

MIDDLETOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Board Meeting
April 27, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Members in attendance were: Newton Davis, Gordon Einhorn, Melvin Fager, Terry Gilman, David John, Barbara Layne, and Michael Richards.

Members not in attendance were: Sheila Evans and Pamela Price.

Staff/Public in attendance were: Dr. Richard Weinstein, Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Lori Suski, Assistant Superintendent; David Franklin, Assistant to the Superintendent for Finance and Operations; Marie Drazenovich, Director of Assessment and Support Services; Brianna Miller, Andrea Holtry, Maureen Denis, Tim Neff, Terri O’Neil, and Steve Carson, High School Teachers; Belinda Dupes, Ashley Houseal, Sue Senft, Gwen Martz, Jessica Hoopes, Stefanie Trafecanty, Tiffany Mittereder, Marianne Moore, and Justin Smith, Elementary Teachers; Tina Shope, Support Staff; Thomas Shaffer and Earl Bright, Elementary Principals; Kevin Cook, Middle School Principal; Debra Schell and Phyllis Zimmerman, Reporters; Heidi Zula, Human Resources and Communications Administrator; Cindy Magee and Fletcher Vollmer, Nutrition Group; Tyler Roberts, Rotary Student of the Month for April; Jordane Cleckner, Student of the Month for April; Harjit Singh and Alex Seiger Key Club Representatives; Adam Carricato, Student Council Representative; Sarah Fluke and Charles Trayer, Outstanding Fifth Grade Reid Elementary Students; Karlee Deibler and Joshua Alcock, Outstanding Eighth Grade Students; Tammy James, Annie Shaver, Kathy and Michelle Stouffer, Raider Extreme Coaches and Cheerleading Squad; Jack Still, Joshua, Paula and Rob Alcock, Marlin and Judy Biesecker, Bill and Norma Alcock, Richard and Gerte Boudier, Jim, Lois, Michael, and Kayce Deibler, Stacey Frost, Melissa Cleckner, Nickie, Mike, and Sam Fluke, and Tarisha, Jim, Brannen, and Kaitlyn Slough, Interested Students and Citizens; and Shelley Witmer, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent.

- Call to Order** Ms. Layne called the meeting to order and asked those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent meditation.
- Roll Call** Ms. Layne asked the Secretary, David Franklin, to call the roll. A quorum was present as noted above.
- Minutes** Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Gilman seconded a motion to approve the Minutes of the March 28, 2011 School Board Meeting. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.
- Treasurer’s Report** Mr. Einhorn moved and Mr. Richards seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report for March 2011. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

Bill Lists

1. Mr. Einhorn moved and Mr. John seconded a motion to approve the "**List of Paid Bills**" with totals by fund, as detailed. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

Fund 10 -	General Fund	\$170,540.04
Fund 32 -	Capital Reserve Fund	\$0
Fund 39 -	Capital Projects Fund	\$0
Fund 51 -	Food Service Fund	\$0
Fund 59 -	WMSS Radio Station Fund	\$379.76
Fund 81 -	Student Activities Fund	\$10,314.44

2. Mr. Einhorn moved and Mr. Richards seconded a motion to approve the "**List of Unpaid Bills**" with totals by fund, as detailed. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

Fund 10 -	General Fund	\$577,191.98
Fund 32 -	Capital Reserve Fund	\$711.00
Fund 39 -	Capital Projects Fund	\$0
Fund 51 -	Food Service Fund	\$109,447.05
Fund 59 -	WMSS Radio Station Fund	\$4,550.00
Fund 81 -	Student Activities Fund	\$3,664.58

Introduction of Meeting Guests and Presentations

Student Comments

Dr. Weinstein introduced Alex Seiger and Adam Carricato. The students reported on the activities of Student Council.

Dr. Weinstein introduced Harjit Singh and Alex Seiger. The students reported on the activities of Key Club.

Recognitions

Dr. Weinstein introduced Tyler Roberts as the Rotary Student of the Month for April and Jordane Cleckner as the Student of the Month for April. The students introduced their parents, described their school interests and activities, and presented their plans after graduation. Tyler Roberts selected Mr. Tim Neff as the educator who had most influenced his school career. Jordane Cleckner selected Ms. Terri O'Neil as the educator who had most influenced her school career. The students and teachers came forward to be congratulated by the Board members.

Mr. Bright introduced Sarah Fluke and Charles Trayer as the outstanding Reid Elementary School Students. Mr. Cook introduced

Karlee Deibler and Joshua Alcock as the outstanding Eighth Grade Students. The principals gave brief descriptions of the students' accomplishments. The students came forward to be congratulated by the Board members.

Dr. Weinstein introduced Coach Tammy James who reviewed the accomplishments of the Raider Extreme Competition Squad. The Senior Team was the East Coast U.S. Finals Champions and Reach the Beach National Champions. The Junior Team was the East Coast U.S. Finals Champions. Coach James came forward to receive a certificate from Dr. Weinstein.

Presentations

Mr. Franklin stated that there would not be a formal presentation about the 2011-2012 budget, but instead commented that the administration anticipates presenting a proposed final budget in May, as required by Act 1, that will not have a deficit and will have a tax increase that is lower than presented in the preliminary draft of the budget in February.

Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010: Mr. Franklin reviewed legislation adopted at the end of 2010 and discussed the impact on the school district. Mr. Franklin noted that one focus of the Act is to improve nutritional standards of food sold in schools. Mr. Franklin reviewed several requirements of the Act, including providing free water during meal service, the developing menus that are whole-grain rich, serving only fat free of low-fat milk, increasing fruit and vegetable portions in meals, lowering sodium content in meals, increasing paid lunch prices so that they are equal to the federal reimbursement amount for free meals... Mr. Franklin stated that the last requirement will force the District to increase meal prices by 10 cents for the 2011-2012 school year. Mr. Franklin noted that the food service operations are self-supporting and that no General Fund support is given to the food service fund.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Public Comment

Mr. Jack Still suggested that comments be allowed during the meeting instead of just at the beginning since the District has gone paperless.

Ms. Layne responded and said that the District has saved money by

going paperless and said that the agendas are available on-line for review prior to the meeting.

Mr. Scott Strohecker expressed disappointment that the Buildings & Grounds Committee did not support his request to use a field for his community sports team. Mr. Strohecker expressed displeasure that another organization like PA Krunch was allowed to use District fields when there are players on that team that do not reside in the school district. Mr. Strohecker felt that he should be allowed to use a field because he is a taxpayer and the parents of his team are taxpayers. Mr. Strohecker commented about the grant used to obtain District land that requires that community use be permitted. Mr. Strohecker also commented about the time that he devotes to the school district for the Pathway program.

Mr. Richards said that a conflict existed on dates requested between his team and District sports.

Dr. Weinstein said that the request was not specific enough. Dr. Weinstein suggested that Mr. Strohecker revise his request and present it to the Buildings & Grounds Committee again for consideration.

Personnel Committee Report Mr. John reported for the Personnel Committee.

Communications The Minutes from the April 12, 2011 Personnel Committee Meeting were made available as an information item.

Resignations Mr. John moved and Mr. Davis seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Dan Yoder, Custodian 1B, effective April 4, 2011. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

Mr. John moved and Mr. Gilman seconded a motion to rescind the furlough of Rob Flury, Custodian 1A, effective August 12, 2011 and accept the resignation of Rob Flury, effective June 10, 2011. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

Leave of Absence Requests Mr. John moved and Mr. Einhorn seconded a motion to approve or post-approve the leave of absence requests listed below. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

1. Karen Shupp, Learning Support Instructional Aide - Family Medical Leave beginning February 6, 2011 until February 25, 2011 and Intermittent Family Medical Leave beginning February 28, 2011

until March 9, 2011

2. Cheryl Starr, Elementary Teacher - Intermittent Family Medical Leave beginning February 15, 2011 until February 14, 2012
3. Debra Hilbolt, Elementary Teacher - Leave without Pay on February 25, 2011
4. Cherie Fake, High School Teacher - Family Medical Leave beginning April 4, 2011 until April 15, 2011 and Intermittent Family Medical Leave from April 16, 2011 until July 1, 2011
5. Michael Donghia, High School Teacher - Family Medical Leave beginning April 5, 2011 until the end of the 2010-2011 school year
6. Ron West, Custodian 1B - Leave without Pay on April 13, 2011
7. Mary Popp, Custodian 1A - Family Medical Leave beginning April 7, 2011 until on or about June 2, 2011
8. Lauren Buckner, Middle School Teacher - Leave without Pay on April 20, 2011 and April 26, 2011 through April 29, 2011
9. Fallon Aurentz, Middle School Teacher - Child-Rearing Leave beginning on or about April 29, 2011 until the end of the 2010-2011 school year
10. Dory Corsnitz, Custodian 1B - Family Medical Leave beginning on or about July 29, 2011 until on or about September 23, 2011
11. Rachael Stark, Middle School Teacher - Family Medical Leave beginning August 15, 2011 until on or about September 15, 2011 and Child-Rearing Leave beginning on or about September 16, 2011 until the end of the first semester of the 2011-2012 school year

**Change of
Employment Status**

Mr. John moved and Mr. Davis seconded the motion to rescind the furlough of Jacob Burger, Part-Time Custodian and furlough Donald Graham, Part-Time Courier, effective August 12, 2011 due to the seniority bumping rights outlined in the MAESPA Collective Bargaining Agreement. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

Mr. John moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to change the employment status of the individual listed below. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

1. Jessica Fetter from Substitute Teacher to Long-Term Substitute Teacher at \$95 per day and a pro-rated salary of \$41,300 (Bachelors, Step 1) beginning with the 21st day plus \$500 pro-rated special education stipend to fill a vacancy created by the retirement of Christine Shiffler beginning April 4, 2011 until the end of the 2010-2011 school year.

Mr. John moved and Mr. Gilman seconded the motion to change the employment status of Ed Heisey from Custodian 1A to Custodian 1B at a new hourly rate of \$11.00, effective April 13, 2011 and to rescind his furlough status that was to be effective August 12, 2011 because of the vacancy created by the resignation of Dan Yoder. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

Employment

Mr. John moved and Mr. Richards seconded a motion to approve the employment of the individuals on the listing attached to the agenda as substitutes for the 2010-2011 school year, pending submission of all required clearances. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

***Academic Affairs
Committee Report***

Mr. Davis reported for the Academic Affairs Committee.

Communications

The Minutes from the April 12, 2011 Academic Affairs Committee Meeting were made available as an information item.

Resolutions

Mr. Davis moved and Mr. John seconded a motion to adopt the resolution to proclaim May 3, 2011 as Middletown Area School District's Teacher Appreciation Day. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

Dr. Weinstein commented that due to budget concerns the teacher appreciation gifts that will be distributed were donated by The Phillips Group.

Curriculum

Mr. Davis moved and Mr. Gilman seconded a motion that curriculum revisions for the subject areas listed below be placed on public display for 30 days and be scheduled for adoption at the May 23, 2011 board meeting. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

1. Art
2. Business Education
3. Guidance
4. Music

Agreements

Mr. Davis moved and Mr. Richards seconded a motion to approve the service agreement between the Middletown Area School District and the Capital Region Partnership for Career Development for the period from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. The fee of \$3,750 covers membership, mailings, workshops, and other services as outlined in the agreement. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

Memorandums of Understanding

Mr. Davis moved and Mr. Einhorn seconded a motion to post-approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Capital Area Intermediate Unite (CAIU) and Middletown Area School District (MASD) for CAIU to act as the lead LEA for the consortium that serves as the fiscal agent for Title III (ESL) services for the 2010-11 school year. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

Field Trip

Mr. Davis moved and Mr. John seconded a motion to approve the field trip for the Middle School Science Olympiad Team to Juniata College for the state competition on April 29, 2011. District vans will be used for transportation. The only cost to the district will be for 1 substitute teacher. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

Student Matters

Mr. Davis moved and Mr. Gilman seconded a motion to award a High School diploma to Jesse Leo in recognition of fulfilling graduation requirements. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

Programs

Mr. Davis moved and Mr. Gilman seconded a motion to approve the operation of a middle school summer school program for a total of 29 days beginning June 22, 2011 until July 29, 2011, excluding July 4, 2011; the hiring of four teachers (one per major subject area) to operate the program; and the assessment of a \$100.00 fee per student per subject. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

Athletic/Activities Committee Report

Mr. Gilman reported for the Athletic/Activities Committee.

Communications

The Minutes from the April 14, 2011 Athletic/Activities Committee Meeting were made available as an information item.

Employment

Mr. Gilman moved and Mr. Richards seconded a motion to employ Llew Skees as the Assistant Middle School Track Coach at a prorated stipend of \$1,800, Step 5, effective April 4, 2011. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

Contracts

Mr. Gilman moved and Mr. Richards seconded a motion to post-approve official's contracts with the individuals on the listing attached to the agenda for the 2010-2011 school year. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

Insurance

Mr. Gilman moved and Mr. Richards seconded a motion to approve the contracts with the vendors listed below to provide District insurances for the 2011-2012 school year. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

1. Bollinger Insurance Solutions to provide sports, school trips and

special activities insurance at a premium of \$9,975.

2. Bollinger Insurance Solutions to provide student accident insurance for parent purchase at a fee of \$27 for schooltime and \$103 for 24 hour coverage.

Field Trips

Mr. Gilman moved and Mr. Davis seconded a motion to approve a field trip for the FCCLA Club and the Fink Elementary School third grade class to Herr's Factory and Angus Farms in Nottingham, PA on May 4, 2011. There will be no cost to the District. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

***Buildings & Grounds
Committee Report***

Mr. Richards reported for the Buildings & Grounds Committee.

Communications

The Minutes from the April 14, 2011 Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting was made available as an information item.

Use of Facilities

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Gilman seconded a motion to approve the use of facilities listed below. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

1. Use of Middle School Gymnasium by Krunch Softball (Category 3) for a softball clinic on Saturday, April 9, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Facility fees and personnel fees will be charged.
2. Use of Field #8 by 193rd Special Operations Wing of the PA Air National Guard (Category 3) for physical fitness assessments on Friday, May 20, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. and Sunday, May 22, 2011 from 8:45 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Facility fees and personnel fees are not required.
3. Use of Field #8 by 193rd Security Forces Squadron (Category 3) for physical fitness assessments on Saturday and Sunday May 21 and 22, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Facility fees and personnel fees are not required.
4. Use of Field #14 by Middletown Youth Club (Category 2) for football games on Saturdays September 3, September 17, October 1 and October 15, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. until the game ends. Facility fees and personnel fees are not required.

Agreements

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to engage Barton Associates, Inc. to provide design services for a required crawlspace ventilation system at Kunkel Elementary School at a cost of \$11,500 being paid from the Capital Reserve Fund. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

Construction Projects Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Einhorn seconded a motion to authorize the administration to see PDE approval for a non-reimbursable construction project for a crawlspace ventilation system at Kunkel Elementary School and to grant permission to advertise for bid. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

Finance/Operations Committee Report Mr. Einhorn reported for the Finance/Operations Committee.

Communications The minutes from the April 19, 2011 Finance/Operations Committee Meeting were made available as an information item.

Resolutions Mr. Einhorn moved and Mr. John seconded a motion to adopt a resolution to authorize the issuance of procurement cards in order to reduce economic burdens and conserve resources by increasing efficiency and reducing administrative costs. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

Agreements Mr. Einhorn moved and Mr. Richards seconded a motion to approve an amended sponsorship agreement between the local sponsors of the Harrisburg Area Community College and the Board of Trustees of Harrisburg Area Community College that will reduce the school district's operating cost sponsorship obligation to 70% of the amount in the previous sponsorship agreement; maintain the capital expense sponsorship obligation as previously stated; and commit both parties to work toward a more permanent arrangement to achieve substantial financial relief for the school districts. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

Ms. Layne stated that in her role as the Vice President of the HACC delegate body she witnessed a cooperative spirit between the school districts and HACC. Ms. Layne said that the cooperation resulted in meaningful change in the funding required by school districts. Ms. Layne applauded the HACC Board and administration for working with school districts and recognizing the need of the schools to focus on K-12 education.

Dr. Weinstein said the 22 school districts will save over \$6 million in the next 2 years as a result of this action on the agenda tonight.

Contracts Mr. Einhorn moved and Mr. Richards seconded a motion to approve the contract listed below. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

1. Dr. Andrew Welkie to serve as the District Dentist for the 2011-2012 school year at a rate of \$15.77 per student screened and \$11.37 per

hour for dental assistants. This represents no increase in rates.

Exonerations

Mr. Einhorn moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to approve the exoneration of the 2009 and 2010 real estate tax bills on the listing attached to the agenda for the reasons noted. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

Approvals

Mr. Einhorn moved and Mr. Gilman seconded a motion to approve the submission of an application for the school district to serve as a sponsor site for the USDA's Summer Food Service Program. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

Mr. Einhorn moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to approve the food service operational budget for the 2011-2012 school year with a 10 cent per paid meal increase as required by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

Mr. Einhorn moved and Mr. Richards seconded a motion to approve settlement of the tax assessment appeals for the parcels listed below and authorize the solicitor to execute all documents required for the settlement. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0.

1. Parcel #36-007-015 (Tyco International) – change assessed value to \$9,808,800 for 2006-2007, \$9,540,900 for 2007-2008, \$9,387,300 for 2008-2009, \$9,374,100 for 2009-2010, \$10,032,000 for 2010-2011 and \$10,450,300 for 2011-2012
2. Parcel #36-007-081 (Shri Sai Middletown) – change assessed value to \$4,230,000 for 2010-2011 and \$4,236,000 for 2011-2012
3. Parcel #36-007-086 (Tyco International) – change assessed value to \$7,999,400 for 2006-2007, \$7,837,100 for 2007-2008, \$7,764,000 for 2008-2009, \$7,805,300 for 2009-2010, \$8,407,300 for 2010-2011 and \$8,812,600 for 2011-2012
4. Parcel #36-013-105 (Prologis/Keystone CBC) – change assessed value to \$5,337,360 for 2011-2012
5. Parcel #41-022-002 (Third Clabell Company) – change assessed value to \$19,415,000 for 2011-2012

Policies

Mr. Einhorn noted that three policies – #601 – Fiscal Objectives, #619 – District Audit and #620 – Fund Balance – have been made available for first reading.

Representatives

Dauphin County Technical School

Mr. Einhorn reported that at the joint board meeting the delegates were asked to encourage their fellow board members to return ballots.

Harrisburg Area Community College

Neither Ms. Layne nor Ms. Price had anything to add to the comments made earlier during the board meeting.

Olmsted Regional Recreation Board

Ms. Layne said there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house for the pool before Memorial Day.

Ms. Layne said the sale of memberships has gone well.

PSBA Liaison

Mr. John said that a series of mandate relief bills are making progress through the House and Senate and expect to move onto the floor in May, concurrent with the budget. Mr. John also said that Senate Bill 1 seems to be losing its momentum because the House has some serious reservations.

Mr. John said the governor and the legislature desire to have an early budget.

Ms. Layne said attempts have been made to schedule a meeting with the legislators, but the attempts have not yet been successful.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Weinstein said it was good to hear of the many student accomplishments tonight. Dr. Weinstein said he was very proud of the students and thanked the teachers for their guidance.

Dr. Weinstein said that he was contacted by Charlene Hurst about the possibility of recognizing John Rowan for his many years of service to the athletic program at Middletown Area School District. Mr. Rowan will be recognized at the May School Board meeting.

Roundtable

Mr. Fager congratulated the students for their accomplishments and the faculty for their guidance.

Mr. John echoed Mr. Fager's comments and said tonight is the reason why the board has a job – education of students.

Ms. Layne echoed everyone's comments.

Adjournment

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to adjourn. The vote to approve the motion was 7 to 0. The meeting was adjourned at

8:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

David A. Franklin, Secretary

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