

**EAST ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 10, 2009**

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into Executive Session for Personnel/Contract reasons from 7:29 – 7:46 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 7:46 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: Mr. Gates, Mrs. McCullough,

ALSO PRESENT:

Ms. Valicenti.

Solicitor: Mr. Beisler.

ABSENT: Mr. D'Emidio.

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING
OF JUNE 8, 2009 AND
THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF JULY 20, 2009**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion approving the minutes of the regular school board meeting of June 8, 2009 and the special meeting of July 20, 2009.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

None.

**HEAR FROM
THE CITIZENS**

No cards were received.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Thank you card from Barbara Schwer and Family for sympathies.

**APPROVE AGENDA
IN TOTO**

Mrs. Koch 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>Absent.</u>
Hensler	<u>None.</u>
Koch	<u>None.</u>
McCullough	<u>Absent.</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. Koch 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. Koch moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion to approve the Secretary's report.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BUDGET & FINANCE

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

Mrs. Koch 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	-----	\$ 1,302,874.98
Fund 31*	-----	\$ 0.00
Fund 32*	-----	\$ 8,553.50

* 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.

**PURCHASE ORDERS
APPROVAL (D)**

Mrs. Koch moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve purchase orders as follows:

General Fund	-----	\$ 375,484.31
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The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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

Mrs. Koch 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	-----	\$1,337.00
Title I 08-09	-----	\$107,380.00
Title II Part A 08-09	-----	\$43,239.00
GV Academic Achievement	-----	\$515.38
EAP	-----	\$27,427.70
Acc. Bl. Grant 08-09	-----	\$136.74
Acc. Bl. Grant 09-10	-----	\$37,428.64
Safe School Initiative 08-09	-----	\$19,283.60

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

BUDGET & FINANCE

**APPLICATIONS FOR
PAYMENT
HS BOILER
REPLACEMENT PROJECT (F)**

Mrs. Koch moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the following payments for the respective contractors for the High School Boiler Replacement Project. All payments have been reviewed and certified for payment by HHS DR Architects.

Contractor	Payment #	Amount
John Haughey & Sons, Inc.	2	\$5,706.00
John Haughey & Sons, Inc.	3	\$6,228.00
Keystone Electrical Systems	1	\$9,742.14
Keystone Electrical Systems	2	\$3,014.55
LVI Environmental Services, Inc.	1	\$27,372.60
Quality Mechanical Services, Inc.	3	\$15,223.50
Quality Mechanical Services, Inc.	4	\$297,377.10 *

* This reflects \$6,507 deduction as per HHS DR.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**CHANGE ORDERS
HIGH SCHOOL BOILER
REPLACEMENT PROJECT (G)**

Mrs. Koch moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the following change orders for the High School Boiler Replacement Project:

Contractor	Change Order #	Amount
John Haughey & Sons, Inc.	P-1	\$2,200.00
LVI Environmental Services	PSI/LVI-1	\$2,500.00

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**SET FOOD SERVICE
LUNCH AND
ALA CARTE PRICES (H)**

Mrs. Koch moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the Food Service Department's recommendation of no increase in lunch prices for the 2009-2010 school year. Lunch prices at the ELC and Green Valley will remain at \$1.55 or and at Logan Middle and the High Schools at \$1.90. Further approve the attached ala carte prices.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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

Mrs. Koch moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from the Amanda DeMedio, Student Council Sponsor, and the two School Board Student Representatives, Maria Sisley and Kelly Weaver to attend the 39th Annual PSBA Student Delegate Conference at the Holiday Inn, Hershey, PA from Wednesday, October 14, 2009 through Friday, October 16, 2009. Further authorize any interested Board member to attend the PSBA Conference, which is held at the same time and place. Additionally, the Board appointed Mrs. Brown as a voting delegate to participate in the PSBA Legislative Policy Council meeting to be held on Thursday, October 15, 2009 during the Conference.

COST TO THE DISTRICT: Registration, lodging, travel expenses (\$425/student, \$525 per teacher) and one (1) substitute for three (3) days (\$95/day). Costs have been budgeted and the District will be reimbursed.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

BUDGET & FINANCE

**ECS INVOICE #19 & #20
CLASSROOMS FOR THE
FUTURE COACHES (J)**

Mrs. Koch moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve payment #19 to Educational Consulting Services, Inc. in the amount of \$2,845.50 and \$637.50 for Invoice #20 for the Classrooms for the Future Technology Coaches.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**AGREEMENT FOR
INTELLIGENT TUTORING
FOR THE STRUCTURE
STRATEGY STUDY (K)**

Mrs. Koch moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board enter into an agreement with Dr. Kay Wijekumar, Penn State University, for the Intelligent Tutoring for the Structure Strategy Study for the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school years.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**PROPERTIES AT
SET BID (L)**

Mrs. Koch 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	Comment
Vickie Crowe	Vacant land on Wabash St., N. V.	460-F-114	To sell these four properties free & clear of all liens for a total reduced price of \$5,000.00 per Toni Valicenti's request.
Vickie Crowe	Wabash St., N. V.	460-F-112	
Vickie Crowe	3097 Auberle St., N. V.	460-F-052	
Vickie Crowe	Vacant land on Wabash St., N. V.	460-F-051	

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING (M)**

Mrs. Koch moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the East Allegheny Board of School Directors and the East Allegheny Education Association relative to changing the starting time for the professional staff at Green Valley Primary School and the Early Learning Center, as per attached.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

**USE OF PROPERTY
REQUEST**

Mrs. Koch 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>
Boy Scouts-Trp. #58 (A)	GV Gym	Mondays, 8/17/09-5/26/2010	7:00 – 9:15 p.m.	Meetings
EA Youth Football (B)	HS Football Field, Concessions Stand, Press Bx.	Saturdays, 8/22/09, 9/5/09, 10/10/09, 10/24/09	9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Games
CCAC (C)	HS Classrooms/GV Gym	Mon. & Wed. 9/14/09 – 11/18/09 (HS-Mon.; GV-Wed.)	6:30 – 9:30 p.m.	Classes
EAAA Basketball (D)	WE Gym	M-F, 11/31/09-3/31/10 Sat., 1/1/10 – 3/31/10	6:00 – 9:00 p.m. 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Practice Games

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

CURRICULUM

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

Mrs. Koch moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve revisions to the 2009-2010 school calendar, as per attached, to reflect the elimination of all early dismissal days and three Act 80 days.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**2009-2010
HANDBOOKS (B)**

Mrs. Koch moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the 2009-2010 handbooks for ELC/Green Valley School, Logan Middle School and East Allegheny High School.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

POLICY

**APPROVE THE
ADOPTION OF THE
REVISIONS TO
POLICIES (A)**

Mrs. Koch moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the adoption of the revisions to the following policies, as recommended by the building administrators, as per attached:

Policy #204, Attendance – with changes to reflect number of days to submit an excuse from two (2) to three (3).

Policy #217, Graduation Requirements
(To reflect the changes in the PSSA Intervention Plan)

Policy #218, Student Discipline

Policy #237, Electronic Devices

Policy #249, Anti-Bullying

Policy #802, School Organization (To reflect the current building configuration)

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**APPROVE THE FIRST
READING OF THE
REVISIONS TO
POLICY (B)**

Mrs. Koch moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the first reading of the revisions to Policy #126, Class Size, to reflect the changes in building configurations.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**APPROVAL OF THE
FEDERAL PROGRAMS (C)**

Mrs. Koch moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the submission of the Federal Programs applications for the 2009-2010 school year.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

STUDENT LIFE

**APPROVE SUMMER
MUSIC PROGRAM (A)**

Mrs. Koch moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the summer music program for beginners, to be held in the Logan Middle School Music Suite and Auditorium, commencing Monday, August 10, 2009 through Friday, August 29, 2009, with the following instructors:

Stephen Ehrlich	\$43.38/hour	45 hours
Fred Moyes	\$62.08/hour	45 hours
Del Dowden	\$22.22/hour	45 hours

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**APPROVE MUSIC
DEPARTMENT
CONCERTS (B)**

Mrs. Koch moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the attached list of concerts and activities, as submitted by the East Allegheny Music Department and further request the use of the High School and Logan Middle School auditoriums and surrounding areas. (Note: scheduling changes from Board Meeting Mondays to another day. New schedule will be provided to the Board.)

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

CURRICULUM

APPROVE BAND
VOLUNTEERS (C)

Mrs. Koch moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the following volunteers for the high school band program:

Amanda Miller, staff - clearances on file
Chaz Bowers, clearances on file
Lee Kumer, clearances on file
Jen Gajdos (Furlano), clearances on file
Danielle Schultz, pending receipt of updated clearances
Jason Goyda, clearances on file
Michael Visnick, clearances on file
Zachary Morgan, pending receipt of updated clearances

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

AGREEMENT (D)

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

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

PERSONNEL

RETIREMENT OF
SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST (A)

Mrs. Koch moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the retirement of **Dr. Ray Milke**, School Psychologist, effective October 1, 2009, and in accordance with the agreement between the East Allegheny Board of School Directors and the East Allegheny Act 93 Administrators.

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 **Dr. Ray Milke**, School Psychologist, gave to the school district and that such recognition and appreciation on behalf of the Board be made known to Dr. Milke and filed as a matter of public record.*

Further authorize to post and/or advertise this position.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

LEAVE REQUEST
ELEMENTARY
TEACHER (B)

Mrs. Koch moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Deborah Hlavach, sixth grade teacher at Logan Middle School, for a 12-week Family Medical Leave commencing Thursday, September 3, 2009 and concluding November 26, 2009. Upon conclusion of the FMLA, Mrs. Hlavach further requests a Child Rearing Leave through the end of the 2009-2010 school year, which is June 14, 2010.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

PERSONNEL

**LEAVE REQUEST
HIGH SCHOOL
SECRETARY(C)**

Mrs. Koch moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve and ratify the request from Susan Litzinger, high school secretary, for the use of her available sick/ personal/vacation days for recovery from surgery (17.5 sick days, 2 personal days and 5 vacation days), beginning July 6, 2009. Mrs. Litzinger plans to return to her position on August 10, 2009.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**RECALL OF
ELEMENTARY
TEACHER (D)**

Mrs. Koch moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board recall Christopher Liptak to an elementary position, assigned to 3rd grade at Green Valley Primary School and in accordance with the agreement between the East Allegheny School District and the East Allegheny Education Association.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**RECALL OF
ELEMENTARY
TEACHER (E)**

Mrs. Koch moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board recall Tressa Snoke to the elementary long term substitute position for the duration of Heather Maurizio's sick leave and Family Medical Leave, commencing Thursday, September 3, 2009 and concluding December 21, 2009 and in accordance with the agreement between the East Allegheny School District and the East Allegheny Education Association.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**HIRING OF
ELEMENTARY
LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE (F)**

Mrs. Koch moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board hire Brittany Grubbs, Ardara, as a long term substitute for the duration of Deniece Lenart's Family Medical Leave, commencing Thursday, September 3, 2009 and concluding November 25, 2009 and in accordance with the agreement between the East Allegheny School District and the East Allegheny Education Association.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**HIRING OF ELEMENTARY
GUIDANCE COUNSELOR
LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE (G)**

Mrs. Koch moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board rescind the hiring of Natalie Liptak of July 20, 2009 as Mrs. Liptak took a permanent position and hire Lauren Traill, Greensburg, as the elementary guidance counselor long term substitute, at Masters/Step 1, for the duration of Lesley Hawkins' sick leave and Family Medical Leave, commencing Thursday, September 3, 2009 and concluding January 4, 2010 and in accordance with the agreement between the East Allegheny School District and the East Allegheny Education Association.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

PERSONNEL

**HIRING OF
SPECIAL EDUCATION/
MATH LONG TERM
SUBSTITUTE (H)**

Mrs. Koch moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board hire Melissa Blake, Monroeville, as a long term substitute in the area of special education/math assigned to the high school, at Bachelors/Step 1, for the 2009-2010 school year, commencing September 3, 2009 and concluding June 11, 2010, and in accordance with the agreement between the East Allegheny School District and the East Allegheny Education Association.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**HIRING OF
CAFETERIA
POSITIONS (I)**

Mrs. Koch moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board hire the following individuals into the respective positions for the Food Service Department, as per the Round Robin held on August 6, 2009, effective September 8, 2009 and in accordance with the agreement between the East Allegheny School District and the East Allegheny Educational Support Professionals. Further authorize posting the three-hour general worker position opened with Mrs. Beistel's reassignment to the ELC Cafeteria.

Name	From Position	To Position
Paulette Bacco	LMS Cook	LMS Cafeteria Manager
Lynn Brown	ELC Cafeteria	LMS Cook
Judy Beistel	HS General Worker	ELC Cafeteria

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

RESIGNATIONS (J)

Mrs. Koch moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board accept the following resignations from the respective positions:

Del Dowden	High School Assistant Band Director
Alice Flores	Assistant Middle School Track Coach
Emilia Peiffer	National Honor Society Sponsor
Jack Sabol	Stage Manager
Shawn Bomar ♦	Asst. Varsity Football Coach

Further authorize the posting of these positions.

♦ With the resignation of Mr. Bomar, the Athletic Department would like to make the following moves: Move Kevin Aston from Head MS Football Coach to the Assistant Varsity Football Coach position; Move Frank Cortazzo from Assistant MS Football Coach to the Head MS Football Coach position and post for the Assistant MS Football Coach.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

PERSONNEL

**HIRING OF
ELEMENTARY
ENRICHMENT TEACHER (K)**

Mrs. Koch moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board hire Kristen Janesko as the Elementary Enrichment Program teacher for Green Valley and the Early Learning Center and in accordance with the agreement between the East Allegheny School District and the East Allegheny Education Association.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**SUBSTITUTES FOR
APPROVAL (L)**

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

<u>FName</u>	<u>LName</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Area</u>
Jennifer	Brady	North Huntingdon	Elementary/English/MS Math
Melissa	Lanyi	North Huntingdon	Earth & Space Science
Ashley	Montrenes	McKeesport	Elementary
Laura	Moore	Braddock	Elementary
Andrea	Osborne	White Oak	Elementary
Michelle	Roberts	Bethel Park	Elementary/Special Education
William	Stremple	Pittsburgh	Elementary
Larissa	Sturm	North Huntingdon	Social Studies
Jessica	Thompson	Delmont	Elementary
Diane	Waszkiewicz	East McKeesport	Secretary/Aide
Megan	Yost	Munhall	Elementary

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**FEDERAL PROGRAMS
REPORT:**

On July 8, 15, and 22nd the first of what will be many Federal Programs summer programs were held up at Logan School. Twenty-eight students signed up to attend the program, though only 11 showed on the first day. There were five teaching positions advertised for the program, one for each Title teacher. All Title teachers were present, and Mrs. Miklos took the fifth position, in lieu of Mr. Dzikiy.

Each summer session focused on a science/math themed topic: Time and money, Weather and Tornadoes, and Flight. Students read stories on these themes and took part in activities centered around these topics. All activities reinforced PA standards. Bus transportation and a snack was provided for through federal monies. Though the student numbers were not as large as the initial sign up, the students who were participating in the activities were engaged, well behaved and enthusiastic. The teachers enjoyed working with the students and put in many extra hours planning and executing the program. I am hopeful that the program can be expanded by a week to be held next year. Materials purchased for this summer program that were not used will be used by the Title teachers during the course of the school year and some will be put aside for next summer.

This summer also saw the retirement of Paul Dzikiy. Mr. Dzikiy will be replaced by Donna Grzyb.

We will meet as a team during the second week of school in September to discuss the summer program and to discuss implementation of instruction for Title students for the 2009-2010 school year. We will also plan to hold three evening parent meetings during the course of the school year. All Federal Programs reports were filed to PDE.

Mr. Peiffer has registered for Federal Program Directors training for the next school year. This is for Program Directors who have less than three years experience. It is run by the AIU and is ongoing for the course of the year.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mrs. Brown requested the Board consider student uniforms again and start planning now for next school year. She requested we check with other school districts and Mr. Beisler offered to ring a sample from Clairton School District. Also to consider is at what grade level would we begin with?

NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. Miller expressed his concerns with the state budget and funding. He believes the legislators have done nothing regarding school district funding and it has become a burden on school boards and taxpayers. It is horrendous that nothing is being done. A resolution or letter should be drafted on behalf of the East Allegheny School Board and Administration. PSBA has a sample resolution that will be shared with the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Brown moved and Mr. Volpe seconded the motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

Toni Valicenti

Board Secretary

HEAR FROM THE CITIZENS

None.