

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Oley Valley School District was held on Wednesday, October 17, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in the Oley Valley School District Administration Building Board Room. President Robert Heckman presided and called the meeting to order. Janet Keehn, Board Secretary, recorded the minutes. Roll call was taken as follows:

Present:	Barbara Bieber	<i>Roll Call</i>
	Dr. Scarlett Gotwals	
	Christopher Hannum	
	Robert Heckman	
	Kerry Madeira	
	David Maloney	
	Mary Anne McCarthy	
	Ralph Richard	
Absent:	Dr. Robert Cappa	

Also meeting with the Board:

John Stott, Esquire, Solicitor for the Board
Jeffrey F. Zackon, Ed.D., Superintendent
Linda Stubits, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent
Christine Stafford, Director of Business & Support Services
Judith Rabena, Elementary School Principal
Jay Belanger, Technology Systems Manager
Caitlin Maloney, Senior Class Student Representative
Geoffrey Eddinger, Junior Class Student Representative
Bradley Schlegel, *Boyertown Times*
Karyn Feick, *Reading Eagle*

Guests:	Cynthia Smith	Steven Burns
	Carl Kubitz, Jr.	Al Jacobs
	Kelly Behm	Dr. Nancy Allmon
	Doreen Pierdomenico	Steve McBeth
	Chris Madeira	Trevor McBeth
	Sharlene McBeth	

The Pledge to the Flag was led by President Heckman.

SCHOOL PRESENTATION

Dr. Jeffrey F. Zackon, Superintendent, introduced Dr. Nancy Allmon, Executive Director of the Berks County Intermediate Unit, recognizing the variety of student and District support services provided by the BCIU.

Mrs. Judith Rabena, Elementary Principal, introduced Jay Belanger and Lynda Eckert, who shared the student work done by the OVES Internet Club. Students Vicki Behm, Kahley McBeth, and Julianna Pierdonmenico demonstrated their work on the Wellness Page through the Internet Club.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Caitlin Maloney, Senior Class representative, and Geoffrey Eddinger, Junior Class Representative, presented their reports on the events at the elementary , middle, high school, and Berks Career & Technology Center.

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE

Guests

- Cynthia Smith, Oley Township - Capital Reserve balances
- Albert Jacobs, Pike Township – Project 720; Amthor status

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*September 2007
Minutes*

A motion was made by Mr. Madeira, seconded by Dr. Gotwals, to approve the Combined Committee Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2007 and the Regular School Board Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, September 19, 2007. Motion was followed by roll call vote with Mrs. Bieber, Dr. Gotwals, Mr. Hannum, Mr. Madeira, Mr. Maloney, Mrs. McCarthy, Mr. Richard, and Mr. Heckman, all voting yes.

Motion approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

*September 2007
Financial Report*

A motion was made by Mr. Richard, seconded by Mr. Madeira, to approve the Financial Report for September, 2007. Motion was followed by roll call vote with Mrs. Bieber, Dr. Gotwals, Mr. Hannum, Mr. Madeira, Mr. Maloney, Mrs. McCarthy, Mr. Richard, and Mr. Heckman, all voting yes.

Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

*Approval of Bills
September 2007
General Fund*

A motion was made by Mr. Madeira, seconded by Mr. Hannum, to approve/ratify the payment of bills in the amount of \$2,164,108.70 from the General Fund.

Motion was followed by roll call vote: Mrs. Bieber - yes, Dr. Gotwals - yes, Mr. Hannum – abstain, with conflict, Mr. Madeira - yes, Mr. Maloney - yes, Mrs. McCarthy - yes, Mr. Richard - yes, and Mr. Heckman - yes. Seven votes yes, one abstention, with conflict.

Motion approved.

COMMUNICATIONS – SECRETARY

- Thank-you letter sent to Mr. and Mrs. Engler for their donation of a refrigerator and freezer.

- Thank-you letter sent to Kevin Bieber, Oley Valley Community Fair Association for donation of tables
- Bereavement note from the family of Martha Walters

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- No Report

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Dr. Jeffrey F. Zackon, Superintendent, addressed the School Board with the following information:

Superintendent's Report

- Currently recognizing the "Red Ribbon" campaign – "Fight Drug Abuse"
- *Olean* 2007 yearbook
- Four alumni recognized at a High School assembly during Homecoming
- Committee recently visited the East Penn School District to audit their Japanese Cyber program
- Field Hockey and Cross-Country teams participating in Districts

SUPERINTENDENT'S ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made by Mr. Hannum, seconded by Mr. Madeira, to approve the following Action Items:

Substitutes:

- Add the following name to the cafeteria substitute list:

Cafeteria Substitutes

Shirleen Paules
Cynthia Hoffman

Conference/Workshops:

- Mrs. Crystal Jordan to attend the Pa. Music Education Conference on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, April 18 to 20, 2008 in Hershey. Cost to the District is \$475.00.
- Ratify Mrs. Kelly Hunsberger to attend the 2008 PSSA training on Tuesday, October 11, 2007 in King of Prussia. No cost to the District.

*PA Music Ed Conference
Hershey
Jordan*

*2008 PSSA training
King of Prussia
Hunsberger*

Field Trips

- Dr. Jim Howe, Mr. Jeremy Deysher, one parent chaperone and 35 students to participate in the Regional FFA Competition on Wednesday, November 7, 2007 in Lebanon County. Cost is \$420.00.

*Regional FFA Competition
Lebanon
Howe, Deysher*

- Dr. Howe, Mr. Deysher, and 17 students, to attend the 80th National FFA Convention Tuesday to Saturday, October 23rd to the 27th, 2007, in Indianapolis, Indiana. Total Cost - \$10,113.00. Contributions from FFA and students is \$4,896.00, and the total District cost is \$5,217.00.
- Mrs. Pennypacker and 9 students to travel to 10,000 Villages on Saturday, November 10, 2007, in Lancaster, Pa. Cost is \$50.00.

*National FFA
Convention
Howe, Deysher*

*10,000 Villages
Pennypacker*

Motion was followed by roll call vote with Mrs. Bieber, Dr. Gotwals, Mr. Hannum, Mr. Madeira, Mr. Maloney, Mrs. McCarthy, Mr. Richard, and Mr. Heckman, all voting yes.

Motion approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Finance Committee

Ralph C. Richard, Chairperson
Dr. Scarlette Gotwals
Mary Anne McCarthy

A. ACTION

B. INFORMATION

1. Next meeting – Thursday, October 25, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building board room

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Heckman moved the meeting into Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. for reason of Personnel. The session ended at 7:55 p.m.

Personnel Committee

Kerry Madeira, Chairperson
Barbara Bieber
Christopher Hannum

A. ACTION

1. A motion was made by Mr. Madeira, seconded by Dr. Gotwals, to transfer the employment of Mr. David Schmaldienst from High School Social Studies Teacher to temporary *Classrooms of the Future* Technology Coach, effective Thursday, November 1, 2007 through Thursday, July 31, 2008. Salary will be \$70,000.00 pro-rata, per annum, with benefits (Act 93 – Supervisory). Motion was followed by roll call vote with Mrs. Bieber, Dr. Gotwals, Mr. Hannum, Mr. Madeira, Mr. Maloney, Mrs. McCarthy, Mr. Richard, and Mr. Heckman, all voting yes.

*Transfer employ:
Temp. Classrooms
of the Future
Technology Coach
Schmaldienst*

Motion approved.

2. A motion was made by Mr. Madeira, seconded by Mr. Hannum, to employ Ashley Gerhard as a Long-term Substitute Teacher assigned to Grade 2, effective Monday, November 19, 2007. Salary will be \$201.89 per diem, with benefits. Motion was followed by roll call vote with Mrs. Bieber, Dr. Gotwals, Mr. Hannum, Mr. Madeira, Mr. Maloney, Mrs. McCarthy, Mr. Richard, and Mr. Heckman, all voting yes.

*Employ LTS
Teacher
Grade 2
Gerhard*

Motion approved.

3. A motion was made by Mr. Madeira, seconded by Mr. Hannum, to employ Cheryl Cronrath as the Full-time ACCESS/Special Education Secretary, effective Thursday, November 1, 2007. Hourly rate will be \$13.00 per hour, with benefits. Motion was followed by roll call vote with Mrs. Bieber, Dr. Gotwals, Mr. Hannum, Mr. Madeira, Mr. Maloney, Mrs. McCarthy, Mr. Richard, and Mr. Heckman, all voting yes.

*Employ
FT ACCESS/Special
Education Secretary
Cronrath*

Motion approved.

B. INFORMATION

1. Next meeting – Monday, November 5, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. in the Administration Building Board Room

Policy Committee

Dr. Robert Cappa, Chairperson
Dr. Scarlette Gotwals
Christopher Hannum

A. ACTION

B. INFORMATION

1. Next meeting – Thursday, November 8, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. in the Administration Building Board Room

Curriculum Committee

Dr. Scarlette Gotwals, Chairperson
Barbara Bieber
Mary Anne McCarthy

A. ACTION

1. A motion was made by Dr. Gotwals, seconded by Mr. Madeira, to approve offering the following textbooks:

Title: *America's Musical Landscape – 5th Edition*
Course: Music Theory
Grades: 9 - 12
Total # of Books: 15 X \$71.75 each
Cost: \$1,076.25

*Approve
Textbooks*

Title: *Elementary Harmony – 5th Edition*
Course: Music Theory
Grades: 9 – 12
Total # of Books: 15 X \$105.07 each
Cost: \$1,576.05

Title: *Don't Know Much About Mythology*
Course: Mythology
Grades 10 – 12
Total # of Books: 60 X \$26.95 each
Cost: \$1,617.00

Motion was followed by roll call vote with Mrs. Bieber, Dr. Gotwals, Mr. Hannum, Mr. Madeira, Mr. Maloney, Mrs. McCarthy, Mr. Richard, and Mr. Heckman, all voting yes.

Motion approved.

B. INFORMATION

1. Next meeting – Monday, November 5, 2007, at 5:00 p.m. in the Administration Building Board Room

Property & Transportation Committee

Christopher Hannum, Chairperson
Mary Anne McCarthy
Ralph Richard
David Maloney

A. ACTION

1. A motion was made by Mr. Hannum, seconded by Mr. Madeira, to approve the following Property & Transportation items:
 - To authorize a contract with the Capital Area I.U. and Connect Ed for purchase of a notification software package. Cost of this package shall be \$2.95 per student enrollment, no cost per staff members, and a \$200.00 one-time set-up/implementation fee. Execution of this contract is contingent upon solicitor review.

*Notification
software package:
Contract
Capital Area IU
Connect Ed*

- To approve snow removal rates for the 2007-2008 school year as quoted from “By-The-Yard”, Barto, Pa. as follows:

*Snow removal
“By-The-Yard”*

- Per man hour – \$35.00
- Per pick-up truck hour - \$75.00
- Per dump-truck hour – \$85.00
- Per backhoe hour - \$90.00
- Per skid loader hour - \$75.00
- Per snow-blower/Powerbroom hour - \$40.00

Plus 10% fuel surcharge on fuel over \$2.50 per gallon.

- To accept the donation of books for the middle school from Dave and Rosemary Barrell. The books are both volume sets and individual books. Total value is \$237.00.

*Accept donation:
Books
Barrell*

Motion was followed by roll call vote with Mrs. Bieber, Dr. Gotwals, Mr. Hannum, Mr. Madeira, Mr. Maloney, Mrs. McCarthy, Mr. Richard, and Mr. Heckman, all voting yes.

Motion approved.

B. INFORMATION

1. Next meeting – Thursday, November 8, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building Board Room

Student Activities Committee

- Kerry Madeira, Chairperson
- Dr. Robert Cappa
- David Maloney

A. ACTION

1. A motion was made by Mr. Madeira, seconded by Mr. Hannum, to approve the following Extra-Curricular positions for the 2007-2008 school year. Salary will be as per the 2007-2008 Co-Curricular Schedule.

*2007-2008
Co-Curricular
Coaches*

- Caleb Walsh – Middle School Assistant Wrestling Coach
- Kim Antonio – Middle School Cheerleading Coach

MS Asst. Wrestling

MS Cheerleading

Motion was followed by roll call vote with Mrs. Bieber, Dr. Gotwals, Mr. Hannum, Mr. Madeira, Mr. Maloney, Mrs. McCarthy, Mr. Richard, and Mr. Heckman, all voting yes.

Motion approved.

B. INFORMATION

Legislative Report

Barbara Bieber, COLA Representative

A. ACTION

B. INFORMATION

1. PSBA Legislative Report of October 11, 2007

Berks County Intermediate Unit

Ralph Richard, Representative

A. ACTION

B. INFORMATION

Agricultural Advisory Committee

Ralph Richard, Representative

A. ACTION

B. INFORMATION

Berks Career & Technology Center

Robert A. Heckman, JOC Representative

Dr. Robert Cappa, JOC Alternate Representative

A. ACTION

B. INFORMATION

Berks E.I.T. Bureau

Mary Anne McCarthy, Berks E.I.T. Representative

Christopher Hannum, Alternate Berks E.I.T. Representative

A. ACTION

B. INFORMATION

Secretary's Report

Janet Keehn, Board Secretary

A. ACTION

B. INFORMATION

1. Student Representative Reports submitted by Geoffrey Eddinger and Caitlyn Maloney, Student Representatives to the School Board
2. *Olean 2007*

Other

Robert A. Heckman, President

A. ACTION

B. INFORMATION

1. Joint Meeting – School Board and Township Supervisors, Planning Commission, Tax collectors – Tuesday, October 30, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building Board Room

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Heckman moved the meeting into Executive Session for reason of Personnel and Litigation at 8:07 p.m. The session ended at 9:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Richard, seconded by Dr. Gotwals, to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote followed motion, all in favor.

Motion approved.

The meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet E. Keehn
Secretary