COATESVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 26, 2010 - 7:00 PM 9/10 CENTER AUDITORIUM

OPENING ACTIVITIES

1. CALL TO ORDER AT 7:05 P.M.

2. READING OF MISSION STATEMENT

THE MISSION OF THE COATESVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT, A LEARNING COMMUNITY RICH IN DIVERSITY AND COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE, IS TO EDUCATE ALL STUDENTS BY PROVIDING RIGOROUS EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO BECOME RESPONSIBLE, PRODUCTIVE, LIFE-LONG LEARNERS IN A GLOBAL SOCIETY.

3. ADVISEMENT

By notice of the President, Board Members are advised that all votes shall be regarded as roll call votes. The minutes should also note that public notice was given for this meeting in accordance with Act 93 of 1998, Section 1. School Board meetings shall proceed in accordance with School Board policy.

4. ROLL CALL

J. Neil Campbell - present (Operations Committee) Richard M. Ritter – present (Finance Committee)

Diane M. Brownfield - present (Education & Community & Student Relations Committees)

Joseph E. Dunn, Jr. – present (*Finance Committee*)

(Mr. Dunn departed at 8:24 p.m.)

Paul L. Johnson - present (Operations Committee)
Laurie C. Knecht - present (Operations Committee)

Robert M. Knecht - present (Education & Community & Student Relations Committees)

William A. Sweigart – present (*Finance Committee*)

Dr. Tonya Thames Taylor - present (Education & Community & Student Relations Committees)

Student Representatives:

Kelsey McKee - present (Senior Class Representative) Vinasia Miles - present (Junior Class Representative)

5. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

Deletion:

Item 4. A.

<u>Approval of Revised PlanCon A & B Submission – New North & South Brandywine Middle Schools</u> (*The following portion of this Motion will be deleted.*)

Information including the actual documents will be distributed at the Operations Meeting. The architect is working on the refinements of the data. Therefore with consideration of the proposal presented at the committee meetings the revisions include expanding the two new middle schools by (12) classrooms in each building to accommodate relocating the Scott Middle School students to the new North and South Middle Schools in 2012-13. The revisions also will relocate the Caln Elementary School students to Scott. The then Scott Elementary School will be retrofitted for elementary aged students.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the minutes for the September 28, 2010 School Board meeting subject to any addition, deletions, modifications or clarifications. (*Enclosure*)

Approval of Minutes 9-28-2010 Approved

Vote: 9-0-0

Motion: Diane Brownfield Second: Rick Ritter Vote: 9-0-0

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

The Board has requested all persons making comments on <u>agenda items</u> to list their name, address, telephone number and motion item(s) on the sheet provided. There is a three (3) minute limit per person. The Board does not take action or discuss items not appearing on the agenda. The Board values public comments and wishes to convey that although Board members cannot discuss items that are not on the agenda, they listen carefully and appreciate and value input from the public.

- M. J. Wilson-Stenz, Principal @ Caln Elementary School:
 In favor of closing Caln Elementary School and relocating the students to Scott.
- 2) Sherri Yodar, Kindergarten Teacher @ Caln Elementary School: In favor of closing Caln Elementary School and relocating the students to Scott.
- 3) Audra Ritter, Teacher @ Scott Middle School, VP of CATA: In favor of closing Caln Elementary School and relocating the students to Scott.
- 4) *Mike DeHaut, Teacher* @ *Caln Elementary School*: In favor of closing Caln Elementary School and relocating the students to Scott.
- 5) *Millie Gatland, Parent of Caln Elementary School Student*: Impressed with tour @ Scott; wants more info; and wants to see playground revisions.

6) *Holly Bender, Parent*:

Concerned about how the move from Caln to Scott will impact the Walk-Around School program, the Cross Country program, and the playground. She is also concerned about how the move will impact existing Scott Middle School students who currently walk to school and their ability to attend after school programs and other functions if they're moved to North & South.

7) Bonique Harris, Caln PTA President:

Asked the school board to reconsider moving Caln ES students to Scott, and consider rebuilding in Caln Township.

8) *Colleen Gill*:

Not in favor of closing Caln Elementary School and relocating the students to Scott.

9) *Jen Redmile*:

Not in favor of closing Caln Elementary School and relocating the students to Scott.

10) Jim Bryan:

Questioned school board agenda Item 2. K. 3. a. 1) Creation of New Position.

11) Dr. Teresa Powell, Director of Elementary Education & Mathematics K-12:

Strongly supports closing Caln Elementary School and relocating the students to Scott.

12) *Mike Fogarty*:

In favor of closing Caln Elementary School and relocating the students to Scott.

13) Rev. Jim Caldwell:

In favor of closing Caln Elementary School and relocating the students to Scott.

14) Paul Michnuk:

Wants to see the Caln Elementary School rebuilt in Caln Township.

15) *Mary Beth Guiseppe, President of CATA*:

CATA wholeheartedly supports the District's endeavors, and believes they will ultimately make decisions in the best interest of the students.

16) Ron Miller:

Not in favor of closing Caln Elementary School and relocating the students to Scott.

17) Anthony Buckwash, Principal @ Reeceville Elementary School:

Mr. Buckwash would like to see all of the district's elementary schools enjoy the same options as Reeceville Elementary School.

18) *Tamira Coleman, Parent of 2 elementary-aged students:*

Not in favor of closing Caln Elementary School and relocating the students to Scott because her children would then be required to walk to school and she feels this would be unsafe.

19) Cliff Maloney, Principal @ Rainbow Elementary School:

Supports closing Caln Elementary School and relocating the students to Scott.

20) Jason Palaia, Principal @ Friendship Elementary School:

Supports closing Caln Elementary School and relocating the students to Scott.

- 21) Barbara Wilson, Art Teacher @ Caln Elementary School:
 Supports closing Caln Elementary School and relocating the students to Scott.
- Vincent Rose, Parent & Caln Township Commissioner:

 Mr. Rose thanked the Board President for the pre-meeting explanation and for allowing the Public to Comment on a topic not that was not listed on the agenda. He questioned what will happen to the building and property once Caln ES is closed. He requested literature relative to these topics, and questioned a paper that was sent home with students the day of the board

meeting. He extended an open invitation to anyone wishing to discuss any of these topics.

- Jason Reed:Not in favor of closing Caln Elementary School and relocating the students to Scott.
- Josh Young, Caln Township Commissioner:

 Thanked the School board for revising agenda Item 4. A. He asked the board to keep residents and taxpayers informed, and extended an open invitation to anyone wishing to discuss any topics regarding Caln Township.
- Chamise Taylor, Principal @ Scott Middle School:Ms. Taylor assured everyone that the playground facilities at Scott are adequate and safe. It is a top notch facility, and she asked everyone to give this initiative a chance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held on Tuesday, October 26, 2010 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:55 p.m. for legal and personnel reasons.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent's Report was provided by Mr. Richard Como.

IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Time	Meetings	Place
November 9, 2010	6:00 P.M.	All Committee Meetings	9/10 Center Auditorium
November 22, 2010	7:00 P.M.	School Board Meeting	9/10 Center Auditorium
November 25-26, 2010	~	Thanksgiving Holiday Observed	Schools & Offices Closed

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Presentation by the Coatesville Area High School Students, Robert Fisher, Principal.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Board member Diane Brownfield reported on her attendance at the PSBA/PASA Conference in Harrisburg.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

The Student Representative's Report was provided by Kelsey McKee, Senior Class Representative.

MOTION ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

Committee meeting action items considered routine will be enacted under one motion unless removed for separate action upon Board request. The purpose of the consolidated motion is to expedite Governing Board action on all consent items, which are not held for discussion. Items that have been held for discussion by the Governing Board will be enacted upon at the time the item is discussed.

1. <u>CONSENT AGENDA</u> (School Board President)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board approves the consent agenda items:

Items to be removed from Consent Agenda:

- 2. K. 3. A. 1) Creation of New Position: Donnon, Lauren LTS Kindergarten Teacher
- 4. A. Approval of Revised PlanCon A & B Submission New North & South Brandywine Middle Schools

Consent Agenda

Approved

Vote: 8-0-0

4. D. Modular Relocation Bids

Motion: Diane Brownfield Second: Laurie Knecht Vote: 8-0-0

2. FINANCE COMMITTEE (Richard Ritter, Chair)

A. Schedule of Bills Payable

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the Schedule of Bills Payable as submitted for the month ending September 30, 2010.

Fund	Paid
General Fund – 10	\$ 8,554,164.80
Athletic Fund – 29	100.87
Capital Projects Fund 32 / 2007 GOB	0.00
Capital Projects Fund 33 / 2009A GOB	1,229,326.45
Capital Projects Fund 34 / 2010 GOB	0.00
New Capital Reserve Fund 38	150,112.80
Food Service – 51	86,757.35
Trust Fund – 71	0.00
Student Activities Fund – 81	18,970.74
Agency Fund – 89	1,353.09
TOTAL	\$ 10,040,786.10

B. Treasurer's Report

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the Treasurer's Report as submitted for the month ending September 30, 2010.

C. <u>Budget Transfers</u>

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the Budget Transfers as submitted for the month ending September 30, 2010 in the amount of \$8,081.00.

D. Schedule of Investments

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the Schedule of Investments as submitted for the month ending September 30, 2010.

E. Student Activities Fund and Agency Fund Reports

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the Student Activities Fund and Agency Fund Reports as submitted for the month ending September 30, 2010.

F. 2011-2012 Enrollment Forecasts

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the 2011-2012 Enrollment Forecasts.

G. 2011-2012 School Allocations

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the 2011-2012 School Allocations.

H. 2011-2012 Budget Calendar

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the 2011-2012 Budget Calendar. (*Enclosed*)

I. <u>Collection of Earned Income and Net Profits Tax (EIT) by the Chester Tax Collection Committee</u>

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors adopts the attached resolution to contract for the collection of Earned Income and Net Profits Tax (EIT).

J. Banking Requests for Proposals

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the appointment of Citizen's Bank of Pennsylvania as the primary depository for the 2010-2011 through 2013-2014 fiscal years and the following institutions as secondary depositories: PA School Districts Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF), PA Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT), TD Bank, First Niagara Bank and Downingtown National Bank.

K. Human Resources

1. Resignations - Regular and Extra Duty

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the following Resignations - Regular and Extra Duty:

a. CATA

1) Bailey, Carla, Special Education Teacher for the Coatesville Area Senior High School. Letter Dated: 6/16/10. Reason: Personal. Effective: 6/16/10.

b. CATSS

1) Sullivan, Janet, 2.0 Cafeteria/Playground Aide for the East Fallowfield Elementary School. Letter Dated: 10/12/10. Reason: Personal. Effective: 10/29/10.

c. FEDERATION

Bruggar, Cheryl, 5.5 Hour General Utility Worker for the Coatesville Area Senior High School. Letter Dated: 10/5/10. Reason: Retirement. Effective: 10/31/10.

d. EXTRA DUTY

- 1) Baxter, Elizabeth, Drama Club Advisor for the North Brandywine Middle School. Letter Dated: 9/14/10. Reason: Personal. Effective: 9/14/10.
- 2) Keech, Stephanie, 7th Grade Cheerleading Coach for the Scott Middle School. Letter Dated: 9/21/10. Reason: Personal. Effective: 10/1/10.

2. New Appointments - Regular and Extra Duty

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the following New Appointments - Regular and Extra Duty:

a. CATSS

- 1) Dunnuck, Leslie, Substitute Cafeteria/Playground Aide and Instructional Aide for the Reeceville Elementary School. Salary: \$9.50/hr./\$10.50/hr. Effective: 10/27/10. SP4: Approved.
- 2) Marrs, Angela, Substitute Cafeteria/Playground Aide and Instructional Aide for the Caln Elementary School. Salary: \$9.50/hr./\$10.50/hr. Effective: 10/27/10. SP4: Approved.
- Norman, Michele, Title III ESL Adult Night Class Aide for the Scott Middle School. Posted: 9/22/10 (New). Salary: \$10.50/hr. Effective: 2010 2011 School Year. SP4: Staff.
- 4) Taylor, Christine, Substitute Cafeteria/Playground Aide and Instructional Aide for the Reeceville Elementary School. Salary: \$9.50/hr./\$10.50/hr. Effective: 10/27/10. SP4: Approved.

b. FEDERATION

- 1) Brown, Dominic, Substitute Custodian for the Coatesville Area School District. Salary: \$10.00/hr. Effective: 10/27/10. SP4: Staff
- 2) Desiderio, George, Substitute Custodian for the Coatesville Area School District. Salary: \$10.00/hr. Effective: 10/27/10. SP4: Approved.

- Jones, Sharon, Food Service Substitute for the Coatesville Area School District. Salary: \$9.00/hr. Effective: 10/27/10. SP4: Approved.
- 4) Lopez-Saldivar, Candelaria, Substitute Custodian for the Coatesville Area School District. Salary: \$10.00/hr. Effective: 10/27/10. SP4: Approved.
- 5) Sherman, William, Substitute Custodian for the Coatesville Area School District. Salary: \$10.00/hr. Effective: 10/27/10. SP4: Approved.

c. EXTRA DUTY

- 1) Holley-Sheppard, Camille, Yearbook Co-Advisor for the Coatesville Area Senior High School CAMPUS 9/10 Center. Posted: 6/16/10 (Connolly-Daily). Salary: \$2,295.00. Effective: 2010 2011 School Year. SP4: Staff.
- 2) Stuart, Gail, Yearbook Co-Advisor for the Coatesville Area Senior High School CAMPUS 9/10 Center. Posted: 6/16/10 (Connolly-Daily). Salary: \$1,785.00. Effective: 2010 2011 School Year. SP4: Staff.
- 3) Mentors for the Coatesville Area School District. Salary: \$1,000.00. If Mentor is assigned two teachers, the salary for mentoring the additional teacher is \$500.00. One-half (½) pay will be provided if only one (1) semester is served as a mentor. SP4: Staff.

MENTOR

NEW TEACHER

GORDON EDUCATION CENTER

Claire Lindelow

Ursula Beren

REECEVILLE

Donna Puma

Lauren Donnon

4) EAP Tutors for the North Brandywine Middle School. Posted: 8/10/10 (New). Salary: \$33.00/hr. Effective: 2010 – 2011 School Year. SP4: Staff.

William Leyden

Maria Stauffer

5) 21st CCLC Afterschool Tutors for the Scott Middle School. Posted: 8/10/10 (New). Salary: \$33.00/hr. Effective: 2010 – 2011 School Year. SP4: Staff.

Lorie Glackman

Linda Pitts

3. Creation of New Position(s)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the following new positions:

a. CATA

1) Donnon, Lauren, LTS Kindergarten Teacher for the Reeceville Elementary School. Posted: 9/16/10 (New). Salary: \$43,800.00. Temporary Substitute Contract. Degree: BA – Elementary Education & Early Childhood Education, Temple University. Years of Exp.: 2. Effective: 9/29/10 – 6/9/11. SP4: Approved.

Creation of New Position LTS (K) @ Reeceville Lauren Donnon

Approved

Vote: 8-0-0

Motion: Paul Johnson Second: Diane Brownfield Vote: 8-0-0

4. Leave(s) of Absence

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the following Leave(s) of Absence as indicated:

a. CERTIFIED

1) Rubincan, Patricia, IEP Facilitator for the Coatesville Area School District. Letter Dated: 9/23/10. Reason: FMLA. Effective: 8/19/10 – 11/11/10.

b. CATA

1) Shuman, Pamela, Special Education Teacher for the Scott Middle School. Letter Dated: 9/28/10. Reason: FMLA/Medical leave of Absence. Effective: 9/21/10 – 4/24/11.

c. CATSS

- 1) Jackson, Africa, Health Assistant for the Caln Elementary School. Letter Dated: 9/28/10. Reason: FMLA. Effective: 9/01/10 9/27/10.
- 2) Johnson, Jeanne, 6.5 Hour Special Education One-On-One Aide for the Coatesville Area Senior High School. Letter Dated: 9/27/10. Reason: Medical Leave of Absence. Effective: 8/30/10 12/21/10.

5. Change of Status

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the Change of Status as indicated:

a. CATSS

1) Stewart, Roger, move from Substitute Cafeteria/Playground Aide and Instructional Aide to 2.0 Hour Cafeteria/Playground Aide for the Caln Elementary School. Posted: 9/22/10 (Key). Salary: \$9.50/hr. Effective: 10/27/10.

b. FEDERATION

- 1) Shesko, John M., move from Police Officer for the Coatesville Area School District @ \$19.67/hr. to Police Officer for the Coatesville Area School District @ \$25.13/hr. Effective: 10/27/10.
- 2) Thompson, Catherine, move from Food Service Substitute for the Coatesville Area School District @ \$9.00/hr. to 3.75 Hour General Utility Worker for the Coatesville Area Senior High School CAMPUS 9/10 Center. Posted: 9/2/10 (Kozacheson). Salary: \$14.46/hr./\$14.66/hr. after 90-day probation.

7. Tenure

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves tenure for the following temporary professionals who have been certified by the District Superintendent as being eligible for the professional status. Each person shall be provided with a Professional Employee Contract per Section 1108 of the School Code.

Jillian Christoff - 10/14/2010

3. EDUCATION COMMITTEE (Diane Brownfield, Chair)

A. <u>ESL / Title III Purchases</u>

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the School Board of Directors ratifies the purchase of Education Technology to support the ESL/ Title III program in each of the schools in the Coatesville Area School District. Total cost of \$43,015.00 will paid through Title III grant funding.

4. <u>OPERATIONS COMMITTEE</u> (Laurie Knecht, Chair)

A. Approval of Revised PlanCon A & B Submission – New North & South Brandywine Middle Schools

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the submission Of Revised PlanCon A & B to the Department of Education for the construction of the new North & South Brandywine Middle Schools.

Approval of Revised
PlanCon A & B Submission
New
North & South Brandywine
Middle Schools

Approved

Vote: 8-0-0

Motion: Neil Campbell Second: Paul Johnson Vote: 8-0-0

B. Approval of Revised Master Facilities Plan

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the revised master facilities plan as submitted by the architect.

C. Lobar Inc. and Landmark Building Systems Settlement Agreement

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the settlement agreement with Lobar Inc. and Landmark Building Systems as recommended by the Solicitor. (*Enclosed*)

D. Modular Relocation Bids

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors awards the modular building relocation contract to Mobilease Modular Space in the amount of \$1,680,000. Bids were received as follows:

Modular Relocation Bids

Approved

Vote: 8-0-0

CM2 Did not submit (ran out of time)

Kauffman Did not submit

M Space Holdings, LLC Did not submit (too many unknowns)

Mobilease Modular Space \$1,680,000

Vanguard Modular Building Systems Did not submit (ran out of time)

Motion: Diane Brownfield Second: Dr. Tonya Thames Taylor Vote: 8-0-0

E. Change Order No. 1-005 at Coatesville Area Senior High School

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves Change Order No. 1-005 with Lobar, Inc. (General Contractor) at Coatesville Area Senior High School at no additional cost (total of \$90,320.69 additions and deductions) for providing various services, the most significant the credit for using less excavation of unsuitable soils than specified.

5. <u>COMMUNITY & STUDENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE</u> (Robert Knecht, Chair)

A. Review of Revised Policy #214 – Class Rank – 1st Reading

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the first reading of Revised Policy #214, Class Rank.

B. Review of Revised Policy #112 – Guidance – 1st Reading

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the first reading of Revised Policy #112, Guidance.

C. Comprehensive Safe School Plan

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the Comprehensive Safe School Plan.

D. North Brandywine Middle School Trip to New York City – May 19-20, 2011

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the North Brandywine Middle School trip to New York City, May 19-20, 2011.

E. North Brandywine Middle School Trip to Williamsburg, VA – May 26-28, 2011

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the North Brandywine Middle School trip to Williamsburg, VA, May 26-28, 2011.

F. Student Discipline Hearings

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the following student disciplinary action(s) as recommended. (*Enclosure*)

Student #	<u>Actions</u>
10DH59	30 day expulsion
10DH60	Expelled for balance of 2010-11 school year
10DH61	15 day expulsion
10DH62	15 day expulsion
10DH63	In-home instruction for 20 school days
10DH64	Full term 180 day expulsion
10DH65	25 day expulsion

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board has requested that all persons making comments of public concern to list their name, address, telephone number and topic(s) on the sheet provided. There is a three (3) minute time limit per person.

- Holly Bender, Parent:
 Not in favor of closing Caln Elementary School.
- 2) Jen Okumura:
 - Not in favor of closing Caln Elementary School, due to traffic & safety concerns. She suggested adding additional crossing guards.
- 3) MJ Wilson-Stenz, Principal @ Caln Elementary School:
 Mrs. Wilson-Stenz offered an explanation regarding the flyer that was sent home with students, based on parental inquiries about the date, time and processes relative to the school board meeting, and how best to address their concerns about the closing of Caln ES.

ADDITIONAL BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

INFORMATION ITEMS

Robert Knecht reported that The Brandywine Health Foundation will host its First Annual Festive 5K Run/ Walk on Saturday, December 4, 2010 to support the Coatesville Youth Initiative.

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m. on a motion by Neil Campbell and seconded by Dr. Tonya Thames Taylor.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Jackson, Recording Secretary

Kenneth D. Lupold, School Board Secretary

If any Board Member or member of the public wishes to review the minutes verbatim, please contact the School Board Secretary and make arrangements to come to the District Office and listen to the meeting tapes.