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QUAKERTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

District Services Center
100 Commerce Drive, Quakertown, PA 18951

Minutes of the September 24, 2009 Regular Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER: 7:25 PM

President, Linda A. Martin called the meeting to order with a quorum present as indicated in the roll call below. She announced an executive session was held prior to tonight's meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. ROLL CALL:

<u>Board of School Directors</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Mrs. Linda A. Martin, President	X	
Mr. Dean Wackerman, Vice President	X	
Mr. Manuel Alfonso	X	
Mr. George Dager	X	
Mrs. Kathy Mosley	X	
Mr. Zane Stauffer	X	
Mr. Paul R. Stepanoff	X	
Mrs. Nancy B. Tirjan	X	
Mrs. Kelly L. Van Valkenburgh	X	
Dr. Lisa Andrejko, Superintendent (Non-voting Member)		
Mrs. Alice K. Bishop, Non-Member Secretary		

Others Present

Ms. Nancianne Edwards, Director of Human Resources
Mr. Christopher Harrington, Director of Technology, Assessment and Data Analysis

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May I have a motion to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2009 meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Quakertown Community School District.

Motion: Manuel Alfonso
Second: George Dager
Result: Motion passed unanimously

V. REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT

Award of Excellence

Dr. Andrejko announced that the school district received an "Award of Excellence" from PSBA Educational Publications Contest 2009 for the Internet/Intranet Web Site.

2010-2011 Index

Dr. Andrejko reported that the financial index for next school year will be 2.9%.

Current Impact of Budget Cuts

Dr. Andrejko reported that with the severe budget cuts the football booster club arranged for transportation for band members to attend some away games. Since we asked the students to provide their own school supplies, there have been monetary donations from local organizations, parent groups and individual parents for school supplies. The Superintendent cabinet members took a comparable salary delay, and will donate \$2500 to Quakertown Community Education Foundation (QCEF) for a Smartboard for one of the school buildings. She encouraged continued support for the QCEF.

Sunday Use of Facilities

Dr. Andrejko asked for board discussion on the use of facilities for Sunday events after receiving a number of requests. A recommendation came out of the facilities committee to discontinue Sunday use of facilities to save the district money, since Sunday costs are higher. Dr. Andrejko suggested we open our building for these requests but have the renter cover the extra costs. Board discussion ensued. The board agreed to allow Sunday rentals as long as the costs are covered including school district groups.

UPPER BUCKS COUNTY AVTS

President Martin reported on the September 17 meeting of the Upper Bucks County AVTS. The board members will be discussing their long term vision for the school at an upcoming retreat. The current enrollment reflects 15% of students are from Palisades, 45% from Pennridge, and 40% of students are from Quakertown.

AD-HOC FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Mosley announced the next meeting will be Oct 1, 2009, 7:00 pm. The budget process will be part of the discussion.

AD-HOC POLICY COMMITTEE

Mrs. Tirjan announced that the committee met prior to tonight's meeting and will have a report at the next board meeting. The next meeting will be held October 8, 2009 prior to the board meeting.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Mrs. Van Valkenburgh reported on current state legislation and the status of the Keystone exams. The voting delegate for the PSBA School Leadership Conference this year will be Alice Bishop. Mrs. Van Valkenburgh encouraged board members to contact Mrs. Bishop with any voting preferences.

QUAKERTOWN COMMUNITY EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Mrs. Van Valkenburgh announced the next meeting will be October 1, 2009, 3:45 pm.

VI. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION (Possible Executive Session)

A. PUBLIC COMMENT (on agenda items only)

B. FISCAL CONSENT AGENDA

1. TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report for the month ending August 31, 2009 is enclosed in your agenda. The Business Services Department is recommending the Board approve this report.

May I have a motion to approve the above item.

Motion: Dean Wackerman
Second: Nancy B. Tirjan
Result: Motion passed unanimously

C. PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA

1. REQUEST FOR UNPAID LEAVE

Elizabeth R. Rapoport – Teacher – Request for Unpaid Medical Leave – Effective: July 1, 2009 to October 30, 2009

2. TRANSFERS

- a. Debra Citino – Transfer from a Part-time Nurse Assistant to Full-time Nurse Assistant – Effective: August 31, 2009
- b. Debbie Clemens – Transfer from a Part-time Category B Secretary to a Part-time Category A Aide – Effective: September 16, 2009 – Rate of Pay: \$12.20

3. RECALL

Jacqueline Dziadosz – Part-time Category A Aide – Effective August 31, 2009 – Rate of Pay: \$13.41

4. APPOINTMENT

Tom Humphrey – Teacher Mentor – Effective: For the 2008-2009 School Year - Rate of Pay: \$946.66

5. ADDITIONS TO THE 2009-2010 PROFESSIONAL SUBSTITUTE LIST

James Bevan
Cynthia M. Hafner
Christine Kelleher
Stacey Lick
Stacey Miller
Carly M. Nevill

Amanda L. Saeger
Marylou Siegel

6. ADDITIONS TO THE FOOD SERVICE SUBSTITUTE LIST

Wendelyn Leatherman
Nina McFadden

7. ADDITION TO AIDE SUBSTITUTE LIST

Jeanmarie Weir

RESOLVED THAT, subject to the terms and conditions of any applicable agreements which are ratified or affirmed herewith, the Quakertown Community School District approves the personnel items as presented. May I have a motion to adopt the above resolution and approve the personnel items as recommended.

Motion: Nancy B. Tirjan
Second: Zane R. Stauffer
Result: Motion passed unanimously

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

COMMUNICATION

Mrs. Van Valkenburgh received correspondence dated September 17 from Rep. Paul Clymer, House Education Chair regarding his opposition to the Keystone Exams.

Mrs. Mosley reported that PDE Secretary of Education, Dr. Zahorchak presented on the Keystone Exams.

Mr. Alfonso asked about the position of PDE and school districts relating to the Keystone Exams. Dr. Andrejko reported that the Keystone Exams give the state control over graduation requirements and school districts would prefer to control their own graduation requirements. She also noted that there is a significant expense to local school districts for remediation for the exams. Board Discussion ensued.

BOARD COMMENTS

Future Construction Projects

Dr. Andrejko began a board discussion regarding future plans for Haycock Elementary school and the high school. The health department has recommended the Haycock septic system be repaired within the next year or two at an estimated cost of \$30,000-\$50,000. Board discussion ensued on fixing the septic system, renovating the school, the impact to the community, how the future of education will change, and the process of borrowing over the next few years to fund a renovation project. The board would like to consider all the options for future construction projects including Haycock and the high school taking into consideration the areas with increasing enrollment and our lower income community members. The board suggested working with Richland Township to find out their intentions regarding sewer moratorium.

President Martin asked the board for a list of things they need to make a decision on the future construction projects:

- Calculate the cost per student to renovate.
- Projected enrollment and growth of the community
- Quakertown Area Planning Commissions (QAPC) 10-year study
- Study the land behind the high school and whether it would be feasible to connect the Freshman Center to the high school
- Look for availability of land between Richland/Haycock and Richland/Milford where the demographics are shifting.
- The cost to taxpayers and what they can afford, funding for construction
- Cost to renovate the high school. NOTE: It was cheaper to build a new Pfaff rather than renovate
- Learn more about digital education, what do our students need to learn and how has learning changed?

When the board has more information, they may consider holding a community information meeting to get input from the community. Dr. Andrejko and Ms. Lenz will bring information to the board for review to determine action on this issue.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

April Donahue, Haycock Township addressed the board regarding standards based grading and asked for more education for parents and teachers.

Pete Dorney, Richland Township addressed the board representing an organization that has used the school district facilities on Sunday's and thanked the board for re-considering the Sunday use of facilities.

Glen Rickabaugh, Milford Township addressed the board regarding biased opinions in the classroom. He was referred back to the teacher and principal for continued discussion.

DATES FOR BOARD MEMBERS CALENDARS

Thursday	October 8, 2009	7:00 PM	REGULAR VOTING MEETING District Services Center 100 Commerce Drive, Quakertown
Thursday	October 22, 2009	7:00 pm	REGULAR VOTING MEETING District Services Center 100 Commerce Dr., Quakertown

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

May I have a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Dean Wackerman
Second: Paul R. Stepanoff
Result: Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:10PM

Linda A. Martin, President

Alice K. Bishop, Board Secretary