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

February 27, 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 27, 2012, in the High School LGI room. Mrs. Ellen Sheffey, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

1.02 Roll Call

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

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, Mr. Joseph McFarland, and Mr. Ed Consalo.

Representatives of the Staff and Community: Heidi Eby, Jerry Lamb, Andrea Abruzzo, Megan G. Hulse, Michael Hulse, David E. Fisher, Julie A. Neal, Joe

Judge, Julie Isaacson, E. Christopher Abruzzo, Kimberly A. Therit, Thomas Whiston

1.03 Flag Salute

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.01 Approval of February 13, 2012 School Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Dr. Hagan and seconded by Mr. Barrett to approve the minutes of the February 13, 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 and matters that must be conducted in private to protect a lawful privilege or confidentiality.

3.02 Recognition of Citizens (Agenda Items)

Thomas Whiston: I believe I sent the Board and the Superintendent an e-mail.

Mrs. Sheffey: Mr. Whiston, can we have those comments at the end of the meeting?

Mr. Whiston: Sure.

Mrs. Sheffey: At first we just do agenda items.

Mr. Whiston: Okay. Thank you. I'm not familiar.

Mrs. Sheffey: Sorry. Thank you.

Mr. Whiston: Give me a head nod.

Mrs. Sheffey: I will. Thank you. Anybody else?

3.03 Student Representatives' Report

Mr. Haverstick: Thank you Madame President. This past week students across the District have begun the course selection process for the 2012-2013 school year. On February 16, the High School held its elective fair for the underclassmen and on the 23rd the course selection presentations on all the subjects for the parents. What's new and exciting about the process this year is that all students will be selecting their courses on the new adapted home access center. As underclassmen, middle school, and elementary school students are already looking forward to next year, seniors are being reminded just how rapidly approaching the end of their high school career is, because this Friday marks the presentations of the graduation project. Zach and our classmates will be presenting our wide variety of projects ranging from various hobbies, community service projects, internships, and job shadowing, so it's a bittersweet moment this Friday, but a necessary step to graduate.

Mr. Cole: Certainly more sweet than bitter. Additionally, students and faculty have been working tirelessly to perfect this year's musical, which is How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying. It's the same How to Succeed that is appearing on Broadway right now, and from what I hear, we will have a rivaling show. The show kicks off Thursday at 7:30 p.m. and tickets can be purchased for \$10 ahead of time. That's on the District's website. I will state this once again, if for no other reason you come to the musical, you'll come to hear the narrator, because I hear he's great. That concludes our report. Thank you Madame President.

Mrs. Sheffey: Thank you.

3.04 Standing Committee Reports

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

Mr. Morelli: I do, thank you. General Services Committee met this afternoon. We talked about a handful of things. The first item on the agenda was a quick review of Middle School Phase II from the SchraederGroup. We talked about the schedule on doing the HVAC. What they'd like to do is start the HVAC rework this summer and finish it up next summer. We had a question regarding that because it was sort of an aggressive time schedule. One of the reasons, and we'll be talking about that next is the Act 32 process that we're supposed to vote on this evening doesn't have a bid schedule built into it, so there's no bidding part of that schedule.

The plan so far is – the timeline – we’re trying to get to the Planning Commission at the Township by May 1 with bids going out June 12. The bids will be due June 12, I’m sorry. They’ll be approved around the 25th – the meeting of the 25th with construction to begin in July. Again, like I said at the last meeting, the tentative end date for this Phase is next August for the beginning of 2013 for the beginning of the school year.

There’s an agenda item tonight for the Board to approve the land development process to go to the Planning Commission. The recommendation of the Committee was unanimous with all four Board members and the two citizen advisors that were here this evening, Brian Shiflett and Jay Franklin, who are both new to the Committee are also in favor of this item. Does anyone have any questions?

The next item we discussed was the Act 39 proposal and recommendations. The District received 3 proposals. They had 9 different companies request information, but only received three bids. The District, because they’re trying to move toward solid products, like the Trane products, they are recommending that we move forward with this Act 39 and go with this proposal this evening. We already have some experience with this at the elementary school. Some of the advantages are the guaranteed cost savings and there are a couple of reasons why you would look at this, because, I guess, in the process there are three major components: one being the timing of the process, and, like I said when we were talking about Phase II, in order for us to get some of our work done by next summer and have the project completed for the beginning of the school year, going this route will help us. Obviously, the guaranteed cost savings for utilities that this will guarantee us, I believe the current elementary school guarantee is for 15 years?

Dr. Faidley: That is correct.

Mr. Morelli: So, we went back and forth and talked about the difference between using this process and actually just bidding out – going to bid for the HVAC. How would the cost of the project work that way? One of the things you would not get, obviously, would be the guaranteed savings that you’ll get with the Act 39 program. Dr. Faidley, did you want to add anything else to this?

Dr. Faidley: No, I think you hit all the points.

Mr. Morelli: Okay. The Committee is recommending this. The Board members on the Committee are recommending this. The majority of the Committee is recommending this. The two citizen advisors have not, so it’s my request this evening that we move forward with this and approve this recommendation. Questions?

Mrs. Sheehan: We, as a Board, just approved at the last Board meeting the RFP to go out, correct?

Dr. Faidley: That was a request for information.

Mrs. Sheehan: Was that due today and opened at 1:00?

Dr. Faidley: Yes, it was.

Mrs. Sheehan: I, as a Board member, honestly would like to review that information prior to moving forward with a recommendation to approve going forward with Trane and Act 39 just so we can see the costs. I just feel that the more information we have for a project of this scope and magnitude, we can just benefit from the information.

Dr. Faidley: Just a point of clarification. Act 39 request for information did not include any costs. The intent of the agenda item this evening is to move forward with Trane to conduct the analysis of what the cost will be. Then, once that bid comes back or once that cost comes back, then there will be a determination by the Board on whether or not to proceed with that work with that company.

Mrs. Sheehan: But the three businesses or companies that did submit an RFI did submit a plan that could be reviewed by the Board members, correct? What was in the RFI then?

Dr. Faidley: The request for information included information regarding what the companies were capable of doing and what their experiences were with Act 39 and the process. The General Services Committee representatives, the Board member representatives, I believe, Mr. Morelli, correct me if I'm wrong, it was 3 of the 4 Board member representatives agreed that we should proceed with this as a formal vote with the Board.

Mr. Morelli: You are correct. Again, one of the issues we're dealing with here is timing. It's important, I'm assuming you're dealing with these projects that you can get your work done and completed, especially something like this for the beginning of the school year, it's important this year that we finish this ECC work so our kids in ECC can get back there which is our plan for this coming school year. The same will be true next year and anything that extends that timeline; obviously, you're going to push it into the school year, which just further complicates things. So, and I believe that's the basic difference between looking at this project or this program, and trying to bid it yourself. That's one of the differences; one of the key components is time.

Mrs. Sheehan: I appreciate that, I just feel that it's been, the process with the RFI just going out two weeks ago and just the bids being closed and opened today, I just feel like it's rushed. I know that time is of the essence, but when

we're talking about a project of this magnitude, I feel like if we can, as a District, not get to a time crunch, I mean, we were in the same position with the Middle School expansion back in December. So, I don't know if it's something that we can look at planning and maybe we could have addressed this earlier, but I don't think we should use that time crunch as the reason why we need to vote to move forward with this.

Mr. Morelli: Right, and I understand, and I know we've done this and we're going to do it tonight. In the future, we'll look not to do this to give the Board enough information and time to look at the detail, but I'm in favor of keeping this motion on the books tonight.

Dr. Cronin: I was the one dissenting vote in terms of moving forward with this, so just in terms of full disclosure, I want the rest of the Board to have the same understanding that I think I got tonight, which was my first General Services meeting, just so that you're informed of the whole breadth of the decision rather than just hearing that we're going to go with it or not.

The decision to go with Trane would mean that we would be able to move forward and have a guaranteed cost savings of about \$200,000 and, well guaranteed about \$170,000 or \$180,000 every year for 15 years, but what one of the citizen advisors, Mr. Franklin stated, was that some of the cost savings is inherent in the equipment that we'll be getting no matter who we go with. Even though we might be spending a little bit more to save a lot, it may not be the most cost effective. It may be, but we don't know, so the reason I voted no was because I wanted to be able to get three bids to find out if the bottom line price would come in lower, not just here's the price, but we're going to guarantee to save this, because I think that guaranteed savings may be consistent with anyone we come in with who might start out lower. I realize the time is of the essence, but I believe if we can – we can probably do both at the same time – still get the bids as well as pursuing with Trane, whatever steps in the process we are with them, but I did not want to forgo the option to have the bids go out and possibly get a lower bottom line or top line price, because I believe the energy savings will be consistent across the board.

Mr. Hancock: I appreciate that. I think in the previous – I think the question is whether we as a Board want to move forward with the Act 39 or we don't. I think we had a pretty lively conversation today, but also I thought we had made that decision at the last General Services Committee that we were going to move forward. I'm comfortable with it given, I'm in total agreement with you on future timelines and how we have a chance to optimize this process, but where we are today and given the track record and some of the things that I've seen, I'm comfortable with it, but we did have a discussion at the previous General Services Committee.

Mrs. Sheffey: Chris, you had mentioned that we did have experience with this at our elementary school, was it the same company and did we realize the savings? I thought we, maybe, exceeded the savings they had projected?

Mr. Morelli: We did exceed, and I don't have those numbers in front of me.

Dr. Faidley: Let me summarize, if you don't mind Mr. Morelli, I can summarize. Yes, we do have previous experience at our elementary school. We are in the second year of cost savings utilizing the Act 39 process. The anticipated projected savings were \$192,211 based on our latest audit. They have exceeded that cost savings. We have saved in the past 2 ½ years \$417,000 as a result of the utilization of Act 39 in the energy savings program.

Mrs. Sheffey: Thank you.

Dr. Faidley: And that was the example used in General Services with that particular company, Trane, we do have a proven track record of them actually meeting their projections.

Mrs. Sheffey: Thank you.

Mr. Morelli: Okay, one last thing. We also talked about the reconstruction of the tennis courts and the cinder track down at Memorial Field that sustained damage in the flooding last fall. We had two options on the table last meeting for the tennis courts. One being continue with the existing location, simply replace it in place or move it to a location north of the varsity baseball fields on Memorial Field, sort of where the old daycare center, if you will, was supposed to be. We discussed that last meeting and we also discussed it at the last General Services meeting. The issue with that location, obviously, a lot more cost and there were all sorts of issues with the parking area and moving something with that activity behind another neighborhood may have caused some issues there with the residents.

The option we decided on as a Board was we would go to bid with only one option and that is we're going to replace the tennis courts at the existing location. We've also going to look with the Township to see if we can work with them on other things over by the rec center – or other locations other by the rec center – or possibly sharing their tennis courts, but for now, for this evening, the agenda item will be to move forward with a bid, just one bid, that being a bid to replace the tennis courts at the existing location at Areba and Homestead.

The other bids that we'll be going out for or authorizing this evening will be bids to replace the cinder track. The cinder track was also damaged in the fall. We had a couple options there. The first option was simply to replace them with cinders. The second being an option to replace the track with a porous asphalt. The third being replace it with a real running track like we have over at the High

School. At the end of the Committee meeting, we discounted the third option, so we've decided to go to bid, and this was unanimous, for both the cinder track option and an option to replace the track with porous asphalt.

Anybody have any other comments?

Mr. Gräb: I just want to clarify, we are requesting bids for those repairs, we're not adopting bids.

Mr. Morelli: Okay, sorry. The other thing, we have some costs for these projects. The tennis courts will be – and these are just estimates, obviously, in the \$160,000 to \$190,000 range with the majority of that or a portion of that being covered by insurance. I believe, we also had discussion the last year or two about replacing the tennis courts to begin with so there was money budgeted for just that also.

Mrs. Sheffey: Thursday of last week the Communications Standing Committee met. Mr. Barrett, do you have a report?

Mr. Barrett: Yes Madam President, thank you, and I'd ask anybody on the Committee to please jump in if I miss something. We had a lot of folks from the public who came to the meeting, which was great. It was really great to see that. We welcomed our new citizen advisors to the Committee, which was great. We covered some things that had come up at the previous meeting concerning the Contact Us page. Mr. Tredinnick, Dan – I'm not too good with last names – actually updated us and made some changes based upon the feedback we received, so thanks Dan for that.

We delved into some new business. Some folks from the High School came down and talked to us about some – the High School course selection – gosh, I keep drawing a blank, I don't know what's the matter with me. The forms that were put online to be able to select courses online, which was really great and this is a first step in the process to kind of start moving away from paper and to start using some of the technology that we have. That was a really great, I think eye-opener for us, so maybe I would suggest maybe that the Board take a look at that or consider taking a look at that in the future, because we need to continue to move toward eliminating as much paper as possible for a number of different reasons.

Also, too, we looked at the website. We got a sneak peek of what the new platform would look like, and I don't want to steal any of Dan's thunder, but he did a nice job with that from what we had seen. I think everybody's going to be very very pleased when that soft launched and then finally launched. Obviously, he has a communications plan to launch that as well.

Also, too, we did have a comment from some of the audience who came to our last Board meeting relating to handouts that are given at each Board meeting. Sometimes the general public feels that they can't follow along with something when it's only given to us. We asked that whoever is presenting, if they can bring extra copies or, hopefully, we'll have it on a pdf that folks in the audience can take a look at and follow while we're actually looking at the same thing. So we asked Dan and everyone else if they do have a presentation to make sure that they do bring extra copies, because that was a good point.

Did I miss anything guys? It was a good meeting, and it was great to have everybody there from the public. That concludes my report Madam President.

Mrs. Sheffey: Okay. What's the timeline on the website changes?

Mr. Barrett: I'll turn that over to Dan.

Mr. Tredinnick: We'll begin the actual platform migration on March 5. During that period of time the existing website will continue to be operational. We expect we're going to need about a week for that actual data migration and we've slotted another week to sort of play around and make sure things work the way they are supposed to work – so mid-March we will be actually taking down the existing site and the new and improved site will become available.

Mr. Barrett: I'd like to note Dan sounds really calm about that, but that's the hardest part of the whole thing.

Mr. Tredinnick: I believe I expressed at the Committee meeting that I have that feeling in the pit of my stomach that can only be described as a combination of excitement, because of the new platform and the new look, I think, is going to be something that our residents appreciate, but I'm also scared to death that we're doing this in the middle of a school year. I'm not sure exactly how to describe my nausea other than that.

Mrs. Sheffey: Thank you. Any other questions?

Mr. Barrett: Oh, Madam President, I did forget one thing. We also looked at website metrics, I kind of glazed over that really quickly, but we looked at the amount of site time that our residents or whoever is utilizing the site is spending on it, so we might want to share that with the Board one day. We will continue to look at those to see who is using the site and where they're going basically. That concludes my report. Thank you.

Mrs. Sheffey: Thank you.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.01 Unfinished Business

None.

NEW BUSINESS

5.01 Approval of Finance Report for January 2012

The Administration recommended the approval of the January 2012 Finance Report as listed.

1.	The Treasurer's Report for the month ending January 31, 2012 were summarized as follows:	
	• General Fund Revenues	\$2,021,634
	• General Fund Expenditures	3,033,496
	• Balance of Cash Plus Investments (Includes \$4,763,441 Capital Reserve)	28,447,267
2.	The listed schedule of investment transactions for the period beginning January 1, 2012 through January 31, 2012 had total interest earnings of \$4,932 comprised of the following:	
	• General Fund	57
	• Money Market	4,042
	• Capital Reserve	833
	• PA Local Government Investment Trust	0
	The average interest rate for January 2012 was .19%	
3.	The January 2012 expenditures for the paid bills for all funds totaled \$1,192,558 excluding net payroll, retirement contributions, and debt service.	
4.	The February 2012 expenditures for the unpaid bills for all funds totaled \$1,349,398.	
5.	The estimated expenditures of the General Fund for the month of February 2012 were in the following amounts:	
	• Operating Expenses	\$1,000,000
	• Utilities	127,300

	• Net Payroll (2 Pays)	1,256,000
	• Employer Provided Insurance	428,300
	• Payroll Deductions	615,000
	• Employer Payroll Taxes (FICA/RET)	143,100
	• Debt Service	<u>0</u>
	Total Estimated Expenditures	\$3,569,700

Dr. Donahue moved the Board approve the Finance Report and was seconded by Dr. Cronin.

Mrs. Sheffey: Is there any discussion?

Mrs. Sheehan: I have something. One thing I noticed on the Middle School and High School activity fund report – the student activity fund report – there’s no reporting for the elementary school and I was wondering perhaps for the next meeting if we can add the elementary school student activity fund to that report please?

Mr. Rineer: The only fund that is at the elementary school is – it’s sort of like a yearbook fund. It is my understanding we have never reported on that, and I don’t believe that PDE requires us to report on that.

Mrs. Sheehan: We can discuss this, but it’s my understanding from the principals that they do have a student activity fund.

Mr. Rineer: I’ll have to discuss that with the principal.

Mrs. Sheehan: Okay.

Roll Call Vote:

Barrett – Yes

Cronin – Yes

Donahue – Yes

Gräb – Yes

Hagan – Yes

Hancock – Yes

Morelli – Yes

Sheehan – Yes

Sheffey - Yes

9 Yes

MOTION CARRIED

5.02 Budget Transfers

Section 687 (d) of the Public School Code provides: The Board of School Directors shall have the power to authorize the transfer of any unencumbered

balance, or any portion thereof, from one class of expenditures or item, to another, but such action shall be taken only during the last nine (9) months of the Fiscal Year."

The Administration recommended the Board authorize the February 2012 budget transfers.

Mr. Morelli moved the Board approve the Budget Transfers and was seconded by Mr. Barrett.

Roll Call Vote:

Barrett – Yes

Cronin – Yes

Donahue – Yes

Gräb – Yes

Hagan – Yes

Hancock – Yes

Morelli – Yes

Sheehan – Yes

Sheffey - Yes

9 Yes

MOTION CARRIED

5.03 Approval to Proceed with Formal Bidding for the Cinder Track Repair and Tennis Court Replacement

The Administration recommended the Board authorize Hayes Large to proceed with formal bidding for the Cinder Track Repair and Tennis Court Replacement which sustained damage from Tropical Storm Lee, September 7, 2011.

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

Roll Call Vote:

Barrett – Yes

Cronin – Yes

Donahue – Yes

Gräb – Yes

Hagan – Yes

Hancock – Yes

Morelli – Yes

Sheehan – Yes

Sheffey - Yes

9 Yes

MOTION CARRIED

5.04 Approval to Authorize Hayes Large to Conduct Services Associated with Land Development for the Proposed Middle School Phase II Project

The Administration recommended Hayes Large to conduct services associated with land development for the proposed Middle School Phase II Project. The

scope of services are included in the Hayes Large proposal in the amount of \$55,190.00.

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

Roll Call Vote:

Barrett – Yes

Gräb – Yes

Morelli – Yes

Cronin – Yes

Hagan – Yes

Sheehan – Yes

Donahue – Yes

Hancock – Yes

Sheffey - Yes

9 Yes

MOTION CARRIED

5.05 Approval to Proceed with Formal Services Pertaining to Guaranteed Energy Savings Project

The Administration recommended the Board authorize Trane to proceed with formal services pertaining to the Guaranteed Energy Savings Project associated with Phase II of Hershey Middle School construction.

Dr. Donahue moved the Board approve to proceed with formal services pertaining to Guaranteed Savings Project and was seconded by Mr. Barrett.

Roll Call Vote:

Barrett – Yes

Gräb – Yes

Morelli – Yes

Cronin – No

Hagan – Yes

Sheehan – No

Donahue – Yes

Hancock – Yes

Sheffey - Yes

7 Yes, 2 No

MOTION CARRIED

5.06 Harrisburg Area Community College - Resolution - Supporting Amendment to Section 1913-A of the Pennsylvania School Code of 1949

The Administration recommended the approval of the Resolution Supporting Amendment to Section 1913-A of the Pennsylvania School Code of 1949.

Resolution

Supporting Amendment to Section 1913-A of the Pennsylvania School Code of 1949

By the Board of Directors of the Derry Township School District

Whereas, school districts in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (Commonwealth) demonstrate their belief in public education and the importance of local school governance and work together collaboratively in the best interest of their respective districts and the students who reside there; and

Whereas, the mission of community colleges in the Commonwealth is to increase the educational attainment level of Pennsylvanians in order to create a vibrant and productive workforce and citizenry that positions the Commonwealth for success on a national and global scale; and

Whereas, the Pennsylvania School Code of 1949 (School Code) mandates a community college must have a local sponsor to be recognized as community college; and

Whereas, HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College (College), has 22 school districts as its local sponsor; and

Whereas, although the original agreement created by HACC and its 22 sponsors, served the needs of both the College and the school districts in 1964, it has become evident that the original agreement is obsolete due to the economic pressures now facing school districts in the Commonwealth; and

Therefore, HACC and its 22 sponsoring school districts have worked collaboratively to identify a legislative remedy that would alleviate the financial provisions contained within the School Code to allow for a more flexible system of negotiation of their respective budgets.

Be it resolved, that the Derry Township School District (School District) supports the proposed amendment to Section 1913-A of the School Code, 24 P.S. § 19-1913-A. Financial program; reimbursement of payments, that will allow for a more flexible environment for both HACC and its sponsoring school districts to work together to develop a budget that is dependable, stable and in the best financial interest of the constituencies they collectively serve; and

Further resolved, the School District will encourage others, including parents, students and district taxpayers, to contact the Pennsylvania General Assembly to advocate for the passage of the stated amendment; and

Further resolved that a copy of this resolution be posted on the School District's website and mailed to all elected state representatives and senators serving the School District in the Pennsylvania General Assembly, and to the Governor of the Commonwealth.

Adopted February 27, 2012

Secretary of the Board of
School Directors

By:_____
President of the Board of School
Directors

Dr. Cronin moved the Board approve the Resolution and was seconded by Dr. Donahue.

Mrs. Sheffey: Is there any discussion?

Dr. Cronin: I just have a quick comment. I just think that this has been a long time coming. This has been a bane of our budget existence, and I just want to commend Dr. Faidley's work with the other school districts to make this discussion that we've been having for so long become very close to a reality, so thank you.

Mrs. Sheffey: Thank you. Anybody else?

Roll Call Vote:

Barrett – Yes

Cronin – Yes

Donahue – Yes

Gräb – Yes

Hagan – Yes

Hancock – Yes

Morelli – Yes

Sheehan – Yes

Sheffey - Yes

9 Yes

MOTION CARRIED

5.07 Appointment of Delegate - Dauphin County Tax Collection Committee

The Administration recommended the Board of School Directors appoint a voting delegate and one or more alternates to represent Derry Township School District to the Dauphin County Tax Collection Committee:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS OF DERRY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT, DAUPHIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPOINTING A VOTING DELEGATE AND ONE OR MORE ALTERNATES TO REPRESENT DERRY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT TO THE DAUPHIN COUNTY TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, Act 32 of 2008, (July 27, 2009, P.L. 197) (hereinafter "Act") mandates the consolidation of the collection of local income taxes; and

WHEREAS, Section 504 of the Act establishes a Tax Collection District ("TCD") in each county; the geographic boundaries of which shall be coterminus with the county in which it is created excepting those municipalities within a school district

located in more than one district with the greatest share of the school district's population based upon the 2000 Federal Decennial Census; and

WHEREAS, Section 505 of the Act provides that each TCD shall be governed by a Tax Collection Committee ("TCC"); and

WHEREAS, Section 505(b) of the Act requires each political subdivision within a TCD to appoint on voting delegate and one or more alternates to represent the political subdivision of the TCC by September 15; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT SO RESOLVED by the Board of School Directors of Derry Township School District, and through the authority of the same, that John Gräb is hereby appointed as the voting delegate representing Derry Township School District on the Dauphin County TCC and appointing Stephen E Rineer as alternate(s) on the TCC.

Dr. Hagan moved the Board approve the appointment and was seconded by Dr. Cronin.

Roll Call Vote:

Barrett – Yes

Cronin – Yes

Donahue – Yes

Gräb – Yes

Hagan – Yes

Hancock – Yes

Morelli – Yes

Sheehan – Yes

Sheffey - Yes

9 Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Board Members: Congratulations

Mr. Rineer: Congratulations Mr. Gräb.

5.08 Requests for the Use of School Facilities

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

<i>Group:</i>	Hershey Soccer Club
<i>Date/Time:</i>	March 21, April 18, May 16, June 20, August 15, September 19, October 17, November 21, 2012 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
<i>Requested Facility:</i>	Middle School LGI
<i>Event:</i>	Soccer Club Monthly Meetings

<i>Fee:</i>	None
<i>Group:</i>	Harrisburg Symphony Youth Orchestra
<i>Date/Time:</i>	May 13, 2012 Noon - 5:00 p.m.
<i>Requested Facility:</i>	High School Auditorium
<i>Event:</i>	Concert
<i>Fee:</i>	As per Lease Agreement
<i>Group:</i>	Township of Derry Parks & Recreation
<i>Date/Time:</i>	June 6, 2012 4:30 - 8:30 p.m.
<i>Requested Facility:</i>	Middle School Cafeteria
<i>Event:</i>	Parents Night for Summer Day Camp
<i>Fee:</i>	None
<i>Group:</i>	Township of Derry Parks & Recreation
<i>Date/Time:</i>	June 11 - August 17, 2012 6:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
<i>Requested Facility:</i>	Middle School Gym, Cafeteria/Kitchen, LGI, 10 Classrooms
<i>Event:</i>	Summer Day Camp Program
<i>Fee:</i>	None
<i>Group:</i>	Township of Derry Parks & Recreation
<i>Date/time:</i>	November 16, 2012 3:00 - 6:30 p.m.
	November 17, 2012 5:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
<i>Requested Facility:</i>	High School Hallways, LGI, Cafeteria
<i>Event:</i>	Winter Arts & Craft Show
<i>Fee:</i>	None

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

Mr. Hancock: Madam President, just a question on the request by the Township of Derry Parks and Recs – are they for the use of the facility June to August. They are aware of our, as of last year, we’re doing a four day work schedule, but there was also some conversation around closing over July 4 holiday. Has that been communicated and is that clear?

Mrs. Sheffey: I’m going to ask Dr. Faidley to answer that. I believe it has.

Dr. Faidley: We have not yet communicated that with the Township, but we will do so.

Mr. Hancock: Thank you.

Mrs. Sheffey: Any other questions?

Mr. Morelli: I believe that – was that the whole week of the July 4 holiday?

Dr. Faidley: Yes.

Mr. Morelli: Okay.

Roll Call Vote:

Barrett – Yes

Cronin – Yes

Donahue – Yes

Gräb – Yes

Hagan – Yes

Hancock – Yes

Morelli – Yes

Sheehan – Yes

Sheffey - Yes

9 Yes

MOTION CARRIED

5.09 Personnel – Resignation

The Administration recommended the approval of the following resignations:

Classified:
Curtier, Sharon Custodian Early Childhood Center Reason: Personal Effective: 02/20/2012 (retroactive)

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

Roll Call Vote:
 Barrett – Yes
 Cronin – Yes
 Donahue – Yes

Gräb – Yes
 Hagan – Yes
 Hancock – Yes

Morelli – Yes
 Sheehan – Yes
 Sheffey - Yes

9 Yes

MOTION CARRIED

5.15 Personnel - General

1.	The Administration recommended the approval of the following appointments:
	Professional:
	Ristau, Ashley (replacing Rebecca Alexander) Psychology Intern District-wide Salary: \$10,000 (no benefits, funded through IDEA) Effective: 08/20/2012 through the end of the 2012-2013 school year
	Classified:
	Schwartz, Jennifer Substitute Teachers' Aide District-wide Salary: \$10.97 per hour Effective: 02/28/2012
2.	The Administration recommended the approval of the following request in accordance with District Policies 435 & 439:
	McGarvey, Kristin* Grade 3 Teacher Elementary School Paid/Unpaid Childbearing/rearing Leave Effective: On or about 05/15/2012 through the end of the 2011-2012 school year
3.	The Administration recommended the approval of the following additions to the 2011-2012 Substitute Teacher List:
	Bender, Denise Millersville University of Pennsylvania (pending certification)
	Sierzega, Kathryn

	B.S. in Middle Childhood Education from Ohio University with certification in Mid-Level Science Education
	Walmer, Alexandra B.S. in Elementary Education from Elizabethtown College
*	This individual is currently an employee and/or volunteer. Clearances are on file.

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

Roll Call Vote:

Barrett – Yes

Gräb – Yes

Morelli – Yes

Cronin – Yes

Hagan – Yes

Sheehan – Yes

Donahue – Yes

Hancock – Yes

Sheffey - Yes

9 Yes

MOTION CARRIED

DELEGATES REPORTS

6.01 Dauphin County Technical School Report

No report.

6.02 Harrisburg Area Community College Report

No report.

6.03 Capital Area Intermediate Unit Report

Mrs. Sheffey: We met Thursday, February 23. We approved the marketplace services that the IU would provide. I will send all of you a list of that. They really expanded the technology services they provide. The online, we call it HOLA, they call it CAOLA. That's a new initiative from the IU. We participate in that. They also have Agenda Manager, which is similar to Board Docs. I think it's actually a little more user friendly – that's something maybe we as a District would be interested in when our Board Docs contract expires, but there's a whole list of services they provide and you can all take a look at that. On that list of services are special education – those rates are estimates. At the end of the

year they do reconcile the actual costs of the services, so what you see there are recommended rates.

We also had a report from the CASA Strategic Planning Committee. I'll provide a little background for all of you. I'm new to that board so I might get it wrong, but I think I've got it now. CASA's been operating at a loss. I think you all saw that in the papers in the past year. It's really not a reflection on the quality of the program. Students who attend CASA do go on to pursue careers in the arts. They do go on to very prestigious arts colleges, so it's a great program, the problem is many school districts like ours have chosen not to fund CASA. When we're looking at eliminating programs from your budget, you usually select those that provide services to the least number of students. The funding isn't there. The interest is though. They had 75 students audition for next year, so the interest is there, it's a good program. It's a well recognized program. There are many patrons of the arts in Harrisburg who have come together and raised funds to offer scholarships to students and that's really how its managed to operate this year and how they anticipate it will operate next year, but that's obviously not a sound long-term solution. That's why they developed the CASA Strategic Planning Committee.

As of now, the consensus of the committee is to recommend that CASA become a charter school. As a sending school district, that really isn't in our best interest. Right now the cost of CASA is \$5,000 per student. We don't fund it. Our parents who choose to send their children there fund it or they get a scholarship, but if CASA becomes a charter school, we will have to pay the cost and it will probably be significantly higher. What the Strategic Planning Committee has decided to do is to work with whatever entity would take over and run CASA as a charter and to work with them to ensure the quality of the program is maintained, but also to find a way to keep the cost at a reasonable level for sending school districts. One of the things they're thinking about: right now CASA is only – it does not provide the academic program, it really just provides the special arts curriculum. If it becomes a charter, it will have to provide a full day academic and specialized curriculum. What they're thinking about is having the entity that takes over contract back with the sending school district to provide the academics and that would then decrease the cost. That's where it's moving. I think it's a wonderful program, and I am hopeful that something will happen so that it can continue.

Mr. Hancock: Madam President, just a question. I know the previous Board wrestled with the decision on support of this, and I know that it was a fairly lively debate. I'm just curious how many Derry Township students presently are enrolled in CASA?

Mrs. Sheffey: Three. We have three students enrolled and the parents are supporting the costs or paying the costs. I don't know if any of them are getting a scholarship or if their parents are footing the bills themselves.

Then at the end of the meeting we have Board members just share what their districts are doing. The Cumberland Valley representative had discussed that their board is drafting a resolution to the Governor and members of the Education Committee requesting relief related to PSERS contributions. They will be sharing that draft resolution with all of the school districts. I will share that with our Finance Committee. I think it's something that we should also consider being a part of.

As that discussion came up, the Carlisle representative mentioned: well how about charter schools, especially if CASA becomes a charter school. Right now charter schools are not required to meet the same accountability standards as public schools, so perhaps we should draft a resolution asking that charter schools be held to the same standards. We'll be working on that and when we have a draft, I'll share that with everyone.

Are there any questions? That concludes my report.

6.04 Derry Township Tax Collection Association Report

Mrs. Sheehan: We met on February 23. We had some public comments, primarily just questions concerning the one year ID Elite Credit Monitoring program that Security Savings Systems is providing to those who had their information compromised. We were informed that Security Savings Systems has never had an error like this in the past. This was their first time. We also were informed that Social Security numbers will no longer be used on the 1099-Gs moving forward.

We had continued discussion on appointing a Treasurer for the Association and the Board is hoping to appoint a Treasurer at our next meeting, which is scheduled for March 22. Did I miss anything, John?

Mr. Gräb: The Tax Collection Association is also looking for a certified public accountant that lives in Derry Township who might like to volunteer their services.

Mrs. Sheehan: Who would also be the Treasurer.

Mrs. Sheffey: Okay, thank you.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS (Non-Agenda Items)

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

Mr. Whiston: Hello my name is Thomas Whiston. Last week I sent the Board and the Superintendent an e-mail. It was, I filed a formal complaint regarding Mr. Brandon Bucher and his conduct during this year's wrestling season. Mr. Murphy, by e-mail, has confirmed the receipt of the complaint. This complaint has been sent to the Board and to the children who wrestled for Mr. Bucher this year. That's why I'm here. I here to make sure that you guys all got it. Did everybody get it?

Response: Yes.

Mr. Whiston: Yes. Okay, thank you.

Mrs. Sheffey: Okay and we don't discuss personnel matters publicly, so thank you for understanding that. I know Dr. Faidley is looking into this matter. Any other comments?

SPECIAL REPORTS

8.01 School Community Information Report

Mr. Tredinnick: Insomuch as we talked about the upcoming launch of the new District website during the Standing Committee reports, I have no additional report at this time.

8.02 Board Members' Report

Mr. Hancock: I just want to make a comment that Mr. Morelli and I had the opportunity this past weekend to attend the Pennsylvania School Board Association session regarding leadership and advocacy issues and appreciate the Board providing us the opportunity. It was a very lively day and a half session. A lot of take aways and I'll have a full report. Chris and I will get together and provide – there's a ton of, wealth of information which we received and we'll try to synthesize it down into a readable document and provide it to the rest of the Board. Thank you.

Mrs. Sheffey: Excellent. Dr. Faidley, how about we add that at our March 13 meeting under our Informational Section and then any attachments you have we can add to Board Docs for everybody to see.

Mr. Morelli: I'd just like to echo Bruce's comments. It was a great session and covered a ton of stuff which we will report on next time. While we were up there and this leads me into my next comment regarding commercial partnerships and sponsorships. We have drafted an agreement to be used. It's been reviewed by legal and has been sent back to us. We will probably have it for your review soon. The next thing we need to do with the process is create an application that companies would use to advertise with us.

While we were up there, one of the gentlemen from, I believe, Parkland School District, and I think they were in the paper a week or so ago, they advertise on their school buses, actually inside the school buses, which I found interesting. We can have some discussion about it. I know when we talked about the program we – one of the requirements is we keep it out of the classroom obviously, but this was interesting and they were using things like colleges to advertise inside the buses, so I'll probably be bringing that subject up again as we get closer to implementing that program.

I went through the Broadcaster that was in our Board packets last meeting and it's interesting – a great paper. The kids do a great job and there are two articles that caught my eye. One was on the parking situation at the High School, and I guess there's a lot of guys complaining about their parking assignments and how far they have to walk. You know, a lot of us in Derry Township, and I include myself in this statement are kind of spoiled. We like to drive right up to whatever building it is and walk in, but, you know, it was just funny because I think about these guys are getting ready – especially the seniors are getting ready to go to college next year and for those that will probably go up to Penn State and there are many from our District that go up there, it's almost like 13th grade if you walk around, you keep walking into kids from Hershey. It will be interesting if their dorm is at East Halls out by Beaver Stadium and they have to walk across campus for an 8:00 meeting or a class. They'll wish they had the close parking space they have at the High School, so I commend the Administration for doing what it takes to keep them happy, because where I used to work they had assigned spaces for managers and above. It was a nightmare for the poor guy that was in charge of that. So, enjoy your parking space now, because I think, like I said, after you leave High School, you probably won't have an assigned space for a long time, unless of course you're handicapped or pregnant female.

All kidding aside, the other article that really caught my eye was the article about Facebook. The author gave, you know, a couple of good, I believe, a couple of real good hints on keeping your data secure and private so only your friends and family can see things the way you can sent up your account. I think it's important that you do that. I think it's important that Administrators in the District continue to tell our children how to secure what they do on these computers, and it's really nice to see that. Now the students are taking some responsibility and helping other students get that message across to other students. You cannot be secure enough when it comes to digital media. Everything you enter on your phone, or

your texts, or on any of these accounts, whether you think it's private or not is on somebody's server someplace, and it's public. I would consider anything you say or type or put in your phone, just consider that – when you do it (1) your mom and dad and your High School principal are there with you and (2) everybody in the community is going to see it, because once it's out there, it's out there. I know local employers, even for summer jobs, like to look at Facebook just to see what kind of kids they're hiring. So it's just good, and I'm glad to see that, you know, the students and the District are helping in that battle, because it can get out of hand real quick.

One last thing. The General Service Committee, like a lot of the other committees this year got some new citizen advisors. Mike Leonard was on our committee last year and left, because his term was up and decided not to renew, but I wanted to publicly thank him for all the work he did. As a matter of fact, one of the things he did as a citizen advisor and continues to do today as even a member of the audience is, obviously, challenge ideas and some of the things that we're trying to do to make sure we have enough information to make some good sound decisions. One of the things he was involved with a year or so ago was the District-purchased radios for District Administrators, nurses, things like that around the campus. That process in my mind was directly tied to one of the most important things that we're here for – every one of us in this room – and that's student safety. I commend him for his service, obviously to the community and on that project and for giving us his time as a citizen advisor. Thank you.

Mrs. Sheffey: Are there any other Board member reports?

8.03 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Faidley: Thank you Madame President. My comments at this Board meeting center around food – one of my favorite topics. The United States Department of Agriculture recently unveiled new standards that will result in healthier meals for students across the nation. The new school meal requirements will raise standards for the first time in more than 15 years and will help improve the health of 32 million school-aged children across our country. The healthier meal requirements are a key component of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act.

The new regulations were built around recommendations from a panel of experts convened by the Institute of Medicine — a gold standard for evidence-based health analysis. The standards were also updated with key changes from the 2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans – the federal government's benchmark for nutrition.

The final standards make the same kinds of practical changes in the school meals programs that many parents are already encouraging at home, including:

- Ensuring students are offered both fruits and vegetables every day of the week;
- Substantially increasing offerings of whole grain-rich foods for all age groups. Increased portion size of fruits and vegetables for High School students;
- Offering only fat-free or low-fat milk varieties;
- Limiting calories based on the age of children being served to ensure proper portion size;
- Increasing the focus on reducing the amounts of saturated fat, trans fats and sodium.

The motto of the Derry Township School District Food Service Department is “We Serve Education Everyday.” Students need to be well-nourished to meet their daily academic challenges. Our cafeterias have been making evidence-based nutritional improvements to their offerings over the course of the past few years. Our students have seen an increase in the wide variety of fruits and vegetables that are offered every day. Menus, ingredients and recipes are constantly being evaluated to lower fat, sodium and increase whole grain offerings. This past year all milk options offered are non-fat options only.

As the new meal standards are implemented beginning next school year, parents and students will continue to see the same type of positive changes in our menus and food offerings to which they have become accustomed. As parents, we understand that our children need to be continuously introduced to new food options and variety and balance is the key to a proper diet. Our Food Service Department will continue to partner with local chefs and work with parent volunteers to hold sampling events in an effort to expose our students to new and nutritious foods. New and nutritious food items will also be introduced to our students on our menus.

Our cafeterias will continue to be not just a place where breakfast and lunch are served but also learning labs where education takes place. Through the District’s partnership with Penn State’s Dietetic Program, interns will assist District teachers in providing nutritional education. During meal service, students will continue to have the opportunity to express their likes and dislikes to the food service staff.

In closing, I’d like to say as these national standards start to roll out, we will see many changes in how we operate food service programs across our nation. This is just the beginning of the education process. There are thousands of pages in this document that I’ve summarized in one page and a half. So, more to come on this issue, but in closing, I think I’d also like to share that I appreciate the proactive measures that Greg Hummel takes on a monthly basis to ensure that our students have a variety of options to choose from, because coming from other districts, working in other districts, that is not always the case. I think we need to be very proud of what our children are offered and the approach that Mr.

Hummel has chosen to take with educating our students about healthy nutrition. Madam President that concludes my report.

8.04 Board President's Report

Mrs. Sheffey: I think it's important that we as a Board stay on top of what's happening in public education, nationally and at the state level as well as what's happening here at the local level in our District. There are three opportunities for all of us to be better informed and I will forward that information to all of you tomorrow. One of them I learned about at the IU, so sorry for the late notice. It's a conference call with Tom Gentzel who is the PSBA Executive Director. It's really an opportunity for school board members to just call in and ask questions about what's happening in their district and how the state will potentially be responding to it and what PSBA is doing on our behalf. That conference call is tomorrow at noon, so I'll get that information to you tonight or first thing in the morning if you're interested.

The other is the National School Board Association has a webinar called Building a Stronger Relationship with Your Community – the Power of Engagement. It's free for members and we are a member district. It is Wednesday, March 14 from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Now non-members can participate, it just has a cost of \$75 and, Chris, I thought you might want to send this to your full committee and rather than have our citizen advisors have to pay for that, maybe they can join up with a Board member who is interested and participate with the Board member, so I'll get that to everybody.

The last is really a save the date at this point. It's Wednesday, April 18 and it's PSBA's legislative meeting. I did attend it last year and it was really good to hear directly from the legislatures what they're planning on doing in areas of the budget, because the budget will probably be the hot topic. It's a save the date at this point, but I'll get all of that to all of you – Wednesday, April 18 at 7:30 p.m.

We're all here tonight, so I'd like Dan if you have your camera.

Mr. Tredinnick: I apologize, but we are not prepared to take that photo.

Mrs. Sheffey: Okay, there will not be a Board picture.

Dr. Cronin: Ellen, real quickly on the webinar. Is that something that would be appropriate for other committees besides Communication – the topic?

Mrs. Sheffey: I will send it to everybody and if you're interested, you can go ahead . . .

Dr. Cronin: The reason I asked is because I was wondering if there was a way that we could get a room, because it's a webinar, all we need is one site. If we could get a room such as this and have it up there and whoever wants to attend. If there's enough interest.

Mrs. Sheffey: That's a good idea. I'll send out the information and everybody respond to me if you're interested and I'll try and arrange something if we have the interest, okay? I'll arrange it with you Dr. Faidley?

9.01 Adjournment

Mrs. Sheffey: The next School Board meeting will be held Monday, March 12, 2012 in the High School LGI room.

Dr. Cronin moved to adjourn, with a second by Dr. Hagan and, approved by unanimous voice vote by all members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen E. Rineer
Secretary to the Board
Approved at the March 12, 2012 meeting

Mrs. Ellen Sheffey
President of the Board

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