

There were no public comments at this time.

6. WE ARE PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

Mr. McGinley introduced Dr. Merle Horowitz. Dr. Horowitz stated that it is wonderful for a superintendent to learn that staff members have been recognized in a special way, doubly so when two have been so recognized. Dr. Horowitz then introduced Mr. Edward Hines and his principal, Dr. Stephen Subers. Mr. Hines is the recipient of the Technology Education of Pennsylvania's Middle School Teacher of Excellence Award. Dr. Horowitz then thanked Dr. Subers and Mr. Matt Flood, Assistant Principal, and the entire staff for their support. Mr. Hines then shared the plaque he received.

Dr. Horowitz then asked Mr. Ray Gionta and his principal, Dr. Ray McFall. Mr. Ray Gionta, a very special high school educator and co-chair of the Marple Newtown High School Physical Education department, was recently honored by the Delaware County Hall of Fame by being one of its recent inductees. Mr. Gionta has brought pride to the district by bringing back pride in the Marple Newtown School District football program. He has not only taught young men how to play football, he has taught them character and integrity that they will have for the rest of their lives.

7. COMMENDATIONS

Mr. McGinley then recognized two School Directors who have served with distinction of the Board for several years collectively, Mr. Richard Carpenter and Dr. Jeffrey Shapiro. Mrs. Dana Kauffman then took the opportunity to thank both of these gentlemen for the work they have done, and the time they have dedicated to the betterment of the district. Mrs. Nancy Galbraith echoed Mrs. Kauffman's remarks, stating that she had learned a lot from both of them, especially the importance of keeping facilities updated for the benefit of the students. Mr. Edward Partridge then stated that he appreciated the significant contributions both Mr. Carpenter and Dr. Shapiro have made, and that it was an honor and a pleasure to work and serve with both gentlemen.

Mr. Richard Carpenter stated that he appreciated all the kind words, and that he considered it an honor and pleasure to work on the Board, and thanked all the people with whom and for whom he served. Dr. Shapiro also thanked everyone, especially the members of the public who encouraged and supported him over the years.

Dr. Horowitz then stated that, on behalf of the Administration, she wanted to thank both Mr. Carpenter and Dr. Shapiro for their tireless devotion to the school district. It is a thankless job that takes hours, and she appreciates the effort they have contributed. In addition, she presented certificates of appreciation for the School Board Honor Roll, in recognition for Board service. They are for the long-term contributions of individuals who bring their talent, energy and values to the guidance of youth and public education in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. These certificates were awarded to Mr. Richard Carpenter and Mrs. Nancy Galbraith for their eight years' of service each as Board members.

7. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT

There was no report.

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Horowitz stated that one of the hottest topics in education this year is Response to Intervention. RTI, as it is called, is part of the 2004 re-authorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and aims to prevent the unnecessary assignment to special education. The intent of RTI is that all children receive excellent classroom instruction first, and that low performing children are offered increasingly intense individualized academic intervention. Student progress is monitored to see if this intervention yields adequate academic growth. The six guiding principles are as follows: 1) Instruction; 2) Response of Teaching and Differentiation; 3) Assessment; 4) Collaboration; 5) Comprehensive and Systemic Approach; and 6) Expertise. Dr. Horowitz proudly announced that all six of our schools are grasping these guiding principles. She complimented the entire Marple Newtown Staff, and stated that the entire community contributes to creating the best academic environment for our students.

She then congratulated Dr. Ray McFall on successfully defending his dissertation at Widener University. Dr. Horowitz announced that she, Mrs. Dana Kauffman, Dr. Constance Bompadre, and T.J.Gretchen attended the DCIU luncheon where all six of the Marple Newtown schools were honored for achieving AYP two consecutive years. She congratulated all the administrators and staff for this achievement.

10. SECRETARY'S MINUTES

Mrs. Dana Kauffman asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2009 Special Meeting, the October 27, 2009 Regular Meeting and the November 4, 2009 Special Meeting and have them made a permanent part of the record.

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

Mr. Richard Sokorai asked to discuss the October 5th, 2009 special meeting. Mr. McGinley had those minutes tabled, and asked for the vote to include October 27, 2009 and November 4, 2009 minutes only.

With no further discussion, motion passed: 9-0

11. OTHER REPORTS

11.01 Settlement Agreement and Release for Student No. 840956.

Mrs. Dana Kauffman asked for a motion to approve the Settlement Agreement and Release for Student No. 840956.

Motion was made by Mr. Fred Dewey and seconded by Dr. Jeffrey Shapiro.

With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0.

11.02 2009 Meeting Calendar Change

Mrs. Dana Kauffman asked for a motion to approve the Reorganization/Regular Meeting date change from Tuesday, December 1, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. to Tuesday, December 8, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Fred Dewey and seconded by Dr. Jeffrey Shapiro.

With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0.

12. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

12.01 Committee Report – Nancy Galbraith, Chairwoman

12.02 Technology Report – Christopher Lee

Mr. Christopher Lee presented a technology report regarding hardware needs in classes at Paxon Hollow and the High School and our need and ability to move ahead. The district needs to look ahead to Windows 7 as an operating system. The plan is to refresh hardware at the tail end of the renovation program. He pointed out that the warranties for the computers for Classrooms of the Future are up in 2011. Replacement of those computers has begun. He is currently investigating other methods of computer technology, such as virtual desktop infrastructures.

Mr. McGinley asked about the average cost of installing Windows 7 per computer. Mr. Lee responded the cost would be approximately \$750.00 per desktop, and \$1,300.00 per laptop.

Mr. McGinley asked if these prices were based on state-wide bidding contracts. Mr. Lee and Joseph Driscoll stated that they are.

12.03 Action Items/Motions

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith asked for a motion to approve the re-establishment of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) club. The purpose of FBLA is to provide additional opportunities for high school students to develop vocational competencies for business and office occupations and business teacher education. FBLA promotes a sense of civic and personal responsibility.

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

With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0.

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith asked for a motion to approve the Paxon Hollow Middle School 7th Grade trip to the Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC) leaving May 5, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. and returning on May 7, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. The 7th grade curriculum includes life science, the study of living organisms, plants and animals.

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

With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0.

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith asked for a motion to approve the establishment of the MarNews. The MarNews is a student-run school newspaper. It will serve as an important outlet for news, sports, etc. Students will sell advertising space to local businesses and sponsors. The funds will cover all costs associated in the printing of the newspaper.

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

With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0.

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith asked for a motion to approve the establishment of the Yoga Club. This club is being formed for the students to have a release for stress and be able to get exercise.

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

With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0.

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith asked for a motion to approve the establishment of the Greek American Student Association. This organization is being formed to unite MNHS students of Greek descent to become better acquainted with their culture.

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

13.02 RESIGNATIONS

PROFESSIONAL

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

- 1) Joanne Link - .6 Part-time Music Teacher
High School
Effective: November 20, 2009
Reason: Personal (Revised Date)

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

- 1) Diane Kiewel – Library Assistant
Russell Elementary
Effective: December 23, 2009
Reason: Personal
- 2) George Miller – Bus Driver
Transportation
Effective: November 27, 2009
Reason: Personal

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

13.03 TERMINATIONS

PROFESSIONAL

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

- 1) Danielle Dinacci – LTS Elementary Teacher
Loomis Elementary
Effective: November 13, 2009
Reason: End of Assignment

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

13.04 LEAVES

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Edward Partridge asked for a motion to approve the following professional leaves, items 1 through 9.

- 1) Karen Siegel – Math Teacher
Paxon Hollow
Effective: March 8, 2010 through April 16, 2010
Reason: Medical Leave
Effective: April 19, 2010 through June 23, 2010
Reason: Child Rearing Leave (Revised dates)
- 2) Tara Lauria-Wark – Math Teacher
High School
Effective: January 25, 2010 through June 23, 2010
Reason: Extension of Child Rearing Leave
- 3) Leah Graeff – Special Education Teacher
High School
Effective: January 25, 2010 through June 23, 2010
Reason: Extension of Child Rearing Leave
- 4) Lauren Videon – Elementary Teacher
Russell Elementary
Effective: January 25, 2010 through June 23, 2010
Reason: Extension of Child Rearing Leave
- 5) Dana Locher – Special Education Teacher
Paxon Hollow
Effective: January 25, 2010 through June 23, 2010
Reason: Extension of Child Rearing Leave
- 6) Nina Marczyk – Elementary Teacher
Russell/ Loomis Elementary
Effective: January 25, 2010 through June 23, 2010
Reason: Extension of Child Rearing Leave
- 7) Kristina Hughes – Health/Physical Education Teacher
Paxon Hollow

Effective: January 25, 2010 through June 23, 2010
Reason: Extension of Child Rearing Leave

- 8) Helene White – English Teacher
High School
Effective: January 15, 2010 through February 8, 2010
Reason: Medical Leave
Effective: February 9, 2010 through March 26, 2010
Reason: FMLA
- 9) Hope Mooney – Elementary Teacher
Worrall Elementary
Effective: January 25, 2010 through June 23, 2010
Reason: Extension of Child Rearing Leave

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 asked for a motion to approve the following classified leaves, items 1 through 3.

- 1) Patricia Spicer – Cafeteria Worker
Food Services
Effective: October 16, 2009 through November 16, 2009
Reason: Medical Leave Without Pay
- 2) Martha Buzzelli – Bus Driver
Transportation
Effective: January 4, 2010 through April 2, 2010
Reason: Leave Without Pay
- 3) Gary Burgwald – Bus Driver
Transportation
Effective: February 1, 2010 through February 12, 2010
Reason: Leave Without Pay

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

13.04 NEW POSITION CREATION

Mr. Edward Partridge asked for a motion to approve the creation of one (1) Full-time Health Room Nurse in the Pupil Services Department to accommodate the needs of an IEP in accordance with the current MNEA Agreement effective the 2009-2010 school year.

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

13.06 APPOINTMENTS

ADMINISTRATIVE

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

- 1) Benjamin Trexler – Full-time Security Officer
Paxon Hollow
Salary: \$13.75 per hour
Effective: November 2, 2009
Reason: New Position

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

PROFESSIONAL

Mr. Edward Partridge asked for a motion to approve the following professional appointments, items 1 through 12.

- 1) Mary Grady – Substitute Nurse (RN)
Pupil Services
Salary: \$20.00 per hour
Effective: November 2, 2009
Reason: As Needed
- 2) Robin McCarthy – Alternative Education Health/Phys. Ed. Teacher
B.S.-Health and Physical Education: West Chester University; Certification: Health/Physical Education; 1 Yr. Experience.
High School – Alternative Education Program
Salary: \$29.00 per hour
Effective: November 2, 2009
Reason: Open Position
- 3) Christian Jaspersen – Gifted Education Liaison
High School
Salary: \$5,000.00 (Stipend)
Effective: November 2, 2009
Reason: New Position
- 4) Cheri McMonagle – Gifted Education Liaison
High School
Salary: \$5,000.00 (Stipend)
Effective: November 2, 2009
Reason: New Position
- 5) Ashley Lavinthal – LTS Elementary Teacher
Worrall Elementary
Salary: \$40,788.00 (Pro-rated)

- Effective: January 25, 2010
Reason: Replaces Hope Mooney (Extension of Child Rearing Leave)
- 6) Ashley Callinan – LTS Health/Physical Education Teacher
Paxon Hollow
Salary: \$40,788.00 (Pro-rated)
Effective: January 25, 2010
Reason: Replaces Kristina Hughes (Extension of Child Rearing Leave)
- 7) Ashley Pohlig – LTS Special Education Teacher
Paxon Hollow
Salary: \$40,788.00 (Pro-rated)
Effective: January 25, 2010
Reason: Replaces Dana Locher (Extension of Child Rearing Leave)
- 8) Lindsay Mitchell – LTS Elementary Teacher
Russell Elementary
Salary: \$40,788.00 (pro-rated)
Effective: January 25, 2010
Reason: Replaces Lauren Videon (Extension of Child Rearing Leave)
- 9) Shannon Clarke – LTS Special Education Teacher
High School
Salary: \$40,788.00 (Pro-rated)
Effective: January 25, 2010
Reason: Replaces Leah Graeff (Extension of Child Rearing Leave)
- 10) Michael Militello – LTS Mathematics Teacher
High School
Salary: \$40,788.00 (pro-rated)
Effective: January 25, 2010
Reason: Replaces Tara Lauria-Wark (Extension of Child Rearing Leave)
- 11) Kelly Donaldson – LTS Elementary Teacher
Culbertson/Loomis Elementary
Salary: \$40,788.00 (Pro-rated)
Effective: January 25, 2010
Reason: Replaces Nina Marczyk (extension of Child Rearing Leave)
- 12) Robert Mutz – Behavior Specialist
B.A. – Sociology: Temple University; M.S.W.: University of Pennsylvania;
Board Certified Behavior Analyst; 18 Yrs Field Experience
Pupil Services
Salary: \$63,832.00
Effective: January 4, 2010
Reason: New Position

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 asked for a motion to approve the following classified appointments, items 1 through 4.

- 1) Sheila Criscuolo – Non-Instructional Assistant
Russell Elementary
Salary: \$9.42 per hour
Effective: November 4, 2009
Reason: Replaces Karen Gray (Reassigned to Instructional Assistant)

- 2) Anna Marie Biscoe – Classified Substitute
District
Salary: Per Assignment
Effective: November 10, 2009
Reason: As Needed

- 3) Diane Kiewel – Classified Substitute
District
Salary: Per Assignment
Effective: January 4, 2010
Reason: As Needed

- 4) Darlene Murray – Classified Substitute
District
Salary: Per Assignment
Effective: November 18, 2009
Reason: As Needed

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

13.07 SALARY CHANGES

Mr. Edward Partridge asked for a motion to approve salary changes for the following professional personnel, item 1.

- 1) Mary Flounders – Part-time Special Education Teacher
Paxon Hollow
Salary: \$20,394.00
Effective: September 8, 2009
Reason: Salary Correction

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

13.08 REASSIGNMENTS

CLASSIFIED

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

- 1) Karen Gray
From: Non-Instructional Assistant
To: Instructional Assistant
Russell Elementary
Salary: \$5,788
Effective: November 2, 2009
Reason: Replaces Jeanne Ricci (Resigned)

- 2) Thomas McDonough
From: Bus Driver
To: Bus Assistant
Transportation
Salary: \$14.29 per hour
Effective: November 2, 2009
Reason: Voluntary re-classification

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

13.08 TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

Informational item, as attached (In accordance with the MNEA contract.)

13.10 ACTIVITY CONTRACTS

RESIGNATIONS

Mr. Edward Partridge asked for a motion to approve the following resignations from activity contracts for the 2009-2010 school year, items 1 through 4.

- 1) Colleen Christie – Coach, Field Hockey
High School
Effective: November 13, 2009
Reason: Personal

- 2) David Corrado – Coach, Boys’ LaCrosse
High School
Effective: November 2, 2009
Reason: Personal

- 3) Joanne Link – Conductor, Orchestra
High School
Effective: November 20, 2009
Reason: Personal

- 4) Joanne Link – Stage Director, All School Musical

High School
Effective: November 20, 2009
Reason: Personal

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

APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Edward Partridge 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. Richard Sokorai and seconded by Dr. Jeffrey Shapiro.
With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0.

13.11 Business Administrator Employment Contract - Addendum

Mr. Edward Partridge asked for a motion to approve the addendum of the employment contract between the Board of School Directors and the Business Administrator, Joseph Driscoll, as presented. This addendum extends the current employee's term by one (1) year. In return, the employee agrees to forego any salary increase in the current year.

Motion was made by Mr. Richard Sokorai and seconded by Mr. Michael Molinaro.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Mr. Fred Dewey, Mrs. Dana Kauffman, Mrs. Nancy Galbraith, Mr. David McGinley, Mr. Edward Partridge, Mr. Michael Molinaro, Mr. Richard Sokorai

Nays: Mr. Richard Carpenter, Dr. Jeffrey Shapiro

Abstentions: 0

With no further discussion, motion passed: 7-2

13.12 Director of Operations Employment Contract – Addendum

Mr. Edward Partridge asked for a motion to approve the addendum of the employment contract between the Board of School Directors and the Director of Operations, Mr. Michael Dumin, as presented. This addendum extends the current employee's term by one year, and in return the employee agrees to forego any increase in his salary for the current year.

Motion was made by Mr. Richard Sokorai and seconded by Mr. Michael Molinaro.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Mr. Fred Dewey, Mrs. Dana Kauffman, Mrs. Nancy Galbraith, Mr. David McGinley, Mr. Edward Partridge, Mr. Michael Molinaro, Mr. Richard Sokorai

Nays: Mr. Richard Carpenter, Dr. Jeffrey Shapiro

Abstentions: 0

With no further discussion, motion passed: 7-2

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 \$1,407,712.72, Capital Reserve Fund bills in the amount of \$190,008.25, Capital Fund bills in the amount of \$306,365.87 and Food Service bills in the amount of \$131,862.15.

Motion was made by Mr. Michael Molinaro and seconded by Mr. Edward Partridge.
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 September 2009, Treasurer Reports for September and October 2009, Budget Transfers for November 2009 and the Investment Schedules.

Informational item monthly financial reports for October 2009.

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

14.04 December Bills for Payment

Mr. Richard Sokorai asked for a motion to authorize the Business Administrator, with approval of the Superintendent, to release checks for payment during the month of December, as needed.

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

14.05 Capital Reserve

Mr. Richard Sokorai asked for a motion to approve a transfer of \$56,420.00 from the Capital Reserve Fund to the General Fund to pay for the costs of the water heater at Paxon Hollow Middle School.

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

14.06 Budgetary Reserve

Mr. Richard Sokorai asked for a motion to approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$109,794.00 from budgetary reserve to pay for the temporary boiler and heating repairs at the Gauntlett Center.

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

14.07 Budget Expansion

Mr. Richard Sokorai asked for a motion to authorize the Administration to expand the 2009 – 2010 Budget, as presented.

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

15. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

15.01 Committee Report – Michael Molinaro, Chairman

15.02 Facilities Update

Mr. Molinaro asked Mr. Michael Dumin for an update on the security system. Mr. Dumin reported that the security system continues to be implemented by phases. It is all functioning, and a concentration is being made on staff training. Mr. Molinaro asked when it would be 100% on-line. Mr. Dumin responded that all will be implemented within the next month with the exception of the alarm system that is set at night.

Mr. Molinaro then asked for an update regarding the Paxon Hollow roof. Mr. Dumin responded that the Paxon Hollow roof project is finished, as of today (11.24.09)

Mr. Molinaro then asked for a status of the Gauntlett Center heating system. Mr. Dumin responded that the heating system is repaired to the extent it will be, and that the temporary boiler is installed and functioning.

Mr. Molinaro then stated that a ground-breaking ceremony for the high school renovation project will occur on December 3, 2009. Mr. Dumin announced that staging areas are currently being set up in the rear of the high school. He stated that a temporary closing of the entrance driveway will occur, creating two-way traffic for one week in the exit driveway.

Mr. Dewey asked if we have pursued and state or federal grants for the use of solar power? Mr. Dumin responded that we had not.

Mr. Dewey then asked if we have looked into any geo-thermal possibilities. Mr. Dumin responded that he has looked at geo-thermal power possibilities for awhile, and that anything we installed would have to be supplemented, making it a less desirable option for this project.

Mr. Dewey then asked if Mr. Dumin, Damien Spahr and Don Bonnett would look into the grants available for solar power, and any other environmentally friendly sources. Mr. McGinley said that he had some links regarding those grants that he would forward to Mr. Dewey and the administration.

15.03 Facilities Motions

Mr. Michael Molinaro asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2009 Facilities and Transportation Committee meeting.

Motion was made by Mrs. Dana Kauffman and seconded by Mr. David McGinley.
With no further discussion, motion passed: 9-0

Mr. Michael Molinaro asked for a motion to approve for hire David Blackmore & Associates, 3335 West Ridge Pike, Pottstown, PA 19464 as the independent testing agency for the High School Renovation and Addition Project at a cost not to exceed \$82,000.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Richard Sokorai and seconded by Mr. David McGinley.
Mr. Dumin explained that this is to test such things as soil impaction, etc., necessary in a project this size.

With no further discussion, motion passed: 9-0

Mr. Michael Molinaro asked for a motion to approve for hire Reynolds Construction Management 3300 North Third Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110 for additional services for construction phase HVAC and emergency generator commissioning for the High School Renovation and Addition Project at a cost not to exceed \$189,238.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Richard Sokorai and seconded by Mr. David McGinley.
Mr. Dumin explained that this was to check and re-check systems to make sure they are 100% functioning.
Mr. Dewey emphasized that this is included in the budget for the project.
With no further discussion, motion passed: 9-0

Mr. Michael Molinaro asked for a motion to approve for hire the team of Bonnett Associates and Reynolds Construction Management to do a feasibility study on the Gauntlett Center building and property as well as space programming for the administration. Reynolds Construction Management cost not to exceed \$3000.00. Bonnett Associates cost not to exceed \$20,553.00

Motion was made by Mr. Richard Sokorai and seconded by Mr. David McGinley.
Mr. Fred Dewey asked if there would be a separate contract for this particular study. He stated that in the Facilities meeting, Don and Damien stated that if we were to use them to implement anything found in the study, the amount spent would go as a credit. Could we direct the Solicitor to make sure that language is in the contract?
Dr Shapiro then stated that Mr. Bonnet said since plans do not exist, there would be an extra fee to create plans. He expressed concern about that, in addition to the fact he understood the Board would consult with various stakeholders regarding ideas and suggestions for the future of the Gauntlett Center before any actual plans were developed. Doing a study seems like taking a step backwards.
Mr. Richard Carpenter then stated that he wanted to emphasize that this is a community center. He reminded the Board that the earlier agreement was to meet with several stakeholders and representatives to investigate the needs of all, then come back to discuss a decision related to the future of the building. Hiring a contractor to do any study at this stage is very premature. For that reason he must oppose this motion.
Mrs. Dana Kauffman stated that we as a school district do own this building. We need this study to see the feasibility of the building's potential.

With no further discussion, a roll call vote was taken:
Ayes: Mr. Fred Dewey, Mrs. Dana Kauffman, Mrs. Nancy Galbraith, Mr. David McGinley, Mr. Edward Partridge, Mr. Michael Molinaro, Mr. Richard Sokorai
Nays: Mr. Richard Carpenter, Dr. Jeffrey Shapiro
Abstentions: 0
Motion passed: 7-2

16. DELAWARE COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith reported that the IU will be doing new school board member training in the months of January, through April.

17. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

There was no report.

18. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

There was no report.

19. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

The following comments were made by the public:

- 1) Mr. John Kariouk (Broomall) wanted to reinforce that he heard communication will take place between the townships. He asked if the public would hear reports in February. Mr. McGinley stated that it would. Mr. Kariouk then asked if final bids n the high school renovation project would be publicized. Mr. McGinley stated that the answer to Mr. Kariouk’s question would be discussed in the Facilities meeting.

20. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Richard Carpenter stated that in the last ten years, taxpayers have spent five hundred million dollars to fund education for approximately three thousand students. Given the expense, Mr. Carpenter believes that the mission statement should be expanded to acknowledge the contributions that taxpayers are making to fund schools, and the responsibilities is that the school district and school board has to ensure that these funds are utilized for the educational betterment of the students.

21. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. David McGinley turned over the adjournment of the meeting to Mr. Richard Carpenter. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Board Secretary