

**EAST ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 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 Ms. Hensler, the president, at 7:36 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. D’Emidio, Ms. Valicenti.
Solicitor: Mr. Beisler.

**STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVES**

Matthew Pfeuffer, Maria Sisley.

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING
OF JANUARY 12, 2009**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion approving the minutes of the regular school board meeting of January 12, 2009.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S
REPORT**

Recognized Monessa Tinsley Grabb, former Post Gazette Reporter that covered the East Allegheny School Board meetings. She did a very good job. Ms. Grabb recently passed away.

**STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE**

See attached report.

**HEAR FROM
THE CITIZENS**

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

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**RESUME THE
REGULAR ORDER
OF BUSINESS**

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

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Sympathy thank-you note from Barb Uhring, custodian, whose mother passed away recently.

**APPROVE AGENDA
IN TOTO**

Mrs. Eichler moved and Mrs. Brown 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>None.</u>
Koch	<u>None.</u>
McCullough	<u>Abstain, Personnel, Letter I</u>
Miller	<u>None.</u>
Pearsol	<u>None.</u>
Volpe	<u>None.</u>

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

BUDGET & FINANCE

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

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

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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

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

General Fund	-----	\$ 872,500.02
Fund 31*	-----	\$ 14,655.23
Fund 32*	-----	\$ 9,151.50

* Fund 31 is the Capital Improvement Fund for the Loan; 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. Eichler moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve and ratify Cafeteria bills for payment in the amount of \$59,056.09.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

BUDGET & FINANCE

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

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

Drug Free 07-08	-----	\$341.50
Drug Free 08-09	-----	\$325.00
Title I 08-09	-----	\$35,382.30
Title II Part A 08-09	-----	\$0.00
CFF 08-09	-----	\$0.00
Acc. Bl. Grant 08-09	-----	\$556.71
Page 1 06-07	-----	\$248.71
Safe School Initiative 08-09	-----	\$0.00
EAP Tutoring 08-09	-----	\$0.00

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**ADVERTISE DISTRICT
SCHOOL BIDS (F)**

Mrs. Eichler moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve advertising for the District's 2009-2010 school bids.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**AUTHORIZE GMAX
TEST ATHLETIC
FOOTBALL FIELD (G)**

Mrs. Eichler moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve Thomas Testings, Inc. to conduct the GMAX test on the athletic football field at a cost of \$1,050.00, which includes expenses.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**PROPERTIES AT
SET BID (H)**

Mrs. Eichler moved and Mrs. Brown 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
Carol A. Lang	340 Welsh Ave., Wldg.	546-F-358	\$44,200.00	EA-888 Propose to sell free & clear for a minimum bid of \$10,000.00. Property in poor condition.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**EAST ALLEGHENY
EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
AGREEMENT (I)**

Mrs. Eichler moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the agreement in principal between the East Allegheny Education Association and the Board of Education of the East Allegheny School District for the 2009-2010, 2010-2011, and 2011-2012 school years, pending the East Allegheny Education Association's approval of said agreement.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

BUDGET & FINANCE

**AGREEMENT WITH
NORTH VERSAILLES
TOWNSHIP (J)**

Mrs. Eichler moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion to enter into an agreement with North Versailles Township for the utilization of part time police officers at a rate of \$15.75 per hour, subject to a written agreement prepared by the school district solicitor.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

**USE OF PROPERTY
REQUEST**

Mrs. Eichler moved and Mrs. Brown 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>
Wilmerding Borough (A)	WE Auditorium, restrooms	Fri., 2/20/09, 1 Fri/Mo	6:30 – 11:00 p.m.	Monthly Movie Night
EA PTO Groups (B)	LMS Auditorium	Tues., 2/24/09	6:00 – 9:00 p.m.	District-Wide Creative Arts Awards
EAAA Soccer (C)	East Field	Sun., 3/22/09-6/14/09	11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Travel Soccer
	HS Football Field	Sun., 3/22/09-6/14/09	11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Travel Soccer
	East Field	M-Sa, 8/1/09-11/1/09	M-F-3:00 – 9:00 p.m. Sat – 9:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.	Soccer Pract./Games
	East Field	Sun., 8/23/09-11/8/09	11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Travel Soccer
EAAA Baseball (D)	East Field	Mon-Sat, 4/1/09-8/1/09	M-F-5:00 – 9:00 p.m. Sat – 8:00 a.m. –9:00 p.m.	Pract/ Games
EAAA Softball (E)	Park Terrace Field	M-Sa, 4/1/09-8/1/09	M-F-5:00 – 9:00 p.m. Sat – 9:00 a.m. –9:00 p.m.	Practice/ Games
EA Summer Track (F)	HS Track, Press Box, Concession Stand, Restrooms	M-T-TH-F, 4/20/09 – 8/1/09	6:30 – 8:00 p.m.	Track Practice/ Track Meets
EA Student Council (G)	HS Indoor Court, Restrooms	Friday, 2/20/09	7–10:30 p.m.	Mardi Gras Dance
EA Swim Team (H)	HS Indoor Court, Restrooms	Sunday, 3/8/09	5 – 9:00 p.m.	Swim Team Banquet

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

CURRICULUM

**CONFERENCE REQUEST
WILKINSBURG, PA (A)**

Mrs. Eichler moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve and ratify the request from Mark Draskovich, Director of Pupil Personnel, Chemen Callaway, David Loya, and Yvonne Plowey (AIU teacher), special education teachers, to attend a conference with Dr. Richard Villa on the topic *Exchanging Dissonance for Harmony*, and *Access to the General Education Curriculum for All* at Wilkinsburg School District, Wilkinsburg, PA on Monday, February 2, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. At our LEA Audit, the special education auditor recommended we send some of our teachers to see this speaker, and/or bring him into the district to speak to our staff.

COST TO THE DISTRICT: Two (2) substitutes for one (1) day (\$95.00/day).

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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

Mrs. Eichler moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve and ratify the request from Emilia Peiffer and Cheryl Ihnat, high school guidance counselors, 180 students and 2 additional parent chaperones to attend the Pittsburgh National College Fair at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Pittsburgh, PA on Friday, February 6, 2009 from 8:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

COST TO THE DISTRICT: One (1) substitute (\$95.00/day) and transportation (\$188.33 per bus). All transportation costs have been budgeted.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**CONFERENCE REQUEST
HOMESTEAD, PA (C)**

Mrs. Eichler moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve and ratify the request from James Kulha, special education teacher, to attend the required PASA Administration Refresher Course at the Allegheny Intermediate Unit, Homestead, PA on Monday, February 9, 2009 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

COST TO THE DISTRICT: One (1) substitute for ½ day (\$95.00/day).

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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

Mrs. Eichler moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Lesley Hawkins, Logan Middle School guidance counselor, 88 students and 6-7 teachers, to visit Forbes Road Career & Technology Center, Monroeville, PA on Friday, February 13, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This visit will provide students with a hands-on tour of the school. Students will have an opportunity to pre-select 4 courses they are interested in and will spend time in 3 of those classes participating in a hands-on activity.

COST TO THE DISTRICT: Transportation (\$109.77/per bus – Negotiated cost with First Student).

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

CURRICULUM

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

Mrs. Eichler moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Dennis Edwards and Edward Lorenc, high school social studies teachers, to attend the National Security Briefing for Teachers entitled *U.S. National Security: Emerging Threats, New Strategies* at the Radisson Hotel Pittsburgh-Green Tree, Pittsburgh, PA on Tuesday, February 24, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.
COST TO THE DISTRICT: Two (2) substitutes for one (1) day (\$95.00/day)

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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

Mrs. Eichler moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from David Janusek, Logan Middle School science fair sponsor, 30 students, 3-4 teachers and 1-2 additional parent chaperones to visit the Carnegie Science Center, Pittsburgh, PA on Wednesday, March 25, 2009 from 8:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This is the annual reward trip for the science fair winners.
COST TO THE DISTRICT: Substitutes (3-4) for one (1) day (\$95.00/day), transportation (\$188.33/bus). All costs have been budgeted.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**APPROVE THE
REVISED
2009-2010 SCHOOL
CALENDAR (G)**

Mrs. Eichler moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the revised 2009-2010 school calendar, as per attached, pending the East Allegheny Education Association's approval of the proposed 2009-2012 contract.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

POLICY

**FIRST READING
POLICY #249 –
ANTI-BULLYING**

Mrs. Eichler moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the first reading of new Policy #249, Anti-Bullying, as per attached. We are required by the State to approve an anti-bullying policy.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

STUDENT LIFE

**FIELD TRIP REQUEST
WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
MORGANTOWN, WV (A)**

Mrs. Eichler moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Stephen Ehrlich, orchestra director, and approximately fourteen students to travel to West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV to participate in the West Virginia Honors Orchestra on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 26 – February 28, 2009. All orchestra students are encouraged to submit an application to West Virginia and the University chooses the participants from the applications received. This year, West Virginia has not yet provided the names of the chosen students. There will be parent chaperones, number and names to be determined, also attending.

COST TO THE DISTRICT: Transportation (school van driven by the director), registration (\$20.00/student), accommodations (\$1,068.00 total for all students – 6 double/double rooms @ \$89.00/room) and one substitute for two (2) days. (Meals are the cost of the student) Two students have dropped out since the February 2 meeting. Mr. Ehrlich will have some students ride with the chaperones.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

AGREEMENT (B)

Mrs. Eichler moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the Agreement for Student M as per attached.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

AGREEMENT (C)

Mrs. Eichler moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the Agreement for Student P as per attached.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

PERSONNEL

RETIREMENT OF
TEACHERS (A)

Mrs. Eichler moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the retirement of **Judith Augustin**, science teacher, **David DiEmidio**, physical education teacher, **Paul Dzikiy**, Title I teacher, **Jacqueline Gates**, art teacher, **David Kalina**, physical education teacher, **John Sabol**, graphics teacher, and **Daniel Silianoff**, mathematics teacher, effective the last day of the 2008-2009 school year, which is June 12, 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 **Judith Augustin**, science teacher, **David DiEmidio**, physical education teacher, **Paul Dzikiy**, Title I teacher, **Jacqueline Gates**, art teacher, **David Kalina**, physical education teacher, **John Sabol**, graphics teacher, and **Daniel Silianoff**, mathematics teacher, gave to the school district and that such recognition and appreciation on behalf of the Board be made known to these individuals and filed as a matter of public record.*

Further ratify the authorization to post and/or advertise these positions.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

HIRING OF
HIGH SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL (B)

Mrs. Eichler moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the motion to appoint Mr. Donald Mac Fann, from Denbo, PA, as principal at the East Allegheny Senior High School at an annualized salary of \$90,000.00 effective upon his release from his current position.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

HIRING OF
ELEMENTARY
LIBRARIAN/GIFTED
LONG TERM
SUBSTITUTE (C)

Mrs. Eichler moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve and ratify Tricia Kelley, Pittsburgh, as the elementary librarian/gifted long term substitute for the duration of Deborah Bacco-Wicker's sick/personal and emergency leave as well as for her Family Medical Leave, effective February 2, 2009 through Monday, May 4, 2009, at Masters, Step 1, 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.

PERSONNEL

**HIRING OF
KINDERGARTEN
LONG TERM
SUBSTITUTE (D)**

Mrs. Eichler moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve Anne Barsotti, West Mifflin, as the kindergarten long term substitute, as per the recommendation of the building principal, for the duration of Emily Belchick's leave, effective tentatively March 30, 2009 through Friday, June 12, 2009, which is the end of the 2008- 2009 school year, at Bachelors, Step 1, 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
ELEMENTARY
PHYSICAL EDUCATION
LONG TERM
SUBSTITUTE (E)**

Mrs. Eichler moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve Bryan Dull as the elementary physical education long term substitute for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year, effective February 10, 2009 through June 12, 2009, which is the end of the 2008-2009 school year, at Masters, Step 1, 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
ALTERNATIVE
EDUCATION AIDE(F)**

Mrs. Eichler moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board hire Joseph Golden, Pittsburgh, as an aide in the Alternative Education Program, effective February 10, 2009 and in accordance with the agreement of between the East Allegheny Board School Directors and the East Allegheny Educational Support Professionals. Mr. Golden's clearances are on file.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**HIRING OF COACH/
SPONSORS (G)**

Mrs. Eichler moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board hire the following coach and sponsors in the respective positions:

James Catone	LMS Picnic in the Park Assistant
Valerie Ekis	HS Freshman Class Sponsor
Melissa Korenoski	Head Varsity Softball Coach
Jodi Shivey	Assistant Middle School Girls Volleyball Coach
Eric Stein	Head Middle School Girls Volleyball Coach

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**RESIGNATION OF
DETENTION TEACHER
LOGAN MIDDLE SCHOOL(H)**

Mrs. Eichler moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board accept the resignation of Mary Beth Ponitz as the teacher of record for the Logan Middle School after school detention program. Further authorize the posting of this position.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

PERSONNEL

SUBSTITUTES FOR APPROVAL(I)

Mrs. Eichler moved and Mrs. Brown 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>
Calvin	Bates	Monroeville	Smart START
Tempest	Cottingham*	North Versailles	Custodial
Gerald	Likar*	North Huntingdon	Custodial
Sheila	McGlaughlin*	North Versailles	Food Service
Daniel	Naelitz	Gibsonia	Art K-12
Heidi	Roup	Pittsburgh	Smart START
Diane	Tucci*	North Versailles	Custodial/Food Service

- Pending receipt of updated clearances

ROLL CALL

On a roll call vote, the following members voted Yes: Brown, Eichler, Gates, Hensler, Koch, Miller, Pearsol, Volpe. No: None. Abstain: McCullough.

Yes 8
No 0
Abstain 1

The motion was passed.

FEDERAL PROGRAMS REPORT:

The Federal Programs teachers continued to service their students, preparing them for the PSSA test in the elementary level and working on reading skills at the pre-school level.

A meeting that was scheduled for January was postponed. The meeting for February is scheduled for the 26th. At that meeting, we will be planning the second evening parent meeting.

Registration for the Pennsylvania Federation of Federal Program Directors, which will be held at Seven Springs Resort, Champion, PA, took place. Mr. Peiffer is registered for one day.

Notice was received of the 9th Annual Regional Parent Conference that will be held on March 11 at Georgetown Center.

Mr. Peiffer sent a teacher from the high school to observe how Marge Meighan, Logan Middle School Title I Reading teacher, implements a lesson on PSSA prep for English.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. McCullough moved and Mr. Gates seconded the motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

Toni Valicenti

Board Secretary

HEAR FROM THE CITIZENS

Justine Conwell, North Versailles