to be sure that I'm speaking what I should be. The item was the expenditure of four million dollars to put artificial turf on two practice fields somewhere around the school building. Is that a true statement?"

Mr. Stover: "I don't think the four million dollar statement is correct. The issuance of the bond was for 6.2 million and approximately four of that was to correct a problem that we were having in the intermediate school as far as HVAC."

Mr. Peffley: "So, what you're saying is that the proposed spending on the athletic

fields is about 2.5 million?”

Dr. Brewer: “The project was not just for artificial track, it was the infrastructure below it.”

Mr. Peffley: “I understand that when you do that you have to do the whole system, I understand that.”

Mr. Stover: “The one thing I’d like to point out to you is that the impetus for this project is that our track for several years now has been in just about non-competitive conditions and needs to be repaired.”

Mr. Peffley: “I understand.”

Mr. Stover: “We have been, for about two and a half, three years, having trouble allowing all of our sports to be able to compete with lack of fields, and we’ve been trying to correct the situation. I think part of what you also might have read in that article is that we had an opportunity, because of market rates, to refinance a bond. This is not an event that is going to increase taxes in any way. What we were able to do was wrap around our payments, so taxes do not go up as a result of it, but it really had to do with an opportunity to refinance a bond to make this money available so that we could fix our fields and also put us in a situation where we have athletic fields that can be used with lights. One of the fields can be used 24/7.”

Mr. Peffley: “As you know, and we all know here, that Derry Township or Dauphin and, of course, Milton Hershey School gets free use of the stadium for their athletic events. Agreed?”

Mr. Stover: “Only for our football. We don’t get to use it for practice.”

Mr. Peffley: “The way you make it sound and I can appreciate your approach, we’re going to borrow four million dollars. I thought it was a misprint, when I looked at the paper, I thought maybe somebody added a zero by mistake or something. To you people that spend a lot of money, that may be a drop in the bucket, but believe me, the way things are out there in the real world right now, that is a lot of money. People are hurting. They’re making decisions between medicine and food. Some of the older senior citizens are going to lose their homes because they can’t afford to pay property tax. I hope you people realize that. For a hundred years, kids have been playing on grass and when you people propose spending 2.5 million dollars so kids can play on artificial turf, which may cause more injuries, I don’t know. I don’t know that much about it, it disturbs me. It really does. The federal government’s broke, we’ve all seen that in the news the last few days. The State is cutting back, they’re broke. Homeowners are broke. Everybody’s broke except the school District, seems like they can just go and spend millions of dollars. I would hope that you people could just get a little bit more concerned about where this money is going to come from. We were at a meeting just last week with Jeff Piccola. There is a move afoot and a strong

move afoot to eliminate property tax. Jeff is all in favor of it and I'm 100% in favor of that. But, the follow up is, if they get rid of property tax, there's going to be a whole realignment of money being spent, the school districts, municipalities, counties, everybody. So, I've taken enough of your time. I know coming here and voicing my opinion isn't going to change anything, because I've been a resident of Derry Township for 78 years, and I know once these decisions are made, they're practically carved in stone, but I do wish in the future, you would be a little bit more concerned when you spend tax payer's money."

Mr. Stover: "Thank you."

ADJOURNMENT

9.01 Adjournment

Mr. Stover announced the next Board meeting would be on Monday, October 13, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the District Board Room.

Mrs. Chabal moved to adjourn, with a second by Dr. Parrish and, approved by unanimous voice vote by all members. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen E. Rineer
Secretary to the Board
Approved at the October 13, 2008 meeting

Charles Stover
President of the Board

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