

**EAST ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2009**

Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m. – Public Session 7:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the School Board of the East Allegheny School District is called to order by Mrs. McCullough, the vice- president, at 7:45 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Eichler, Mr. Gates, Mrs. Koch, Mrs. McCullough, Dr. Miller, Mr. Pearsol, Mr. Volpe.

ABSENT: Ms. Hensler (Ill)

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. D’Emidio, Ms. Valicenti.

ABSENT: Mr. Beisler.

**STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVES**

Matthew Pfeuffer, Maria Sisley.

**MINUTES OF THE
REORGANIZATION
MEETING AND THE
REGULAR MEETING
OF DECEMBER 1, 2008**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion approving the minutes of the reorganization meeting and the regular school board meeting of December 1, 2008.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S
REPORT**

Mr. D’Emidio presented an award certificate to Mrs. Kelly Woleslagle for achieving National Board Certification.

**STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE**

See attached report.

**HEAR FROM
THE CITIZENS**

Mrs. Eichler moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion to dispense with the regular order of business to hear from the citizens.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

There were no requests to speak.

**RESUME THE
REGULAR ORDER
OF BUSINESS**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion to resume the regular order of business.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Sympathy thank you notes, Board recognition cards and posters.

**APPROVE AGENDA
IN TOTO**

Mrs. Koch moved and Mrs. Eichler seconded the motion to approve the agenda as a whole, with exceptions as noted.

Brown	<u>None.</u>
Eichler	<u>None.</u>
Gates	<u>None.</u>
Hensler	<u>Absent.</u>
Koch	<u>None.</u>
McCullough	<u>None.</u>
Miller	<u>None.</u>
Pearsol	<u>No- B & F, L</u>
Volpe	<u>None.</u>

The motion was passed.

BUDGET & FINANCE

**TREASURER'S MONTHLY
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FOR APPROVAL (A)**

Mrs. Koch moved and Mrs. Eichler seconded the motion to approve the Treasurer's monthly statement.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT
FOR APPROVAL (B)**

Mrs. Koch moved and Mrs. Eichler seconded the motion to approve the Secretary's report.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**BILLS FOR PAYMENT
APPROVAL AND
RATIFICATION (C)**

Mrs. Koch moved and Mrs. Eichler seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve and ratify the payment of bills as follows:

General Fund	-----	\$1,147,336.77
Fund 32*	-----	\$ 377,227.72

*Fund 32 is the Capital Improvement Fund for the New Logan Middle School.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**CAFETERIA BILLS
FOR PAYMENT (D)**

Mrs. Koch moved and Mrs. Eichler seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve and ratify Cafeteria bills for payment in the amount of \$49,591.17.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

BUDGET & FINANCE

**FEDERAL PROGRAM
BILLS FOR
PAYMENT (E)**

Mrs. Koch moved and Mrs. Eichler seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve and ratify the Federal Program bills as follows:

Drug Free 07-08	-----	\$278.02
Title I 07-08	-----	\$42.99
Title I 08-09	-----	\$58,641.19
Acc. Bl. Grant 08-09	-----	\$43,239.00
Acc. Bl. Grant 08-09	-----	\$329,348.61
EAP Tutoring 08-09	-----	\$0.00
Page 1 06-07	-----	\$0.00
A.C.T. 08-09	-----	\$0.00
CFE 08-09	-----	\$0.00

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**HHS DR – ADDITIONAL
SERVICES TO COMPLETE
CONTRACTOR CLOSEOUTS
A/E/STMT. #41, #CA30
LOGAN MIDDLE SCHOOL (F)**

Mrs. Koch moved and Mrs. Eichler seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve payment to HHS DR Architects in the amount of \$5,429.00 on A/E Statement #41, #CA30 for additional services to complete contractor closeouts for the Logan Middle School.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**APPLICATIONS FOR
PAYMENT
HIGH SCHOOL GYM FLOOR
REFINISHING PROJECT (G)**

Mrs. Koch moved and Mrs. Eichler seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve Payment #2-Final for S & S, Inc. for the High School Gym Floor Refinishing Project in the amount of \$1,270.00. This amount has been reviewed and certified for payment by HHS DR Architects, pending receipt of complete applications for payment from the Architect.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**ECS INVOICE #12 & 13
CLASSROOMS FOR THE
FUTURE COACHES (H)**

Mrs. Koch moved and Mrs. Eichler seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve payment #12 to Educational Consulting Services, Inc. in the amount of \$1,328.16 and for Invoice #13 in the amount of \$1,704.22 for the Classrooms for the Future Technology Coaches.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**APPROVE REQUEST FOR
PROPOSALS FOR
SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE
MANAGEMENT SERVICES (I)**

Mrs. Koch moved and Mrs. Eichler seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve advertising to accept Request for Proposals (RFP) for school food service management services, as required by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Food and Nutrition Division. PDE requires school districts to advertise for RFP every four (4) years.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

BUDGET & FINANCE

**APPROVE EASTERN
AREA SPECIAL
SCHOOLS JOINT
COMMITTEE
RESOLUTIONS (J)**

Mrs. Koch moved and Mrs. Eichler seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the following Eastern Area Special Schools Joint Committee Resolutions: No. 2008-1, Authorization of Mail Ballot and No. 2008-3, Election of Officers. Further the Board names Dolores Brown as the Representative and Karen Hensler as the Alternate to the Eastern Area Special Schools Joint Committee.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**PROPERTIES AT
SET BID (K)**

Mrs. Koch moved and Mrs. Eichler seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve selling the properties listed below at a set bid, as indicated:

Property Owner	Address	Block & Lot	Valuation	Comment
Denise Judkins & John Smail	204 Grant St., Wall	643-A-055	\$20,000.00	EA--668 Petition to sell property free & clear for \$4,500.00

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**APPROVE CONTRACT
CHIEF NEGOTIATOR (L)**

Mrs. Koch moved and Mrs. Eichler seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve entering into a contract with Matthew Hoffman, Tucker/Arensberg Attorneys, to serve as the District's chief negotiator, as per proposal and as needed, for the upcoming professional employees' contract renewal.

ROLL CALL

On a roll call vote, the following members voted Yes: Brown, Eichler, Gates, Koch, McCullough, Miller, Volpe. No: Pearsol. Absent: Hensler.

Yes 7
No 1

The motion was passed.

**RESPONSE TO
AUDIT REPORT
JUNE 30, 2006 AND 2005 (M)**

Mrs. Koch moved and Mrs. Eichler seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the response and corrective action plan for the Audit Report ending June 30, 2006 and 2005 and hereby certify this response, as per attached.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

**USE OF PROPERTY
 REQUEST**

Mrs. Koch moved and Mrs. Eichler seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the following requests for the use of the district facilities at a cost to the organization according to board policy:

<u>Group</u>	<u>Building/Grounds</u>	<u>Date Requested</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
PF Fusion Girl's U15 Soccer (A)	WE Gymnasium	Mon. & Thurs., 1/5/09 – 3/26/09	8:00 – 9:30 p.m.	Conditioning & Training
Boy Scouts of America (B)	HS Auditorium, 15 Clrms	Tuesday, 1/20/09	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Meeting of Council Committees
Ken & Jean Dance Studio(C)	HS Auditorium, Cafeteria, Band, Choral rooms	Thurs., Sat., Sun., 6/11/09, 6/13/09, 6/14/09	Th-5:00-9:00 p.m. Sa-12:00-4:00 p.m. Su-1:00-6:00 p.m.	Rehearsals and Recitals

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

CURRICULUM

**2009-2010 SCHOOL
 CALENDAR (A)**

Mrs. Koch moved and Mrs. Eichler seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the 2009-2010 school calendar, as per attached.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**FIELD TRIP REQUEST
 NORTH VERSAILLES, PA (C)**

Mrs. Koch moved and Mrs. Eichler seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve and ratify the request from the Green Valley third grade teachers and 150 students to visit the Destinta Movie Theater, North Versailles, PA on Friday, January 9, 2009 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. this is a citizenship fieldtrip for the third grade students. The movie is the "Tale of Despeaux", and the children are currently reading the book.

COST TO THE DISTRICT: None, all costs, including transportation, will be covered by the Green Valley PTO and students. Three buses will be needed at a cost of \$188.33 per bus.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

CURRICULUM

**FIELD TRIP REQUEST
PITTSBURGH, PA (D)**

Mrs. Koch moved and Mrs. Eichler seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Paul Goldstrohm, high school English teacher, 17 students and one additional teacher to visit the Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh, PA on Friday, January 16, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This trip is requested to enrich the study of Greek and roman mythology through sculpture, architecture and painting.

COST TO THE DISTRICT: The cost of this trip could possibly come out of remaining Page 1 funds. If not, the students may be able to pitch in to cover the costs, which will be 1 bus (or van if possible) at \$188.33 per bus and two (2) substitutes for one (1) day (\$95.00 per day).

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**CONFERENCE REQUEST
PITTSBURGH, PA (E)**

Mrs. Koch moved and Mrs. Eichler seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Beverly Burgess, Amy Hall and Darcy Yeloushan, school nurses, to attend a conference on health topics including MRSA in school settings, peanut allergies, immunizations, ADHD and Autism, on Wednesday, January 28, 2009 at the Holiday Inn, Pittsburgh, from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

COST TO THE DISTRICT: Registration (\$164.00 per person; total \$492) and three (3) substitutes (\$95.00 per day per nurse) for one (1) day. Since this conference is on a Wednesday, we should be able to provide nurse coverage for all three nurses. Once approved, the substitutes will be contacted.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**FIELD TRIP REQUEST
PITTSBURGH, PA (F)**

Mrs. Koch moved and Mrs. Eichler seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Linda Carlson, Logan Middle School gifted teacher, and 8 students, to participate in the Gifted Reading Festival at the Heinz History Center, Pittsburgh, PA on Wednesday, April 22, 2009 from 8:40 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

COST TO THE DISTRICT: Registration (\$2.00 per student), transportation (School Van will be utilized) and one (1) substitute for one (1) day. (\$95.00 per day)

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

POLICY

**REAFFIRMATION OF
POLICY #011,
BOARD GOVERNANCE
STANDARDS/CODE OF
CONDUCT**

Mrs. Koch moved and Mrs. Eichler seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board reaffirm Policy #011, Board Governance Standards/Code of Conduct, as per attached. PSBA that Policy #011 be reaffirmed in January of each year.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

STUDENT LIFE

AGREEMENT (A)

Mrs. Koch moved and Mrs. Eichler seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the agreement for Student D, as per attached.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

AGREEMENT (B)

Mrs. Koch moved and Mrs. Eichler seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the agreement for Student F, as per attached.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

AGREEMENT (C)

Mrs. Koch moved and Mrs. Eichler seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the agreement for Student W, as per attached.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**VOLUNTEER FOR
APPROVAL (D)**

Mrs. Koch moved and Mrs. Eichler seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve Randy Woleslagle as a volunteer in the Pre-K program, through the Allegheny Intermediate Unit in conjunction with the Grow Up Great initiative. Mr. Woleslagle is an employee of PNC and after volunteering for 40 hours within the year, PNC will donate \$1,000 to our pre-school program, through this initiative. Mr. Woleslagle's clearances are on file.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**CREATE 7TH/8TH GRADE
GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL
PROGRAM (E)**

Mrs. Koch moved and Mrs. Eichler seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board create a 7th/8th grade girls' volleyball program, to begin in February, as an exhibition season. Further authorize the posting of the positions for head coach and assistant coach.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

PERSONNEL

**LEAVE REQUEST
PHYSICAL EDUCATION
TEACHER (A)**

Mrs. Koch moved and Mrs. Eichler seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Marianne Weaver, elementary physical education teacher, to extend her sick leave to January 28, 2009. Mrs. Weaver intends to continue to use her accumulated sick days for this extension.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**RETIREMENT OF
MUSIC TEACHER (B)**

Mrs. Koch moved and Mrs. Eichler seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the retirement of **Dwight Hackett**, music teacher, effective January 12, 2009, which is the first working day after the last day of his Board-approved sabbatical, which is January 9, 2009, and in accordance with the agreement between the East Allegheny Board of School Directors and the East Allegheny Education Association.

The Administration further requests the Board adopt the following resolution: *The Board of School Directors for the East Allegheny School District hereby acknowledges the sincere and dedicated service that **Dwight Hackett**, music teacher, gave to the school district and that such recognition and appreciation on behalf of the Board be made known to Mr. Hackett and filed as a matter of public record.*

Further ratify the authorization to post and/or advertise this position.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**RETIREMENT OF
ELEMENTARY
PHYSICAL EDUCATION
TEACHER (C)**

Mrs. Koch moved and Mrs. Eichler seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the retirement of **Marianne Weaver**, elementary physical education teacher, effective the first day of the second semester of the 2008-2009 school year, which is January 29, 2009, due to health issues, and in accordance with the agreement between the East Allegheny Board of School Directors and the East Allegheny Education Association.

The Administration further requests the Board adopt the following resolution: *The Board of School Directors for the East Allegheny School District hereby acknowledges the sincere and dedicated service that **Marianne Weaver**, elementary physical education teacher, gave to the school district and that such recognition and appreciation on behalf of the Board be made known to Mrs. Weaver and filed as a matter of public record.*

Further ratify the authorization to post and/or advertise this position.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

PERSONNEL

**RETIREMENT OF
GROUP VI WORKER (D)**

Mrs. Koch moved and Mrs. Eichler seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the retirement of **Andy Mitnik**, Group VI worker, effective January 6, 2009, and in accordance with the agreement between the East Allegheny Board of School Directors and the East Allegheny Educational Support Professionals Association.

The Administration further requests the Board adopt the following resolution: *The Board of School Directors for the East Allegheny School District hereby acknowledges the sincere and dedicated service that **Andy Mitnik**, Group VI worker, gave to the school district and that such recognition and appreciation on behalf of the Board be made known to Mr. Mitnik and filed as a matter of public record.*

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**HIRING OF
MUSIC TEACHER (E)**

Mrs. Koch moved and Mrs. Eichler seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board hire Amanda Miller, Monroeville, as a music teacher, at Bachelor, Step 1, effective January 12, 2009, and in accordance with the agreement between the East Allegheny Board of School Directors and the East Allegheny Education Association.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**HIRING OF
CAFETERIA
GENERAL WORKER (F)**

Mrs. Koch moved and Mrs. Eichler seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board hire Rhonda Psica, Wilmerding, as a three-hour general worker for the cafeteria at Green Valley Primary School and in accordance with the agreement between the East Allegheny Board of School Directors and the East Allegheny Educational Support Professionals Association.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**LEAVE REQUEST
ELEMENTARY LIBRARIAN (G)**

Mrs. Koch moved and Mrs. Eichler seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Deborah Bacco-Wicker, elementary librarian/gifted teacher at Green Valley Primary School, to use all of her available sick leave, personal leave and the additional five days as provided in the contract (20 sick + 2 personal + 5 emergency = 27 days), for the birth of her child, beginning tentatively January 30, 2009. Mrs. Bacco-Wicker is further requesting a Family Medical Leave from the end of her sick/personal/emergency leave (March 10, 2009) until May 18, 2009. Further authorize the posting for a long term substitute for this time frame.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

PERSONNEL

**LEAVE REQUEST
KINDERGARTEN TEACHER (H)**

Mrs. Koch moved and Mrs. Eichler seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Emily Belchick, kindergarten teacher in the Early Learning Center, to use all of her available sick leave, and personal leave (51 days needed, has 57 sick and 3.5 personal days), for the birth of her child, beginning tentatively as close to her due date of March 30, 2009 as possible. It is our understanding that Mrs. Belchick will return to her position at the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year. Further authorize the posting for a long term substitute for this time frame.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**HIRING OF
ASSISTANT BAND
DIRECTOR (I)**

Mrs. Koch moved and Mrs. Eichler seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board hire Chaz Bowers as the Assistant Band Director, retroactive to the beginning of the band marching season, as per the request from Justin Rosco, Band Director, and in accordance with the agreement between the East Allegheny Board of School Directors and the East Allegheny Education Association. Mr. Bowers' clearances are on file.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**HIRING OF MUSICAL
DIRECTOR AND
DRAMA COACH (J)**

Mrs. Koch moved and Mrs. Eichler seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board hire Amanda Miller, Monroeville, as the Musical Director and Drama Coach, and in accordance with the agreement between the East Allegheny Board of School Directors and the East Allegheny Education

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**RESIGNATION OF
COACH/SPONSOR (K)**

Mrs. Koch moved and Mrs. Eichler seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board accept the resignation of David DiEmidio as the Head Boys' Middle School Soccer Coach and as an assistant on the Logan Middle School Picnic in the Park Committee. Further authorize the posting of these positions.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

PERSONNEL

SUBSTITUTES FOR APPROVAL (L)

Mrs. Koch moved and Mrs. Eichler seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the following substitutes in their respective areas:

<u>FName</u>	<u>LName</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Area</u>
Gregory	Belmondo	Trafford	Spanish
Stephen	Bickerstaff	North Huntingdon	Mathematics/Tech Ed
John	Cerra	Penn Hills	Mathematics
Martin	Coyne	Turtle Creek	Physical Education
Ronald	Filo	McKeesport	Custodian
Judith	Hogue	North Huntingdon	School Nurse
David	McGhee	Irwin	Art K-12
Michael	McLaughlin	Trafford	Custodian
Curtis	Plumb	McKeesport	Elementary
Robert	Rossi	Pittsburgh	Teacher's Aide/Food Service
Kristin	Schor	North Braddock	Food Service
Ashley	Smith	Pittsburgh	Special Education

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

FEDERAL PROGRAMS REPORT:

Mr. Peiffer submitted the following report for the month of December:

Observations: Observed 5 Title I teachers

Provided feedback to all Federal Programs teachers about their classes and asked them a few questions regarding services provided to kids. These responses will be utilized in the January Federal Programs meeting, where we will also plan for a second evening parent meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Koch moved and Mrs. Eichler seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board authorize HHSDR Architects to draw up specifications for the high school power/electric and boiler replacements.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Gates moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Toni Valicenti

Board Secretary

HEAR FROM THE CITIZENS

There were no requests to speak.