

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

February 13, 2012

OPENING ITEMS

1.01 Call to Order

A meeting of the Board of School Directors, Derry Township School District was held on Monday, February 13, 2012, in the High School LGI room. Mrs. Ellen Sheffey, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

1.02 Roll Call

Directors Present: Mr. Christopher Barrett
Dr. Henry Donahue
Mr. John Gräb
Dr. Mary Beth Hagan
Mr. Bruce Hancock
Mr. Christopher Morelli
Mrs. Maryellen Sheehan
Mrs. Ellen Sheffey

Excused: Dr. Donna Cronin

Superintendent: Dr. Richard Faidley

Secretary: Mr. Stephen Rineer

Solicitor: Mr. Brian Jackson

Student Representative: Mr. Zachary Cole
Mr. Stephen Haverstick

Press: Mr. Nick Malawsky THE PATRIOT-NEWS

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

Representatives of the Staff and Community: Christine Drexler, Brian Shiflett, Judy Haverstick, Heidi Eby, Terry Singer, Colleen Hennessey

1.03 Flag Salute

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.01 Approval of January 23, 2012 School Board Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Sheffey: I hope everybody had a chance to look over the minutes. I have one minor revision. Under Committee Reports, I read Mr. Hancock's Trojan Foundation report and I had an error in there. They met on Friday, January 20, not January 26. Are there any other changes to the minutes? Then may I have a motion to approve the January 23, 2012 . . .

Mr. Hancock: Madam President?

Mrs. Sheffey: Yes.

Mr. Hancock: The Trojan Foundation did meet January 20 and also January 26, so there were two separate meetings, and I will give you a report on the 26 meeting later. Thank you.

Mrs. Sheffey: Thanks. So can I have a motion to approve the January 23, 2012 School Board minutes as amended?

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett and seconded by Dr. Hagan to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2012 School Board Meeting Minutes. All Board members present signified by a Yes vote.

MOTION CARRIED

INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

3.01 Announcement of Executive Session

Mrs. Sheffey: I would like to announce that the Board met in Executive Session prior to this meeting to discuss employment issues, we consulted with an attorney and we discussed matters that must be conducted in private and we discussed financial matters.

I'd also like to announce that the HR Committee met in Executive Session on February 9 to discuss matters that must be conducted in private to protect confidentiality and employment issues.

I will also announce that we will be meeting in Post-Exec to discuss employment issues.

3.02 Recognition of Nancy Finney

Mr. Gräb: Thank you Madam President. Nancy Finney is not one who expects nor does she embrace public accolades, but nonetheless, we would like to do a brief recognition of her.

Nancy Finney started her career with what is now the Derry Township Tax Collection Association in October 1970, over 41 years ago, and will be retiring in February. She began her career with Phil Fratti, the Tax Collector at the time. When the joint association [not audible] Derry Township School District and the Township of Derry was created in 1986, Nancy became its first manager serving in this capacity until the mid 90s.

Nancy is famous for her work ethic. At one time, when the Tax Association's office was located on the second floor of what is now the Derry Township School District's Administration Building which, at the time, was used for the elementary school, fire drills were a routine occurrence. On one occasion, however, the fire alarm sounded for a real fire and Nancy remained in the building to "get this report done" incurring the displeasure of the Hershey Fire Chief.

She has worked tirelessly and efficiently on behalf of Derry Township School District for over 41 years, has been pleasant and friendly to taxpayers and anyone she meets and her loyal and dedicated service will be missed greatly. We extend our thanks for her service and wish her well in her retirement.

Nancy Finney started her career with what is now is the Derry Township Tax Association in October 1970, over 41 years ago and will be retiring in February. Thank you Nancy Finney.

3.03 Recognition of Citizens (Agenda Items)

None.

3.04 Student Representatives' Report

Mr. Cole: Thank you Madam President. We'll start off tonight by talking about the Homework Free weekend which will take place this Thursday, which is, in fact, the start of the weekend, February 16. That is a District-wide initiative in which teachers have been asked to withhold any homework assignments during this long President's Day weekend. Students have been encouraged to instead cherish the time with their family. I know Stephen and I have spoke with a number of students and they only really have positive things to say about a homework free weekend. That is very much appreciated, and they look forward to spending the time with their family.

Additionally, two weeks ago was the national signing day for seniors. I know Stephen and I went and watched proudly as 20 of our peers officially signed to their respective colleges for athletics. I know, for me at least, it was quite a surreal experience to watch my peers sign officially into the next four years of their life. These are people I've spent the past 13 years or so of my life with, so that was really kind of a neat experience.

Today, the spring musical cast and crew did their first performance. It was a closed door performance for the Hershey Rotary Club. The musical will be performed for the public March 1, 2, and 3. From what I've heard it has a fantastic narrator, so if you are available, I encourage you to come out.

Mr. Haverstick: In case you didn't catch that, Zach is the narrator.

This past month Hershey High School has formed its first student Congress. The Congress is made up of all the members from the Young Libertarians, Young Democrats, Young Republicans, and Student Council organizations. This alliance will serve to communicate between the District Administration and the student body as well as take on an active role in the decision making of the District. They plan to convene twice a year, one of which will be held at the first annual State of the District that is coming up very shortly. Similar to how the President annually addresses the United States in the State of the Union, the Young Libertarians have organized, in conjunction with the Administration, the first ever and first annual State of the District.

The event is scheduled for February 22 at 6:30 p.m. right here in the High School LGI. Dr. Faidley will be addressing current school issues, to which the Congress will then follow up with questions, and while this event has really only been organized within the past month and hasn't really been heavily publicized yet, we just want to make it clear that all parents, all students, all community members are encouraged to attend. It will be broadcasted online and you can register to reserve a seat at www.stateofthedistrict.co.cc. I can repeat that for anybody if they need it.

The purpose of this is really to provide a source of information for the students and for the community, as well as connect the student body and Administration. It is really an exciting breakthrough and hopefully something that, if it's a success will be a benefit for many years to come. I'm sure Dr. Faidley will elaborate if he wants to and the site has plenty of information all about it.

Dr. Faidley: The only thing that I would say is I'm looking forward to it. It's the first time it has ever been done, and I'm pleased to be a part of it.

Mr. Haverstick: That concludes our report.

Mrs. Sheffey: Thank you.

3.05 Standing Committee Reports

Mrs. Sheffey: Today, the General Services Standing Committee met, Mr. Morelli, do you have a report?

Mr. Morelli: Yes I do, thank you Madam President. We had a full agenda today. We talked about – had a presentation by Hayes Large on the tennis courts and the cinder track restoration project. We also reviewed the lowest bid qualifier for the ECC. We looked at the Middle School Phase II, and we also had a presentation on performance energy savings through a new Act 39 program.

Regarding the tennis courts and the cinder tracks, we talked about the tennis court level – two distinct issues and items. One is redoing the tennis courts where they're at right now. The other: moving them to the area above the varsity baseball field on Memorial Field, on the other side of the pavilion. The reason for that is to redo at the existing location, we would have to keep the tennis courts the same size with four courts and the same space between the courts. If we wanted to move to, I believe, it's 7 ½ foot between the courts that would make us have to move to another location, because the Areba and Homestead Avenue location is – you can't go beyond the alley and the two roads.

The other issue is the lighting. The lighting at the current location is substandard, and we talked about maybe replacing the lighting with higher intensity lights. If we move to the second location, the lighting at that position, we may have issues with the neighborhood – that area of the park having lights that they don't have now just like some of our new athletic turf field lighting issues with neighboring residents.

Right now we have two locations that we're going to look at in more detail, get some more details on costs for both locations. I do have some average costs right now. For Option 1, which is to remain at the current location in the, I guess, \$195,000 to \$224,000 range. If we were to increase the lights at that location, it

would be in the \$270,000 to \$316,000 range, I believe. I had it written down, and you can correct me if I'm wrong on any of these numbers. If we move to the other location, again, one of the other issues we came up with was parking. Anyone who has baseball players in the family, especially little league, knows that in the summer months, the two little league fields and the varsity baseball field, that parking area is currently overwhelmed and to move whatever the parking needs of a tennis court and tennis usage would be, to move them into the same area as the baseball fields would probably, obviously, add to that parking mess that they currently have.

The District is going to continue with a detailed report on both sites, is that true, Dr. Faidley?

Dr. Faidley: Say that again.

Mr. Morelli: The District will continue for next meeting to get more detail on both projects?

Dr. Faidley: Yes. The intent is to come up with some additional information in terms of what the costs may be and to bring forward additional items for conversation within the General Services Committee. During the Committee process, there were some questions that I thought were extremely well presented that require us to go out and get some additional information, which we'll bring back to the Committee.

Mr. Morelli: We also talked about fixing the gravel track that was also damaged during the floods this past fall. We have two options on the table there. One, replacing the gravel as it exists now – the track with a gravel foundation. The other is a four lane porous-type asphalt surface to, I guess, better serve the District as far as maintenance and usage, but the cost is obviously a bit higher. We can replace the gravel option for around \$50,000 to \$60,000 and, if we go with a four lane porous-type asphalt, that cost is around and it is just estimated right now around \$193,000 to \$203,000. The Township was in favor of this option, because of the storm water issues in that area and not needing to possibly redo it if we ever have flooding like that again. I had some numbers as far as the insurance. I have \$50,000 for the insurance to cover the track. Is that true?

Dr. Faidley: Yes, the amount of money that the insurance has indicated that they would provide to replace the cinders is approximately \$50,000 and on the tennis courts approximately \$60,000.

Mr. Morelli: We'd like to get the bids for this work out by March so we can start looking at an April timeframe to receive the bids and award the construction and do the construction May through August, which should allow us to start the

school year with the new tennis courts and the track which will be utilized come mid-August.

Mrs. Sheffey: Are there any questions?

Mr. Gräb: Chris, if I may, one more comment. One of the other options with the track is to not replace it and to just – so there is some utilization studies on both the tennis court, and I think maybe some more research on the need for another track, so there's a do nothing option also. I think that was on the table.

Dr. Faidley: That is correct.

Mr. Morelli: Correct. The current usage for the track – the Youth Football Organization and the Flag Football Organization uses the football field there a lot, but the comment was made, you know with middle school sports possibly either going away or being scaled down a lot more in the future because of the budget items or budget concerns, do we need this track for middle school sports. We talked about possibly just, obviously, keeping the field and some sort of sidewalk or whatever just around the field to keep it in. Anything else on that?

Dr. Faidley: I think I would add that on those two issues, the tennis court and the cinder track, we are still in the beginning processes of exploring all the different options available. The costs that have been shared are preliminary estimates – best guesses. There has been no work done to actually bid out the projects. So on the tennis courts and the cinder track, we want to make sure we cover all of our options that are out there and then bring that information back – the utilization studies, those types of pieces of information back to the General Services Committee at its next meeting so that there can be additional conversation and additional public comment. One of the things we added to the committee structure this time was the ability for the public to make comments, so I want to make sure that the information is out there and people have a chance to respond with their input.

Dr. Hagan: I have one question Chris. About the tennis courts, is there any talk about a collaborative effort with the Rec Center?

Mr. Morelli: The tennis courts have been on the replacement list for a couple of years, and I know or I believe Ed has talked with the Township about the usage of their courts too. One of the things that the Administration is going to do is look at the utilization of all these courts and talk with the Township about their utilization, because if we decide to move this court, the tennis courts, to this second location, but don't decide to put the lighting, we need to know if that's going to be a usage issue, because you're taking away nighttime tennis from the Township residents. I believe the functional requirements for these courts are that they serve our students first and to be able to compete in boys and girls tennis and hold District matches, but we also have the community component

whereas when the School isn't using it, obviously, these courts are open to the public just like any other Township resources. We will be looking at the Township or working with them to figure out overall usage.

Dr. Hagan: Thank you.

Mr. Barrett: Madam President, hey Chris, just two really quick things. I know we had a tremendous amount of water damage, I guess what I'm trying to say is because we've had so much water in those areas, and I think Ed's probably looked at this fairly well too, is there any substructure differences versus what it was before the water, it's more rhetorical, but I think we start staging these guys and the project starts, we have to be really really careful with that, because I'm not sure we've seen the full extent of what that damage could be, because there was just so much water in those areas. That's just for whatever it's worth category.

Number two – I know you were talking about light pollution. There are a lot of [not audible] now are located within populated areas. There's LED systems they are making now that when you, if a light [not audible] is in a parking lot and you're holding a newspaper, you take one step in and you can read it, you take one step out and it dissipates. They are just really advancing a lot of lighting systems now that they're not as bad as what they used to be in the past. Actually they are less expensive and they're more energy efficient. I just saw something on that the other day, so that might be something we might want to take a look at too.

This is just a though. You mentioned this and I think I know both of us and a lot of people probably up here have really experienced this with the – and I know Ellen and I talked about this like years ago, but for little league baseball and those field areas, I mean, I know I kind of worry because at some point and time I see a lot of little kids running around there and I'm wondering as we have contractors staged and they're onsite anyway and Ed would probably be the guy to ask, because he's good at this kind of stuff, but are there any low cost fixes while they're onsite that aren't going to cost us a ton of money that maybe we could gravel areas, we could regrade them, we could do some compaction work and just make it a little bit more organized, and I'm not talking about laying macadam or changing any pervious or impervious or anything, but just as a thought. You know the Baseball Association is great to work with. They might even throw some money at it too – just a thought while the contractors are here, because there's just so many little kids running around there. I think everybody's really respectful, but I just get worried sometimes seeing that, so that's for what it's worth category.

Mr. Consalo: You want me to answer any of those?

Mr. Morelli: Did you want to comment? Go ahead.

Mr. Consalo: Sure, I'll go back to your first question about the Township. I talked to Matt Media, which is the Parks and Recs Director. In order for us to get five courts, we would have to add two courts to that area for us to be able to have five courts of use. For the location that we would have to put them, there's too much utilities, drainage, and everything on that area that it would cost us as much as it will to do the courts in the same location than it would be to add those two courts that we have and then there's still no guarantee that if they have something else we might get booted out. We looked at it and it wasn't feasible for us to do that way, because that would have been a nice solution – we just add two courts and I wouldn't have to worry about them, but it doesn't work that way.

You talked about the gravel track is one of the reasons the Township would like us to do a pervious-type of track would be that you wouldn't have the cinders running out in the road and all of the area. If we do have a flood, it would wash some of the macadam away, but it wouldn't wash all the stone. During the last flood, we took 15 tandem loads of cinder tracks off the road. That's how many cinders went across that way, so yes that's the reason why they suggest that.

Two: with the tennis courts part of the problem is the drainage on the tennis courts. It's the reason we put money into the tennis courts every year. We were scheduled to redo the tennis courts this year and now that the flood came through, we actually could have two tennis courts paid for and we only have to pay for the other three pretty much.

The lighting, you are correct, there is lighting. A good example is our synthetic turf fields – you could stand behind the poles and you don't see any light. We proved that to a lot of people that it works. The problem you have with the lighting on the location that we are originally, we do not have enough room to move it anywhere. To do it correctly, you need to have the lights sit back farther: we can't do it, because you can't go in the alley and the other way is a right of way, so the only way you can have the true lighting you want, you would have to go to the other location for that. I think I hit all of the ones you had.

Mr. Barrett: What do think, Ed, about what contractors being staged if there's any – you know – what do you think?

Mr. Consalo: The baseball – we've looked into that several times. The problem we have to do with that is once we start paving that or doing something like that, we have to go land development, we have to go to conservation – that means you've got to put storm drains in there.

Mr. Barrett: Okay.

Mr. Consalo: You have to put lighting in there. You have to have so much rubber in there and the cost for what we use it for is not feasible for us to do it. We will work with the Baseball Association quite closely and they agree with us.

It's just too much cost to do it right now for that, because everything you have to do for that, because it's considered pervious right now.

Mr. Barrett: Okay.

Mr. Consalo: To do it the other way, you make it impervious parking lot.

Mr. Barrett: Thanks Ed.

Mr. Morelli: One of the comments that John Gräb made about parking issues down there is perhaps the District and the Baseball Association ought to communicate and try and get more folks to park on our bus corrals that we have up there and that are actually open in the summer months for parking for the baseball fields. I know you have to drive around Areba Avenue and go into Homestead to get in there, but actually once you're in there, they're probably even closer than parking at the end of the parking lots or a lot of folks park out on Elm or up the alley, so we should probably make folks more aware of that. Some folks do park there, but, you know, that's a tricky area. You can't do anything permanent there, because if you do, you're going to lose parking spaces. You'll never realize new parking spaces. Does anybody else have any other comments?

The next thing we went over was we looked at the ECC lowest qualified bids. We have a couple numbers here: for our general contractor came in at \$754,000 for the ECC project, the HVAC was \$49,700, the plumbing contract was \$52,900, the electrical contract was \$83,000 for a total of \$939,000 for the project - \$939,692. All but about \$65,000 of that will be covered by insurance?

Dr. Faidley: Yes. All but \$65,000 of the project will be covered. The \$65,000 figure is to install additional wall ties that were recommended by the engineers after the flooding. We are also working through, trying to work through with FEMA, to get some reimbursements for our deductibles that we must pay for our insurance.

Mr. Morelli: Our goal tonight is to get this approved, so I believe in a couple of weeks, the work can begin and be on track to be completed mid-July giving the Administration and the District about a month before the next school year begins, so we can get our children back in the ECC for the beginning of the next school year. I think the Administration and teachers and Ed and his folks did an excellent job dealing with the relocation of these two spaces, and the whole year dealing with this temporary location, but it will be nice if we can make the August timeframe to get our students back in the building.

We're going to be voting on this this evening, and once again, the targeted completion date is mid-July. Does anybody have any questions?

The next thing we talked about was middle school Phase II. We had a presentation by the architect, SchraederGroup. We went over the plans for the relocated administrative offices and the nursing offices freed up three classrooms at the existing location of the admin offices. In freeing those classrooms up, we'll be able to get rid of one of our temporary classroom trailer that now houses Family and Consumer Sciences. With this project, we will also be replacing our boilers and the unit ventilators and heating and air conditioner. We will not address the roof project – replacing the roof. I had some other notes.

Dr. Faidley: The guidance . .

Mr. Morelli: Oh, I'm sorry. That's correct. The new guidance office will be below on the first level. I said the nursing station. I have copies of the plans if anyone wants to see them. I think that's all I have on that. Does anyone have any questions?

Mr. Gräb: Mr. Morelli, I just wanted to comment. We're hoping to fund the Phase II project at the middle school out of existing capital reserve bonds as opposed to floating a new bond issue for that project.

Mr. Morelli: That price tag was, was it 4.4?

Male Voice: 4.4

Mr. Morelli: \$4.4 million.

Dr. Faidley: Between \$4.4 and not to exceed \$5 million, I think is the initial estimate.

Mrs. Sheehan: What about the roofs? Where are we with those?

Dr. Faidley: Mr. Morelli, would you like me to respond to that question?

Mr. Morelli: Sure.

Dr. Faildey: We've assessed the roof situation and working with Mr. Consalo, we believe we can put that project on hold for two years until we can see what the economy does and address that at a future date.

Mrs. Sheehan: And what is the estimated cost to replace those?

Dr. Faidley: About \$5 million dollars.

Mrs. Sheehan: For both?

Dr. Faidley: For both.

Mrs. Sheehan: Okay, thank you.

Mr. Morelli: Finally, we had a presentation on performance contract energy savings regarding new Act 39 program. Dr. Faidley, did you want to talk about that?

Dr. Faidley: I'd be glad to, Mr. Morelli. Part of the middle school Phase II project has encompassed in it the replacement of the boiler and unit ventilator systems along with some very detailed – some of the energy savings that we could realize. In previous presentations, we've stated that the current boiler in operation is from, I believe is 1962, so we believe that there are some energy performance savings that we could realize through Act 39.

In a nutshell, what Act 39 allows us to do is it allows us to do an energy audit. It allows us to select a vendor to come in and work side-by-side with our engineers and architects to realize all of the savings from an energy standpoint that we can realize out of the project.

The bonus of Act 39 is that, in addition to allowing us to realize these energy savings, it also requires that that vendor, whoever it may be, do a guaranteed savings across the span of time – that time can be up to 20 years, anything up to 20 years and less. So, for example, if during the course of the project, the company says or their audit, they say that they can save the District \$100,000 a year, they are required to ensure that we receive an energy savings of at least \$100,000, it could be more, each year for a specified number of years. So we can take the cost associated with part of that project, even though this is not a funding source, and realize savings over the course of time. Basically, that's Act 39.

We have utilized Act 39 in the past. I believe it was Act 77 back when we did it with the ECC, and we did realize some energy savings as a result of things we did at the ECC, excuse me, the elementary school.

Mr. Morelli: I think Dr. Faidley mentioned this, but with the new format of the committee meetings, they are still open to the public, but we've added public comments that we haven't had in the past, to our meetings. At the next Board meeting, we'll actually have another General Services meeting which will be at 4:30 again here in this room on, I believe it's the 27th.

Mrs. Sheffey: Okay, thank you Mr. Morelli. Communications Standing Committee met on January 26, Mr. Barrett, do you have a report?

Mr. Barrett: Yes, Madam President. We did meet on the 26th and we had a lot of folks there, which was great to see. This is the first meeting, I guess, the Committee's had in a long time, so it was kind of a tune up meeting to kind of

cover where we were at from a few years ago and where we would like to go. There were four general items on the agenda: clarify role of the Communications Committee as a support system for the District, current communications practices with two sub points, (a) process for constituent requests/information requests, and (b) a Contact Us page review, which is already an electronic communication system on the website, review communications pathways, what are possible new pathways to explore, and then, of course, dates for successive meetings. Mr. Tredinnick outlined the current process for logging stakeholder communications and the assurance that the community concerns are acted upon with speed. The electronic tracking system is currently monitored by Dr. Frailey, I believe, when a constituent requests or is made right at this point. The group expressed the fact that they do feel a change is taking place and that requests are being acted upon more speedily and things are starting to change, which is really great. Then also that the system has been soft launched so far and that we need to accelerate that process of the soft launch to get it more mainstream and get it more tested.

Some other points that came up within the Committee – we met for two hours – was establishment of compliance team, state of the District meetings with stakeholders, Town Meetings, which is kind of, I guess, the same thing, but more informal. It would be kind of cool, I think, to maybe combine those with the Township, you know, maybe to do it as a whole broader community thing just as a thought. And, of course, resource deployment for the communications effort. Two things: that the website is really well done. There's a lot of information on it, but from a navigability standpoint, it's a couple of generations behind, but I know there's a new platform out there that's about to be used and Dan has been working on that for a long period of time. I don't know when that's going to be launched, I think it's shortly from what he said? The version – the upgraded version?

Dr. Faidley: I don't have that information.

Mr. Barrett: I think it was shortly, like within 6 to 8 weeks.

Dr. Faidley: Yes, it's in the near future.

Mr. Barrett: Which I think Dan was really excited about. It would be a little bit more navigable, and the community will be able to get information and find it a little bit more quickly.

I was really – two things before it's closed – I was really happy with everybody from the community who came. They were very frank. There was a lot of great discussion, and I think a lot of things were put out on the table that we needed to hear and now we can continue to move on some of those. It was good to hear that really frank dialogue and some of that information.

Also, too, I think we have to really work on getting the community and our stakeholders to use the website and to opt into our e-tools. I think we talked about that a little bit. I noticed the Township sent out a nice postcard to get people to opt into their e-tool, because they're actually going to discontinue the printed version, which we did a long time ago. I'd love to see us partner more on those kind of things with the Township, so that we could get more people opting into our database too. There is a lot of stuff on the calendar coming up, but I think it was a good starting place. Ellen and Dr. Mary Beth were on that Committee, did I miss anything? Hank, oh my God, I'm sorry. I'm sorry, Dr. Hank, did I miss anything?

Dr. Hagan: I think that sounds like a good recap. It was a great meeting.

Mr. Barrett: Yeah, I thought it was. We're looking forward to more meetings now. They'll be every third Thursday at 8:30. Thank you Madam President.

Mrs. Sheffey: Okay, any questions? The Trojan Foundation also met on January 26, Mr. Hancock, do you have a report?

Mr. Hancock: Thank you Madam President and thank you for providing the report from the January 20 meeting at the January 27 Board meeting. I would reiterate that the Trojan Foundation's Taste of Hershey event will be held Sunday, April 1. The purpose of the meeting on January 20 was primarily to work with the HE&R folks about accommodations for the event and, subsequently, there have been letters sent out to the merchants who have traditionally supported that event and also Dan Tredinnick has sent out a letter to sponsors also who have traditionally supported that event.

The next meeting of the Committee will be February 17, and it will be an operational committee February 16 and, again, planning the event.

Mrs. Sheffey: Thank you. Does anybody have any questions?

3.06 2012-2013 Budget Update

Mr. Rineer: I do have some budget information. The highlight of what I'm going to present has to do with the Governor's budget. The Governor announced his budget on February 7. Mr. McFarland is passing along some information to everyone.

In the initial budget projections for 2012-2013, I anticipated that there would be a 2% decrease in the basic funding from the State. I am not completely sure whether that was wrong or not. We are getting additional dollars from the State, higher than I budgeted. My original budget totaled, well let me go back.

The sheet that I just passed out to you shows the Derry Township School District Dauphin County and it shows in bold letters the proposed Student Achievement Education Block Grant. The Governor's budget proposes something a little bit different from previous years. This year, the Governor's budget combines four separate subsidies from the past. In other words, this year's budget is \$3,556,000 more or less from the State, but it's a combination of, what they call, four components.

The basic component (A) is known as the former State Basic Subsidy. Component (B) is a Social Security Subsidy. Components (C) and (D) both relate to Transportation, (C) is the Public Transportation Subsidy and (D) is the Transportation Subsidy for non-public schools. The Governor's proposed budget combines these four subsidies from previous years and combines them in one amount called the Student Achievement Education Block Grant.

My current estimate for 2012-2013 for these four items total \$3,457,000. These numbers produced by the government's budget is about \$100,000 higher than that, so one would think, wow, this is really terrific. I'm certain that I can find a cloud for every sunny day. The thing that I fear about this is here we have Social Security component (B). The Social Security Subsidy is based on wages. If wages increase at 3%, then the subsidy is going to increase at 3%. The same thing with Transportation – the two transportation subsidies. The major components of that is fuel and bus driver salaries. Both of those tends to be a little bit more volatile than what is called the consumer price index. In particular, the fuel cost can rise at 5% a year.

What I am concerned about in years going forward, not necessarily for 2012-2013, but for the years going forward, is that what we will have as a subsidy increase based on the first column, the \$3,556,000 at 1% or 2% when the individual components of what they used to be, in other words, the Basic Subsidy, the Social Security Subsidy and the two Transportation Subsidies will be rising at a rate much higher than that, so we will be forced to absorb the higher costs without a matching increase in the State subsidies. That is my fear. I could be wrong. I've been wrong in the past, but that is my fear.

On this particular sheet here, this shows all of the Dauphin County school districts, and I compare the subsidy amounts that were announced by the Governor with the other districts in our County, and in the third column to the right, I show what our enrollment is. This is a little bit of a mix and match, but I think the logic follows. What I used was the latest full years to the 2010-2011 PDE enrollments and are comparing that with the 2012-2013 costs, so that's not exactly apples and apples, but I think the comparison is reasonable. So, in this example, our enrollment was 3,596 children, the subsidy per student is \$989 for us – the total of all those other subsidy elements. You compare our subsidy with the other districts in Dauphin County, you can see that we receive significantly less State subsidy compared with the other districts. In the first line, Central

Dauphin receives twice as much State subsidy per student than we do. We frequently compare ourselves with Lower Dauphin School District, they receive three times more subsidy than we do. Obviously, this shortfall by the State to our District means additional costs will be borne by our local taxpayers.

We were looking at the 2011-2012 fiscal operations so far. I'm happy to report that I believe that we're going to be over budget in two revenue areas. One was a given: if you all remember last year about this time, the Governor announced his Social Security Subsidy and it showed that we were going to be receiving a State subsidy on only those employees who were hired before, I think the date was 1994. I could be wrong, but the result was that we reduced our subsidy budget revenue to about \$600,000 from the State and then the General Assembly restored that with the final budget passage, so we'll receive about \$900,000, so instantly we have about a \$300,000 surplus in that line.

The real estate taxes and the earned income tax – a combination of those two revenue items for the current year are doing well. About \$300,000 worth of well. My concern here, and I've mentioned it before that previously, the Derry Township Tax Collection Association did very very well at collecting our earned income tax, real estate taxes. 2012 is the first year of county-wide tax collection using Keystone Services and, to be honest with you, I do not know, nor does anyone in the State know, whether the flow of cash from the earned income tax is going to continue at the same rate as we have experienced in the past.

Since we have 6 months to go on collections by Keystone for the first half of 2012, the jury is still out. We have not received anything yet from Keystone and that gives me some concern. Of course, for all of the 2012-2013 year, that all will be collected by Keystone, so there is some concern by all the school districts in Pennsylvania and what their collections will be on the earned income tax.

With regard to expenditures for the current year, we're on target. We're going to have some expenditure variances and, because of the change in the capital reserve policy, we'll be able to use some of those savings to be used for the capital expenditures that we otherwise cannot purchase out of our capital reserve fund. That concludes my report.

Mrs. Sheffey: Does anybody have any questions?

Male Voice: Madam President, I do have a question. Steve, on that capital reserve fund, what is your projection of how much you would want to go tap out of there at this point and time?

Mr. Rineer: It's subject to change, however, right now what I'm looking at – it's going to be six digit number that starts with 5. Okay?

Mr. Morelli: Steve, it's not that I wasn't listening to you, but as soon as we got to this \$989 number per student . . .

Mr. Rineer: It used to be \$700.

Mr. Morelli: I can't take my eyes off of it.

Mr. Rineer: As Mr. Gräb, I think can attest, because I think that was always an important number to him, the Basic Subsidy used to be about \$700, but since they've combined these four subsidy elements, now it's a approaching four figures.

Mrs. Sheffey: Any other questions? Thank you, Mr. Rineer.

3.07 Presentation - Resolution for the Sale of Bonds - Guaranteed School Revenue Bonds, Series of 2012

Mr. Verdelli: While those are going down, I'm happy to report that Mr. Rineer usually isn't as pessimistic on the credit rating calls as he was about the Governor's budget projections there.

Do you want to pass the credit rating reports? Okay.

What he has passed around, and I don't have it attached to mind, because we were going over our handout today, and he said he had already printed it out for you is the updated credit rating report. You know every time that we issue bonds, we need to have the District's credit rating updated, so we had a conference call with Standard & Poors about a week and a half ago and talked about the District's current financial condition – a report that sounded a lot like that report, but also talked about things going on in the economy. So, the good news is that S&P has reiterated the District's AA+ credit rating. That's very very good news in this credit rating environment. In fact, we had a discussion about the fact that we just had a District that used to have a credit rating very similar to yours that had such significant pressure on their budgets the last two years the way they've drawn down all of their reserves, we were just doing a financing for them and they had a two notch downgrade of their credit rating. It's a district in the Philadelphia suburbs in a pretty affluent area, so when I emphasize that you maintained your credit rating, which is at a very lofty level as it is, so the analysts always scrutinize it even more in terms of keeping people that have such high ratings, so you have that in front of you, you might want to look through it, highlight some of the things that they focused on, obviously, was some new growth in the tax base. The new Hershey factory and what that will add. They specifically commented on and we talked about that. Mr. Rineer did a good job in accurately portraying the District's financial picture and the budgeting practices have allowed you to get that credit rating. You'll see later in my handout that

there are actually only six school districts in Pennsylvania that have either a AAA rating or the AA+ rating that you have. I think that pretty much speaks for itself in terms of your credit rating.

My handout has . . .

Dr. Donahue: Excuse me, Lou, can I ask a question? Relax, it's not going to be about swaps, and I know this isn't your report and so you may not be able to answer this question, but I was just curious. The rating criteria, I'm reading, the rating criteria reflects our opinion of the District's strong local employment base anchored by The Hershey Company. Is there some reason that the Medical Center is not included in that strong economic base?

Mr. Verdelli: I think they continue on and they do a little bit later . . .

Female Voice: Yes, they do.

Mr. Verdelli: . . . talk about all three.

Dr. Donahue: Alright, thanks. Okay, sorry.

Mr. Verdelli: I think they talk about Hershey Entertainment, The Hershey Company, and the Medical Center.

Dr. Donahue: Thanks.

Mr. Verdelli: Sure. So, a few weeks ago, you authorized your financing team to proceed with issuing bonds to refinance the bonds that were issued for the renovation of the Granada project – Granada building back in 2002. During that time, we've obviously gotten the credit rating update of the District, and worked with your Bond Counsel and your Solicitor to get all the paperwork ready to access the bond market today. We did that. On Page 1 of my handout is just a quick update on the chart that I showed you a few weeks ago, showing you that really this has been absolutely the best time to be selling bonds in the last 41 years, because we are at the lowest interest rates that we have data on going back 41 years. The market stayed in really good shape.

On Page 2 I have the highlights of the financing. Just as a quick recap – again, we are refinancing the 2007 bonds that were issued by the ICDA. There is just over \$3 million of those outstanding and there at the top, you'll see that the interest rates range on those old bonds from 3.7% to 4% and that's what we're going to refund with much much lower interest rates that are available today.

The call date on those 2007 bonds is May 15 of this year, so this money will be set aside and on May 15, those ICDA bonds will be called and they will go away at that point. I did want to point out that those bonds are actually called

guaranteed school revenue bonds – the 2007 bonds, because the School District did provide a guarantee of the entire issue back in 2002 and then also in 2007. I think it is important – that’s something that we didn’t really touch on when I was here the last time. We talked that they were guaranteed revenue bonds, but basically the District’s credit position is not really changing because at that point and time you were responsible for 100% of those bonds in both 2002 and 2007. Now they’re being issued in your name, so obviously you’re responsible for 100% of the payment. However, that last bullet point in the first section, the breakdown of the debt service payment is shown there, obviously, the School District, because of your use of the building and the projects that were financed at that point and time pays the majority of the debt service on those 2007 bonds and that will continue on to the new ones.

The recommended financing plan there in the middle was to have the School District issue general obligation bonds to refund those guaranteed school revenue bonds and there at the bottom, the new issues, called the Series of 2012, obviously has your new credit rating, the AA+, the interest rate on the new bonds is 1.71% and based on that the net savings is \$291,000 of debt service savings, obviously going from interest rates of 3% and 4% down to a 1.71%. I can’t emphasize how significant that is, because we’re only refunding \$3 million dollars of bonds and generating almost \$300,000 of savings, so we always measure that by a percentage and, usually it’s good if you’re saving 2% or 3% - this equates to 10% savings, so it’s a very very efficient transaction and creating a lot of savings from not a lot of financing.

The new bonds like your others have a five year call, so they would be callable again in 2017.

On the next page, Page 3, just to show you the districts that do have credit ratings similar to yours. There’s only two that S&P rates in Pennsylvania with a AAA and there you can see the other three that also have the AA credit rating here in Pennsylvania.

Page 4 is the debt summary that keeps track of all of your issues, so now in column 1 your oldest issues is the 2008 bonds and we go across there, column 5 is the one that we just dropped in – the new 2012 bonds. This shows the District’s overall debt. A question that came up at your Finance Committee so we went back and looked at all the files and we’ve added some lines there across the bottom on this chart: the question was, how much have we saved over the last few years on these refinancing? As you go across the columns there, you can see that line item that says ‘savings’ and see there’s been some pretty significant savings, especially just in the last two years when you look at column 3 how low interest rates had already gone in 2010 and we saved about \$706,000. Then last year’s refinancing at about this time saved \$526,000 and now add on tonight’s savings.

The other item to, I think, make note of and this question was also asked which is on average what is the District's interest rate on the debt that's outstanding, so we've added that line of the interest rate on each issue. On average, probably a weighted average, works out that all the District's debt combined is probably at an interest rate of about 3%, so very very effectively lowered the interest rate on all of the District's outstanding debt.

Just to walk you through the numbers, since we did take a look at these the last time. The page numbers are now in the upper right corner.

Page 1: this shows the 2007 bonds as they are right now. I think we had some people who had focused last time on the third column in, the coupon column. There you can see those rates range from 3.7% to 4%, so those are the old ICDA bonds that would go away.

One Page 2 is the calculation of the amount of money we need to pay those bonds off on May 15.

Page 3 is the new debt service schedule for the new 2012 bonds. You can see the coupons there in the third column. I'll actually show you what the yields in a few pages, because just the way we structured these to get the lowest possible yield, some of these have 2% and 3% coupons, but that actually translates into a much much lower yield, so we'll show you that in just a minute.

On Page 4, the most important page, the savings there in the second column in from the right. You can see that the savings are structured to occur in 2013 fiscal year, so we basically have no savings in this current year. They are all scheduled to fall in next year's budget and then a little bit because we had so many, or the savings were so large, a little bit actually spilled over into that next year with the numbers there's only so much we can kind of manipulate to get those savings into one year. The total at the bottom of that savings column you can see \$291,000 of net savings.

On Page 5 is the breakdown of the uses of funds and the issuance costs, so we have those all broken out and clearly one of the goals of this recommendation was that the cost would be lower in doing this transaction just at the School District as opposed to through the ICDA where we had to have lots of other people involved in doing that, so we certainly accomplished that with the issuance costs that we have here when compared to the previous two transactions.

On Page 6, this is the actual pricing sheet that has the yields that the bonds were sold at. It's the column fourth over and when you go down through that column you can see the actual interest rates that start with .3 then .5 on down to the final bond at 2.3%, so you can see there that the weighted average would have worked out to that 1.71%, but I would just note that it's pretty incredible that the

first 6 years of this bond issue, the interest rates are less than 1%. There's only 12 maturities and half of them are under 1%, which David and I were talking about before the meeting started saying we got accustomed there in the last couple months to maybe seeing 2 or 3 years of maturities under 1%, where we've gone with these interest rates in the last month is really just incredible when you think about somebody's buying a bond that matures over 5 years from now and the interest rate's less than 1% at 0.98% is pretty incredible.

Overall, we're very pleased with the results. I'm happy to answer any questions.

Mrs. Sheffey: I'd say we're pleased with the results as well. Thank you very much.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.01 Unfinished Business

None.

NEW BUSINESS

5.01 Anticipated Agenda Items for the February 27, 2012 Public Meeting

The following items will be on the agenda for the February 27, 2011 Public Board Meeting:

1.	Presentation
2.	Approval of February 13, 2012 School Board Minutes
3.	Standing Committee Report
4.	Approval of PlanCon A and B - Middle School Building Project
5.	HACC Resolution
6.	Requests for the Use of Facilities
7.	Personnel
8.	Announcement of Staff Development Conference
9.	Students of the Month

5.02 Resolution for the Sale of Bonds - Guaranteed School Revenue Bonds, Series of 2012

Mr. Richard Wood of Rhoads & Sinon, LLP and Lou Verdelli of RBC Capital Markets have reviewed with the Board information regarding the sale of bonds by

the Township of Derry Industrial and Commercial Development Authority, in the aggregate amount of \$3,200,000 for which the School District will act as Guarantor.

The District recommended that the Board approve the Resolution for the Sale of Bonds.

Dr. Donahue moved the Board approve the Resolution for the Sale of Bonds and was seconded by Mrs. Sheehan.

Male Voice: Madam President if I may just to clarify on the record. The estimated amount of the bonds prior to the sale was \$3.2 million as a result of the actual marketing bonds. The Resolution that's before you is in the aggregate principal amount of \$3,110,000. That new number will also be part of the post-adoption [not audible].

Mrs. Sheffey: Great, thank you.

Mr. Gräb: I still need a point of clarification. It says Resolution of the Sale of Bonds – Guaranteed School Revenue Bonds. Are these guaranteed school revenue bonds or are they general obligation?

Mr. Gräb: These are general obligation bonds. They will be refunding the guaranteed school revenue bonds. You are correct.

Roll Call Vote:

Barrett – Yes
Cronin – Absent
Donahue – Yes

Gräb – Yes
Hagan – Yes
Hancock – Yes

Morelli – Yes
Sheehan – Yes
Sheffey - Yes

8 Yes, 1 Absent

MOTION CARRIED

5.03 Approval of Early Childhood Center Bids

Having reviewed all submitted construction bids and given the recommendations from its architect, Hayes-Large Architects, the Administration recommended the Board award construction contracts for the Early Childhood Center facility reconstruction project to the below listed contractors. Said award will be subject to Solicitor review and approval of all contracts drafted in conjunction with this award.

Contract	Contractor	Bid Amount
<i>General Contract</i>	MCA Construction	\$754,000.00

<i>HVAC Contract</i>	Shannon Smith	\$49,700.00
<i>Plumbing Contract</i>	Bognet Inc.	\$52,992.00
<i>Electrical Contract</i>	Whisler Electrical	\$83,000.00
<i>Total Contract</i>		\$939,692.00

Mr. Barrett moved the Board approve the Early Childhood Center bids and was seconded by Mr. Morelli.

Roll Call Vote:

Barrett – Yes

Cronin – Absent

Donahue – Yes

Gräb – Yes

Hagan – Yes

Hancock – Yes

Morelli – Yes

Sheehan – Yes

Sheffey - Yes

8 Yes, 1 Absent

MOTION CARRIED

5.04 Authorization to Proceed with Architectural Design Development and Bidding - Tennis Courts and Cinder Track

The Administration recommended the Board authorize Hayes-Large Architects to proceed with architectural design development and formal bidding for repairs to the tennis courts and cinder track projects related to the effects of the natural disaster on September 7, 2011.

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

Roll Call Vote:

Barrett – Yes

Cronin – Absent

Donahue – Yes

Gräb – Yes

Hagan – Yes

Hancock – Yes

Morelli – Yes

Sheehan – Yes

Sheffey - Yes

8 Yes, 1 Absent

MOTION CARRIED

5.05 Approval for RFI of Act 39 - Middle School Renovation Project

The Administration recommended the District to develop, advertise and issue a Request for Proposal - Qualifications for schools per ACT 39 for Guaranteed Energy Performance Contract. The Authorization includes the organization of a Selection Committee for the purpose of evaluating and recommending to the

Board the Energy Services Company to develop the Middle School renovation project.

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

Mrs. Sheehan: I have a question. What will the process be for organizing the review committee?

Dr. Faidley: The review committee will be the General Services Committee.

Mrs. Sheehan: Okay.

Mrs. Sheffey: Anybody else?

Roll Call Vote:

Barrett – Yes

Cronin – Absent

Donahue – Yes

Gräb – Yes

Hagan – Yes

Hancock – Yes

Morelli – Yes

Sheehan – Yes

Sheffey - Yes

8 Yes, 1 Absent

MOTION CARRIED

5.06 Approval of School Board Development Conference

The Administration recommended the approval of following School Board Development Conference:

<p>Bruce Hancock, Chris Morelli Leadership Symposium on Advocacy and Issues State College, PA February 25-26, 2012 Expenses: \$224.00 (each)</p>

Dr. Hagan moved the Board approve the conference and was seconded by Dr. Donahue.

Mrs. Sheffey: I just would like to thank Mr. Hancock and Mr. Morelli. This symposium on Advocacy is really important given the budget constraints we're going to be facing and the unfunded mandates, so thank you very much for attending on our behalf.

Roll Call Vote:

Barrett – Yes
Cronin – Absent
Donahue – Yes

Gräb – Yes
Hagan – Yes
Hancock – Yes

Morelli – Yes
Sheehan – Yes
Sheffey - Yes

8 Yes, 1 Absent

MOTION CARRIED

5.07 Approval of Citizens Advisors

The HR Committee recommended the approval of Community Members to serve for a two-year term as Citizen Advisors to the Communication, Curriculum, General Services, and Policy Committees.

The Finance Committee term will be extended through June 30, 2012.

Dr. Donahue moved the Board approve the Citizen Advisors was seconded by Mr. Morelli.

Mrs. Sheehan: I just wanted to say that I am going to be voted no for the recommended Citizen Advisors as there were multiple citizen assigned to multiple committees and there were citizens who had applied and will not be assigned to any committee, so I just am not in favor of that.

Mrs. Sheffey: Okay. Any other comments?

Mr. Gräb: I just wanted to add the Finance Committee extended through June 2012 so our Citizen Advisors to the Finance Committee are coterminous with our fiscal year which runs from July 1 through June 30.

Mrs. Sheffey: Okay. Any other comments? I just wanted to say I will be sending out a letter to all applicants tomorrow morning. I think we were very fortunate. We had more applicants than openings and, actually I'll ask the Committee Chairs to do something next.

Roll Call Vote:

Barrett – Yes
Cronin – Absent
Donahue – Yes

Gräb – Yes
Hagan – Yes
Hancock – Yes

Morelli – Yes
Sheehan – No
Sheffey - Yes

7 Yes, 1 No, 1 Absent

MOTION CARRIED

Mrs. Sheffey: I'd like to ask the Committee Chairs to please contact your new

advisors first thing tomorrow. For you, Mr. Barrett, to confirm that they are available for the schedules that you've set. I'll touch base with Dr. Cronin. We need to get these Committee meetings advertised, so notify Dr. Faidley once you have confirmation, okay? We are going to start using Board Docs for our Committee meetings, so the public will be able to see the agendas ahead of time. I would encourage everybody to please attend. If you were not selected as an advisor, please attend. We will be posting on Board Docs the agendas at least 24 hours ahead of time, so Committee Chairs you'll need to get your agendas to Dr. Faidley 48 hours ahead of time so he can get them posted. Board Doc does limit how we can develop our agendas, so everybody please be patient as we learn how to work through this.

Mrs. Sheehan: So, Ellen, I have a question. Can the audience see who has been selected?

Mrs. Sheffey: They should have. Didn't it scroll down?

Mrs. Sheehan: I didn't see that it did.

Mrs. Sheffey: I'm sorry. Can you scroll down?

Mr. Cole: That's as far as it goes.

Mrs. Sheffey: Oh, you're kidding.

Mrs. Sheehan: So perhaps we should maybe announce who has been selected?

Mrs. Sheffey: I will. I'm sorry. It should have scrolled on there for you. Okay. The Communications Committee: Jason Brown, Heidi Eby, Anne Reeves, Mike Woverka. Curriculum: Jennifer Buchanan, Sheldon Parker, Anne Reeves. Finance will continue with John Dunn, Heidi Eby, Alan Malkoff, and Philip Wood. General Services: Jay Franklin, Glenn Rowe, AnneMarie Schuper, and Brian Shiflett. Policy: Tracy Burke, Jennifer Buchanan, Anne Newman, and Karen Rippon.

5.08 2012-2015 CAIU Representative

The Derry Township School District maintains a permanent seat on the Board of Directors for the Capital Area Intermediate Unit. The Administration recommended Ellen Sheffey represent the District for the three-year term beginning July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015.

Mr. Hancock moved the Board approve the recommendation and was seconded by Dr. Donahue.

Mr. Sheffey: I would just like to add, while this is a three year term, in the past we have changed our delegate assignment mid-term, so if anybody's interested in the future, just let me know.

Roll Call Vote:

Barrett – Yes

Cronin – Absent

Donahue – Yes

Gräb – Yes

Hagan – Yes

Hancock – Yes

Morelli – Yes

Sheehan – Yes

Sheffey - Yes

8 Yes, 1 Absent

MOTION CARRIED

5.09 Approval of 2012-2013 School Calendar

Dr. Faidley: The Administration recommended the approval of the proposed 2012-2013 School Calendar.

I might add that the calendar has been through an extensive review with both of our employee groups and has been vetted by the Administrative Team. It was also made available for public review on Board Docs.

Mrs. Sheffey: Can we open it up? Are you trying to open it now?

Male Voice: Yes. It's coming up.

Mr. Barrett moved the Board approve the proposed 2012-2013 calendar and was seconded by Mr. Morelli.

Mrs. Sheehan: I have a question. I thought I printed it out, I must not have it, but on Wednesday, January, I want to say 26, I don't see where that is, there was an inservice day for next year. I didn't know if there would be any way we could move that to Friday, the 28, so it could be in conjunction with perhaps Rosh Hashanah? I just think that a long weekend may be easier for those working parents?

Mrs. Sheffey: What date is it?

Dr. Faidley: Are you referring to September?

Mrs. Sheehan: I'm sorry, September. Yes. September. I think it's Wednesday, September 26 – moving that to Friday, September 28. I just didn't know why an inservice day mid-week was chosen.

Dr. Kepler: I think our review was that Rosh Hashanah was on that Wednesday, hence why the inservice day was on the Wednesday.

Mrs. Sheehan: Oh, I thought I had read that it was actually on the 29th.

Mrs. Sheffey: Well, how about, we could . . .

Mrs. Sheehan: Does anyone know?

Mrs. Sheffey: Can we approve this conditionally, just confirming Rosh Hashanah? Oh, somebody's looking it up?

Dr. Faidley: If we could hold on just one moment, I think we'll have an answer to the question.

Mr. Morelli: This issue notwithstanding, I always remind all of us that this is an academic calendar, first and foremost, correct?

Mrs. Sheehan: Right, right. No, I know.

Mr. Morelli: Thank you.

Mrs. Sheehan: And I'm stating that more for working parents mid-week having to find child care for their children when there is no school.

Mrs. Sheffey: And if it's a religious holiday, we have to observe that.

Mrs. Sheehan: Right and it just, you know, there's not a spring break per se, so it just gives families another long weekend to actually travel.

Male Voice: I got it.

Mrs. Sheffey: Okay, Google's going slow.

Mr. Barrett: No, I got it. September 28-30, 2011.

Mr. Gräb: Okay, how about 2012?

Mr. Barrett: That would be a good question, wouldn't it?

Mrs. Sheffey: We need it for 2012.

Dr. Faidley: And what is the date?

Male Voice: I've got the spinning wheel of death.

Mrs. Sheffey: Oh, does somebody have it?

Response: Yom Kippur is September 25, 26.

Mrs. Sheffey: Yes, there's Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, so it's not for Rosh Hashanah. It was for Yom Kippur.

Male Voice: Yom Kippur is September 25-26.

Mrs. Sheffey: It starts sundown on the 25th.

Dr. Donahue: Clearly we're going to need more diversity in our School District.

Mrs. Sheffey: Okay. Any other discussion?

Male Voice: No.

Roll Call Vote:

Barrett – Yes

Cronin – Absent

Donahue – Yes

Gräb – Yes

Hagan – Yes

Hancock – Yes

Morelli – Yes

Sheehan – Yes

Sheffey - Yes

8 Yes, 1 Absent

MOTION CARRIED

5.10 Approval of Overnight Field Trip/Excursion - Hershey Powerlifting - Dells, Wisconsin - March 2012

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

<i>Group:</i>	Hershey Powerlifting
<i>Number of Participating Students:</i>	3-5
<i>Grade Level:</i>	9-12
<i>Destination:</i>	Dells, Wisconsin
<i>Purpose:</i>	Participate in High School National Competition
<i>Depart:</i>	March 12, 2012
<i>Return:</i>	March 25, 2012
<i>Trip Leader:</i>	Troy Smith

The District reserves the right to cancel the excursion based on events that could pose a heightened safety or security risk.

Dr. Faidley: I would add that the trip that is listed for the Hershey Powerlifting Group is at no cost to the District.

Dr. Hagan moved the Board approve the field trip and was seconded by Mr. Gräb.

Mrs. Sheffey: 14 days, it's upside down.

Dr. Kepler: Madam President, if I could jump in?

Mrs. Sheffey: Go ahead.

Dr. Kepler: If I could jump in, I'm guessing that is a misprint. It's March 12 and a return date of March 15.

Male Voice: The 22nd to the 25.

Dr. Kepler: The 22nd to the 25th.

Mrs. Sheffey: Thank you.

Dr. Faidley: I was wondering why the Powerlifting trip was so popular.

Roll Call Vote:

Barrett – Yes

Cronin – Absent

Donahue – Yes

Gräb – Yes

Hagan – Yes

Hancock – Yes

Morelli – Yes

Sheehan – Yes

Sheffey - Yes

8 Yes, 1 Absent

MOTION CARRIED

5.11 Approval of Overnight Field Trip/Excursion - Wrestling Team - July 2012

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

<i>Group:</i>	Wrestling Team
<i>Number of Participating Students:</i>	35-40
<i>Grade Level:</i>	6-12
<i>Destination:</i>	Penn State University
<i>Purpose:</i>	Wrestling Team Camp

<i>Depart:</i>	July 13, 2012
<i>Return:</i>	July 16, 2012
<i>Trip Leader:</i>	Brandon Bucher

The District reserves the right to cancel the excursion based on events that could pose a heightened safety or security risk.

Dr. Faidley: There is no cost to the District for this trip.

Mr. Gräb moved the Board approve the field trip and was seconded by Dr. Donahue.

Roll Call Vote:

Barrett – Yes

Gräb – Yes

Morelli – Yes

Cronin – Absent

Hagan – Yes

Sheehan – Yes

Donahue – Yes

Hancock – Yes

Sheffey - Yes

8 Yes, 1 Absent

MOTION CARRIED

5.12 Approval of Policies

The Administration recommended the approval of the following policies of the Derry Township School District Policy Manual which have been on display for thirty-days in the following locations: Hershey Public Library, Derry Township Tax Office, Derry Township Municipal Office, Hershey High School Library, and the District Office.

- 201 - Admission of Students
- 210.2 - Possession/Use of Asthma Inhalers
- 218.1 - Weapons
- 235 - Students Rights/Surveys
- 302 - Employment of Superintendent
- 302.1 - Employment of Assistant Superintendent
- 303 - Employment of Administrators
- 307 - Student Teachers/Interns
- 317 - Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures
- 404 - Employment of Professional Employees
- 405 - Employment of Substitute Professional Employees
- 417 - Conduct/Discipline Procedures
- 504 - Employment of Classified Employees
- 505 - Employment of Substitute and Short-term Employees
- 517 - Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures
- 601 - Fiscal Objectives

- 619 - District Audit
- 705 - Safety
- 805 - Emergency Preparedness
- 818 - Contracted Services
- 913.1 - Commercial Partnerships and Sponsorships

Dr. Donahue moved the Board approve the policies and was seconded by Mr. Gräb.

Roll Call Vote:

Barrett – Yes

Cronin – Absent

Donahue – Yes

Gräb – Yes

Hagan – Yes

Hancock – Yes

Morelli – Yes

Sheehan – Yes

Sheffey - Yes

8 Yes, 1 Absent

MOTION CARRIED

5.13 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>	Boys' Basketball
<i>Date/Time:</i>	February 26, 2012
	High School 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
	Middle School 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
<i>Requested Facility:</i>	Gym, Lobby
<i>Event:</i>	Boys' Basketball Youth Tournament
<i>Fee:</i>	As per Lease Agreement
<i>Group:</i>	Boys' Basketball
<i>Date/Time:</i>	March 4, 2012 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m
<i>Requested Facility:</i>	High School & Middle School Lobby and Gym
<i>Event:</i>	Boys' Basketball Youth Tournament
<i>Fee:</i>	As per Lease Agreement

<i>Group:</i>	Dauphin County Juvenile Probation
<i>Date/Time:</i>	March 6, 7, 8, 2012 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
<i>Requested Facility:</i>	High School LGI, Library Conference Room
<i>Event:</i>	Training for Dauphin County Juvenile Probation Instructors
<i>Fee:</i>	None
<i>Group:</i>	Boys' Basketball
<i>Date/Time:</i>	March 11, 2012 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
<i>Requested Facility:</i>	Middle School Gym, Lobby
<i>Event:</i>	Boys' Basketball Youth Tournament
<i>Fee:</i>	As per Lease Agreement
<i>Group:</i>	National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Central Pennsylvania Chapter
<i>Date/Time:</i>	April 22, 2012 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
<i>Requested Facility:</i>	Middle School Cafeteria
<i>Event:</i>	Benefit Walk
<i>Fee:</i>	Waiver Requested

Mr. Barrett moved the Board approve the requests and was seconded by Dr. Donahue.

Dr. Hagan: I have a question. When it says that the waiver was requested for a group, does that mean that the School District is carrying the financial burden of whatever the custodian that's needed, the lights, the water, you know everything that would entail cleaning up and something after an event like that?

Mrs. Sheffey: I don't know.

Mr. Consalo: When they request waivers, most of the time it's requests for the rental of the building or the rooms. If they want all requests, then they request a waiver for everything, then it would be the custodian's fee would not be paid. Usually when they waiver everything, but the custodians will be usually waived, because that comes out of our pocket exactly to pay for them to be here, but it could be everything. We've had requests and have waived everything before. So, most of the time they do request everything.

Mr. Hancock: Madam President, was that the request that actually the custodial staff was going to volunteer their time? There was one, I believe, and I don't have it with me.

Mr. Consalo: Yes, there was a muscular dystrophy or one of those that the custodians . . .

Mr. Hancock: Yes, that's the one.

Mr. Consalo: The only problem you run into and that is we have a contractual agreement with the custodian union, well not the custodian union, the support staff. We have to get them to approve the volunteer, because it takes work away from someone else that's going to do that. Most of the time they do okay and that can be done, but we just have to get a request from them.

Mr. Hancock: So, in this particular case, is that all vetted out before it comes here?

Mr. Consalo: No, it hasn't been, because it hasn't been approved. We haven't done that until it gets approved. Most of the time, if for someone like a custodian, for instance the one you're talking about, the high school custodian, because his wife has the thing he wants to do it.

Mr. Hancock: Yes, I saw that on the petition.

Mr. Consalo: We'll go to the union and ask them if they can do it. They haven't turned us down yet. That's just a common courtesy what we have to do.

Roll Call Vote:

Barrett – Yes

Cronin – Absent

Donahue – Yes

Gräb – Yes

Hagan – Yes

Hancock – Yes

Morelli – Yes

Sheehan – Yes

Sheffey - Yes

8 Yes, 1 Absent

MOTION CARRIED

5.14 Personnel – Resignation

The Administration recommended the approval of the following resignations:

Classified:
Frentz, Andrew Custodian

Elementary School Reason: Personal Effective: 02/21/2012
Limited Service Contracts:
Gable, Rachael Assistant Girls' Lacrosse Coach High School Reason: Personal Effective: 02/03/2012 (retroactive)
Manney, Rebekah Head Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach High School Reason: Personal Effective: 02/04/2012 (retroactive)
Ogle, Lori SAT Math Workshop - Spring Monday High School Reason: Personal Effective: 02/01/2012 (retroactive)

Dr. Donahue moved the Board approve the resignations and was seconded by Dr. Hagan.

Roll Call Vote:

Barrett – Yes
Cronin – Absent
Donahue – Yes

Gräb – Yes
Hagan – Yes
Hancock – Yes

Morelli – Yes
Sheehan – Yes
Sheffey - Yes

8 Yes, 1 Absent

MOTION CARRIED

5.15 Personnel - General

1.	The Administration recommended the approval of the following appointments:
	Professional:
	Blase, Kaitlyn * (for Jessica Zentner) Kindergarten Teacher Early Childhood Center Long Term Substitute

<p>Bachelors, Step 1 Salary: \$43,695.25 (pro-rated) Effective: 11/23/2011 through the end of the 2011-2012 school year (retroactive)</p>
<p>Bozell, Dawn (for Kathleen Weaver) Emotional Support Teacher Middle School Long Term Substitute Bachelors, Step 1 Salary: \$43,695.25 (pro-rated) Effective: 02/29/2012 through the end of the 2011-2012 school year</p>
<p>Transfer of Professional Staff:</p>
<p>Brown, Julee * Learning Support Teacher High School From: Temporary Professional To: Professional Effective: 02/14/2012</p>
<p>Classified:</p>
<p>Kreamer, Cecelia * (replacing Jill Miller) General Food Service Worker Middle School Level A: 4.0 hours per day Split Position: 2/3 days per week Salary: \$11.01 per hour Effective: 02/14/2012</p>
<p>Limited Service Contracts:</p>
<p>Brown, Jason (replacing Donald Kissinger) Stage Manager - Musical High School Level I, Group I, Step 14 Salary: \$1,112 Effective: 02/14/2012 (pending receipt of Act 34, 151, and 114 clearances)</p>
<p>Heggan, Lesley Head Varsity Boys' Soccer Coach High School Level I, Group C, Step 22 Salary: \$5,669 Effective: 08/13/2012 (pending receipt of Act 34, 151, and 114 clearances)</p>

	<p>Marconi, Tim Assistant Varsity Track and Field Coach High School Level II, Group C, Step 3 Salary: \$2,140 Effective: 02/28/2012 (pending receipt of Act 34, 151, and 114 clearances)</p>
	<p>Turner, Mary * SAT Math Workshop - Spring Monday High School Level I, Group I, Step 13 Salary: \$1,112 Effective: 02/14/2012</p>
2.	The Administration recommended the approval of the following requests in accordance with District Policies 435 & 439:
	<p>Alexander, Laura * Grade 1 Teacher Early Childhood Center Paid/Unpaid Childbearing/rearing Leave Effective: On or about 05/01/2012 through the end of the 2011-12 school year</p>
	<p>Zentner, Jessica * Kindergarten Teacher Early Childhood Center Extension of Paid/Unpaid Childrearing Leave Effective: 03/05/2012 through the end of the 2011-2012 school year</p>
3.	The Administration recommended the approval of the following additions to the 2011-2012 Substitute Teacher List:
	<p>Bixler, Glenda B.H. in Humanities from The Pennsylvania State University with certification in Special Education from St. Joseph's University</p>
	<p>Davis, Heather B.S. in Elementary Education from Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania</p>
	<p>Smith, Lauren E. B.S. in Social Studies from Millersville University of Pennsylvania</p>
*	This individual is currently an employee and/or volunteer. Clearances

are on file.

Dr. Donahue moved the Board approve the personnel recommendations and was seconded by Mrs. Sheehan.

Mr. Barrett: Madam President?

Mrs. Sheffey: Yes, Mr. Barrett.

Mr. Barrett: Thank you. Dr. – Jason – is this [not audible] limited service contract? JB? Okay. I have to abstain, just because I worked with JB for a couple of years, not that he’s not qualified. He’s a good guy.

Roll Call Vote:

Barrett – Abstain

Cronin – Absent

Donahue – Yes

Gräb – Yes

Hagan – Yes

Hancock – Yes

Morelli – Yes

Sheehan – Yes

Sheffey - Yes

7 Yes, 1 Absent, 1 Abstention

MOTION CARRIED

DELEGATES REPORTS

6.01 Dauphin County Technical School Report

Mr. Barrett: I shall defer to my learned colleague.

Mr. Gräb: Thank you Mr. Barrett. The Dauphin County Technical School Joint Operating Committee did meet last Wednesday, February 8. It was their Annual Valentine’s Day Dinner, so I not only attended the meeting, but I gained husband points at the same time.

During the work session we did have a presentation from a representative from Caitlin Smiles. The Honor Society had sponsored a dress down day and raised about \$1,500 for this organization which puts bags of smiles into local hospitals.

We had a career and technical presentation from the drafting and design technology area.

We had a budget update. Currently the budget is increasing 5.3% at this point and time. However, member district contributions are decreasing 2.2%, and the Derry Township contributions will decrease 6%. The decrease in the member district contribution is primarily because of the large number of tuition students we have been able to garner from the Harrisburg School District.

We also talked about the Dauphin County Technical School calendar and we tried to best align that calendar with all the six participating school districts that do send students.

In 2007, we floated a bond issue for some construction projects at the Tech School and, at the time, the debt payments were based upon the percentage market value of the 6 participating school districts. It was brought to the attention of the Business Manager by one of the Business Managers of one of the participating school districts, who shall remain anonymous, nonetheless, his initials are Steve Rineer. Steve brought it to their attention that the market value of the school districts changes on a yearly basis and, consequently, their contribution to the debt service should change on a yearly basis. The Business Manager went back and looked at 2007 through 2012, and the Derry Township School District will receive a \$21,997.27 refund. Thank you, Mr. Rineer.

Mr. Rineer: I'm happy about the \$291,000 more than – but I'm very grateful.

Mr. Grab: In our regular JOC meeting, we passed a consent agenda, which included the elimination of a driver ed curriculum. The 2012-2013 school calendar, and in the supplemental consent agenda, we did pass bids for electronics training units and we did approve the State performance audit. That concludes my report, Madam President, thank you.

Mrs. Sheffey: Thank you. Does anybody have any questions?

6.02 Capital Area Intermediate Unit Report

Mrs. Sheffey: We met January 26. I sent the minutes around to everybody, but the bulk of our conversation really had to do with the proposed preliminary general operating budget. They are recommending that the District contribution to that budget remain flat. It's a total of, a little over, \$900,000 to be distributed based on the State aid formula and Derry Township's portion is about \$51,000. That may change slightly, because the allocation formula gets tweaked every year, but it should be approximately \$51,000. This will be on our budget, I mean on our calendar in two weeks for our approval, so if anybody has any questions, you can ask me tonight or give me a call and I can attempt to answer them. Are there any questions now?

6.03 Derry Township Tax Collection Association Report

Mr. Gräb: I, like Mr. Barrett, will defer to my esteemed colleague.

Mrs. Sheehan: Thanks John. We've actually had two meetings since our last Board meeting. The Derry Township Tax Association met on January 26. It was a reorganization meeting where we picked our officers. John Gräb will be serving as our President, Sandy Ballard as our Vice President, Wendy Millhorne will be our Secretary, and the appointment of the Treasurer was tabled until our next meeting.

We reviewed and approved the 2011 year end figures which were 4.7% under budget. We discussed that the Association is in need of a replacement dot matrix printer. Steve Rineer thought that perhaps the School District could donate one, but in fact, it's not compatible, so I believe the Association's probably going to be having to purchase one.

It was announced and discussed that Nancy Finney would be retiring after 41 years of service, and we discussed the compensation for opting out of medical benefits for employees and/or their families.

Then on February 7, we met to discuss the security savings systems error that was made when printing and mailing the 1099 G forms. Taxpayer information was sent to other taxpayers in error, and in efforts to compensate those whose information was compromised, the security savings program is going to be providing a one year ID elite credit monitoring protection program for those citizens through Experian. In addition, the Association is in the process of writing a letter of apology to the citizens who actually received that information incorrectly.

Mrs. Sheffey: Thank you. Are there any questions?

Mr. Morelli: Do we have any plans for next year to make sure this doesn't happen or safeguards and are we hiring or are we going to continue with this other company?

Mrs. Sheehan: Right now, what they're doing is they're moving forward with the current schedule, however, they are going to be, which I think they need to be sent out in March, so what they're going to be doing moving forward and Steve and John, correct me if I'm wrong, is looking at how this happened and ensuring that there is a plan put in place to make sure that it never happens again.

Mr. Rineer: If I can elaborate just a tiny bit. The next bills to be sent out by the Tax Association, by the security benefit organization, are the real estate tax bills for the county and the Township. If they were to have to locate another vendor to provide that service, the bills would not be sent out on March 1. The decision was made that they would closely follow the whole process of the mailing out of the bills and ensure that those bills are going out, but those are the Township's bills, not ours. The next major mailing would be our earned real estate tax bills on July 1. We have been assured that all the transmittal of all the documents by

this organization would be closely vetted with the mailing handled by the Tax Association personnel, not the contracted service bureau.

Mrs. Sheehan: Thanks Steve.

SPECIAL REPORTS

7.01 Announcement of Staff Development Conference

Page Kozak

Pennsylvania Association of School Nurses and
Practitioners Education Conference
State College, PA
April 13-15, 2012
Expenses: \$419.00

7.02 School Community Information Report

Dr. Faidley: I will discuss a little bit about some upcoming events if we can defer to my Superintendent's Report, I'll handle both.

Mrs. Sheffey: Okay, excellent.

7.03 Board Members' Report

Mrs. Sheehan: I have something. I just wanted to state that Bruce and I had the privilege of going around on Wednesday of last week to sit and meet with several Administrators. We're going to be doing the same thing on Wednesday and I was quite impressed. I have had a child in the ECC or the elementary school for the last consecutive 9 years and, Ed, I wanted to tell you that I was really moved when I went in to the elementary school and saw the work that you and your team had done in terms of creating the classrooms and how well they look and how – what was created in such a short amount of time was just so impressive to me, so I just wanted to personally thank you, because I don't think I had an appreciation for it until I could see it firsthand, but the staff is all working very well. The kids, the staff seem well adjusted and acclimated, so I just wanted to thank you for that.

Mr. Hancock: Two points: one is Maryellen just stole my thunder, but I would echo what she said. She said it much more eloquently than I would have, but just thanks to Dr. Faidley and all the Administrators for taking the time for Maryellen and I. It was wonderful time spent. It will make us better Board

members and better able to serve them, but I really appreciate the time that they took to really walk us through and tell us what's going on in their building.

The second point was to, and again, echo Mr. Kohl's comments about the event of February 1 as a parent of a child. My hats off to the High School Administrators and everybody that was responsible for that. I think that was something we in Derry Township do that other districts, as I understand it do not do to the extent that we did. It was a very nice event. I was pleased with the number of people there. I was really pleased with the number of students that were there to support their friends. Thanks to everybody at the high school for that event.

Mrs. Sheffey: Thank you, Mr. Gräb?

Mr. Gräb: Yes, Mrs. Sheehan and I both represent the School District on the Derry Township Committee to Update the Comprehensive Plan. Those results were in and we're very fortunate in Derry Township to have two individuals, Mr. Ed Urvic and Mr. Brian Shiflett who have a high degree of expertise which is able to analyze, synthesize, and summarize the results of that survey. They have been taking their show on the road and giving excellent presentations to the community. If you haven't had a chance to see one, the next one is coming up May 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township building. You can also go online to DerryVision.org and both Ed and Brian have a comprehensive explanation of the results of that survey. There is also a Power Point presentation on there, which they have given to several groups in the community. You get the benefit of the visualization of what's on that Power Point, but, unfortunately, you miss the verbal input that both Ed and Brian provide, so if at all possible, I would like to encourage every member in the community to attend one of those meetings, and I think also list it on that website, DerryVision.org is a list of the upcoming meetings. If I've stated something incorrectly, Brian, you've done an outstanding job on this, just correct me.

Male Voice: March 7.

Mr. Grab: Could be.

Mrs. Sheffey: Excellent. Any other reports?

7.04 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Faidley: Under the Community, Mr. Tredinnick's normal presentation, I just wanted to make a couple of comments regarding a student that was recognized by the Hershey Rotary as Student of the Month last week - Vishnu Patel. I had the pleasure of attending that luncheon with Vishnu and his mother and father, and I tell you, when our students get up in front of the microphone and speak

about what they're going to do in their future, it always amazes me. Vishnu, and you know Vishnu, because you've seen him present. He was here presenting with the Milton Hershey student, I believe it was last month, but Vishnu was very articulate. He knew exactly what he wanted to do with his life and where he wanted to go. It was just a pleasure to sit and talk with his mother and father and to share with them how proud I was of Vishnu and his recognition, but for him to stand up and represent Derry Township School District the way he did in front of the entire Rotary Organization was amazing. At that luncheon there were also two other students recognized – a student from Milton Hershey School and a student from the Middletown Area School District. All three of them did a phenomenal job, but I was partial to Vishnu.

As the Superintendent's Report this month, Madam President, I'd like to first start by doing a public thank you to, not only to Mr. McFarland for his leadership in this area, but for all of the individuals that work with him regarding the Hershey Online Learning Academy. The acronym for that is HOLA, so I also think I'm saying hello to somebody when I say it. Let me give you some brief information.

When the District first discussed with the Board of School Directors the plan to enter into an agreement with the Capital Area Online Learning Association (CAOLA), it was anticipated that we would enroll a maximum of ten students during the first year of implementation. Upon approval from the Board, the District entered into a one-year contract with CAOLA with the ability to extend this contract upon favorable review of the interest, enrollment and quality of the program.

As of January 20, 2012, there are currently thirteen full-time cyber students enrolled in HOLA as well as six students who are taking online Japanese or Chinese. There continues to be increasing interest and need for this type of learning environment for some students. While it was initially thought that students and families might be choosing cyber education due to a less than positive experience in the "brick and mortar" environment, in actuality, most of our students currently enrolled are for reasons other than dissatisfaction with the traditional education program.

Additionally, while the District thought we might be able to bring back some of our students who are attending outside cyber charter schools, we have not realized this goal. In discussions with the families of our current 9th through 12th grade families enrolled in cyber charter, the single most common reason for not returning is that, at this point in the student's educational career, families did not want to switch to a different program. However, we have kept the thirteen currently enrolled students from leaving our District for outside cyber charter schools as would most likely have occurred due to the reasoning for their entering cyber education.

Recently, discussions have taken place to expand HOLA to our middle school environment. To that end, we have begun contacting all of our current middle school cyber charter families to discuss their potential interest in coming back to the District through the HOLA program. Unlike the conversations with the high school families, all of the middle school families that have been contacted to date have expressed great interest in the possibility of a District-run cyber program. The ability to

graduate with a Derry Township diploma and participate in social and extra-curricular activities, while also having a connection with the District, are benefits noted by families.

From a financial perspective, there are currently eighteen students in grades 5 through 8 enrolled in outside cyber-charter schools. This costs the District approximately \$180,000 per year as the per pupil expenditure (approximately \$10,000) is paid to the cyber school. If a student is educated through HOLA, the cost to the District is \$4,650 per student at a savings of approximately \$4,400 per student.

To that end, upon approval of a continuation of the contract with CAOLA, the District is poised to offer a cyber-education option (HOLA) to families in grades 6 through 12 at the onset of the 2012-2013 school year.

Again, I would like commend Mr. McFarland and the individuals working with him for their diligent work in realizing some cost savings to the District, but in addition to realizing cost savings, because dollars are important that we save, and I would agree with Steve on that issue, but the bigger issue is that we are providing a service here in our own District to our students that, even though we didn't capture the ones that were already attending in 9th through 12th, moving this to the middle school level, we will eliminate that problem and in the future, we will have all of our students as best possible participating in this program. I think recognition is due for that effort, because it's been a lot of hard work.

Madam President, that concludes my report.

Mrs. Sheffey: Thank you.

7.05 Board President's Report

Mrs. Sheffey: I have no report.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS (Non-Agenda Items)

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

Denise Oggero: This is my second Board meeting that I've ever attended, because I'd like to get more involved in the School District. One thing that I've noticed in this meeting and the last meeting is that there are handouts given to all of you, and as I sit here. Why am I here? I don't see the agenda, I don't know what's going on. I question whether I should attend another Board meeting, so if I could make a recommendation that if the information is confidential and you don't want it taken out of the room, then maybe hand them out and then collect them. Then, if I could make, that's my one comment, and if I could make another suggestion: if you were to move everything over here so that we could see what's

going on, that maybe you could use the overhead instead of handouts to save costs. That's it. Thank you.

Mrs. Sheffey: Thank you. We actually, up until two meetings ago, we were sitting the other way.

Ms. Oggero: Okay.

Mrs. Sheffey: And it was very difficult for, not all presentations are on there, and the Board was actually blocking the screen, but Mr. Consalo is always looking for. . .

Ms. Oggero: The presentation that was given was very good, and I'm just disappointed that I wasn't able to actually participate and learn when the rest of you were learning. So, I was disappointed. Hopefully, now, is there a reason why handouts aren't given to us out here?

Mrs. Sheffey: I believe it's the cost of reproducing them, but the agenda you can get online on Board Docs.

Ms. Oggero: What about the presentation that was just given by a gentleman, I don't know what his name was.

Mrs. Sheffey: Mr. Verdelli: He provided the presentations and he only provides copies for the Board.

Ms. Oggero: Okay. Maybe a copier down the hall, you could maybe make 3 and I'm sure all of us sitting here – there's the last Board meeting there wasn't many people attending either, and I would think that we could share or maybe we could have one of yours and we could all share. Is that a possibility?

Mrs. Sheffey: For tonight?

Ms. Oggero: No, for the future meetings.

Mrs. Sheffey: In the future we can discuss it. Communications Committee, if you could please handle that for us?

Ms. Oggero: I mean, I'd like to know, because if I come again, I don't want to be left out like that. I feel it's a waste of my time. Will it happen or . . . ?

Mrs. Sheffey: The Communications Committee will review that and make a recommendation to the full Board.

Ms. Oggero: Okay, thank you.

Mrs. Sheffey: Thank you. Any other comments?

Terry Singer: I submitted some comments online for your online comment system. I don't know how many of you might have had a chance to see them, but they have to do with granting the use of school facilities to non-school related organizations. I'll just read very briefly from my comment and then get into my questions:

During the 15 years that my family has lived in the Derry Township School District, my two sons have participated in numerous recreation programs, including hockey, soccer, baseball, basketball, and football. Some of these experiences have been positive and some have not. Several of these organizations and associations have very well developed govern instructions and bylaws and allow for transparent operations, parental participation, election of officers by the members, and accountability. Others operate like private clubs that are run by cliques, that are characterized by cronyism and favoritism, and advantage some children and disadvantage other children.

I'm going to ask for some information from my inquiry. I indicated that in order to better understand how the District evaluates and determines which recreation organizations and associations it is going to grant use of its facilities to, I'd like to receive certain information.

Dr. Kepler was extraordinarily prompt in getting me that information immediately. I asked him for a list of all the organizations that had been granted use of the facilities, which I was provided. I asked him for a list of the criteria that the Board uses to evaluate and determine which recreation organizations and associations that it will grant use of its facilities to, and he provided me with the Use of School Facilities policy, which I'll refer to in a moment. Then, lastly, I asked him what process the District has in place to monitor and evaluate the manner in which these organizations that they grant use of their facilities to function to assure that they have proper govern instructions in place, operate transparently, have elections of their officers by their membership, and have parental involvement and are accountable.

In looking through the policies, I'll just go to – directly to three sections. The first which is the purpose, which I think is extremely laudable. It says, "The District's public school facilities are provided in order that youth of the community can receive benefits of a sound educational program. Although this is the basic purpose for which the schools are built, the complete function of education is not achieved until the school facilities are made available to serve the total community. To accomplish this objective, when possible, use may be made of school facilities for auxiliary, educational, recreation, or cultural activities in accordance with regulations approved by the Board."

Then I just will draw your attention to the two sections of the policy that deal with the application to the Board for the use of the facilities and then to the application review criteria. It seems to indicate that there are three things requested when a group is asking to use the school facility. One is that they pay the specified fee, if there is one. Second is evidence of organizational liability. Third is documentation of an authorized statement satisfactory to the District evidencing the District shall be indemnified and held harmless by the user for any liability and so forth.

Those are the only application criteria that I see in the policy. There was reference earlier to demonstration that the organization is a non-profit organization, that type of thing. As far as evaluation, there are four criteria: that there's no conflict with school sponsored activity, access to school facilities closed due to renovation, maintenance, cleaning, school calendar, or Board action, access to school facilities containing equipment or furnishings which, if damaged or operated by an unqualified operator would be detrimental to the operation of the School District. The last application evaluation criteria that the proposed use will prevent or encumber the District personnel from preparing school facilities for their primary purpose, because of the nature and duration of the activity.

I guess my question for the Board, or what I would ask the Board to consider is to include some criteria in both the application and the evaluation through which you do some due diligence in scrutinizing the nature of the organizations that you grant the use of the facilities to. I think that these organizations need to function for the benefit of our children and then need to demonstrate to our community that they are organized in such a way that they will do that. To me, that means they need to have a constitution, they need to have bylaws, they need to have elections by their membership, they need to have parental involvement, and they need to be accountable to the members of their groups and their organizations.

I'll just conclude by indicating that, as a parent, I have observed that this is not uniformly the case. There are many organizations, well I shouldn't say many, there are a few organizations and associations, sports and recreational in nature that you have granted use of your facilities to that do not operate that way. I think as this whole business of our athletic opportunities for our young people begin to change, at least I'm hearing this through the rumor mills, and that some of these associations might play a greater roles in providing sports opportunities for our youth, I think it is incumbent upon the Board to make sure that these organizations are structured and operate in a way that's in the best interest of our children. Thank you.

Mrs. Sheffey: Thank you, Mr. Singer. I will refer that issue to our Policy Committee. Our Chair is not here tonight, but I will make sure that gets to her. Are there any other comments?

9.01 Adjournment

Mrs. Sheffey: The next School Board meeting will be held Monday, February 27, 2012 in the High School LGI room starting at 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Donahue moved to adjourn, with a second by Mrs. Sheehan and, approved by unanimous voice vote by all members.

Mrs. Sheffey: We'll have Post-Exec – 5 minute break for the Board members.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen E. Rineer
Secretary to the Board
Approved at the February 27, 2012 meeting

Mrs. Ellen Sheffey
President of the Board

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