

**COATESVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 14, 2015  
9/10 CENTER AUDITORIUM  
(Immediately Following Committee Meetings)**

**OPENING ACTIVITIES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER AT 7:38 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	<i>(Finance &amp; Personnel Committee)</i>
Stuart C. N. Deets, Vice President – present	<i>(Operations and Finance &amp; Personnel Committees)</i>
Diane M. Brownfield – present	<i>(Education Committee)</i>
James Hills – present	<i>(Education and Operations Committees)</i>
Laurie C. Knecht – present	<i>(Operations Committee)</i>
Michele S. Maffei – present	<i>(Finance &amp; Personnel Committee)</i>
Deborah L. Thompson – present	<i>(Education and Policy Committees)</i>
Ann M. Wuertz – present	<i>(Policy Committee)</i>
Gregory D. Wynn – present	<i>(Policy Committee)</i>

**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  
Erika Zeigler, Director of Human Resources – absent  
John Reid, Director of Pupil Services, Data & Assessment – present  
Dave Krakower, Director of High School & Curriculum Instruction – Special Education (6-12) – absent  
Jason Palaia, Director of Elementary Education & Special Education (K-5) – present



## **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) John Maffei asked for clarity on what the Board is looking for in a forensic audit. He also thanked all the teachers who have chosen to stay at CASD and rise above the scandal despite the challenges it has presented.

## **ADDITIONAL BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS**

Ms. Brownfield will attend the IU Board's Reorganization Meeting on Wednesday, July 15, 2015.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

*Board President, Dean Snyder, addressed the forensic audit topic and reminded the public of the following:*

"This Board and the Administration is striving to be as transparent as possible but obviously as we get into the audit itself we are going to be restrained due to legal issues. We will apprise the public as we are able but please keep in mind that once we are into that type of investigation a lot of things must stay private until we come to a resolution."

*President Snyder also read the following statement concerning the Coatesville Solar Initiative (CSI) Project:*

"The Board has received, and has carefully reviewed, the report from Emerald Consulting on the CSI Project. This report will be made public on our website. In light of the findings in the report, the Board will not be moving on, or taking further action, at this time, but will release a full and formal statement along with the posting of the report."

*Deborah Thompson is concerned about keeping our students safe. She feels it is imperative that the Board and the Administration continue to hold discussions and be vigilant as we work together to keep our students safe.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m. on a motion by Michele Maffei 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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