

United School District
Regular Board Meeting
March 10, 2009

The Regular Board Meeting of the United School Directors was held on Tuesday, March 10, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Junior-Senior High School library.

Members Present: Robert Dill, Trudy DeRubis, Norma Carpenter, Daniel Clevenger, Pamela Fisher, Kenneth Heming, Tommey Heming, Denise Miller-Buzzinotti

Members Absent: Dorothy Muchesko

Others Present: Dr. Kathy Myers Wunder, Superintendent
Karl Olschesky, Director of Finance/Board Secretary
Dan Henning, Director of Education
Robert Jones, Student Services Coordinator
Patricia Berezansky, Elementary Principal
Christopher Theys, Assistant Elementary Principal/Transportation Coordinator
Lewis Kindja, High School Principal
Aaron Steinly, Assistant High School Principal
Edward Sutter, Facilities Coordinator
Edwin Clark, Solicitor
Molly Ihli, Reading Program Coordinator/Title I Coordinator
Barb Turner, Board Recording Secretary

Executive Session: Pam Fisher moved to enter into Executive Session at 7:02 p.m. Tommey Heming seconded the motion. YEA, All voted yes. (Personnel)

Return from Executive Session: Trudy DeRubis moved to go back into the Agenda at 7:21 p.m. Ken Heming seconded the motion. YEA, all voted yes.

Approval of the Minutes: Ken Heming moved to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2009 Special Board Meeting, the February 3, 2009 Work Session, the February 10, 2009 Regular Board Meeting, the February 17, 2009 Transportation Committee Meeting, and the February 19, 2009 Board Policy and Education Committee Meeting. Tommey Heming seconded the motion. YEA, all voted yes.

Treasurer's Report: Dan Clevenger read and moved to approve the treasurer's report. Pam Fisher seconded the motion. YEA, all voted yes.

Payment of Bills: Trudy DeRubis moved to pay bills when funds become available. Ken Heming seconded the motion. YEA, all voted yes.

PRESENTATIONS: Bob Jones reviewed his presentation on the Special Services Budget. Dan Henning presented information for Title II Federal Programs Budget, and Molly Ihli presented the I Federal Budget. Mrs. Ihli was asked to give a report on the reading program at the May meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Robert Dill complimented Ed Sutter on compliments he received from people who attended the basketball tournaments on how clean the high school building was. **Bob Jones** announced that we will apply for exceptional student subsidy next year, and said that the district does expect to receive some additional funding from the economic stimulus package. **Patricia Berezansky** announced that the district will be moving up the registration for Kindergarten to April. **Lewis Kindja** thanked the students and staff for the quick and efficient evacuation of the building on Friday. **Aaron Steinly** thanked Krise Bus for their help with the green initiative recycling program. He gave a short update on CFF, and recognized Mr. Manges for his work in the program. He announced that a St. Francis representative will attend the fashion show. **Karl Olschesky** reported that they will need to schedule a Finance Committee Meeting to discuss the food service management company proposals. **Dr. Wunder** asked the Board to make a decision on the paperless board meetings.

ATHLETIC/STUDENT ACTIVITIES: Daniel Clevenger moved to approve the following items: (A – B)

Volunteers: A. The list of volunteers for the 2008-2009 school year, pending receipt of proper documentation:

Kerry Stewart – Softball (Score Keeper) – (Susan Mrosky) – reoccurring
Kate Kendrick – Track – (William Lichtenfels)
Eric Skedel – Track – (William Lichtenfels)

Fundraisers: B. The following list of fundraisers for the 2008-2009 school year:

FFA	Farmer's Market	Month of May
Student Council	Mini-Thon	April 25
Eighth Grade Class	Five Guys % of Sales	March 12

Trudy DeRubis seconded the motion. Roll Call was as follows: YEA, all voted yes. Motion carried.

BOARD POLICY: Denise Miller-Buzzinotti moved to approve the following items: (A – B)

Policy #118: A. The first reading of all new policies and/or changes to the Board Policy Book for Section 100, policy #118 Independent Study.

Policy #810: B. The first reading of revised Board Policy Book for Section 800, policy #810 Transportation.

Pam Fisher seconded the motion. Roll Call was as follows: YEA, all voted yes. Motion carried.

BUILDING & GROUNDS: Feasibility Study Architectural Firm: Ken Heming moved to approve the architectural firm of HHSDR to conduct a Feasibility Study for possible district building and grounds renovations. Tommey Heming seconded the motion. Roll Call was as follows: YEA, all voted yes. Motion carried.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION: Trudy DeRubis moved to approve the following items: (A – G)

PA Assoc. of Pupil Services Admin. Conference: A. Activity Request from Bob Jones to attend the PA Association of Pupil Services Administrators Conference, in Lancaster, PA, on the dates of April 22 - 24, 2009, at a cost of \$195.00. Budgeted funds are available.

Eighth Grade Field Trip to Washington, D.C.: B. Activity Request from John Dunn to attend the Eighth Grade Field Trip to Washington, D.C., on the date of May 22, 2009, four chaperones will also attend, they are as follows: Justin Henning - at a cost of \$80.00 for substitute, Amy Shellhammer – no substitute cost, Judy Shomo – no substitute cost, Barbara Hudnall – no substitute cost, Budgeted funds are available.

State Wrestling Tournament: C. Activity Request from Mike Wilt to attend the State Wrestling Tournament, in Hershey, PA, on the dates of March 4 – 7, 2009, at a cost of \$1,436.94. (Two students will attend) Budgeted funds are available.

Donation: D. The donation of \$50.00 from Diane Reed-Hayes, in memory of Paula Elkin, sister of

Cindy Watta, to the elementary library to purchase books.

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CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION continued:

- Nursing School Affiliation: E. The School District Affiliation Agreement with the University Of Pittsburgh School of Nursing from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009.
- PMEA All-State Chorus/Band Festival/Conference: F. Activity Request from Acey Gongaware to attend the PMEA All-State Chorus and Band Festival/Conference, at Valley Forge, PA, on the dates of April 22 – 25, 2009, at a cost of \$1, 650.08. (Two students will attend) Budgeted funds are available.
- Textbook Adoption: G. The adoption of Textbooks for the 2009-2010 school year:
Materials and Big Books – MacMillan/McGraw Hill - \$1,006.00 for Kindergarten
All Together – MacMillan/McGraw Hill - \$3,000.00 for First Grade
People and Places – MacMillan/McGraw Hill - \$3,000.00 for Second Grade
Communities – MacMillan/McGraw Hill - \$3,300.00 for Third Grade
Regions – Scotts Foresman - \$5,601.75 for Fourth Grade
The United States – Scott Foresman - \$6,525.75 for Fifth Grade
The World – Scott Foresman - \$6,746.25 for Sixth Grade
Exploring our World – Glencoe - \$6,798.00 for Seventh Grade
The American Journey – Glencoe - \$7,197.00 for Eighth Grade
World History – Glencoe - \$5,439.00 for Ninth Grade
World History – Glencoe - \$5,439.00 for Tenth Grade
American Vision: Modern Times – Glencoe - \$5,319.30 for Eleventh Grade
U.S. Government – Glencoe - \$5,130.30 for Twelfth Grade
Street Law – Glencoe - \$1,944.00 for Elective
Sociology – Glencoe - \$2,159.10 for Elective

Pam Fisher seconded the motion. Roll Call was as follows: YEA, all voted yes. Motion carried.

FINANCE: Ken Heming moved to approve the following items: (A – D)

- PPT Program: A. The PPT (Pregnant and Parenting Teens) Program with ARIN at a cost of \$900.00.
- Local Tax Committee: B. The appointment of Karl Olschesky as the school district’s delegate, and Lori Cramer-Nagle as alternate to the local tax committee required by Act 32 of 2008 for the collection of earned income taxes.
- ARIN General Operating Budget: C. The Resolution approving the ARIN IU General Operating budget for the 2009-2010 school year, and United’s share of \$30,853.00.
- Credit Application: D. A credit application with Advance Auto Parts.

Dan Clevenger seconded the motion. Roll Call was as follows: YEA, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Executive Session: Pam Fisher moved to enter into Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. Norma Carpenter seconded the motion. YEA, All voted yes. (Personnel)

Return from Executive Session: Ken Heming moved to go back into the Agenda at 8:43 p.m. Denise Buzzinotti seconded the motion. YEA, all voted yes.

PERSONNEL: Pamela Fisher moved to approve the following items: (A – L)

- Jr. High Girls' Basketball Coach: A. The resignation of Dana Adams from her supplemental position of Jr. High Girls' Basketball Coach, effective immediately, pending receipt of proper documentation.
- Afterschool Tutors: B. Approving the following teachers for Second Grade Afterschool Tutors as an extension of the current elementary homework club: Maxine Toth Sherry Lucas
- Resignation: C. The resignation of Sandra Shope as substitute aide, effective immediately.
- Hire Aide Personal Care Aide Forest Hills SD: D. Retroactively hire Lisa Akers as Aide – Personal Care Aide, effective February 27, 2009, with current assignment to a district student in an out-of-district placement at the Forest Hills School District, with a starting date upon release of her current employer, pending receipt of proper documentation.
- Teacher Resignation: E. The resignation, with much regret, due to retirement, of Patricia Lundberg; effective the last day of school. (Or determined date). Mrs. Lundberg has dedicated herself to education, most recently as a K4 Teacher, and has served our district for 37 years.
- Teacher Resignation: F. The resignation, with much regret, due to retirement, of Molly Ihli; effective on June 30, 2009. Mrs. Ihli has dedicated herself to education, most recently as a Title I / Reading Coordinator, and has served our district for 36 years.
- Teacher Resignation: G. The resignation, with much regret, due to retirement, of Roxie Berzansky; effective June 3, 2009, or at the end of this school year. Mrs. Berzansky has dedicated herself to education, most recently as a First Grade Teacher, and has served our district for 36 years.
- Teacher Resignation: H. The resignation, with much regret, due to retirement, of Patricia McClintock; effective at the conclusion of the 2008-2009 school year. Mrs. McClintock has dedicated herself to education, most recently as a Social Studies Teacher, and has served our district for 17 years.
- Substitute Aide: I. The following list of Substitute Aides for the 2008-2009 school year, pending receipt of proper documentation: Kimberly Fatula – Elementary
- Head Varsity Football Coach: J. Hiring Gregory Mytrysak for the supplemental position of Head Varsity Football Coach, for the 2009-2010 school year, at a salary of \$4,524.59, pending receipt of proper documentation.
- Jr. High Assistant Volleyball Coach: K. Hiring Brittany Miller for the supplemental position of Jr. High Assistant Volleyball Coach, for the 2008-2009 school year, at a salary of \$1,273.94, pending receipt of proper documentation.
- Substitute Bus Driver: L. The following list of Substitute Bus Drivers for the 2008-2009 school year, pending certification and licensing: Robert Hicks

Denise Buzzinotti seconded the motion. Roll Call was as follows: YEA, all voted yes, except for Tommey Heming and Ken Heming who voted NAY to item J. Motion carried.

TRANSPORTATION: Bus Contract: Tommey Heming moved to approve the bus contract by and between Student Transport of America, (d.b.a. Krise Bus, Inc.), and the United School District for a period of July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2014. Dan Clevenger seconded the motion. Roll Call was as follows: YEA, all voted yes. Motion carried.

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Robert Dill thanked Tommey Heming for all her hard work, and stated that he was glad to continue service with Krise.

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS:

Public Relations-Denise Miller-Buzzinotti (Representative) - see attached
ARIN Report - Robert Dill (Representative) – None
Legislative Report - Daniel Clevenger (Representative) - see attached
Technology Center Report - Ken Heming (Representative) – None

Robert Dill read a statement and announced that he will not be seeking another term in the next election.

Executive Session: Pam Fisher moved to enter into Executive Session at 8:55 p.m. Norma Carpenter seconded the motion. YEA, All voted yes. (Personnel)

Return from Executive Session: Dan Clevenger moved to go back into the Agenda at 10:03 p.m. Norma Carpenter seconded the motion. YEA, all voted yes.

Trudy DeRubis moved to adjourn the meeting, Ken Heming seconded.
Meeting was adjourned at 10:04 p.m.

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