

# COATESVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

*Coatesville Area Senior High School Auditorium*

**DECEMBER 6, 2016**

*(Immediately following Reorganization Meeting)*

## **OPENING ACTIVITIES**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM**

### **2. PURPOSE OF MEETING**

The purpose of this meeting is to approve the bills payable, and any other matters that may come before the Board.

### **3. 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.*

### **4. 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.

### **5. ROLL CALL**

#### **Board of School Directors**

Stuart C. N. Deets - *present*

Brenda L. Geist - *present*

Bashera Grove - *present*

James Hills - *present*

Laurie C. Knecht - *present*

Thomas Siedenbuehl - *present*

Dean A. Snyder - *present*

Deborah L. Thompson - *present*

Ann M. Wuertz - *present*

#### **Student Representatives**

Kameron Reeves, Senior Class Representative – *not present*

Jared Elters, Junior Class Representative - *not present*

#### **Administration**

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

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

Ronald G. Kabonick, Director of Business Administration and School Board Secretary - *present*

Dr. Siobhan Leavy, Director of Pupil Services - *present*

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

#### **General Counsel**

Judy Shopp, Esquire - *present*

### **6. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

## **ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA**

*Modification(s):*

N. **Heating Piping Replacement and Repair – South Brandywine Middle School**

Recommended Motion: That the Board of School Directors approve the emergency repair of heating piping at South Brandywine Middle School, at a cost of \$9,978.00, as presented.

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approve the minutes for the November 22, 2016 School Board meeting subject to any additions, deletions, modifications or clarifications. (*Enclosure*)

Motion: Ann Wuertz

Second: Stuart Deets

Vote: 0-0-0

## **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.

- 1) *Wendy Kurenda:* Expressed gratitude to School Board, CASD Administration, the Athletic Director, and a special thanks to the faculty, support staff and custodial staff at Scott Middle School on behalf of the Coatesville Red Run Challenge. Please mark your calendar for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Red Run Challenge on Saturday, December 2, 2017.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An executive session was held on Monday, December 5, 2016 for legal, personnel and real estate reasons. An executive session was held on Tuesday, December 6, 2016 for legal, personnel and real estate reasons.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

The superintendent's report was provided by Dr. Cathy Taschner.

## **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.



- H. Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc.**  
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approve Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. to install a 4-inch roof vent flashing at Caln Elementary School in the amount of \$500.00. Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. is a subsidiary of Tremco Incorporated and is necessary to maintain the existing roof warranty. (*Confidential Enclosure*)
- I. Request to Waive Fees – Diamonds-in-the-Rough – Scott Middle School**  
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approve the request to waive fees for utilizing the cafeteria at Scott Middle School, from January 9<sup>th</sup> to June 5<sup>th</sup> 2017 in the amount of \$5,526.00. (*Confidential Enclosure*)
- J. Request to Waive Fees – Radicals – Scott Middle School**  
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approve the request to waive fees for utilizing the cafeteria and the gymnasium at Scott Middle School from January 6<sup>th</sup> to June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017 in the amount of \$14,437.50. (*Confidential Enclosure*)
- K. License Agreement – Freedom Life Christian Church**  
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approve the renewal of the License Agreement between the Freedom Life Christian Church and the Coatesville Area School District, as presented. (*Confidential Enclosure*)
- L. Farm Land Lease Agreement - M & M Farms**  
**RECOMMEND MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approve M & M Farms (Mark Martin) the Lease Agreement for the 13.75 acres field west of South Brandywine Middle School and 30 acres east and north of Rainbow Elementary School for a total amount of \$8,280.00 per calendar year. (*Confidential Enclosure*)
- M. Domestic Water Pumping System Retrofit – South Brandywine Middle School**  
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approve the emergency replacement of the domestic water pumping system through Johnson Controls – Costars Contract #008-145, at a cost of \$59,904.00. (*Enclosure*)
- N. Heating Piping Replacement and Repair – South Brandywine Middle School**  
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approve the emergency repair of heating piping at South Brandywine Middle School, at a cost of \$9,978.00, as presented. (*Enclosure*)
- O. 2017 Field Trip – Gifted Program Tour Contract – Harrisburg, PA**  
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approve the Tour Contract for a field trip to Harrisburg to supplement the Gifted curriculum. (*Confidential Enclosure*)
- P. 2017 Field Trip – Gifted Program Tour Contract – Philadelphia, PA**  
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approve the Tour Contract for a field trip to Philadelphia to supplement the Gifted curriculum. (*Confidential Enclosure*)
- Q. Petition for School Police Chief / Officer**  
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approve the Resolution, as presented, and authorize Levin Legal Group, PC to initiate and prosecute a petition under 24 P.S. § 7-778 in the name of the School District, as presented. (*Confidential Enclosure*)

**R. Organizational Chart**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approve the organizational chart, as presented. (*Confidential Enclosure*)

**S. Extended School Year Contract – The Devereux Foundation - Student 50001011**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approve the Extended Year Contract with the Devereux Foundation for July and August 2016 for student 50001011, as presented. (*Confidential Enclosure*)

**T. Standard School Agreement – The Devereux Foundation - Student 10006034**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approve the Standard School Agreement for October 2016 through June 2017 with the Devereux Foundation for student 10006034, as presented. (*Confidential Enclosure*)

**U. Mission Statement**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approve revisions to the mission statement as presented below:

*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.*

Mission Statement
Approved
Vote: 9-0-0

Motion: Ann Wuertz

Second: Deborah Thompson

Vote: 9-0-0

**V. Human Resources Report**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approve the resignations, appointments, new positions, leave of absences, transfers, changes of status and corrections, as outlined below:

**1. Resignations - Regular and Extra Duty**

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

a. CATA

- 1) Johnson, Christina, Special Education Teacher for Reeceville Elementary School. Letter Dated: 11/23/2016. Reason: Personal. Effective: 1/6/2017.
- 2) Patterson, Ashley, School Psychologist for Coatesville Area School District. Letter Dated: 11/21/2016. Reason: Personal. Effective: 1/6/2017.

b. CATSS

- 1) Patterson, Virginia, 250-Day Secretary for the Coatesville Area School District. Letter Dated: 11/28/2016. Reason: Retirement. Effective: 1/9/2017.
- 2) Winters, Brandes, 250-Day Secretary for the Coatesville Area School District. Letter Dated: 11/28/2016. Reason: Personal. Effective: 11/28/2016.

- c. FEDERATION
    - 1) Ortiz, Ascencion, Labor Pool for the Coatesville Area School District. Letter Dated: 11/13/2016. Reason: Personal. Effective: 11/25/2016.
  - d. EXTRA DUTY
    - 1) London, Kevin, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' Basketball Coach for South Brandywine Middle School Letter Dated: 11/21/2016. Reason: Personal. Effective: 11/21/2016.
    - 2) Pratt, Kimberly, Assistant 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Lacrosse Coach for Coatesville Area Senior High School. Letter Dated: 11/28/2016. Reason: Personal. Effective: 11/28/2016.
2. **New Appointments - Regular and Extra Duty**  
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approve the following New Appointments - Regular and Extra Duty:
- a. EXTRA DUTY
    - 1) After-School Tutors for the East Fallowfield Elementary School. Salary: \$33/hour. Effective: 2016—2017 School Year. SP4: Staff.  
  
Kathleen Chidester                      Maureen Harre
    - 2) Kelly, Bobbie, Mentor for additional mentee Alicia Davis. Subject: Special Education. Building: Friendship Elementary School. Posted: 6/1/2016. Salary: \$500 (prorated). Effective: 2016—2017 School Year. SP4: Staff.
    - 3) Game/Event Workers for the Coatesville Area School District. Effective: 2016—2017 School Year. SP4: Staff.  
  
Megan Batten                      Paul Gluck                      Elizabeth Sammond  
Chris Cantwell                      Doug Heydt                      Jennifer Shariatamadari  
Dara Connor                      Scott Kershey                      Denise Smith  
Deb Flad                      Jeffrey Kuhn                      Kristen Trimboli  
Claarissa Gamber                      Eric Pearson
3. **Leave(s) of Absence**  
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approve the following Leave(s) of Absence as indicated:
- a. CATA
    - 1) Hines, Alicia, Special Education Teacher for Coatesville Area Intermediate High School. Effective: 10/6/2016—10/21/2016.
  - b. FEDERATION
    - 1) Heckert, Brian, B Custodian for Coatesville Area Senior High School. Effective: 11/1/2016—12/16/2016.

- 2) Reason, John, Custodian for Friendship Elementary School. Effective: 11/15/2016—12/22/2016.

**4. Extra Duty Position Addition – Pilot for Stem Club at Reeceville Elementary**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approve the addition of Pilot for Stem Club at Reeceville Elementary for the 2016-2017 school year.

**W. Human Resources Addendum**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approve the Addendum to the Human Resources Report as outlined below:

**1. New Appointments - Regular and Extra Duty**

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

a. ADMINISTRATION

- 1) Sturdivant, Stephanie, Principal for Reeceville Elementary School. Posted: 8/12/2016. Salary: \$115,000 (prorated). Degree: MA—Educational Leadership, Widener University. BA—Education, University of North Carolina. Certifications: Administrative Principal PK-12, Supervisory Curriculum & Instruction PK-12, Instructional II English 7-12. Effective: TBD. SP4: Approved. Pending 168 Forms.

Stephanie Sturdivant Principal @ Reeceville ES
Approved
Vote: 9-0-0

Motion: Laurie Knecht

Second: Ann Wuertz

Vote: 9-0-0

b. EXTRA DUTY

- 1) Homebound Instructors for the Coatesville Area School District. Posted: 11/28/2016. Salary: \$33/hour. Effective: 2016—2017 School Year. SP4: Staff.

Christina Lee

Kyle Walker

**2. Change of Status**

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

a. FEDERATION

- 1) Richardson, Florence, move from 3-Hour Food Service General Utility Worker for King's Highway to 3.5-Hour Food Service General Utility Worker. Effective: 12/1/2016.

**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.

- 1) Elwood Dixon: Comments made by one of the School Board Directors.
- 2) Fonz Newsuan: Comments made by one of the School Board Directors.

### **ADDITIONAL BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS**

- *Brenda Geist*: The next CCIU Board meeting will be held at 7 pm on Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at the TCHS building located on Boot Road.
- *Deborah Thompson*: Expressed her apologies for comments made at the November 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting, as she reiterated her commitment to ensure that every student/athlete in the CASD is receiving a good solid education.
- *James Hills*: Clarified his stance on the comments made at the November 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- CASD and Charter School Enrollment Reports for the month ending November 30, 2016 (*Enclosure*)

### **ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m. on a motion by Stuart Deets and seconded by Ann Wuertz.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Karen Jackson, Recording Secretary*

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Ronald G. Kabonick, 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.*