

# WYOMISSING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 2009-3992

**Minutes** February 23, 2009

The regular meeting of the Board of School Directors convened at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Board Room of the Jr./Sr. High School with Mr. Larkin, Board President, presiding.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Following the pledge, the secretary called the roll of Board members.

Board Members Present:

Mr. Althouse, Mrs. Barnett, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Hinsey, Mrs. McCready, Mr. Portner, Mrs. Sakmann and Mr. Larkin.

Administrative Staff Present:

Mr. Robbins, Dr. Pulkowski, Ms. Garman, Mrs. Mason, Mr. Gall, and Mr. Fries.

Attendees:

Mr. Georgeadis, Kozloff Stoudt; Darrin Youker, Reading Eagle; and Shelley Filer, substituting for Diane Schaeffer, recording secretary. Audience sign-in sheet included as part of these official minutes.

## WELCOME

President Larkin welcomed everyone. He announced that an executive session was held prior to the meeting and no action was taken. He noted the upcoming meetings as follows:

## MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- March 9, 2009 – Personnel/Policy Committee – 5:00 p.m.
- March 9, 2009 – Finance/Facilities Committee – Following Personnel/Policy Meeting
- March 23, 2009 – Curriculum/Technology Committee – 5:00 p.m.
- March 23, 2009 – School Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

All meetings will be held in the Community Board Room at the Jr. /Sr. High School.

## PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Larkin opened the floor for questions on agenda items. Several members of the public asked questions regarding the Fitness Center membership program including the appropriateness of charging a fee, limited hours of accessibility as compared to other facilities charging fees, and how the fees would be used.

Another audience member questioned whether or not grants would be available to students whose family could not afford the tuition for Summer Safari programs. Dr. Pulkowski indicated there were funds available to meet those needs.

## APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Upon motion by Mrs. Barnett, seconded by Mr. Portner, the following minutes were approved:

- January 26, 2009 Board Meeting
- February 9, 2009 Board Meeting

Yeas: Althouse, Barnett, Davis, Fitzgerald, Hinsey, McCready, Portner, Sakmann, and Larkin.

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Nays: None. Motion carried.

**FINANCE/  
FACILITIES**

Mr. Larkin asked for a motion to approve the Finance/Facilities items as noted. Mrs. Barnett motioned, and Mrs. McCready seconded. There was discussion on Item VI., Approve Fitness Center membership program. Following a motion by Mr. Portner, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald, Item VI was tabled.

Yeas: Althouse, Barnett, Davis, Fitzgerald, Hinsey, McCready, Portner, Sakmann, and Larkin.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

A roll call was taken to approve the Finance/Facilities items with the exception of Item VI. as noted. The Board approved the following items:

APPROVED  
FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial reports for January 2009 are included as part of these official minutes.

APPROVED PAYMENT  
OF INVOICES

Payment of properly approved vendor invoices for the General Fund, Athletic Fund, and Food Service Fund.

APPROVED BUDGET  
TRANSFERS

Approved budget transfers in the amount of \$55,455.

APPROVED BCIU  
BUDGET

Approved the BCIU budget.

APPROVED BERKS  
COUNTY JOINT  
PURCHASING  
AGREEMENT

Approved the Berks County Joint Purchasing Agreement.

APPROVED  
ARCHITECT

Approved AEM Architects, Inc. as the architect for the Roof Management Plan.

AUTHORIZED  
ADMINISTRATION TO  
ACCEPT BIDS

Authorized the administration to accept bids for roof work as per the Roof Management Plan.

APPROVED  
RESOLUTION

Approved the resolution to ratify the original Bond Purchase Agreement with RBC Capital Markets Corporation included as part of these official minutes

Yeas: Althouse, Barnett, Davis, Fitzgerald, Hinsey, McCready, Portner, Sakmann, and Larkin.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

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**CURRICULUM/  
TECHNOLOGY**

Upon a motion by Mrs. Sakmann and seconded by Mrs. Davis, the Board approved the following Curriculum/Technology item:

APPROVED  
SUBMISSION OF  
GRANT

Approved the submission of the PDE School Improvement Grant for \$9,000.

Yeas: Althouse, Barnett, Davis, Fitzgerald, Hinsey, McCready, Portner, Sakmann, and Larkin.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

**PERSONNEL/POLICY**

Mr. Larkin asked for a motion to approve the Personnel/Policy items as listed. Mrs. McCready asked that Item XII., Approve Supplemental Athletics List for Spring Sports 2008-09, be voted on separately. Upon a motion by Mrs. Barnett, seconded by Mrs. Sakmann, the Board approved the Personnel/Policy items excluding Item XII., as follows:

APPROVED STIPEND  
FOR SUMMER SAFARI  
COORDINATOR

Approved stipend for Summer Safari Coordinator in the amount of \$3,000 through August 2009.

APPROVED SUMMER  
SAFARI  
COORDINATORS

Approved Summer Safari Coordinators - Dawn Hart, Summer Safari Co-Coordinator, at a stipend of \$1,500, effective February 24, 2009 through August 2009; and Jennifer Mangold, Summer Safari Co-Coordinator, at a stipend of \$1,500, effective February 24, 2009 through August 2009.

APPROVED  
PROFESSIONAL  
CHANGE IN  
ASSIGNMENT

Approved Professional Change in Assignment- Allison Hoofnagle, from Secondary Learning Support Teacher at the JSJS, M, Step 5, \$44,450, to Elementary Learning Support Teacher at WREC, M, Step 5, \$44,450, effective March 9, 2009.

APPROVED  
PROFESSIONAL  
APPOINTMENT

Approved Professional Appointment - Kathleen D. Myers, Secondary Learning Support Teacher at the JSJS, MEQ, Step 14, \$62,650, effective March 4, 2009, pending receipt of necessary documents.

APPROVED SUPPORT  
TEACHER

Approved Support Teacher for New Professional Staff – Tony Alvarez, for Kathleen Myers, Secondary Learning Support Teacher at the JSJS, \$500 stipend, effective March 4, 2009.

RATIFIED EFFECTIVE  
DATE OF FMLA  
LEAVE

Ratified Change in Effective date for FMLA/Child Rearing Leave:

- a. Dana Quinlivan, Secondary French Teacher, began her leave on February 2, 2009.
- b. Maria Gernert, Secondary Spanish Teacher, began her leave on February 2, 2009.

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### APPROVE SUPPORT STAFF APPOINTMENT

Approved Support Staff Appointment - Michael Hasara, Full-time Custodian at the JSBS, \$12.16/hr., effective February 24, 2009.

### RATIFIED SUPPORT STAFF RESIGNATION

Ratify Support Staff Resignation - Robert Sanders, Part-time Van Driver, effective January 20, 2009.

### APPROVED SUPPORT STAFF HOURS

Approved hours for Support Staff to attend CPR and First Aid Training. - The following support staff members will attend CPR and First Aid Training at the Reading Hospital, on March 6, 2009, for an amount not to exceed a maximum of 6 hours, at their approved hourly rate:

- a. Donna Bottiglieri - Full-time Special Education Instructional Aide, WHEC
- b. Karen Conklin - Full-time Job Coach, JSBS
- c. Hilary Decker - Full-time Special Education Instructional Aide, JSBS
- d. Michelle Geist - Full-time Special Education Instructional Aide, WHEC
- e. Jessica Hole - Full-time Special Education Instructional Aide, WHEC
- f. Kim Latino - Full-time Special Education Instructional Aide, JSBS
- g. Dorothy Lefever - Full-time Special Education Instructional Aide, JSBS
- h. Molly Mantione - Full-time Special Education Instructional Aide, WHEC
- i. Lisa Reichardt - Full-time Special Education Instructional Aide, WHEC
- j. Kathy Schweitzer - Full-time Special Education Instructional Aide, JSBS
- k. Mary Thacker - Full-time Special Education Instructional Aide, JSBS
- l. Arlene Wagner - Part-time Special Education Instructional Aide, JSBS

### RATIFIED SUPPORT STAFF UNPAID LEAVE REQUESTS

Ratified Support Staff Unpaid Leave Requests:

- a. Pamela Kaucher, Part-time Clerical Assistant at the JSBS, unpaid leave January 16, 2009 and January 20-22, 2009.
- b. Rebecca Sibbett, Part-time Special Education Instructional Aide at WREC, unpaid leave February 2-4, 2009.
- c. Annemarie Melcher, Part-time Teacher's Instructional Aide at WHEC, unpaid leave January 23, 2009 and January 26-30, 2009.

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APPROVED WEIGHT  
ROOM SUPERVISOR  
SUBSTITUTE

Ratified Substitute Weight Room Supervisor - Ryan Hassler, Substitute Weight Room Supervisor, \$13/hr., effective January 2, 2009.

APPROVED  
ADDITIONS/  
DELETIONS TO THE  
DISTRICT  
SUBSTITUTE LIST

List provided as part of these official minutes.

APPROVED  
ADDITIONS TO THE  
DISTRICT  
VOLUNTEER LIST

List provided as part of these official minutes.

APPROVED SCHOOL  
CALENDAR

Approved the Wyomissing Area school calendar for 2009-10.

Yeas: Althouse, Barnett, Davis, Fitzgerald, Hinsey, McCready, Portner, Sakmann, and Larkin.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

APPROVED  
SUPPLEMENTAL  
ATHLETICS LIST

Upon motion by Mrs. Barnett, seconded by Mr. Hinsey, the Board approved the supplemental athletic list for spring sports 2008-09 included as part of these official minutes.

Yeas: Althouse, Barnett, Davis, Fitzgerald, Hinsey, Portner, Sakmann, and Larkin.

Abstain: McCready

Nays: None. Motion carried.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S  
OFFICE**

Upon a motion by Mrs. Barnett, seconded by Mrs. Sakmann, the Board approved the following item:

APPROVED  
OVERNIGHT FIELD  
TRIP REQUEST

Approved Overnight Field Trip Request – 2009 PA State Scholastic Chess Championships, March 6-8, 2009.

Yeas: Althouse, Barnett, Davis, Fitzgerald, Hinsey, McCready, Portner, Sakmann, and Larkin.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATIVE  
REPORTS**

Treasurer's Report is included as part of these official minutes

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

# WYOMISSING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 2009-3997

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Althouse reported that the BCTC meeting was not held last month due to inclement weather. It has been rescheduled for Wednesday, February 25, 2009.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

An audience member questioned the status of the January bus accident. Mr. Robbins responded that the accident was investigated by the police department and internally by Gross Bus Company. The driver was disciplined by the bus company and is currently driving for the District.

A question was raised about a recent drug incident at the JSHS and whether the District would consider using drug-sniffing dogs. Mr. Robbins responded that if the District decided to use dogs, only he and the Chief of Police would have advanced notice.

An audience member asked if in light of 18 workers' compensation claims from students assaulting staff members, did the District consider bringing in a School Resource Officer. Mr. Robbins responded that there were pros and cons to having a School Resource Officer, but at this time it is not necessary.

A question was raised concerning the number of "new" coaches listed on the supplemental athletics list for spring sports. A clarification was made that the positions are not new, just the individuals in the positions.

An audience member questioned the status of WREC because other than information on roof repairs, nothing has been shared with the public. He also questioned if the District has applied for an extension on the use of the modular classrooms. Mr. Larkin responded that there could be federal money in the stimulus bill that could help the District resolve some of the issues at WREC. Mr. Althouse indicated that there are facilities needs district-wide. We are addressing a series of immediate concerns, the bulk of which involves roofing. The next step is to decide what else we can do and what we can afford.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Fitzgerald, seconded by Mrs. McCready to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. Mr. Larkin announced that another executive session would be held following the meeting and no action would be taken.

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Corinne D. Mason  
Board Secretary