

Certification: Elementary K-6; Elementary Principal; Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction;
16 years teaching experience; 0 years administrative experience
Paxon Hollow Middle School
Salary: \$84,000.00
Effective: August 26, 2009
Reason: Replacing Rodd Luckenbill (Resigned)

Mr. Richard Sokorai requested the following addition to Agenda item 14.04:

14.04 Budget and Finance Motions (Continued)

MOTION: To direct the Administration to investigate outsourcing transportation, food services and custodial operations.

Mr. Michael Molinaro requested to following additions to Agenda item 15.02:

15.02 Facilities Motions

MOTION: To engage Colliers International to act as the district's commercial real estate consultant as detailed on the attached agreement of representation; and

MOTION: To adopt the attached resolution requesting that the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) nullify the twenty-year eligibility limitations provided in the Basic Education Circular (BEC) 24 P.S. 7-733 "School Construction Reimbursement Criteria" in the previous PlanCon project, PDE Project No. 2506.

Mrs. Dana Kauffman then asked for an addition to the fourth motion under Agenda Section 11, to read as follows:

MOTION: To approve the "in lieu of" settlement agreement for Student No. 801953 to obtain special education services from an independent educational entity per the agreement Subject to review and approval of final language by the Solicitor and the Special Education Council.

Mr. Edward Partridge then asked if the motion he added under 13.04 could be broken into two motions, since the item was not discussed in HR Committee:

MOTION: To approve the following administrative appointment, item 1.

- 2) Matthew Flood – Assistant Principal
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Hollow Middle School at \$84,000.00 per year.

With no further additions or revisions, motion passed: 9-0

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)

There were no public comments at this time.

6. WE ARE PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

There was no report.

7. COMMENDATIONS

There was no report.

8. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT

There was no report.

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Merle Horowitz announced that the district had a very productive summer. Curriculum, Instruction and Technology held forty-eight workshops over the summer months, with 424 participants. Several educators attended more than one workshop to enhance their skills, and are looking forward to utilizing what they learned. Dr. Horowitz extended her personal thanks to the facilitators and technology staff for their efforts in these workshops. The Operations Department was busy cleaning all buildings, setting up the new security system and grooming the fields for our athletic events in the fall. We welcomed 25 new professional staff members for the new school year, some replacing retirees and some as long term substitutes. Dr. Connie Bompadre planned a full array of new teacher induction events. September 1 we will welcome back our entire staff for three days of staff development workshops. Dr. Horowitz then thanked the entire Central Administration and building level administration for closing out the 2008-2009 school year and planning for the new one. Everyone is looking forward to welcoming back our staff and students.

10. SECRETARY'S MINUTES

Mrs. Dana Kauffman then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2009 Regular Meeting and the August 11, 2009 Special Meeting and have them made a permanent part of the record. Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Dr. Jeffrey Shapiro. With no further discussion, motion passed: 9-0

11. OTHER REPORTS

Mrs. Dana Kauffman then asked for a motion to approve the attached Independent Provider Contracts with Marvin Rosen, Ph.D. to provide Behavioral Health/Mental Health services to students in the Marple Newtown School District through the Office of Pupil Services.

Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mr. Fred Dewey. With no further discussion, motion passed: 9-0

Mrs. Dana Kauffman then asked for a motion to approve the attached Independent Provider Contract with Elwyn, Inc. to provide therapeutic support services for Behavioral Health services at the Marple Newtown High School.

Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mr. Fred Dewey.
With no further discussion, motion passed: 9-0

Mrs. Dana Kauffman then asked for a motion to approve the attached Independent Provider Contract with Nancy Nowell to provide Human Development educational services to students in the District's Life Skills Support programs.

Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mr. Fred Dewey.
With no further discussion, motion passed: 9-0

Mrs. Dana Kauffman then asked for a motion to approve the "in lieu of" settlement agreement for Student No. 801953 to obtain special education services from an independent educational entity per the agreement and subject to review and approval of final language by the Solicitor and the Special Education Council.

Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mr. Fred Dewey.
With no further discussion, motion passed: 9-0

Mrs. Dana Kauffman then asked for a motion to approve the first reading of Policy No. 218.3 entitled, "Positive Behavior Support Policy".

Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mr. Fred Dewey.
With no further discussion, motion passed: 9-0

Mrs. Dana Kauffman then asked for a motion to approve the Letter of Agreement with Holcomb Behavioral Health Systems to provide Drug and Alcohol Consultation Services and Behavioral Management Consultation Services at the Alternative School.

Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mr. Fred Dewey.
With no further discussion, motion passed: 9-0

Mrs. Dana Kauffman then asked for a motion to approve the Letter of Agreement with Holcomb Behavioral Health Systems to provide intervention services, consultation/technical assistance, liaison, assessment and other appropriate agency services in support of the Student Assistance Program (SAP).

Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mr. Fred Dewey.
With no further discussion, motion passed: 9-0

Mrs. Dana Kauffman then asked for a motion to approve the Contractual Agreement with The Vanguard School for specialized educational services for certain resident pupils of the District.

Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mr. Fred Dewey.
With no further discussion, motion passed: 9-0

Mrs. Dana Kauffman then asked for a motion to approve the Special Education – Extended School Year Tuition Contract Agreement with the Ocean City Board of Education for a pupil to attend the Multiple Disabilities Extended School Year Program – High School.

Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mr. Fred Dewey.

Mr. David McGinley asked why the student had to attend a program in New Jersey. Dr. Horowitz responded that the student was multiply disabled, and this was the best placement for that student. Mr. McGinley asked if there was anything closer, or if the District would have to provide transportation. Dr. Horowitz responded that there was nothing closer, and the parents were in that area, so the District would not have to provide transportation.

With no further discussion, motion passed: 9-0

12. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

12.01 Committee Report – Nancy Galbraith, Chairwoman

12.02 Technology Update

There was no technology update.

12.03 Curriculum, Instruction and Technology Motions

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith then asked for a motion to approve the disposal of German textbooks and workbooks along with Spanish textbooks and workbooks as listed on the attachment. These books have not been used for five (5) years.

Motion was made by Mrs. Dana Kauffman and seconded by Dr. Jeffrey Shapiro.

With no further discussion, motion passed: 9-0

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith then asked for a motion to approve transportation for the Marple Newtown High School fall interscholastic athletic schedule.

Motion was made by Mrs. Dana Kauffman and seconded by Mr. Michael Molinaro.

With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith then asked for a motion to approve the Marple Newtown High School Cheerleader's trip to the UCA Cheerleading Nationals in Orlando, Florida departing February 11, 2010 and returning on February 16, 2010. The team will miss only one day of school because the trip occurs over a holiday weekend.

Motion was made by Mrs. Dana Kauffman and seconded by Mr. Fred Dewey.

With no further discussion, motion passed: 9-0

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith then asked for a motion to approve a 2009-2010 calendar change designating Tuesday, November 3, 2009 as an Act 80 professional development day. This will enable us to have one more student day in case of inclement weather.

Motion was made by Mrs. Dana Kauffman and seconded by Mr. Fred Dewey.

With no further discussion, motion passed: 9-0

13. HUMAN RESOURCES AND POLICY COMMITTEE

13.01 Committee Report – Edward C. Partridge, Chairperson

Mr. Partridge announced that the Marple Newtown School District has faced a lot of challenges to create a budget for the 2009-2010 school year. The District had to make a lot of very difficult decisions to balance the budget. The senior leadership team understands the difficulty in balancing the budget, and the following leaders have voluntarily agreed to no salary increase for the 2009-2010 school year. They are Dr. Merle Horowitz, Mr. Lance Freeman, Mr. Joe Driscoll, and Mr. Mike Dumin. On behalf of the Board, Mr. Partridge thanked them for working with the Board and freezing their salaries.

13.02 RESIGNATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE

Mr. Edward Partridge then asked for a motion to approve the following administrative resignation, item 1.

- 1) Rodd Luckenbill – Assistant Principal
Paxon Hollow
Effective: Pending release from Marple Newtown School District
Reason: Revised date

Motion was made by Mr. Michael Molinaro and seconded by Mr. Richard Sokorai.
With no further discussion, motion passed: 9-0

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Edward Partridge then asked for a motion to approve the following professional resignations, items 1 through 2.

- 1) Matthew Piccara – LTS Elementary Teacher
Loomis Elementary
Effective: August 6, 2009
Reason: Other Employment

- 2) Jessica Clendaniel – LTS Counselor
Russell Elementary
Effective: August 19, 2009
Reason: Other Employment

Motion was made by Mr. Richard Sokorai and seconded by Dr. Jeffrey Shapiro.
With no further discussion, motion passed: 9-0

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Edward Partridge then asked for a motion to approve the following classified resignations, items 1 through 2.

- 1) Marie Rafferty – Bus Assistant

Transportation
Effective: August 3, 2009
Reason: Personal

- 2) Deborah Dashkiwsky – Bus Driver
Transportation
Effective: July 24, 2009
Reason: Personal

Motion was made by Mr. Michael Molinaro and seconded by Dr. Jeffrey Shapiro.
With no further discussion, motion passed: 9-0

13.03 LEAVES

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Edward Partridge then asked for a motion to approve the following professional leave, item 1.

- 1) Lauren DiBlasi – Special Education Teacher
Culbertson Elementary
Effective: September 8, 2009 through November 30, 2009
Reason: FMLA

Motion was made by Mr. Michael Molinaro and seconded by Dr. Jeffrey Shapiro.
With no further discussion, motion passed: 9-0

13.04 APPOINTMENTS

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Edward Partridge then asked for a motion to approve the following professional appointments, items 1 through 5.

- 1) Meredith Noelle Newton - LTS Health/Physical Education Teacher
B.S. Health/Physical Education: West Chester University;
Certification: Health/Physical Education; 1 Yr. Experience
High School
Salary: \$40,788.00 (Pro-rated)
Effective: September 1, 2009
Reason: Replaces Robert DiSands (Resigned)
- 2) Ashley Callinan – LTS Health/Physical Education Teacher
B.S. – Health and Physical Education: West Chester University;
Certification: Health and Physical Education; 0 Years Experience
Paxon Hollow
Salary: \$40,788.00 (Pro-rated)
Effective: September 1, 2009
Reason: Replaces Kristina Hughes (Child Rearing Leave)
- 3) Danielle Dinacci – LTS Elementary Teacher

- B.A. – Art/English: Shippensburg University; M.Ed.-Special Education: Pennsylvania State University; Certification: Special Education N-12; 1 Year Experience
Loomis Elementary
Salary: \$40,788.00 (Pro-rated)
Effective: September 1, 2009
Reason: Replaces Christine Irvine (Medical Leave/FMLA)
- 4) Ashley Lavinthal – LTS Elementary Teacher
B.S. Education/Elementary Education: West Chester University;
Certification: Elementary K-6; 1 Year Experience
Worrall Elementary
Salary: \$40,788.00 (Pro-rated)
Effective: September 1, 2009 through January 22, 2010
Reason: Replaces Hope Mooney (Child Rearing Leave)
- 5) Rachel Stunzi - .5 Special Education Teacher
B.A. – Elementary Education: Neumann College; Certification: Elementary K-6/Special Education N-12; 1 Year Experience
Russell Elementary
Salary: \$20,394.00
Effective: September 1, 2009
Reason: Replaces Christine Murray (Reassigned)

Motion was made by Mr. Michael Molinaro and seconded by Dr. Jeffrey Shapiro.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 9-0

ADMINISTRATIVE

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- 3) Matthew Flood – Assistant Principal
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Motion was made by Mr. Michael Molinaro and seconded by Dr. Jeffrey Shapiro.
With no further discussion, motion passed: 9-0

Mr. Edward Partridge then asked for a motion to approve the salary for Mr. Matthew Flood as Assistant Principal of Paxon Hollow Middle School at \$84,000.00 per year.

Motion was made by Mr. Michael Molinaro and seconded by Dr. Jeffrey Shapiro. Mr. Partridge asked for a roll call vote.

Aye: Dr. Shapiro, Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Sokorai, Mr. Molinaro, Mr. McGinley, Mrs. Galbraith,
Mrs. Kauffman, Mr. Dewey

Nay: Mr. Partridge
Abstention: 0
Motion passed: 8-1

CLASSIFIED

Mr. Edward Partridge then asked for a motion to approve the following classified appointments, items 1 through 2.

- 1) Christa Trimarelli – Title I Assistant (Math)
Culbertson Elementary
Salary: \$13.09 per hour
Effective: September 21, 2009
Reason: New Position

- 2) Alyson Dickey – Title I Assistant
Russell Elementary
Salary: \$13.09 per hour
Effective: September 21, 2009
Reason: New Position

Motion was made by Mr. Michael Molinaro and seconded by Dr. Jeffrey Shapiro.
With no further discussion, motion passed: 9-0

13.05 SALARY ADJUSTMENTS

Mr. Edward Partridge then asked for a motion to approve the following salary adjustment, item 1.

- 1) Scott Wanner – Social Studies Teacher
Paxon Hollow
From: \$40,788.00
To: \$41,600.00
Reason: Salary Correction

Motion was made by Mr. Michael Molinaro and seconded by Dr. Jeffrey Shapiro.
With no further discussion, motion passed: 9-0

13.06 ACTIVITY CONTRACTS

Mr. Edward Partridge then asked for a motion to approve the appointment of personnel to activity contracts for the 2009-2010 school year as attached. The amount of each contract is in accordance with the present MNEA negotiated agreement.

Motion was made by Mr. Michael Molinaro and seconded by Dr. Jeffrey Shapiro.
With no further discussion, motion passed: 9-0

14. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

14.01 Committee Report – Richard Sokorai, Chairman

14.02 Bills for Payment

Mr. Richard Sokorai asked for a motion to approve and authorize payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$1,134,827.40, Capital Reserve bills in the amount of \$242,156.90, Capital Fund bills in the amount of \$8,728.90 and Food Service bills in the amount of \$1,500.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Michael Molinaro and seconded by Dr. Jeffrey Shapiro.
With no further discussion, motion passed: 9-0

14.03 Transfers and Monthly Reports

Mr. Richard Sokorai asked for a motion to approve monthly financial reports for June 2009 (unaudited), Treasurer's Reports for May and June 2009, Budget Transfers for June end of year. *Informational item monthly financial reports for July 2009.*

Motion was made by Mr. Michael Molinaro and seconded by Dr. Jeffrey Shapiro.
With no further discussion, motion passed: 9-0

14.04 Budget and Finance Motions

Mr. Richard Sokorai asked for a motion to approve the purchase of technology switching equipment for the High School Renovation Project under the Pennsylvania COSTARS contract 003-32 in the amount of \$300,807.87. (Note Purchase Order issued August 20, 2009 from the Capital Fund)

Motion was made by Mr. Michael Molinaro and seconded by Dr. Jeffrey Shapiro.
With no further discussion, motion passed: 9-0

Mr. Richard Sokorai asked for a motion to accept the donation from the Tiger Foundation in the amount of \$13,175.00 and to authorize the administration to expand the Budget accordingly.

Motion was made by Mr. Michael Molinaro and seconded by Dr. Jeffrey Shapiro. Mrs. Dana Kauffman stated that the event and the results were outstanding.

With no further discussion, motion passed: 9-0

Mr. Richard Sokorai asked for a motion to authorize and direct the Solicitor to finalize settlement of the real estate tax assessment appeal for the following years and amounts:

2009: \$304,618 asst/\$552,500 fmv
Re: Horrow Appeal (2009 Annual Tax Assessment Appeal)
Property located at: 233 Excalibur Drive, Newtown Township
Folio No. 30-00-00775-62
Appealed-from assessment/presumed fair market value of the above property -
\$418,010 asst/\$716,998 fmv.
Property owner's claimed assessment/ fair market value:
2009: \$304,618 asst/\$552,500 fmv
Our appraiser's recommendations:
2009: \$304,618 asst/\$552,500 fmv
Annualized tax dollar loss to the School District for tax year 2009 - \$1,648.35.

Motion was made by Mr. Michael Molinaro and seconded by Dr. Jeffrey Shapiro.
With no further discussion, motion passed: 9-0

Mr. Richard Sokorai asked for a motion to direct the Administration to investigate outsourcing transportation, food services and custodial operations.

Motion was made by Dr. Jeffrey Shapiro and seconded by Mr. David McGinley.
With no further discussion, a roll call vote was taken:
Aye: Mr. Dewey, Mrs. Kauffman, Mrs. Galbraith, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Partridge, Mr. Sokorai,
Mr. Carpenter, Dr. Shapiro
Nay: Mr. Molinaro
Abstention: 0
Motion passed, 8-1

15. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

15.01 Committee Report – Michael Molinaro, Chairman

15.02 Facilities Update – Marple Newtown High School Renovation and Addition Project

15.03 Facilities Motions

Mr. Michael Molinaro asked for a motion to approve Delaware County Christian School for the use of the Stadium for a football game against New Hope Solebury on Sunday, September 8, 2009 from 3:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. The Delaware County Christian School is a Class IV and their cost would be \$300.00 per hour for the use of the Stadium, \$37.50 per hour per custodian, \$30.00 per hour per security person and \$50.00 per hour for an administrator. The approximate total is \$1697.50.

Motion was made by Mr. Richard Sokorai and seconded by Dr. Jeffrey Shapiro. Mr. Dewey requested that the date be changed to September 6, 2009 to reflect that actual date of that Sunday. The motion was amended.

With no further discussion, motion passed: 9-0

Mr. Michael Molinaro asked for a motion to approve the disposal of the office trailer located at the Bus Garage.

Motion was made by Mr. Richard Sokorai and seconded by Dr. Jeffrey Shapiro.
With no further discussion, motion passed: 9-0

Mr. Michael Molinaro asked for a motion to engage Colliers International to act as the district's commercial real estate consultant as detailed on the attached agreement of representation.

Motion was made by Mr. Richard Sokorai and seconded by Dr. Jeffrey Shapiro. A roll call vote was requested:
Aye: Mrs. Kauffman, Mrs. Galbraith, Mr. Molinaro, Mr. Sokorai, Dr. Shapiro
Nay: Mr. Dewey, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Partridge, Mr. Carpenter
Abstention: 0
With no further discussion, motion passed: 5-4

Mr. Michael Molinaro asked for a motion to adopt the attached resolution requesting that the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) nullify the twenty-year eligibility limitations provided in the Basic Education Circular (BEC) 24 P.S. 7-733 "School Construction Reimbursement Criteria" in the previous PlanCon project, PDE Project No. 2506, as presented.

Motion was made by Dr. Jeffrey Shapiro and seconded by Mr. Richard Sokorai.

Mr. Fred Dewey stated that he heard the number \$400,000.00 in reference to this. He asked Mr. Driscoll what that number represents.

Mr. Driscoll replied that it is the resolution to calculate the buyback if PDE were to cancel the last renovation project as reimbursable and make it non-reimbursable. The District could then apply for re-imbursement on the new larger project that is going on now. In order for us to do that we would have to give back, or buy back the amount of funding we received for the last project, which right now, the estimate stands at just over one million dollars, approximately 1 million. Then we would begin to receive re-imbursement for the larger, more expensive project at the high school. What that motion says is if the Board agrees to do that, and wishes to pursue that avenue, that million dollars will be pro-rated out of our subsidy until it's paid back to the state. The \$400,000.00 number that you referred to is the annual subsidy, called rental subsidy, on the existing outstanding debt on all the projects that happened in the school district in the late 90's and early 2000, and is approximately \$434,000.00. It goes up and down depending on the debt service payments. The discussion occurred regarding whether that full amount would be cut out of the general operating budget for next year. Mr. Driscoll stated that he didn't believe that will be the case, that only the portion that was related to the high school renovation would be pro-rated out of that. We won't know exactly what that will look like until we get through the remainder of PlanCon, because only the State can calculate that.

Mr. Dewey asked what we could potentially get back.

Mr. Driscoll stated that we're still waiting for that; logic says if we got x amount on the small project, by buying that back we would get more re-imbursement for the larger project.

Mr. McGinley clarified that about 20 percent of the new renovation is new, and we would get re-imbursement on that regardless; this relates to re-imbursement on a project which occurred during the 20-year eligibility period. Mr. Driscoll stated that this would be to our advantage to pursue.

Mr. Sokorai stated that we can't get numbers now because nothing can be calculated until the bids come in, and they can't come in until we get past this. He then asked if we could make an addition to part three, "...until the Commonwealth **fully** recovers..." so until they tell us exactly what their plan is for this re-imbursement, I'm uncomfortable with passing this as is; can we add a paragraph that allows us to back out of this agreement if anything disadvantageous occurs?

We are at the worst possible time to decide whether we want the money long term, or do we need what we can get in the short term?

Mr. Driscoll stated that it is impossible to even do an analysis of this without knowing the actual figures.

Mr. Michael Dumin clarified that PDE won't look at figures until PlanCon Part H is submitted; we need PlanCon Part F to sign contracts, and PDE won't approve Part A until this resolution is passed.

Mr. McGinley stated that we have little recourse; we have to pass the resolution to get any re-imbursement, and without it, we hold up the project.

Mr. Dumin clarified that the project would not be held up, it would become non-reimbursable, and it may affect the timeline.

Mr. Sokorai stated that it is difficult to make a decision because we can't tell when we will need the most money, nor can we say how badly the budget will be affected over the next ten years by whatever decision we make tonight. He stated that revisions might need to be made.

Mr. Dumin stated that our alternatives are as follows: PlanCon A won't be signed unless this resolution is passed; we can opt to not pass the resolution and stay on the timeline by making the project non-reimbursable, or we can make a revision and offer it to PDE, pushing us off schedule the project.

Mr. Dewey asked if we could make the addition to opt out if the project becomes disadvantageous.

Mr. Dumin responded that PDE might not be amenable, but we could try.

Mr. McGinley said that we don't know how PDE will react, and if they react negatively, it will hold up our project.

Mr. Dewey asked if we would know by tomorrow if PDE accepts the revision?

If they react negatively, we can withdraw it, but let's at least try.

Mr. McGinley then asked if there would be a special meeting?

Dr. Shapiro asked if PDE should be referring to the current or the old project in paragraph 3?

It was decided that it was listed correctly in the resolution.

Mr. McGinley then turned the floor to Mr. Mark Sereni, Solicitor, to offer a compromise. Mr. Sereni stated that given the timeline PDE imposed, administration didn't have adequate time to give this resolution to the Board or the Solicitor to examine. For that reason he cannot offer an opinion regarding the resolution itself; however, the Board can take action to give two alternatives. One can be Mr. Sokorai's position, that an addition be added to get the District out of a disadvantaged position; in PDE accepts it, then that's the better alternative. If PDE rejects it, and puts the District in the position of take it or leave it, then the second part of the action would be to leave it as currently worded.

Mr. Molinaro asked Mr. Sereni for his suggestion on the wording of Paragraph 3.

Mr. Sereni responded that his inclination would be to add paragraph 5, stating that the Board "reserves the right to rescind this resolution if the implementation of this resolution results in some negative impact on..."

Mr. Molinaro stated that language like negative impact is too vague.

Dr. Shapiro suggested the following: "...if the reimbursement in a net basis is lower than what we currently get, or if it causes us to receive less reimbursement from reimbursable projects than we are currently receiving, we reserve the right to rescind this resolution."

A member of the public asked if a five-year negative number is acceptable to the Board if a twenty-year positive number is the outcome.

Mr. Sokorai said we have to think short term; we need the money in immediate budgets. Whatever we put in there, PDE will or won't accept. We just want to try to give ourselves an opportunity to think about what we are doing here.

Mr. McGinley stated that the Board has gone through this several times. Over the long run, we are going to get money, so what's the difference.

Mr. Sokorai asked Mr. Driscoll if the District could use bond money to pay any shortfalls.

Mr. Driscoll stated that the only thing bond money can be used for is to increase the amount of capitalized interest to pay debt service, but you cannot use capital funds to offset general fund revenues expenses.

Mr. Dewey said the Board should pass our Solicitor's suggestion and see if PDE will accept our revision.

Mr. McGinley asked Mr. Dumin what impact not passing the resolution has.

Mr. Dumin responded that every day the PDE does not have the passed resolution in hand, the project is delayed.

Mr. McGinley then asked if the Board sent the resolution with the Solicitor's idea, what would the PDE response be?

Mr. Dumin stated he couldn't speculate; his concern is if they approve it and we get to PlanCon part H and we rescind, the project becomes non-reimbursable.

Mr. Molinaro stated that the Board can't understand why we can't get a number?

Mr. Dumin replied that PDE can't give a number because there are no bids, and they won't estimate.

Dr. Shapiro said we are talking about one million dollars. From the wording of this resolution, we are not going to get any reimbursement on this project until the million is paid back. That will make this a negative cash flow project because the additions are not likely to give us a million dollars per year. It comes down to whether the additions are worth more than one million dollars.

Mr. Driscoll finally stated that the risk is worth looking at, because the potential long range outcome could be beneficial.

A Roll Call vote was requested on the motion as written:

Aye: Mr. Dewey, Mrs. Kauffman, Mrs. Galbraith, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Partridge, Mr. Molinaro,
Mr. Sokorai, Mr. Carpenter, Dr. Shapiro

Nay: 0

Abstention: 0

With no further discussion, motion passed: 9-0

Mr. Sokorai asked Mr. Dumin how projects were going. Mr. Dumin stated that new mulch would be laid before students' return, the Paxon Hollow roofing project is running long because of the weather, but we are trying to get as much done before the students' return as possible. We will work off-hours and weekends to do what need to be done to get rid of smell. The district security project is on target to be ready for the start of school; we should be 100 percent functioning by mid-September. Mr. Dumin told the public to bring a license to swipe at the kiosk located inside the lobby to get a temporary pass to enter. The Public will have to enter by the front door of each building. If a person does not have a driver's license, one can manually enter their name; it is just easier with a license.

16. DELAWARE COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT

There was no report.

17. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

There was no report.

18. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

There was no report.

19. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mr. John Kariouk thanked the Board for listening to his suggestion to examine all exemptions. Mr. McGinley stated that the Board did not do as he requested, nor has it been discussed for next year's budget. Mr. Kariouk rescinded his thanks and implored the Board to reconsider. Dr. Shapiro stated that, at Budget and Finance Committee, there was a discussion regarding applying for every exception we [the District] could. Mr. Molinaro stated that at that committee meeting, it was stated that we could apply for them even if we don't use them, so we may as well apply for every one we can get. Mr. Kariouk also stated that the security systems make him nervous in that they have not been tested. He asked the District to ensure that there are people in every building who know how this works. Mr. McGinley invited Mr. Kariouk, and any and all community members, to attend the Budget and Finance Committee meeting to be heard on this subject.

20. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mrs. Dana Kauffman congratulated the Paxon Hollow staff on a great Sixth Grade Orientation Day, commenting that the energy level was very high and noting that there were over 500 people in attendance. She emphasized that notification to parents/guardians about bringing licenses when coming to the building needs to get out as often and loudly as possible. She suggested that word be posted on the website regarding bringing a license to get in the building. Mr. Dumin stated that parents would still be able to get in the buildings through a buzzer system connected to secretaries' desks.

Mr. Richard Sokorai thanked the central administrators for the loyalty, commitment, dedication and leadership they have demonstrated to the District by foregoing their annual pay increase.

Mr. David McGinley noted that all administrators in MNAA did the same, foregoing their increases as well. He thanked them all, and expressed the gratitude of the entire Board.

21. ADJOURNMENT

President David McGinley adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Board Secretary