

MIDDLETOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Board Meeting
February 23, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Members in attendance were: Mike Corradi, Newton Davis, Gordon Einhorn, Melvin Fager, Terry Gilman, Barbara Layne, Pamela Price, and Michael Richards.

Members not in attendance were: David John.

Staff/Public in attendance were: Dr. Lori Suski, Superintendent of Schools; David Franklin, Assistant to the Superintendent for Finance and Operations/Board Secretary; Christine Mostoller, Assistant to the Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment; Jody Zorbaugh, Communications Specialist/Recording Secretary; Josh Bleacher, Computer Technician; Marie Drazenovich, Director of Student Services; Heidi Zula, Director of Human Resources; Michael Carnes, MAHS Principal; Brett Myers, MAHS Assistant Principal; Jeremy King, Director of Athletics and MAHS Assistant Principal; Kevin Cook, MAMS Principal; Tom Shaffer, Fink Principal; Earl Bright, Reid Principal; William Meiser, Director of Operations; John Brougher, Director of Information Technology; Darren DiCello, Director of Instructional Technology; Krystal Palmer, Director of Special Education; Jeffrey Litts, District Solicitor; Lori Hess, Mark Mohar, Vicki Mitchell, Cassandra Pribanich, Justin Smith, Amber Geist, Ashley Houseal, Anna Smith, Donlyne Layne, District Staff; Molly Sullivan, Karlee Deibler, Mackenzie Lombardi, Mayor Jim Curry, Steve, Jody and Bailee Koncar, Rebecca Niccolai, Aimee, Zachary and Josh Sims, Mark, Michelle and Margaret Schopf, Robert, Paula, David and Joshua Alcock, Chalisa Nonthacoupt, Don and Deb Rowe, Sang Chin Pui, Jerry and Madison Sieber, Laura and Angel McCorts, Kris and Grace Rico, Julie Fasnacht, Julie Sipe, Alex and Daphne Hess, Jeremy and Stacey Frost, Tim and Andrea Hess, Dorothy Koncar, Robin Garza, Mike Rutledge, Interested Students and Citizens; and Phyllis Zimmerman, Reporter.

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.

Ms. Layne reported that the School Board met in Executive Session prior to the Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m. to discuss student, personnel and legal matters.

Roll Call

Ms. Layne asked the Secretary, David Franklin, to call the roll. A quorum was present as noted above. Ms. Layne noted that Mr. John was out of town on business.

***Introduction of
Meeting Guests and***

Presentations

Student Comments **Key Club:** Dr. Suski introduced Meg Schopf who reported on the activities of Key Club.

Student Council: Dr. Suski introduced Karlee Deibler and Mackenzie Lombardi. The students reported on the activities of Student Council and presented cards to the School Board members in appreciation for their volunteer service to the District.

Recognitions

Dr. Suski introduced Bailee Koncar as the Student of the Month for January and Zachary Sims as the Rotary Student of the Month for January. Bailee selected Mrs. Lori Hess as the educator who had most influenced her school career and Zachary selected Mr. Michael Carnes as the educator who had most influenced his school career.

Dr. Suski introduced Margaret Schopf as the Student of the Month for February and Joshua Alcock as the Rotary Student of the Month for February. Margaret selected Mrs. Cassandra Pribanich as the educator who had most influenced her school career and Josh selected Mr. Mark Mohar as the educator who had most influenced his school career.

The students and educators came forward to be congratulated by the Board members.

Presentations

Presentation of Reid's Bracelet Service Project - presented by Anna Smith, Molly Sullivan and fifth grade girls from Reid Elementary School

Presentation of Foreign Exchange Students - Bailee Koncar introduced Rebecca Niccolai from Italy and Chalisa Fon Nonthacoupt from Thailand.

Public Comment

Mayor Jim Curry, 463 N. Union St, Middletown, PA said he was impressed by the quality and caliber of the young men and women who just left the room after being recognized. Mr. Curry thanked the Board for the excellent job of educating the District students and said he was looking forward to having his children attend District schools. Mr. Curry noted that he is interested in hosting a charity event and has submitted a facility use request. Mr. Curry said that he wanted to give another opportunity for the varsity basketball players to play this season against a team that he is organizing made up of alumni basketball players. Mr. Curry is hoping to use the high school gym to host the charity event which would benefit Middletown. Mr. Curry said the game will piggyback on the Mini-Thon Mr. Middletown

competition. Mr. Curry said his team is willing to sign any and all waivers and that the high school team would do the same.

Secretary's Report

Minutes

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Gilman seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2015 School Board Meeting. The vote to approve the motion was 8 to 0.

Communications

Mr. Franklin said the Board Committee Calendar for March 2015 was attached to the agenda and that changes to previously scheduled nights and times were in red.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Einhorn moved and Mr. Gilman seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for January 2015. The vote to approve the motion was 8 to 0. **(See Attachment)**

Bill Lists

Mr. Einhorn moved and Mr. Richards seconded a motion to approve the "**List of Paid Bills**" with totals by fund, as detailed. The vote to approve the motion was 8 to 0. **(See Attachment)**

Fund 10 -	General Fund	\$345,399.11
Fund 32 -	Capital Reserve Fund	\$0
Fund 38 -	High School Capital Projects Fund	\$0
Fund 51 -	Food Service Fund	\$89.75
Fund 59 -	WMSS Radio Station Fund	\$3,007.14
Fund 72 -	Expendable Trust Fund	\$0
Fund 74 -	Nonexpendable Trust Fund	\$0
Fund 81 -	Student Activities Fund	\$7,922.85

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 8 to 0. **(See Attachment)**

Fund 10 -	General Fund	\$574,637.20
Fund 32 -	Capital Reserve Fund	\$4,063.49
Fund 38 -	High School Capital Projects Fund	\$668,175.21
Fund 51 -	Food Service Fund	\$93,202.93
Fund 59 -	WMSS Radio Station Fund	\$3,258.36
Fund 72 -	Expendable Trust Fund	\$0
Fund 74 -	Nonexpendable Trust Fund	\$0
Fund 81 -	Student Activities Fund	\$2,732.36

Old Business

None

Personnel Committee Report

Ms. Pamela Price reported for the Personnel Committee.

Communications	The minutes from the February 10, 2015 Personnel Committee meeting were made available as an information item.
Retirements	<p>Ms. Price moved and Mr. Davis seconded a motion to approve the retirements listed below. The vote to approve the motion was 8 to 0.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beverly Paine, Teacher, effective June 8, 2015 or the last contracted day for the 2014-2015 school year 2. Pamela O'Neill, Teacher, effective June 8, 2015 or the last contracted day for the 2014-2015 school year
Leave Without Pay	<p>Ms. Price moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to approve the leave without pay requests listed below. The vote to approve the motion was 8 to 0.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cindy Lippy, Crossing Guard, effective January 10, 2015 through March 20, 2015 2. Sheeba Keiffer, Head Custodian, effective January 27, 2015 through February 27, 2015
<i>Academic Affairs Committee Report</i>	Mr. Newton Davis reported for the Academic Affairs Committee.
Communications	The minutes from the February 10, 2015 Academic Affairs Committee meeting were made available as an information item.
Participations	Mr. Davis moved and Ms. Price seconded a motion to grant approval to Brianna Miller, MASD Teacher, to survey MASD fourth and fifth grade students in May 2015 with informed parental consent as part of her doctoral dissertation study on the attitudes of elementary students toward Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). The vote to approve the motion was 8 to 0.
Appointments	Mr. Davis moved and Mr. Gilman seconded a motion to appoint Kelly Templeton to the District's Comprehensive Planning Committee. The vote to approve the motion was 8 to 0.
<i>Athletic/Activities Committee Report</i>	Mr. Terry Gilman reported for the Athletics/Activities Committee.
Communications	The minutes from the February 12, 2015 Athletics/Activities Committee meeting were made available as an information item.
Employment	Mr. Gilman moved and Mr. Richards seconded a motion to approve the employment of the individuals or volunteers on the listing attached to the agenda as co-curricular and extra-curricular personnel for the 2014-2015 school year at the stipends listed. The vote to approve the motion

was 8 to 0. *(See Attachment)*

Equipment Purchases Mr. Gilman moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to approve the purchase of a portable batting cage from Team Express Distributing LLC at a cost of \$4,099 using donations from the Blue & Gold Club, the American Legion, Twilight Baseball and the baseball student activity account. The vote to approve the motion was 8 to 0.

Mr. Gilman moved and Mr. Richards seconded a motion to approve the purchase of the following 2015-2016 uniforms from Sportsmans using Costars pricing in order to take advantage of existing discounts. The vote to approve the motion was 8 to 0.

1. Junior High Field Hockey at an estimated cost of \$4,725
2. Boys' Tennis at an estimated cost of \$1,600
3. Boys' & Girls' Varsity Soccer at an estimated cost of \$10,800

***Operations
Committee Report***

Mr. Michael Richards reported for the Operations Committee.

Communications

The minutes from the February 12, 2015 Operations Committee meeting were made available as an information item.

Capital Projects

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Gilman seconded a motion to approve the following change orders. The vote to approve the motion was 8 to 0.

1. GC #6 for ECI Construction, LLC to prep floor slab for floor drain changes at a cost of \$4,000, to modify physical education lockers to six tier at a cost of \$2,021, to add a metal stud bracing bulkhead at a cost of \$297.39 and to revise window frame A319 and the associated lintel at a cost of \$752.71
2. SC #11 for York Excavating Co LLC to add an extension to the Reid sidewalk at a cost of \$492.86 and to eliminate the duplicate fire department connection and associated piping at a deduct of \$6,911.24
3. EC #5 for Oyler Electric Inc LLC to change to J-hook in lieu of conduit for low voltage wiring over ACT ceilings at a deduct of \$11,098.37 and to add floor boxes to the LGI room at a cost of \$4,507.25

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Davis seconded a motion to approve an agreement with Choice Security Services, LLC to provide and install the security, video surveillance, access control and intercom systems for the new High School at a budgeted cost of \$366,784 using Costars pricing for parts and materials and state contract pricing for installation. The vote to approve the motion was 8 to 0.

Use of Facilities

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to approve the addition of GracePointe Church of Christ to the facility category list as a Category 5 organization. The vote to approve the motion was 8 to 0.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to approve the use of facilities on the listing attached to the agenda. The vote to approve the motion was 8 to 0. **(See Attachment)**

Finance Committee Report

Mr. Gordon Einhorn reported for the Finance Committee.

Communications

The minutes from the February 17, 2015 Finance Committee meeting were made available as an information item.

Agreements

Mr. Einhorn moved and Mr. Davis seconded a motion to approve the agreements listed below. The vote to approve the motion was 8 to 0.

1. Level 3 to provide basic land-line telephone service at a base monthly cost of \$1,298.32 plus long distance charges of 6 cents per minute before E-rate beginning July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018
2. AT&T to provide cellular and data telecommunications services at a base monthly cost of \$747.03 (before E-rate on cellular plans only) on a month-to-month basis beginning July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016
3. Sunesys to provide a network connection between the Operations and Administration buildings at a monthly cost of \$298 before E-rate for the 2015-2016 school year
4. Sunesys to provide a network connection between the Administration Building and Fink Elementary School at a monthly cost of \$1,800 before E-rate for the 2015-2016 school year

Approvals

Mr. Einhorn moved and Mr. Richards seconded a motion to approve the stipulation and joint motion for agreed upon order between PVI WIP CBC II, LP, the Dauphin County Board of Assessment Appeals and the affected taxing bodies for parcel 36-013-141-000-0000. The vote to approve the motion was 8 to 0.

Resolutions

Mr. Einhorn moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to approve the General Operating Budget of the Capital Area Intermediate Unit for the 2015-2016 school year at an estimated cost to the District of \$23,342.23. The vote to approve the motion was 8 to 0. **(See Attachment)**

New Business

Academic Affairs Committee	Mr. Davis moved and Ms. Price seconded a motion to approve a Waiver of Expulsion Hearing Agreement for student 14-15-006. The vote to approve the motion was 8 to 0.
Personnel Committee	Ms. Price moved and Mr. Davis seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Lyle Ressler, Social Studies Teacher, on or before April 23, 2015. The vote to approve the motion was 8 to 0.
Operations Committee	Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Fager seconded a motion to approve change order GC #7 for ECI Construction, LLC to revise the locker base height in the locker rooms at a deduct of \$1,471. The vote to approve the motion was 8 to 0.
	Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Gilman seconded a motion to approve the use of facilities on the listing attached to the agenda. The vote to approve the motion was 8 to 0. (See Attachment)
Athletics/Activities Committee	Mr. Gilman moved and Mr. Richards seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Lyle Ressler as the Head Junior High Cross Country Coach and the Assistant Varsity Track & Field Coach, effective immediately. The vote to approve the motion was 8 to 0.
Finance Committee	Mr. Einhorn moved and Ms. Price seconded a motion to approve an agreement with Windstream to provide a network connection between the Operations Building and Reid Elementary School at a monthly cost of \$1,600 before E-rate beginning July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018. The vote to approve the motion was 8 to 0.
Representatives	
Capital Area Intermediate Unit	Ms. Layne acknowledged that the District just passed the CAIU budget for 2015-2016 and reported that she has a meeting this coming Thursday.
Dauphin County Technical School	Mr. Davis reported that there was discussion on Tuesday about Harrisburg School District becoming a member District and that three other Districts have given the go-ahead to pursue next steps. Mr. Davis said that there seems to be sufficient interest on behalf of the Joint Operating Committee to continue discussions and there are enough votes to move forward. Mr. Davis said that it would be some time before any additional information is presented.
Dauphin County Tax Collection Committee	Mr. Franklin reported that the committee met last Wednesday. Mr. Franklin said that it was the organization meeting since the January meeting was canceled due to snow. Mr. Franklin said that Keystone

Collection Group was present and noted that February has been active as they are sending out delinquent tax notices for prior years. Mr. Franklin said that he was again asked to serve on the audit subcommittee, but he declined appointment for this year. Mr. Franklin said that the meeting schedule was established for 2015 and that DCTCC will be sponsoring the first ever conference of tax collection districts on May 15-16, 2015 in Hershey.

**Harrisburg Area
Community College**

Ms. Layne will be meeting with HACC President Dr. "Ski" to discuss the agenda for the March meeting which has not yet been scheduled.

**Olmsted Regional
Recreation Board**

Ms. Layne reported that they will be meeting this Thursday.

PSBA Liaison

Mr. John was not present to report.

**Superintendent's
Report**

Dr. Suski congratulated the Girls' Varsity Basketball team for making it to the first round of District 3 play-offs and acknowledged that the team would be recognized at the next Board meeting along with other athletes who excelled during the winter sports season.

Dr. Suski reported that Mr. DiCello and Mr. Brougher recently served as guest presenters at the PA Educational Technology Expo & Conference in Hershey. Dr. Suski said that their session regarding the iPad initiative in MASD was well-attended by teachers, principals and technology directors from across the state as well as a representative from the PA Department of Education. Dr. Suski also read a letter from Dr. Reed at Penn State Harrisburg thanking Mr. Brougher and Mr. DiCello for their recent visit to the University campus to engage in discussion with student teaching candidates on the integration of technology into curriculum and instruction.

Dr. Suski reported that the President of the National Center for College & Career Transitions, who is a former cabinet member of the U.S. Department of Education, contacted her to express interest in offering special recognition to MASD as a pioneer and best practice pathway school system with honorary inclusion into the PA Pathway Innovation Network.

Dr. Suski was also informed by a contact at the PA Department of Education who has visited 400 school districts across the state of PA to work on the development of transition plans as required by Chapter 339, that MASD is still at the very top regarding business/community engagement, K-12 career development, curriculum integration, and

faculty involvement to enhance college and career readiness for all students. Dr. Suski thanked the Board members who have volunteered to participate in Friday's Senior Career Action Plan interviews at the High School.

Dr. Suski announced that Fink and Reid Elementary Schools will be participating in ABC Good Morning America's 500 Men Reading Week initiative during the week of March 2. She thanked Board members Newt Davis and Dave John who will be reading to elementary students on March 3 and 5. Dr. Suski acknowledged Ms. Drazenovich for working with the principals to coordinate readers for this event and thanked Mr. Franklin for recruiting the most readers from among the District's vendors and business partners.

Dr. Suski announced that the High School Spring Musical, *Damn Yankees*, will be performed next week, March 5, 6, and 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the High School Auditorium and that ticket information can be found on the High School website.

Dr. Suski reported to the Board on several legislative items that were expected to be addressed in both the House Education Committee or the House of Representatives this week: House Bill 530 which proposes comprehensive amendments to the charter school law; House Bill 210 which would amend the Public School Code to streamline and automate the PlanCon process; and House Bill 512 which would require institutions of higher education to develop uniform standards for recognizing and accepting credit for prior learning, such as credit for AP courses. Dr. Suski shared information regarding House Resolution 102 which would establish a Select Subcommittee on Technical Education and Career Readiness within the House Education Committee to focus on making recommendations on how to improve career and technical education, including how to improve pathways between schools and the business community, eliminate negative biases towards technical education and expand career training programs. Dr. Suski reported that she and Mr. Franklin, Mr. Davis, and Ms. Price attended the Career & Technical Education Forum at Dauphin County Technical School (DCTS) on Thursday night with Senator Rob Teplitz. She said that it was a very informative evening hearing from graduates of the DCTS program. Dr. Suski reported that MASD currently has 72 students attending DCTS who are getting a fine career and technical education experience in that facility.

Dr. Suski informed the Board that Dr. Patty Sanker, Circuit Rider for the

Campaign for Fair Education Funding, will be a guest presenter at the March 23 School Board meeting. She reminded Board members that there is a state-wide campaign to reform funding for public education that is both fair and equitable. Dr. Sanker is the circuit rider for our IU region as well as two others across the Commonwealth and will attend the Board meeting to present an update on this important and necessary campaign.

Roundtable

Mr. Gilman congratulated all the impressive students and teachers and said it was great to be a part of what is happening in the District.

Ms. Price echoed Mr. Gilman.

Mr. Davis acknowledged the tremendous sampling of students recognized earlier.

Mr. Richards said it was a great night and that it took longer to acknowledge the accomplishments of the students than it did to conduct Board business. Mr. Richards said he is proud of Middletown and that it was great to be a part of a well-oiled machine.

Mr. Fager echoed Mr. Richards and thanked the Reid students for the bracelets.

Mr. Corradi echoed the sentiments of others and said it was a great night. Mr. Corradi congratulated the coaches, students and teachers.

Mr. Einhorn said it was great to see various initiatives paying off. He requested that the Penn State thank you letter be posted on the website.

Ms. Layne echoed her colleagues. Ms. Layne said that while the District is receiving negative criticism we must also be doing something well to be receiving accolades from Penn State and the Department of Education. Ms. Layne said the teachers and administrators are wonderful, and people need to pay attention to what we are doing.

Adjournment

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Gilman seconded a motion to adjourn. The vote to approve the motion was 8 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m. The Board adjourned into Executive Session to discuss legal matters.

ATTEST:

David A. Franklin, Board Secretary