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

**December 2, 2008**

**OPENING ITEMS**

**1.01 Call to Order**

A meeting of the Board of School Directors, Derry Township School District was held on Tuesday, December 2, 2008, in the District Office Board Room. Mrs. Beulah Chabal, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

**1.02 Roll Call**

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

**Superintendent:** Dr. Linda Brewer

**Secretary:** Mr. Stephen Rineer

**Solicitor:** Mr. Brian Jackson

**Student Representative:** Not Present

**Press:** Mr. Dave Hunt                      HERSHEY CHRONICLE

**Representatives of the Administrative Staff:** Mr. Dan Tredinnick.

**Representatives of the Staff and Community:** Christy Stover.

## REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### 2.01 Approval of November 26, 2008 School Board Meeting Minutes

Due to the short turnaround time between meetings, the November 26, 2008 School Board Meeting minutes will be on the January 12, 2009 agenda for approval.

## INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

### 3.01 Recognition of Citizens (Agenda Items)

None.

### 3.02 Standing Committee Report

Mr. Barrett reported that while there was no new information to present since the last meeting that an interim financial forecast would go out to the Board before the January 12, 2009 Board meeting.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### 4.01 Unfinished Business

None.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 5.01 Requests for Payment - Construction Project

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

	<b>Athletic Fields:</b>	
1.	Hayes Large Architect LLP Bill No. 0809-001	\$48,000.00
2.	Hayes Large Architect LLP Bill No. 0810-007	48,000.00
3.	Hayes Large Architect LLP	72,000.00

	Bill No. 0810-010	

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

Roll Call Vote:

Barrett – Yes

Donahue – Yes

Parrish – Yes

Chabal – Yes

Gräb – Yes

Sheffey – Yes

Cronin – Yes

Malkoff – Yes

Stover - Yes

9 Yes

**MOTION CARRIED**

**5.02 Approval of Overnight Field Trip/Excursion - High School Model United Nations Club**

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

<i>Group:</i>	Model United National Club
<i>Destination:</i>	Philadelphia, PA
<i>Purpose:</i>	Ivy League Model United Nations Conference (ILMUNC)
<i>From:</i>	January 29, 2009
<i>Until:</i>	February 1, 2009
<i>Trip Leader:</i>	Lynn Shirk

Dr. Kepler stated that, as is typical with trips of this nature, the District reserves the right to cancel or postpone the excursion based on events that could pose a heightened or security risk.

Mr. Barrett moved the Board approve the request and was seconded by Mr. Stover.

Roll Call Vote:

Barrett – Yes

Donahue – Yes

Parrish – Yes

Chabal – Yes

Gräb – Yes

Sheffey – Yes

Cronin – Yes

Malkoff – Yes

Stover - Yes

9 Yes

**MOTION CARRIED**

**5.03 Approval of Thirty-Day Review of Policy 801 Public Records**

The Administration recommended the approval of the Thirty-day Review of Policy 801 Public Records of the Derry Township School District Policy Manual in the following locations: 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 Dr. Cronin.

Roll Call Vote:

Barrett – Yes

Chabal – Yes

Cronin – Yes

Donahue – Yes

Gräb – Yes

Malkoff – Yes

Parrish – Yes

Sheffey – Yes

Stover - Yes

9 Yes

**MOTION CARRIED**

**5.04 Policy 214 - Class Rank**

The Administration recommended Policy 214 - Class Rank be rescinded as obsolete.

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

Dr. Donahue asked why the Policy was being rescinded. Dr. Brewer stated that the District no longer has class rank.

Roll Call Vote:

Barrett – Yes

Chabal – Yes

Cronin – Yes

Donahue – Yes

Gräb – Yes

Malkoff – Yes

Parrish – Yes

Sheffey – Yes

Stover - Yes

9 Yes

**MOTION CARRIED**

**5.05 Supplemental Agreement for Amusement Tax – HERCO**

The Administration recommended approving the Supplemental Agreement for Amusement Tax between Hershey Entertainment and Resorts Company, The Township of Derry, and Derry Township School District as reviewed and approved by Special Counsel.

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

Mr. Barrett asked whether he should abstain from the vote. Mr. Stover noted that in previous meetings, Mr. Barrett has chosen to abstain from voting.

Mr. Barrett stated that, while he supported the supplemental agreement having been on the negotiating committee, since he was a previous officer of Hershey Entertainment and Resorts, he would need to abstain.

Roll Call Vote:

Barrett – Abstain	Donahue – Yes	Parrish – Yes
Chabal – Yes	Gräb – Yes	Sheffey – Yes
Cronin – Yes	Malkoff – Yes	Stover - Yes

8 Yes, 1 Abstention

**MOTION CARRIED**

**5.06 Personnel – General**

1.	The Administration recommended the approval of the following appointments:
	<b>Professional:</b>
	<b>Bender, Kristin *</b> (for Wendy Brandt) Grade 1 Teacher Early Childhood Center Long Term Substitute Bachelors 1, Step 1 Salary: \$40,281.25 (pro-rated) Effective: 01/16/09 through the end of the 2008-09 school year
	<b>Classified:</b>
	<b>Brontsema, John</b> Substitute Teachers' Aide District-wide Salary: \$9.94 per hour Effective: 12/02/08 (pending receipt of Act 34, 151, and 114 clearances)
	<b>Campeau, Glenn *</b> Bus Driver District-wide Level A: 5.0 hours per day Salary: \$13.20 per hour Effective: Retroactive to 05/13/08
2.	The Administration recommended the approval of the following addition to the 2008-2009 <b>Substitute Teacher List</b> . <b>Rodgers, Melissa</b>

	B.S. in Elementary Education from Elizabethtown College
3.	The Administration recommended the approval of the following additions to the 2008-2009 <b><i>Guest Teacher List</i></b> . <b>Baylor, Erica</b> <b>Simpler, Amy</b>
	<b><i>* This individual is currently an employee and/or volunteer. Clearances are on file.</i></b>

Dr. Cronin moved the Board approve the personnel recommendations and was seconded by Mr. Barrett.

Roll Call Vote:

Barrett – Yes

Donahue – Yes

Parrish – Yes

Chabal – Yes

Gräb – Yes

Sheffey – Yes

Cronin – Yes

Malkoff – Yes

Stover - Yes

9 Yes

## **MOTION CARRIED**

## **DELEGATES REPORTS**

### **6.01 Dauphin County Technical School Report**

Mr. Gräb reminded the Board members that the reorganization of the Dauphin County Technical School Joint Operating Committee will be on December 10, 2008 and all are invited to participate in the election process.

### **6.02 Derry Township Tax Collection Association Report**

No report.

### **6.03 Harrisburg Area Community College Report**

Dr. Donahue requested advice from the Board on how to proceed with a letter he received in the mail. Due to a resignation from the Board of Trustees from the Harrisburg Area Community College, a nominating committee has been formed to replace the Board member. The Nominating Committee is presenting for consideration Richard Ortiz. Dr. Donahue asked how the approval of his nomination should be handled.

Dr. Brewer asked when the approval needed to be submitted and Dr. Donahue replied that the letter indicated a response should be given no later than Monday, December 15, 2008.

Dr. Brewer suggested that Mr. Ortiz information be reviewed and voted retroactively on January 12, 2009.

Mr. Jackson stated that a motion could be presented in advance of the deadline, however, on many issues, the delegates are invested with authority to simply take necessary action.

Dr. Donahue replied that was his interpretation.

Dr. Brewer agreed that Dr. Donahue could vote on the issue without a positive motion.

Dr. Donahue stated that he would apprise the Board of his vote at a later meeting.

#### **6.04 Capital Area Intermediate Unit Report**

No report.

### **SPECIAL REPORTS**

#### **7.01 School and Community Information Report**

Mr. Treddinick: It is the time of year where holiday concert seasons kicks off and rather than belabor the meeting by going through and listing all of them individually, I will let you know the first one starts tomorrow night and continues right up through to our winter break. For information on the holiday concert schedule, please check the District's website.

#### **7.02 Board Members' Report**

Mr. Barrett: I just want to thank Mr. Stover for his leadership as past president. In the last two years, there were some thorny issues that came up that really could test anyone's leadership. I personally learned a lot from you and your leadership style and I just wanted to say how much I appreciated all the special time that you put in to be president of the Board. Having had been president at one time, I understand. You really went above and beyond in a lot of different areas and really invested a lot of yourself, which I personally appreciate. I know the community and the District are much better for it.

I also wanted to say I'm very thankful that Mrs. Chabal has decided to step into that position and give us her talents to be president and I'm very much looking forward to serving with her over the next term so thank you and thank you.

Mr. Stover: Thank you Mr. Barrett.

Mr. Gräb: This is not necessarily a report, just a comment I have to make. At the November 26<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, as Dr. Donahue was preparing to read his statement prepared by Dr. Parrish regarding the synthetic turf, I made an off the cuff remark which some people found offensive. I'd like to take this opportunity to publicly apologize to Dr. Parrish and to those people which I did offend. It was an insensitive remark and I am sorry for it.

Dr. Donahue: I would like to request that the group picture be delayed until our next meeting in January.

The consensus agreed to postpone the picture until the January 12, 2009 meeting.

### **7.03 Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Brewer stated that she will be delighted to work with Mrs. Chabal over the next year.

### **7.04 Board President's Report**

Mrs. Chabal: Thank you all for this honor. I really appreciate it and I will certainly work hard to do the best that I can. We have a strong Board and strong administrative leadership. I don't think we could ask for anything better. There is always room for improvement on both sides and we will always work the very best that we can to make improvements.

## **RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS (Non-agenda Items)**

### **8.01 Recognition of Citizens (Non-agenda Items)**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **9.01 Adjournment**

Mrs. Chabal announced the next Board meeting would be on Monday, January 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

Dr. Cronin moved to adjourn, with a second by Dr. Parrish and, approved by unanimous voice vote by all members. The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Stephen E. Rineer  
Secretary to the Board  
Approved at the January 12, 2009 meeting

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Beulah Chabal  
President of the Board

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