

COATESVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Coatesville Area Senior High School Auditorium
DECEMBER 5, 2017 - 7:00 PM

OPENING ACTIVITIES

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

2. READING OF MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Coatesville Area School District, rich in diversity and committed to excellence, is to create innovative educational experiences which are funded by the taxpayers, supported by the community, delivered by dedicated teachers and administrators, to ensure all students will become responsible, contributing global citizens.

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

Board of School Directors

Robert J. Fisher - *present*

Bashera Grove - *present*

James Hills - *present*

Thomas N. Keech - *present*

Robert M. Knecht - *absent*

Brandon J. Rhone - *present*

Thomas Siedenbuehl - *present*

Dean A. Snyder - *present*

Ann M. Wuertz - *present*

Administration

Dr. Cathy Taschner, Superintendent of Schools - *present*

Dr. Kimberly R. Donahue, Assistant to the Superintendent of Curriculum and Learning - *present*

Dr. Cynthia Ajemian, Director of Special Education - *absent*

Jeffrey Ammerman, Business Manager – *present*

Karen Hall, Director of Human Resources and School Board Secretary – *present*

Jason Palaia, Director of Elementary and Secondary Education - *absent*

Rita Perez, Director of Pupil Services - *absent*

Student Representatives

Jared Elters, Senior Class Representative - *absent*

Diamond Marrow, Junior Class Representative - *absent*

Solicitor

Michael I. Levin, Esquire – *not present*

5. **MOMENT OF SILENCE AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

READING of RESOLUTION for HAYA ITESCU (*Enclosure*)

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the minutes for the November 28, 2017 School Board meeting subject to any additions, deletions, modifications or clarifications. (*Enclosure*)

Motion: James Hills

Second: Ann Wuertz

Vote: 3-0-5

Abstained: Fisher, Grove,
Keech, Rhone & Snyder

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

The Board has requested all persons making comments on **agenda items** 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held on Monday, December 4, 2017 for legal and personnel reasons.

An executive session was held immediately after the Reorganization meeting on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 for legal reasons.

IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Meetings	Place
December 22 nd to January 1, 2018	<i>Winter Break</i>	<i>Schools Closed</i>
<i>Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season and a New Year filled with peace and happiness.</i>		

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.

CONSENT AGENDA (Board President)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the consent agenda items:

Items to be removed from Consent Agenda:

- A. Financial Statements
- C. Responding to Violent Intruder - Instructor Training
- I. Anastasi Landscaping Snow Removal Proposal

Motion: Ann Wuertz

Second: James Hills

Vote: 8-0-0

A. Financial Statements

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the financial statements and the bills payable list, as presented. (Enclosure)

Financial Statements Approved Vote: 5-3-0 Opposed: Rhone, Keech & Fisher
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Motion: James Hills

Second: Tom Siedenbuehl

Vote: 5-3-0

Opposed:
Rhone
Keech
Fisher

B. Out-of-State College Visit

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the out of state college visit, as presented. (Confidential Enclosure)

C. Responding to Violent Intruder - Instructor Training

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the Response to Violent Intruder Instructor, Train the Trainer Contract for Services with the Lancaster-Lebanan Intermediate Unit #13 to provide training to selected staff at a rate of \$200 per staff member with a class size minimum of seven (7) on December 27, 2017, as presented. (Confidential Enclosure)

RVI Training Approved Vote: 5-3-0 Opposed: Rhone, Fisher & Keech
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Motion: Ann Wuertz

Second: James Hills

Vote: 5-3-0

Opposed:
Rhone
Fisher
Keech

D. Memorandum of Understanding – Free Dental Health Services

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the Memorandum of Understanding between ChesPenn Family Health Services, the Chester County Health Department and the Coatesville Area School District to provide preventative dental health services for students, free of charge. (Confidential Enclosure)

- E. Homebound Instruction – Student 1718-0028**
RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the Homebound Instruction for student 1718-0028. (*Confidential Enclosure*)
- F. ABA2DAY Behavior Services LLC – Students 90002101 and 10015136**
RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the Special Education Contract Agreement between ABA2DAY Behavior Services LLC and the Coatesville Area School District for educational services provided by ABA2DAY Behavior Services for the 2017-2018 school year for students 90002101 and 10015136, as presented. (*Confidential Enclosure*)
- G. Certification of Sterling Act Tax Credit**
RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the Certification of Sterling Act Tax Credit in the amount of \$236,892.68 for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, as presented. (*Enclosure*)
- H. Pediatric Therapeutic Services Contract**
RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the contract with Pediatric Therapeutic Services to provide temporary psychological services, as presented. (*Enclosure*)
- I. Anastasi Landscaping Snow Removal Proposal**
RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the proposal from Anastasi Landscaping for snow removal for the 2017-2018 school year on an as needed basis. (*Enclosure*)

Anastasi Landscaping Approved Vote: 5-3-0 Opposed: Rhone, Fisher & Keech
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Motion: James Hills

Second: Tom Siedenbuehl

Vote: 5-3-0
Opposed:
Rhone
Fisher
Keech

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.

- Deborah Thompson: Would like school information and opportunities such as free SAT testing, free summer school and free tutorials made readily available to all parents and students of the CASD.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- Remarks and expressions of gratitude were made by the incoming School Board Directors as they were encouraged by other fellow Directors of what to expect while serving on the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m. on a motion by Tom Siedenbuehl.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Jackson, Recording Secretary

Karen M. Hall, School Board Secretary

Anyone wishing to review the minutes verbatim should contact the School Board Secretary to request a copy of the digital/audio file or you may visit our website to view the video of this meeting.