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Mr. Michael Molinaro asked for the addition of the following motions:

MOTION: To approve the lease of the High School stadium by Cardinal O'Hara High School for the Varsity football game against Archbishop Ryan High School on Sunday, October 18, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. following all the guidelines set in Policy 7.07.

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5. Fire Protection – Guy M. Cooper
6. HVAC - Farfield Company
7. Electrical – Goldhorn Electrical Construction Inc.

Mr. McGinley asked for any further changes. Mr. Edward Partridge asked to add the following motion, as discussed by certain Board members. He stated that this motion did not necessarily reflect his opinion, but that it needed to be addressed:

8.02 MOTION: To begin removing tenants from the Gauntlett Center as soon as possible so that by November 25, 2009 the Gauntlett Center will be completely vacated by all personnel.

The vacating of the Gauntlett Center is due to several issues with the building that have been recently discovered as well as other existing issues that have gotten worse.

As this Board has told the public in a previous meeting, the District is working with the tenants to find new locations.

The Mid County Senior Services' lease is up at the end of October. Judge Lang's court will be moving to an office near the Lawrence Park Shopping Center. Judge Hunter's court will be moving to the Newtown Township Municipal Building. We will be working with Leisure Services, assisting them in finding space. Kids Stop has a total of 130 kids; 80 elementary and 26 kindergarten kids will receive Kids Stop services at their schools. The 24 Pre-kindergarten kids are looking for space.

The Marple Newtown School District Administration has 45 administrators and staff working at the Gauntlett Center. Temporary space has been found for eight of them, and space for the other thirty-seven will be found.

- The Board will be asking Bonnett and Reynolds to explore constructing a new building for the District's Administration and support services as well as three new ball fields on the Gauntlett property.

Mr. McGinley asked for any further changes. Hearing none, the motion to accept the amended agenda passed: 9-0

5. BOARD DISCUSSION ON THE GAUNTLETT CENTER

Mr. Richard Carpenter stated that he believed we should make every effort to keep the Gauntlett Center open at least through the Winter, and hopefully into the Spring.

Mr. Edward Partridge stated that he believed the future of the Gauntlett Center needed to be discussed, along with all the options available to the Board for its future and its tenants. He said that we need to carefully consider the effects of closing this building, and that we need a comprehensive plan for all its occupants. For that reason, he believes we need to consider repairing the heat to provide more time to make the best decisions.

Mr. David McGinley then stated that he had a question for Mr. Dumin. He stated that one of the options, to close the building immediately, has been offered as a result of a conversation between them. He then asked Mr. Dumin if He would put a child in this building to get any service, yes or no. Mr. Sokorai stated an objection to the question as unnecessarily limiting, and designed to elicit a specific response. A more beneficial question would be can Mr. Dumin describe the state of this building and what are the chances of being able to provide safe facilities to the members of the community. Mr. McGinley restated the question, "If we put money into this building, can it come up to the safety standards that we feel it should be?"

Mr. Michael Dumin responded that anything can be fixed or re-built, it depends on how much money the Board wants to spend.

Mr. McGinley asked how much the cost would be to get the building up to safe standards. Mr. Dumin responded that if the Board was talking about the entire building, the cost would probably be around 18 to 20 million dollars.

Mr. Fred Dewey stated that he did not think the Board should spend any more money on a place that is falling apart.

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith stated that this was the hardest thing she had ever had to do. In her heart, she does not think the building is worth salvaging. Her main concern is with the employees and the children; she is

uncomfortable abandoning them. But over the course of the years, she has seen a lot of money go into the building like quicksand; it is just beyond help.

Mrs. Dana Kauffman wants everyone to know that putting money into the building doesn't mean it will be fixed. There is no guarantee the patches in the heating system will be successful, and that seems fiscally irresponsible also.

Dr. Jeffrey Shapiro stated that this is a situation where he has to look at the mission he was elected to carry out – that mission has nothing to do with the tenants of this building. The school district, for many years, has subsidized programs that the supervisors of the townships have chosen not to pay for. The tenants in this building have enjoyed and still enjoy below market rates in terms of rent. The programs are certainly worthwhile, but it is not the school district's mission to subsidize them so they can run.

Mr. Richard Sokorai stated that there are two issues; the dollars and cents issue, and the non-economic issues. Both need to be addressed. On the budgetary side, the question is where would the money come from? We have a budgetary reserve that we build into every year's budget; it is currently about \$600,000.00. The purpose of the budgetary reserve is to fund one-time emergency projects. He believes these emergency repairs fall into this category. The dollars and cents analysis of the period involved in keeping this building open also has to take into account the rent that we are still taking in by keeping open each day. That rent would also serve to offset expenses for the building. We must also take into account the cost of moving, as well as the cost of rent for any outside leases. Those costs approach the cost of making emergency repairs, and so far we haven't considered at all the effect of the disruption that a move in the middle of the year would cause. He doesn't believe any economic impact would outweigh the non-economic impact of such a move. He then stated that we have historically provided facilities for Leisure Services and Kids Stop. Parents have planned on where the kids will be for this year. Making a rash decision to move causes unnecessary panic. Kids Stop is not essential to our mission, but that is a point of discussion over the next year with our township counterparts. We have a moral obligation to finish out the year.

Lastly, Mr. Sokorai stated that we need a long-term plan for the building and the property, and that is another item that needs a more developed discussion over the next year. Closing now on an emergent basis is not helpful to anyone. He asked Mr. Dumin if there has been an event that has significantly altered the condition of the Gauntlett Center in the last two weeks. Mr. Dumin responded that leaks have gotten worse; and he wasn't sure what would occur when the heat is turned on. Mr. Sokorai stated that this building has been steadily declining over the last fifty years. Even if the heat doesn't work after the repairs, the relatively minimal cost to attempt that repair in order to uphold our moral obligation to the community warrants that expense.

Mr. David McGinley then clarified the motions on the agenda. The two motions state that the building will be vacated, either by November or next September. He then commented on how difficult this move will be. He felt it may be beneficial to target some groups to vacate quickly, phasing the move.

He also wants the Board to look at what happens in the short term with the Administration. Perhaps an option to save the district money would be to look at the other buildings in the district, and consolidate space. That way we wouldn't have to lease commercial property.

Mr. Fred Dewey stated that he couldn't understand why the district would pour any money into this building when it is going to close anyway.

Mr. McGinley then asked Mr. Sokorai would add another line into his motion directing the Director of Operations to hire someone to do air quality control in this building. Mr. Sokorai stated that could be a separate motion.

Mr. McGinley then stated that he believes putting any money into this building is not worth it. The cost to make repairs to get the Gauntlett Center up to standards is money we take away from educating our children.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)

There were no comments at this time.

7. OTHER REPORTS

Board Policy Manual

Mrs. Dana Kauffman asked for a motion to approve the second reading of Pennsylvania School Boards Association's revisions and update of the entire Marple Newtown School District Board Policy Manual. This includes the replacement of Policy No. 113.1, Special Education Behavior Management, with Policy No. 218.3, Positive Behavior Support.

Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mr. David McGinley.

Dr. Jeffrey Shapiro stated that he received a copy of the manual and has a couple of questions. The first is what would happen to the dates of adoption? Currently, they are all blank, and every policy has been modified in some way.

Dr. Merle Horowitz responded that the dates would all state today. Dr. Shapiro clarified the meaning, saying that there would be no original dates of modification, but that it would be like starting over with a clean slate. He then noticed that there were some new policies, i.e. asthma inhalers. He asked if Dr. Horowitz could let the Board know a full list of policies that are new to the manual. Dr. Horowitz stated that she would be happy to do that. She also stated that Pennsylvania School Boards Association took every new code from the State Board of Education per the statutes and added policies based on the codes.

With no further discussion, motion passed, 9-0

8. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Mr. McGinley then asked for a motion to re-open Public Comments prior to any further discussion in Facilities and Transportation. Motion was made by Mr. Richard Sokorai and seconded by Dr. Jeffrey Shapiro. Motion passed, and Public Comments (Agenda Items Only) re-opened. Mr. Fred Dewey entered the meeting.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)

The following people spoke:

Ms. Quinn, (Broomall) stated that she has two boys in Russell. Her question is if the Gauntlett Center isn't the school district's responsibility, what about the half day kindergarten? There is no other option for working parents who have students in half-day kindergarten. Garrett-Williamson is not the place I want to send my children, and there is nothing else available.

Ms. Karen Drudanow of Broomall spoke to the same situation. She works three days a week. In this economy, people cannot afford to worry about where they will send their children. Most school districts have a place to send children, and she implored the Board to consider working families.

Ms. Karen Downard of Newtown Square wants the answer to where we are headed. She wants to know when the community will know what is going on. Parents who both work can't afford to stay home, and she reminded the district of its moral obligation to have a place for children to go. Families need time to find a placement for their children of the building is going to close.

Ms. Paula DeJoseph of Newtown Square and director of Marple Newtown Players stated that she has placed over thirty phone calls to find room for the theater group. No one has space; could the Board please help the group to find a place to go?

Mr. Chris D'Angelo of Broomall stated that he has paid school and property taxes for a long time before he had children to benefit from them. That is the idea behind a community; that we all pool our resources to help when it is needed. He asked the Board not to be driven by looking out for people who don't have

children to benefit from school tax dollars; they are not in attendance to ask for that consideration. HE thanked the Board for its time and consideration.

Mr. Andy Seemeister of Newtown Square spoke as President of Individuals Concerned for Newtown Square regarding safety and health issues. He reminded the Board that members are not elected to rule, they are elected to serve. Since the roof leaks, promoting potential mold problems, why hasn't that been addressed? As far as not having children in the building, aren't they here now? These problems have existed for years, and nothing has been done. No one on the Board has made an attempt to correct these problems in prior years when the issue would not have been so critical.

Mr. McGinely stated that he has been on the Board for four years, and didn't want anyone to think that consideration hasn't been given to the state of the Gauntlett Center in years past.

Mr. Sokorai interjected that mold has been used as an issue to promote the need to close the building; that being said, every single Board member is concerned with addressing every issue that concerns our children, staff and community members. The big issue is do we address throwing good money after bad to fix a building that is ultimately going to close down.

Mr. Seemeister stated that these issues have been apparent for years, and while legally the Board doesn't have to care, there is a moral and ethical reason to address the issues. He asked the Board to remember that they are elected to serve the community.

Mr. Michael Stott of Broomall stated that timing is the biggest problem. Disruption mid-year is a huge weight in the decision that is going to be made.

Ms. Elizabeth Vager, parent of two in Kids Stop, stated that the Gauntlett Center is the heart of this community. Please consider that any move to another building requires the need to make that building the heart of the community as well.

Ms. Elisa McGregor of Broomall stated that she understands the condition of the building. She asked what steps were taken to determine the costs of doing the repairs. She also stated that the timing of this decision couldn't be worse, disrupting the schedule of families in the middle of the year.

Mr. Steve Videon of Newtown Square stated that he came here to observe and listen. He did state that, as a Director of Garrett-Williamson, he offered their help in any way they can for the benefit of the School Board and the parents.

Mr. John Maranucci of FS Mechanical stated that they were the lowest responsible bidder for plumbing and they lost the contract. He said he was stunned the Board chose someone else. He can't understand what happened. He asked the Board to please table the discussion regarding the awarding of contracts until they could have a dialogue; by rights, his company should get the job.

Mr. McGinley respectfully requested that counsel for FS Mechanical contact Mr. Greg Gerson, Marple Newtown School District Solicitor.

Ms. Patricia Crabtree stated that she has children who go to the Gauntlett Center. Who do we talk to regarding getting help to get out? She also asked where the estimates are for repairs?

Ms. Anita Doherty of Broomall stated that this building houses many special needs children. Disrupting their routine is a worse problem than most children. No matter what the decision is, it will be a disaster. She offered to gather statistics to assist in making the decision. She asked the Board to please develop a timeline to let families know what the plan will be.

Ms. Stacy Crossing of Havertown also wants to know when the plan will be known, and also whether the Board cared about infants and pre-school age children?

Mr. McGinley responded that, as Mr. Sokorai stated previously, every Board member cares about every child.

Ms. Kathy Feltner of Broomall stated that the look of her home is horrible, but it is livable. Without an engineering degree, how are you qualified to make a decision that the building is unfixable? Please make the estimates for repairs public.

A parent from Broomall stated that Mr. Videon's offer was very generous but a bit self-serving. Garrett-Williamson is not centrally located, and would not be convenient for most families.

With no further comments, Mr. McGinley turned the meeting over to Mr. Molinaro.

8.01 High School Renovations and Additions Project Discussion

There was no discussion regarding the renovations project at this time.

Mr. Molinaro stated that the motions added to the agenda tonight would typically be discussed at the Facilities and Transportation meeting. Since they were added tonight, they didn't get the benefit of the discussion that would normally take place. He then asked Mr. Partridge to present the first motion regarding the Gauntlett Center. Mr. Partridge prefaced the motion by saying that it wasn't his, and he didn't necessarily agree with it, but it was a position of the Board so it is right that it is here and voted on.

8.02 Mr. Edward Partridge, on behalf then requested a motion to begin removing tenants from the Gauntlett Center as soon as possible so that by November 25, 2009 the Gauntlett Center will be completely vacated by all personnel.

Motion was made by Mr. Fred Dewey and seconded by Dr. Jeffrey Shapiro. Mr. Edward Partridge then listed underlying points behind the motion:

The vacating of the Gauntlett Center is due to several issues with the building that have been recently discovered as well as other existing issues that have gotten worse.

As this Board has told the public in a previous meeting, the District is working with the tenants to find new locations.

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Mr. Michael Molinaro stated that a lot of what Mr. Sokorai already stated, he agreed with. This is probably the first issue that has caused this type of controversy in two years. He related the procedure that was followed in getting the High School renovation plan underway, from discussions with Board members, staff and construction engineers through funding. From that a plan was derived. He stated that the same process did not take place regarding the Gauntlett Center. As far as this building is concerned, we haven't gotten any specifications or talked to any engineers. We have no information on which to base a rational decision. We are talking about closing the building down. It will become another vacant building. That is the last thing he wants to see. He feels that the building can't be closed without a viable plan for the property. He doesn't feel he can vote to close the building until more information is available regarding the costs of closing it is decided, through conversations with the construction managers.

Mr. McGinley stated that in 2004 a facilities study was completed, from which a recommendation came to close the Gauntlett Center.

Mr. Molinaro restated that an examination of the costs of closing the building had to be discussed before he could make a decision on either of the motions.

Mr. Dewey stated that we should have given notice thirteen days ago that children could go to Garrett Williamson for the same price. The theater can go to another facility that we own, and taxes won't go up because we are putting more money into a building that is falling apart.

Mr. Richard Carpenter stated this is the Community Center. When this building was abandoned as a school, it was the school district that decided to make it a community center. To say we have no responsibility for these programs is questionable. Because we have housed these programs previously, we have an obligation to every person who uses the building to get relocated if and when the building is abandoned. He then stated he has been on the Board for a long time, and in the past 15 years, except in emergencies, no money has been spent to maintain the Gauntlett Center. If it is falling apart, it's because the school district hasn't taken care of it. While he agreed with what most of Mr. Sokorai and Mr. Molinaro stated, he feels that the objective is to get through the winter so we have adequate time to decide what to do with the property. We talk about the building as though we need every square foot of space we have here; we don't. We talk about it as if it is falling down; it isn't. We haven't done significant investigation into what the building really needs, and we should take time to do that.

All the Board members got a report from the Director of Operations asking to write questions about the use of the Gauntlett Center. He sent out a very specific and well written reply to that. He then asked Mr. Dumin what the current total price to band-aid and turn on the heat would be. Mr. Dumin's response was approximately \$195,000.00. Mr. Carpenter restated that the need to plan for the building and property outweighed the need to close the building.

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith wanted everyone to know that we have a new facilities manager who has done a fantastic job. It was never anyone on this Board's intention to displace people or throw your children out on the street without any notice. The fact that we are being accused of that is unfair. The Board is insulted by that accusation, and our responsibility to your children is one that is important to all of us.

With no further discussion, a roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Mr. Fred Dewey, Mr. David McGinley, Dr. Jeffrey Shapiro

Nay: Mrs. Dana Kauffman, Mrs. Nancy Galbraith, Mr. Edward Partridge, Mr. Michael Molinaro,
Mr. Richard Sokorai, Mr. Richard Carpenter

Abstention: 0

Motion failed, 6-3

8.03 Mr. Michael Molinaro asked Mr. Richard Sokorai to read and request a motion to approve the following plan for the Gauntlett Center:

- A. The Gauntlett Center would be vacated on or before the first of September, 2010. All necessary notices to tenants shall be made accordingly;
 The Administration will immediately take all necessary steps to make temporary repairs to the heating system to provide heat to the administration and tenants through the end of the winter season in 2010;
 The Board President will designate two individuals to coordinate with the Marple and Newtown Townships to determine their level of support for Leisure Services and/or Kids Stop for the next five years;
 The Administration will investigate commercial leases for three separate properties for those two different landlords for the purposes of entering into three to five year lease for the Administration. The Administration will consider input, but the Board is in no way bound from the townships' input in regard to accommodating Leisure Services and Kids Stop while considering lease alternatives;
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- B. The District will develop an emergency plan for the alternative housing of the Administration, Leisure Services and Kids Stop through the winter and into 2010 should the temporary repairs to the heating system fail.

Motion was made by Mr. Edward Partridge and seconded by Mrs. Dana Kauffman.

Mr. Molinaro stated that he couldn't vote for that motion because he didn't feel he has enough information to know whether September 1, 2010 is a viable date.

Dr. Jeffrey Shapiro stated that in referencing Mr. Dumin's response to our questions, all the information needed was provided. He did ask if an addition to the motion could be made to accommodate roof repairs. He then made a motion to amend the motion to include repairs to the roof.

Mr. Molinaro stated that perhaps Dr. Shapiro would consider keeping that separate, in case the whole motion failed.

Dr. Shapiro retracted his amendment to the motion.

Mr. Carpenter asked about the motion could be modified so it isn't so absolute regarding the date.

Mr. Sokorai stated that the difference between setting a date of September 1 and holding off on a date is competing fears. Mr. Molinaro's fear is that the Gauntlett Center will become another vacant building in the district. Mr. Sokorai's biggest fear is that at the same time next year, we will be in the same situation. Mr. Sokorai is concerned that, without a specific date, the problem will not be addressed at all, and nothing will be decided. If we get information saying there is a possibility that any or all of the building can be renovated, we can always back off from the plan to close it.

He also addressed the suggestion of adding to Part D a segment that allows administration to explore moving into existing buildings or the purchase of an additional building. He then stated that an addition to Part E should also be to consider renovation or partial renovation, demolition or partial demolition of the Gauntlett Center.

Mr. Edward Partridge stated that he believed the motion was well thought out.

Mrs. Dana Kauffman then stated that with this motion, we are directing the Administration to 'work their tails off' regarding this building. She would rather the Administration put that effort into curriculum and education. She does not want to see administrators in the business of real estate. Her desire is for Mr. Dumin to devote his time to the High School renovation project, not Gauntlett repairs. She feels that we have to keep a date on this if we are going to vote on this motion.

Mr. Fred Dewey stated that there is "a typo in Part F where it says 'in 2010 if the temporary repairs to the heating systems fail'; it should read 'in 2010 when the temporary repairs to the heating system fail'".

With no further discussion, a roll call vote was taken:

Aye: Mr. Richard Carpenter, Mr. Richard Sokorai, Mrs. Nancy Galbraith, Mrs. Dana Kauffman

Nay: Dr. Jeffrey Shapiro, Mr. Michael Molinaro, Mr. Edward Partridge, Mr. David McGinley,
Mr. Fred Dewey

Abstention: 0

Motion failed, 5-4

8.03a. Mr. Edward Partridge requested a motion to approve up to \$250,000.00 for the immediate repair to the Gauntlett Center heating systems. With no second, the motion was tabled.

Mr. David McGinley called for a break at 9:15 p.m.

Mr. McGinley reconvened the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

8.04 Mr. Michael Molinaro requested a motion to approve the lease of the High School stadium by Cardinal O'Hara High School for the Varsity football game against Archbishop Ryan High School on Sunday, October 18, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. following all the guidelines set in Policy 7.07.

Motion was made by Dr. Jeffrey Shapiro and seconded by Mr. Edward Partridge.

With no further discussion, motion passed, 9-0

Mr. Michael Molinaro requested a motion to approve the submittal of PlanCon Part G based on bids documents to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the Marple Newtown High School's renovation and additions project.

Motion was made by Mrs. Dana Kauffman and seconded by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith.

With no further discussion, motion passed, 9-0

Mr. Michael Molinaro requested a motion to approve the submittal of PlanCon Part F (Attachment C), bid notifications to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the Marple Newtown High School's renovation and additions project.

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

With no further discussion, motion passed, 9-0

8.07 Mr. Michael Molinaro requested a motion to award contracts contingent upon receipt of Pennsylvania Department of Education approvals up to and including PlanCon Part F approval to the lowest responsible bidders for the Marple Newtown High School's renovations and addition project for the following seven prime contracts subject to the solicitor's litigation history check:

1. General Trades – Wohlsen Construction Company
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7. Electrical – Goldhorn Electrical Construction Inc.

Motion was made by Mr. David McGinley and seconded by Mrs. Dana Kauffman.

Mr. Edward Partridge stated that some items needed to be addressed by the Solicitor. He asked that the motion be tabled until next Tuesday to deal with it at a special meeting so the Solicitor can examine and address any solutions. Mr. Dewey was in agreement.

A motion was made by Mr. Edward Partridge to table motion **8.07**, which was seconded by Mr. Fred Dewey. A roll call vote was taken:

Aye: Mr. Fred Dewey, Mr. Edward Partridge, Mr. Richard Sokorai, Mr. Richard Carpenter
Nay: Mrs. Dana Kauffman, Mrs. Nancy Galbraith, Mr. David McGinley, Mr. Michael Molinaro,
Dr. Jeffrey Shapiro
Abstention: 0

The motion to table **8.07** failed, 5-4

Further discussion ensued on Motion **8.07**.

Dr. Shapiro asked if the bids included working on the facades of the building. Mr. Dumin responded that they did.

Mr. Partridge asked if number 6 would be pulled from the motion. The response was no. He then stated that with the potential legal issues involved in that section, he didn't see how a vote could be taken. Mr. Fred Dewey was in agreement.

A roll call vote was then taken:

Aye: Mrs. Dana Kauffman, Mrs. Nancy Galbraith, Mr. David McGinley, Mr. Michael Molinaro,
Dr. Jeffrey Shapiro

Nay: Mr. Fred Dewey, Mr. Edward Partridge, Mr. Richard Sokorai, Mr. Richard Carpenter

Abstention: 0

Motion to award contracts passed, 5-4

Mr. Edward Partridge asked for a motion amend the agenda and add a motion titled **8.09**.

Mr. Michael Molinaro made the motion, seconded by Mr. Richard Sokorai.

With no further discussion, motion passed, 9-0

8.09 Mr. Edward Partridge asked for a motion to approve FMA Contracting and Mechanical as the lowest responsible bid to do the steam pipe replacement project at the Gauntlett Center at a cost of \$133,500.00 and to authorize the Director of Operations to approve change orders up to \$60,000.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Michael Molinaro and seconded by Dr. Jeffrey Shapiro.

Mr. Fred Dewey reiterated that "not another dime should be spent on this building. We should vacate it immediately tomorrow. I don't understand why we are talking about this, we don't have a reason to believe that it will be done on time, it will be done correctly, and it will last through the winter. We are not going to meet the deadline of winter coming, we face the possibility of it not succeeding, and we are going to spend a bunch of money. Why are we doing this?"

Mrs. Dana Kauffman, Mrs. Nancy Galbraith, and Mr. David McGinley said they could not vote for this motion because there was no specific date by which a plan for the building was noted.

With no further discussion, a roll call vote was taken:

Aye: Mr. Edward Partridge, Mr. Michael Molinaro, Mr. Richard Sokorai, Mr. Richard Carpenter

Nay: Mr. Fred Dewey, Mrs. Dana Kauffman, Mrs. Nancy Galbraith, Mr. David McGinley,
Dr. Jeffrey Shapiro

Abstention: 0

Motion failed, 5-4

Mr. Partridge then asked what type of date was wanted? Mrs. Dana Kauffman responded, saying some type of date by which the Board would absolutely decide on whether the building remained open or it closed, by which a plan was put into place for the future of the Gauntlett Center.

8.09a. Mr. Partridge then agreed to amend the motion to read to approve FMA Contracting and Mechanical as the lowest responsible bid to do the steam pipe replacement project at the Gauntlett Center at a cost of \$133,500.00 and to authorize the Director of Operations to approve change orders up to \$60,000.00. The Board will announce on or before September 1, 2010 that the Gauntlett Center property will be vacated.

Mr. Sokorai stated that the word “announce” was too vague.

Mr. Molinaro stated that a better date would be before the next school season starts, so people can plan. His suggestion was to make a date regarding the disposition of the Gauntlett Center by June.

Dr. Shapiro stated that the leases for the tenants are up in June. Perhaps we should consider putting in this motion that we will be unlikely to be in a position to renew leases, therefore we advise all tenants to begin to look for other space.

Mr. Molinaro made an amendment to read “ by June 30, 2010, the Board will make a determination of the Gauntlett Center for the following school year.”

Mr. Sokorai stated that the appropriate time for notification to tenants, according to the research of the Solicitor, is the last week of February. Mr. McGinley suggested changing the date to February 15, and asked to have the motion read again.

8.10 Mr. Edward Partridge asked for a motion to amend the agenda to include the following new motion: “To approve FMA Contracting and Mechanical as the lowest responsible bid to do the steam pipe replacement project at the Gauntlett Center at a cost of \$133,500.00 and to authorize the Director of Operations to approve change orders up to \$60,000.00. By February 15, 2010, the Board will make a determination on the Gauntlett Center for the following school year.”

Mr. Sokorai stated that gives the Board October, November and January to discuss options.

Mr. Richard Carpenter stated that, in his opinion, that isn’t nearly enough time to do the investigation necessary to generate a rational decision. We cannot possibly get enough information to make a decision in the next three months.

Mr. Sokorai pointed out that the building wouldn’t close before the next school year.

8.11 Mr. Dewey made an immediate motion to give notice on October 6, 2009 that the building would close on the day before Thanksgiving. Mr. McGinley seconded that motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Aye: Mr. Fred Dewey, Mr. David McGinley, Dr. Jeffrey Shapiro

Nay: Mrs. Dana Kauffman, Mrs. Nancy Galbraith, Mr. Edward Partridge, Mr. Michael Molinaro,
Mr. Richard Sokorai, Mr. Richard Carpenter

Abstention: 0

Motion failed, 6-3

8.10. Mr. Edward Partridge re-read the motion to amend the agenda to include the following new motion: To approve FMA Contracting and Mechanical as the lowest responsible bid to do the steam pipe replacement project at the Gauntlett Center at a cost of \$133,500.00 and to authorize the Director of Operations to approve change orders up to \$60,000.00. By February 15, 2010, the Board will make a determination on the Gauntlett Center for the following school year.

Dr. Shapiro asked for clarification on the meaning of “make a determination”, in the last line of the motion.

Mr. Partridge responded that it meant the Board would make a determination about the future use of the Gauntlett Center.

Mr. Dewey stated that he wanted to ask the Solicitor if we could bind a future Board that might be elected November 3rd into that kind of decision.

The response was that the Board could vote to reverse a decision at any time.

The amended motion was made by Mr. Michael Molinaro and seconded by Mr. Richard Carpenter.

With no further discussion, a roll call vote was taken:

Aye: Mrs. Dana Kauffman, Ms. Nancy Galbraith, Mr. Edward Partridge, Mr. Michael Molinaro,
Mr. Richard Sokorai, Mr. Richard Carpenter

Nay: Mr. Fred Dewey, Mr. David McGinley, Dr. Jeffrey Shapiro

Abstention:0
Motion passed, 6-3

Mr. Molinaro the asked Mr. Partridge to read the new motion for a vote.

8.09b. Mr. Edward Partridge asked for a motion to approve FMA Contracting and Mechanical as the lowest responsible bid to do the steam pipe replacement project at the Gauntlett Center at a cost of \$133,500.00 and to authorize the Director of Operations to approve change orders up to \$60,000.00. By February 15, 2010, the Board will make a determination on the Gauntlett Center for the following school year.

Motion was made by Mr. Molinaro and seconded by Mr. Richard Carpenter.

With no further discussion, a roll call vote was taken:

Aye: Mrs. Dana Kauffman, Ms. Nancy Galbraith, Mr. Edward Partridge, Mr. Michael Molinaro,
Mr. Richard Sokorai, Mr. Richard Carpenter

Nay: Mr. Fred Dewey, Mr. David McGinley, Dr. Jeffrey Shapiro

Abstention:0

Motion passed, 6-3

Dr. Shapiro asked to have the following reflected in the record:

We are anticipating that, over the course of the winter, the Director of Operations will be fixing leaks as necessary in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

Mr. Dewey stated his belief that the Board decided it would be more than \$10,000.00.

Mr. Richard Carpenter asked Mr. Michael Dumin how much money he would need. Mr. Dumin responded that if we exceeded the \$10,000.00, repairs would be postponed for two or three months because it would require going through the bid process. He couldn't give an exact dollar figure required for repairs because he still doesn't know how extensive the leaks are; only that they exist. He said that if repairs hit \$10,000.00, he will come back to the Board.

Mr. Molinaro stated that typically these issues would be discussed at the Facilities meeting, and invited the audience to attend on the second Tuesday of each month.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mr. David McGinley asked if there were any further comments from the audience.

Mr. Chris D'Angelo of Broomall stated that the meeting was very interesting, and thanked the Board or hashing everything out.

Ms. Kim Quinn of Broomall stated that part of the table was very professional. Some members did not handle themselves professionally.

Ms. Suzanne McCutcheon of Newtown Square wanted to make sure that the Budget meeting would still be held, and that these discussions would be addressed in that meeting to help determine whatever exceptions we can apply for.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Sokorai stated that there would be a budget meeting, immediately following adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. David McGinley adjourned the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Board Secretary