

**EAST ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MARCH 9, 2009**

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

6:30 – 7:20 p.m. - Personnel

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 _____ 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 FEBRUARY 9, 2009
AND SPECIAL MEETING
OF FEBRUARY 23, 2009**

Mrs. McCullough moved and Mr. Pearsol seconded the motion approving the minutes of the regular school board meeting of February 9, 2009 and the special meeting of February 23, 2009.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Recognition of Forbes Road National Technical Honor Society students.

**STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE**

See attached report.

**HEAR FROM
THE CITIZENS**

Mrs. McCullough moved and Dr. Miller 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. Volpe seconded the motion to resume the regular order of business.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

**APPROVE AGENDA
IN TOTO**

Mrs. McCullough moved and Dr. Miller 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>None.</u>
Miller	<u>None.</u>
Pearsol	<u>None.</u>
Volpe	<u>Abstain, Personnel, C</u>

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

BUDGET & FINANCE

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

Mrs. McCullough moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion to approve the Treasurer's monthly statement.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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

Mrs. McCullough moved and Dr. Miller 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. McCullough moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve and ratify the payment of bills as follows:

General Fund	-----	\$ 962,175.29
Fund 32*	-----	\$ 1,485.00

* 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.

BUDGET & FINANCE

**CAFETERIA BILLS
FOR PAYMENT (D)**

Mrs. McCullough moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve and ratify Cafeteria bills for payment in the amount of \$61,783.19.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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

Mrs. McCullough moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve and ratify the Federal Program bills as follows:

Drug Free 08-09	-----	\$487.50
Title I 07-08	-----	\$45.01
Title I 08-09	-----	\$39,185.31
Title II Part A 08-09	-----	\$0.00
CFF 08-09	-----	\$0.00
Acc. Bl. Grant 08-09	-----	\$6,158.15
Page 1 06-07	-----	\$0.00
Safe School Initiative 08-09	-----	\$0.00
EAP Tutoring 08-09	-----	\$15,976.00

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**ALLEGHENY
INTERMEDIATE UNIT
ANNUAL CONVENTION (F)**

Mrs. McCullough moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve attendance by any interested Board members and Central Office Administrators at the Allegheny Intermediate Unit Annual Convention of School Directors to be held Monday, March 30, 2009 at the Sheraton Station Square, Pittsburgh, PA.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**ACCEPT AUDIT
HOSACK, SPECHT,
MUETZEL & WOOD (G)**

Mrs. McCullough moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board accept the audit of the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2008 and further authorize the payment of the remainder of the invoice in the amount of \$3,539.00.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**PSBA SPRING LEGAL
ROUNDUP CONFERENCE
HOMESTEAD, PA (H)**

Mrs. McCullough moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the attendance of any interested Board member to the PSBA's Spring Legal Roundup 2009 at the Allegheny Intermediate Unit on Tuesday, March 24, 2009 from 12:30 – 4:15 p.m.
COST TO THE DISTRICT: \$119.00 per person.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

BUDGET & FINANCE

PROPERTIES AT SET BID (I)

Mrs. McCullough moved and Dr. Miller 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
Marie Watts	Vacant lot on Halket St., N. V.	376-S-314	\$5,900.00	EA-1026 Petition to sell property free & clear of all liens and offer it for \$2,000.00.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT (J)

Mrs. McCullough moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the purchase the following equipment from L.M. Colker Company, Inc. to be utilized at Logan Middle School with the costs paid from the Capital Improvement (Logan) Fund:

Carpet Extractor	\$2,645.17
Shovel Nose Wet/Dry Vacuum	\$622.47
Automatic Floor Scrubber	\$5,279.20
TOTAL	\$8,546.84

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

APPROVE AGREEMENT GRUBB CONSULTING SERVICES (K)

Mrs. McCullough moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the renewal of the agreement with Grubb Consulting Services, Inc. to provide on-site consultation services in the area of special education in the amount not to exceed \$5,103.00, for one (1) day per month and will be paid with ACCESS funds.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

APPROVE 2009-2010 AIU PROGRAM OF SERVICES BUDGET (L)

Mrs. McCullough moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the proposed 2009-2010 Allegheny Intermediate Unit Program of Services Budget as presented. The Budget totals \$3,807,900 and reflects no increase in total district allocation. East Allegheny's 2009-2010 withholding will decrease \$174.15 to \$16,389.97 over the withholding for 2008-2009 of \$16,564.12.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

**USE OF PROPERTY
REQUEST**

Mrs. McCullough moved and Dr. Miller 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>
Men's Basketball (A)	HS Main Gym	Wed., 3/11/09-6/17/09	8:00 – 10:00 p.m.	Basketball
EAAA Competition Cheerleading (B)	HS Gym, Cafeteria, Hallways, Indoor Court	Sat./Sun., 9/26-27/09	2:00 – 11:00 p.m. (Sa) 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. (Su)	Competition

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

CURRICULUM

**2009-2010 HIGH SCHOOL
COURSE SELECT BOOK (A)**

Mrs. McCullough moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the 2009-2010 East Allegheny High School Course Select Book.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**WORKSHOP REQUEST
HOMESTEAD, PA (B)**

Mrs. McCullough moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve and ratify the attendance of Sean Gildea, Green Valley Principal, Kathleen Chenot, high school English teacher, Elisa Greb, Logan Middle School English teacher, and Joseph DiLucente, Green Valley teacher, at the workshop, "Help Me Write: ADAPTING the Writing Process" sponsored by the Allegheny Intermediate Unit, Homestead, PA on Friday, March 6, 2009 and Wednesday, March 11, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Each participant will be given the manual "Help Me Write: ADAPTING the Writing Process".
COST TO THE DISTRICT: Registration, (\$100/person), and three (3) substitutes for one (1) day.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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

Mrs. McCullough moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Harriet Hopper, Logan Middle School Principal, 650 students and all Logan teachers, for a PSSA Extra Effort Award Trip at North Versailles Bowling Center (Grades 4-7) and Lokay Lanes (Grade 8) on Friday, March 20, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The students in grades 4 and 5 would bowl in the morning at North Versailles, grades 6 and 7 in the afternoon at North Versailles (this would max out North Versailles) and grade 8 would bowl at Lokay Lanes in the afternoon. The students would get 2 hours of bowling, shoes, pizza and a drink for \$5.00 per student.
COST TO THE DISTRICT: None, cost of bowling covered by the PTO and First Student is donating the buses.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

CURRICULUM

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

Mrs. McCullough moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from the first grade teachers at Green Valley Primary School, and 150 students and 8 additional parent chaperones to visit the Pittsburgh Zoo & Aquarium, Pittsburgh, PA on Monday, March 23, 2009 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

COST TO THE DISTRICT: None, all costs paid by the Green Valley PTO (Registration - \$792.00, Transportation - \$188.33 per bus)

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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

Mrs. McCullough moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from the third grade teachers, 150 students 10 teachers and additional chaperones to visit North Versailles Bowling Center, North Versailles, PA for a PSSA reward field trip on Friday, March 27, 2009 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

COST TO THE DISTRICT: None, cost for bowling (\$5.00) paid by students and transportation will be donated by First Student.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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

Mrs. McCullough moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Emilia Peiffer and Joshua Miller, National Honor Society sponsors, 60 students and 2 additional chaperones, to visit the Carnegie Science Center, Pittsburgh, PA on Friday, March 27, 2009 from 8:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

COST TO THE DISTRICT: Transportation and one (1) substitute for one (1) day however, all costs will be paid by the National Honor Society.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**WORKSHOP REQUEST
MARS, PA (G)**

Mrs. McCullough moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Mark Draskovich, Director of Pupil Personnel, and up to 4 additional parents to attend a workshop sponsored by the Pennsylvania Parent Information and Resource Center (PA PIRC) on Building Capacity and Sustaining Partnerships at the Sheraton Four Points Pittsburgh North, Mars, PA on Tuesday, March 31, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Attendance at workshops such as this is written into our Special Education Plan.

COST TO THE DISTRICT: None.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

CURRICULUM

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

Mrs. McCullough moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Rick Yeager and Amy Davis, high school special education teachers, and 20-50 students to visit Forbes Road Career & Technology Center, Monroeville, PA on Thursday, April 2, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This trip will provide special education students with a structured tour of Forbes Road CTC to satisfy IEP requirements as part of transition plans.
COST TO THE DISTRICT: Transportation (\$188.33).

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**CONFERENCE REQUEST
CHAMPION, PA (I)**

Mrs. McCullough moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the attendance of the Title I staff (Gary Peiffer, Cindy McCoy, Paul Dzikiy, Jeannie Estadt, Marge Meighan, Janine Montgomery, Angela Turkowski) to the Federal Programs Conference at Seven Springs Resort, Champion, PA, Monday through Wednesday, April 6-8, 2009. Mr. Peiffer and Mrs. McCoy will be attending only on Monday, April 6.
COST TO THE DISTRICT: None, all costs covered with Title I professional development funds.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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

Mrs. McCullough moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Amanda DeMedio, Student Council Sponsor, 22 students and an additional teacher, to attend Student Council Day at PNC Park on Wednesday, April 22, 2009 from 10:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.
COST TO THE DISTRICT: Game ticket (\$7.00/person), transportation (\$120.28) and two (2) substitutes for one (1) day (\$95.00/day). All registration and transportation costs will be paid by members of council and the Student Council account.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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

Mrs. McCullough moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Lori Steiner, science teacher, 30 students and an additional teacher to visit Duquesne University's anatomy lab, Pittsburgh, PA on a spring 2009 date to be determined by the University. Students from the honors and academic anatomy and physiology classes will attend this trip.
COST TO THE DISTRICT: Transportation (\$188.33) and two (2) substitutes needed for one (1) day. All costs will be covered by students' fundraising efforts.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

CURRICULUM

**SEMINAR REQUEST
MONROEVILLE, PA(L)**

Mrs. McCullough moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Dennis Edwards, social studies teacher, and Kathy Chenot, English teacher, and 20 students to attend the Seventh Annual Senator Sean Logan Student Government Day Seminar at the Community College of Allegheny County, Boyce Campus, Monroeville, PA on Friday, May 15, 2009 from 7:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Senator Logan requires one chaperone per 10 students.

COST TO THE DISTRICT: Two (2) substitutes (\$95.00 each) for one (1) day and transportation(\$173.88 for van).

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

POLICY

**SECOND READING
POLICY #249 –
ANTI-BULLYING (A)**

Mrs. McCullough moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the second reading of new Policy #249, Anti-Bullying. We are required by the State to approve an anti-bullying policy.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**FIRST READING OF
REVISIONS TO
POLICY #218,
STUDENT DISCIPLINE(B)**

Mrs. McCullough moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the first reading of the revisions to Policy #218, Student Discipline, to coincide with the language in new Policy #249, Anti-Bullying, as per attached excerpt.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**FIRST READING OF
REVISIONS TO
POLICIES(C)**

Mrs. McCullough moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the first reading of the revisions to the following policies to reflect changes in the law and recommended by PSBA, as per attached:

Policy #504, Employment of Service Personnel – The law will require Title I and special education paraprofessionals (aides) to have additional education.

Policy #810, Transportation - The law now prohibits diesel-powered vehicles weighing 10,001 pounds or more to idle for more than five (5) minutes.

Policy #818, Contracted Services - The law now requires that all contractors submit for each of the contractor's prospective employees, prior to employment, report of criminal history, Federal criminal history ID number (the report is then pulled from the Internet by district personnel), and child abuse clearance.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

STUDENT LIFE

**APPROVE EA BAND
CAMP/SHOW DATES (A)**

Mrs. McCullough moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the following dates for the East Allegheny band:

Band Camp	July 27-31, 2009
	August 3-7, 2009
Preview Show	Friday, August 14, 2009 or August 21, 2009
Home Show	Saturday, October 31, 2009

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

AGREEMENT(B)

Mrs. McCullough moved and Dr. Miller 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.

**PARTICIPATION IN
MIDDLE SCHOOL
ORCHESTRA
INVITATIONAL CONCERT(C)**

Mrs. McCullough moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the participation of the Logan Middle School Symphony Orchestra in the Dorseyville Middle School Orchestra Invitational Concert at Dorseyville Middle School, Fox Chapel School District, on April 1, 2009, from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. Parents are encouraged to attend the performance using their own transportation.

COST TO THE DISTRICT: Transportation (one bus, \$188.33).

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

PERSONNEL

**LEAVE REQUEST
SIXTH GRADE TEACHER (A)**

Mrs. McCullough moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Deborah Hlavach, sixth grade teacher, to use her available sick leave (43 days needed, 84 sick available) for the birth of her child, beginning tentatively as close to her due date of April 14, 2009 as possible. It is our understanding that Mrs. Hlavach will return to her position at the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**LEAVE REQUEST
MATH TEACHER(B)**

Mrs. McCullough moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Jennifer Smith, math teacher, for a Family Medical Leave following the birth of her child, commencing as close to her due date of May 7, 2009 as possible and concluding at the end of the 2008-2009 school year, which is June 12, 2009. Mrs. Smith plans to return to her position at the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

PERSONNEL

**RESCIND HIRING OF
ALTERNATIVE
EDUCATION AIDE/
HIRE REPLACEMENT (C)**

Mrs. McCullough moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board rescind the hiring of Joseph Golden as the Alternative Education Aide, effective February 9, 2009. Due to the fact that Mr. Golden has not been able to report since he was hired on February 9, 2009, it is necessary to rescind his hiring and further request the Board hire Joseph Volpe, as the Alternative Education Aide, effective March 10, 2009. Mr. Volpe has been working the past two weeks in this position.

ROLL CALL

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

Yes 8
No 0
Abstain 1

The motion was passed.

**RESIGNATION OF
HEAD MIDDLE SCHOOL
SOFTBALL COACH (D)**

Mrs. McCullough moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board accept the resignation of Gery Rosenbayger as the Head Girls' Middle School Softball Coach and further ratify the posting of position.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**HIRING OF
COACHES/SPONSORS (E)**

Mrs. McCullough moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the following individuals as a coach or a sponsor in the respective areas:

Bryan Dull	North Versailles	Green Valley Field Day Chairperson
Brian Ferek	Irwin	Assistant Varsity Softball Coach
Angela McEwen	North Versailles	Logan Middle School After School Detention Teacher (Retroactive to Monday, February 23, 2009)
Shelley Wolf	North Versailles	Co-Assistant 7 th /8 th Grade Volleyball Coach (Jodi Shivey was approved in February as the Assistant Coach, but Mrs. Shivey and Ms. Wolfe are going to share the duties and the salary)

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

PERSONNEL

SUBSTITUTES FOR APPROVAL (F)

Mrs. McCullough moved and Dr. Miller 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>
Mary	Cehula	Trafford	Secretary/Aide/Food Service/Custodial
Christopher	Napolitan	Monroeville	Elementary
Leah	Pelkey	Pitcairn	English 7-12/Communications 7-12
Justin	Tauber	Elizabeth	Art K-12
Daniel	Zyma	North Versailles	Art K-12

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

FEDERAL PROGRAMS REPORT:

At the Federal Programs meeting, a parent night was set for March 31 at Logan Middle School. The evening event will run from 6-7:30. Pizza will be served from 6-6:30, with the activity running from 6:30-7:30. The event will be a book bingo and will focus on the theme of increasing the amount of time families read together for the month of April. NHS students will help, as they did last time. Mrs. McCoy will send out parent invitations. A March Federal Programs meeting was set for March 17 at the high school to further plan this event.

Also discussed was the upcoming Pennsylvania Association of Federal Programs Coordinators meeting at Seven Springs. It was stressed that we will be looking for more ways to increase parent involvement and ways to provide more services to identified students. This conference is being held on April 6-8, 2009. Mr. Peiffer and Mrs. McCoy are going up for Monday, but the teachers are staying overnight. This is paid for out of the Federal monies.

Mr. Peiffer also discussed setting up some summer morning instructional seminars for enrichment that would focus on science. Four sessions were discussed, running from 9-11 a.m. Parents would provide the transportation. Details will be finalized within the next few weeks.

Mr. Peiffer attended the conference at the AIU for the new Federal Programs Directors. It was very informative and definitive, stating which programs are no longer funded and which programs we might be able to get more funding from. Mr. Peiffer will follow up on these items at the conference at Seven Springs and will also be looking at our relationships with non-public schools while at the conference.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Hensler commented and thanked the Budget & Finance chairperson for the zero mil 2009-2010 preliminary budget. She also thanked Negotiating Committee for the passage of the early bird teachers' contract.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. McCullough moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion to adjourn at 7:42 p.m.

Toni Valicenti

Board Secretary

HEAR FROM THE CITIZENS

- *Tracy Cheslock, Wall, PA
- *Shirley Dick, North Versailles, PA
- *Vicki Greaves, North Versailles, PA

*The solicitor responded to the speak out concerns.