

# COATESVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MAY 12, 2015

9/10 CENTER AUDITORIUM

(Immediately Following Committee Meetings)

## OPENING ACTIVITIES

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AT 8:50 P.M.

### 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

Dean A. Snyder, President - present	(Finance & Personnel Committee)
Stuart C. N. Deets, Vice President - present	(Operations and Finance & Personnel Committees)
Diane M. Brownfield - present	(Education Committee)
James Hills - present	(Education and Operations Committees)
Laurie C. Knecht - present	(Operations Committee)
Michele S. Maffei - present	(Finance & Personnel Committee)
Deborah L. Thompson - present	(Education and Policy Committees)
Ann M. Wuertz - present	(Policy Committee)
Gregory D. Wynn - present	(Policy Committee)

#### Solicitor

Michael I. Levin, Esquire – not present

#### Administration

Dr. Cathy Taschner, Superintendent of Schools - present  
Dr. Kimberly R. Donahue, Assistant to the Superintendent of Curriculum & Learning - present  
Ronald G. Kabonick, Director of Business Administration & School Board Secretary - present  
John Reid, Director of Pupil Services, Data & Assessment - present  
Dave Krakower, Director of High School & Curriculum Instruction – Special Education (6-12) - present  
Jason Palaia, Director of Elementary Education & Special Education (K-5) - present

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

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

#### *Additions:*

7. College Preparatory Math Series for Grades 6-12 Textbook Adoption
8. Everyday Math Series for Grades K-5 Textbook Adoption
9. 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Academic Competition in Alexandria, VA

Motion: Ann Wuertz

Second: Deborah Thompson

Vote: 9-0-0

### **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. Sharon Ross wants to see the District's savings, in the budget, resulting from outsourcing. She also wants to see the costs to be charged by Servicemaster. She feels the custodians are being punished for the lack of poor management by the prior administration.
2. Cass Rowland (*CASD Maintenance Staff for 20 years*) questioned the \$1.2/million savings the District expects to save through outsourcing the custodial/maintenance staff and job cuts. He asked if the costs associated with snow removal, lining of the baseball fields, and set-up/turn-down of the basketball courts, etc. are all included in the savings. Mr. Rowland reminded the Board that those who are threatened with losing their jobs to outsourcing have homes, families and some with children in college, and he asked them to consider giving advanced notice, should their jobs be eliminated, in order to search for other employment.

### **MOTION ITEMS FOR APPROVAL**

#### **1. Bills Payable and/or Financial Statements**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approve the bills payable and/or the financial statements, as presented.

Motion: Laurie Knecht

Second: Greg Wynn

Vote: 9-0-0

#### **2. 2015-2016 Final Budget Adoption**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors adopt the 2015-2016 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$149,420,401. The General Fund Budget includes a property tax increase of 2.40%.

Motion: Stuart Deets

Second: Laurie Knecht

Vote: 8-0-1

Abstained: James Hills

3. **2015 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors adopts the 2015 Homestead and Farmstead Resolution as attached.

Motion: Diane Brownfield                      Second: Greg Wynn                      Vote: 9-0-0

4. **2015-2016 Tax Resolution**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors adopt the 2015-2016 Tax Resolution as attached.

Motion: Stuart Deets                      Second: Diane Brownfield                      Vote: 9-0-0

5. **Newlin Foundation Lease Agreement**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approve the District Lease Agreement with Newlin Foundation for space on the first floor of the Benner building. The area to be leased is identified on the floor plan as the HR Office suite. This area totals 1,125 square feet @ \$6.50 for a monthly amount of \$610.00.

Motion: Greg Wynn                      Second: Stuart Deets                      Vote: 9-0-0

6. **Adjudication for Student #50000874**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approve the adjudication for Student #50000874, as presented. (*Confidential Enclosure*)

Motion: Ann Wuertz                      Second: Diane Brownfield                      Vote: 8-0-1  
Abstained: Dean Snyder

7. **College Preparatory Math Series for Grades 6-12 Textbook Adoption**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approve the textbook adoption of the College Preparatory Math Series for Grades 6-12.

Motion: Ann Wuertz                      Second: Deborah Thompson                      Vote: 9-0-0

8. **Everyday Math Series for Grades K-5 Textbook Adoption**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approve the textbook adoption of Everyday Math Series for Grades K-5.

Motion: Ann Wuertz                      Second: Diane Brownfield                      Vote: 9-0-0

9. **33<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Academic Competition in Alexandria, VA**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approve the participation of the Coatesville Area High School Academic Team in the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Academic Competition to be held in Alexandria, Virginia.

Motion: Ann Wuertz                      Second: Greg Wynn                      Vote: 9-0-0

## **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.

## **ADDITIONAL BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS**

- Per Ms. Brownfield, the next IU Board will meet next Wednesday, May 20, 2015.
- The Red Raider Award Ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30 p.m.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. on a motion by Dean Snyder and seconded by Diane Brownfield.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Karen Jackson, Recording Secretary*

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Ronald G. Kabonick, School Board Secretary

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