

**EAST ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2009**

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board went into Executive Session from 7:20 to 7:35 p.m. for Personnel reasons.

**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 7:35 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

**ROLL CALL**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:**

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

**STUDENT  
REPRESENTATIVES**

Maria Sisley.  
ABSENT: Kelly Weaver.

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF AUGUST 10, 2009**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion approving the minutes of the regular school board meeting of August 10, 2009.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT**

Award plaque presented to Gerald O'Keefe, 2008-2009 Logan Middle School Spelling Bee Winner

Report on International Trip.

**STUDENT  
REPRESENTATIVE**

See Attached Report.

**HEAR FROM  
THE CITIZENS**

Mrs. Koch moved and Mr. Gates 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**

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

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

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**APPROVE AGENDA  
IN TOTO**

Mrs. McCullough 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>None.</u>
Miller	<u>None.</u>
Pearsol	<u>None.</u>
Volpe	<u>Absent.</u>

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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**BUDGET & FINANCE**

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

Mrs. McCullough 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. McCullough moved and Mrs. Brown 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. McCullough 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	-----	\$ 1,645,147.64
Fund 31*	-----	\$ 0.00
Fund 32*	-----	\$ 373,314.54

\* 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 Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve and ratify Cafeteria bills for payment in the amount of \$13,613.10.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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

Mrs. McCullough 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 08-09	-----	\$0.00
Title I 08-09	-----	\$62,978.99
Title II Part A 08-09	-----	\$0.00
GV Academic Achievement	-----	\$0.00
EAP	-----	\$0.00
Acc. Bl. Grant 09-10	-----	\$2,670.00
Safe School Initiative 08-09	-----	\$0.00

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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

Mrs. McCullough moved and Mrs. Brown 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 HHSDR Architects.

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Payment #</b>	<b>Amount</b>
John Haughey & Sons, Inc.	4	\$83,245.50
LVI Environmental Services, Inc.	12055	\$5,310.00
LVI Environmental Services, Inc.	12056	\$3,631.40
PSI	BR00010011	\$1,195.00
Quality Mechanical Services, Inc.	5	\$88,177.50
Martik Bros.	1	\$3,765.00

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**ADOPT RESOLUTION  
FINALIZE STATE  
BUDGET (G)**

Mrs. McCullough moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board adopt a resolution requesting the State finalize a State budget in the near future, as indicated below:

BE IT RESOLVED, East Allegheny recognizes the current economic situation and the disparity of viewpoints within the General Assembly on how to balance the State budget. East Allegheny requests that reasonable legislators make reasonable compromises to finalize the State budget in the near future, so that East Allegheny and school districts across the state can finalize their budgets for the current school year.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**BUDGET & FINANCE**

**HHS DR PROGRESS  
BILLING HIGH SCHOOL  
BOILER REPLACEMENT  
HHS DR# 3583  
A/E STATEMENT #3(H)**

Mrs. McCullough moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve payment to HHS DR Architects in the amount of \$7,909.25 on HHS DR #3583 - A/E Statement #3 for Architect and Engineers fee for the East Allegheny High School Boiler Replacement Project.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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**BUILDING & GROUNDS**

**USE OF PROPERTY  
REQUEST**

Mrs. McCullough 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:

<b><u>Group</u></b>	<b><u>Building/Grounds</u></b>	<b><u>Date Requested</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Activity</u></b>
<b>Boy Scouts of America (A)</b>	HS Classrooms	T & Th, as per schedule	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Meetings
<b>Ladies' Volleyball (B)</b>	HS Small Gym	M, 9/14/09-6/7/10	7:15 – 9:00 p.m.	Volleyball
<b>Wilmerding YMCA (C)</b>	ELC Classroom/Gym	M-F, 9/21/09-6/11/10	6:15 – 9:00 a.m. 2:45 – 6:45 p.m.	Child care
	HS Football Field	Sa, 9/19/09	11:30 – 2:30 p.m.	Punt, Pass & Kick
	HS Football Field	Su, 10/4/09	12:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Punt, Pass & Kick
<b>GV PTO (D)</b>	GV Cafeteria/Gym	T., 1/month- (Sept., Oct., Nov., Feb., Mar., April)	5:00 – 9:00 p.m.	PTO Meetings
<b>Men's Basketball (E)</b>	HS Main Gym	Th., 9/17/09-8/26/10	8:00 – 10:00 p.m.	Basketball
<b>Girl Scouts of SWPA (F)</b>	HS Rm. 106	T, W, 9/22/09, 10/14/09, 1/13/10	6:00 – 9:30 p.m.	Volunteer Training
<b>EA Men's Volleyball (G)</b>	GV Gym	Th, 10/1/09-4/25/10	7:00 – 10:00 p.m.	Volleyball
<b>Golden Triangles (H)</b>	GV Cafeteria/Gym	Sa, 10/3/09-6/12/10	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Rehearsal
	HS Cafeteria, Gym, Ind. Crt., Band Rm, Locker Rms.	Sa, 3/6/2010	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Competition
<b>Wilmerding Borough (I)</b>	WEST School	Su, 10/4/09 Sa, 10/31/09	1:00 – 3:00 p.m. 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Oktoberfest Halloween
<b>EA Soccer (K)</b>	HS Gym	T, 11/3/09-3/30/10	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Indoor Soccer

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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**CURRICULUM**

**CONFERENCE REQUESTS  
PITTSBURGH, PA (A)**

Mrs. McCullough moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Barbara Bacco-Viola, high school librarian, Deborah Bacco-Wicker and Linda Carlson, elementary librarians, to attend the following conferences:

<u>Conference</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>
Media Coordinator's Forum	Allegheny Intermediate Unit	Meetings – 9/17/09, 11/18/09, 1/27/10, 4/15/10	7:45 a.m. -3:30 p.m.
ACCESS PA Refresher Training	Westmoreland IU #7	October 27, 2009	7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Librarian's Book Review *	Whitehall Public Library	TBA-Not to exceed 10 one-half days per year	11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

COST TO THE DISTRICT: Mileage @ .32 per mile, \*registration (\$10.00 each) and one (1) substitute for each date for each librarian (\$95/day). (Please note: Conference attendance is mandatory as participants in ACCESS PA.)

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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

Mrs. McCullough moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Deborah Larouere, home economics teacher, one additional teacher and 20 students from the Foods II Entrepreneurs, to visit the Strip District, Pittsburgh, PA on a date in October to be announced, from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., pending fundraising progress. The trip will provide students with a tour of the food purveyors and wholesale outlets to explore workings of entrepreneurship. Students will also be able to spend National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship Benefactor's Grant as start-up supply for EA business project.

COST TO THE DISTRICT: Transportation (\$188.33) and up to two (2) substitutes for one (1) day (\$95/day per teacher). All costs, including substitutes, will be covered by the fundraising of the students.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**POLICY**

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

Mrs. McCullough moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the adoption of the revisions to Policy #126, Class Size, to reflect the changes in building configurations.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**FIRST READING OF  
REVISIONS TO  
POLICY #008  
ATTACHMENT(B)**

Mrs. McCullough moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the first reading of the revisions to Policy #008 Attachment, as per attached, to reflect the current organization configuration.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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

Mrs. McCullough moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the first reading of the revisions to Policy #122, Extracurricular Activities and to Policy #123, Interscholastic Athletics, as per attached.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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**STUDENT LIFE**

**ADDITIONAL PMEA  
FESTIVAL  
PITTSBURGH, PA (A)**

Mrs. McCullough moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Amanda Miller, chorus teacher, and male students in grades 6-9 to attend the Mucho Macho Music Festival on Tuesday, November 3, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at North Hills Junior High School, Pittsburgh, PA. This event is sponsored by the local American Choral Directors Association and is designed to highlight and promote male singing.  
COST TO THE DISTRICT: Transportation (\$188.33) and one (1) substitute for one (1) day (\$95.00/day).

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**APPROVE VARSITY  
FOOTBALL VOLUNTEER (B)**

Mrs. McCullough moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve Brandon Nathan, West Mifflin, as a volunteer with the varsity football program. Mr. Nathan's clearances are on file.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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**PERSONNEL**

**SABBATICAL LEAVE  
REQUEST  
HIGH SCHOOL ART  
TEACHER (A)**

Mrs. McCullough moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Patricia Sebes, high school art teacher, for a Sabbatical leave for a minimum of the first semester of the 2009-2010 school year 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 (B)**

Mrs. McCullough moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board recall Tressa Snoko to an elementary position assigned to Green Valley Primary School, retroactive to September 3, 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.

**RECALL OF  
HOME & SCHOOL  
VISITOR (C)**

Mrs. McCullough moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board recall Ann Showers to the Home & School Visitor position, retroactive to September 3, 2009 and in accordance with the agreement between the East Allegheny School District and the East Allegheny Education Association. This position is financed with anticipated stimulus funds.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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

Mrs. McCullough moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board hire Ann Barsotti, West Mifflin, as a long term substitute for the duration of Heather Maurizio's Family Medical Leave, at Bachelors, Step 1, 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.

**TEMPORARY  
REASSIGNMENT  
INSTRUCTIONAL COACH (E)**

Mrs. McCullough moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board temporarily reassign Christopher Berger as a teacher on special assignment for the position of Instructional Literacy Coach for the 2009-2010 school year and further ratify the posting of the position. This position is financed with anticipated stimulus funds.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**TEMPORARY  
REASSIGNMENT  
INSTRUCTIONAL COACH (F)**

Mrs. McCullough moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board temporarily reassign Jennifer Smith as a teacher on special assignment for the position of Instructional Mathematics Coach for the 2009-2010 school year and further ratify the posting of the position. This position is financed with anticipated stimulus funds.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**PERSONNEL**

**HIRING OF LONG  
TERM SUBSTITUTES(G)**

Mrs. McCullough moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board hire the following individuals as long term substitutes for the respective positions, and in accordance with the agreement between the East Allegheny School District and the East Allegheny Education Association:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position/Step</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Length</b>
Lisa DeMedio	English- for Mr. Berger while on temporary assignment; Masters/Step 1	HS	2009-2010 School Year
Candice Jacko	Math - for Mrs. Smith while on temporary assignment; Bachelors/Step 1	HS	2009-2010 School Year
Daniel Zyma	High School Art - for duration of Ms. Sebes' leave; Bachelors/Step 1	HS	1st Sem. of 2009-2010 School Year

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**HIRING OF EARLY  
LEARNING CENTER  
SECRETARY (H)**

Mrs. McCullough moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board create the position of Early Learning Center Secretary and hire Phyllis Lowery as a secretary assigned to the Early Learning Center, effective September 15, 2009, and in accordance with the agreement between the East Allegheny School District and the East Allegheny Educational Support Professionals. This position is financed with anticipated stimulus funds.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**REASSIGNMENT OF  
ELEMENTARY AIDE(I)**

Mrs. McCullough moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board reassign Toni Kish to the position of Nurse's Aide assigned to the Early Learning Center and in accordance with the agreement between the East Allegheny School District and the East Allegheny Educational Support Professionals.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**HIRING OF 4.5 HOUR  
HIGH SCHOOL/ELC  
CAFETERIA WORKER (J)**

Mrs. McCullough moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board hire Kristin Schor, North Braddock, as the 4.5 hour cafeteria worker assigned to the High School and Early Learning Center, effective September 15, 2009, and in accordance with the agreement between the East Allegheny School District and the East Allegheny Educational Support Professionals.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**HIRING OF  
FOOTBALL COACHES (K)**

Mrs. McCullough moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board hire the following individuals to the respective football coaching positions:

<b>Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Position</b>
Kevin Aston	Wilmerding	Assistant Varsity Football Coach
Frank Cortazzo	Port Vue	Head MS Football Coach
Brian Dantonio	Port Vue	Assistant MS Football Coach

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**PERSONNEL**

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

Mrs. McCullough moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board hire Amanda Miller as the Assistant Band Director 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.

**RESIGNATION OF  
ASSISTANT GIRLS'  
VARSITY VOLLEYBALL  
COACH (M)**

Mrs. McCullough moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board accept the resignation of Tressa Snoke as the Assistant Girls' Varsity Volleyball Coach and ratify the posting of this position.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**HIRING OF ASSISTANT  
GIRLS' VARSITY  
VOLLEYBALL COACH (N)**

Mrs. McCullough moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board hire Jessica Lukes as the Assistant Girls' Varsity Volleyball Coach, and in accordance with the agreement between the East Allegheny School District and the East Allegheny Education Association. Mrs. Lukes is on staff and her clearances are on file.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**SUBSTITUTES FOR  
APPROVAL(O)**

Mrs. McCullough moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the following substitutes in the respective areas:

<b><u>FName</u></b>	<b><u>LName</u></b>	<b><u>City</u></b>	<b><u>Area</u></b>
Ashley	Barth	Pittsburgh	Elementary/Early Childhood
Danielle	Boord	White Oak	Custodian/Secretary
Emma	Connolly	Pittsburgh	Elementary
Julia	Damico	Pittsburgh	Elementary
Angela	Eddy	New Alexandria	Elementary
Krystal	Kustra	Irwin	Elementary
Amie	Martin	Turtle Creek	Health & Physical Education
Alan	Mathieu	Pittsburgh	Elementary
Lisa	Mort	East Pittsburgh	Custodian/Food Service
Heather	Nale	Monroeville	Elementary
Lauren	Sanker	Turtle Creek	English
Ron	Slover	Pittsburgh	Social Studies
Cara	Szarmach	Plum	Elementary
Ashley	Trpcic	Glenshaw	Elementary/Early Childhood
David	Valauri	Pittsburgh	Physics
Jennifer	Viola	North Huntingdon	Elementary
Luke	Whipple	Freedom	English
Julie	Zawislan	North Huntingdon	Elementary

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**FEDERAL PROGRAMS**  
**REPORT:**

1. Review of summer program - Teachers thought that overall the program went well. While it would have preferable to have more students attend, the ones that did attend were engaged in the learning, eagerly participated in activities, and did not fight among themselves. Activities such as creating a tornado, flying a Styrofoam airplane, and the reading stories were popular with students. The decision was made to expand the program from three weeks to four weeks for next summer and to do advertise the program more with the students, including having a longer sign up period.
2. The Title I parent permission letters were distributed to teachers earlier in the week. Some parents responded that they did not want services.
3. For the purposes of PIMS accounting, teachers were told to note any changes in students entering or leaving the program and to forward that information to Mr. Peiffer for student accounting purposes.
4. In the new budget, each full time Title teacher receives \$200.00 for incentives and ink cartridges. Mrs. Turkowski, being a half time Title teacher, only has \$100.00. (Teachers also discussed ways to prevent ink cartridges from drying out over the summer.)
5. Teachers discussed the criteria for a student receiving Title services, in addition to student PSSA scores and grades, teacher recommendations were taken into account, as was the fact whether a student received services the prior year. Teachers were told to have all rosters and schedules finalized by September 25<sup>th</sup>.
6. Parent involvement nights were set for the upcoming school year. Those nights and locations are: October 14<sup>th</sup> at the high school from 6:00-7:30, January 14<sup>th</sup> at Green Valley, from 6:00-7:30, and May 6<sup>th</sup> at Logan from 6:00-7:30.
7. Donna Grzyb was welcomed onto the Title Staff.
8. Donna Grzyb asked the question if Title teachers could service special needs students. I will seek clarification on that issue.
9. Teachers also asked how they would handle a student who did not want Title services in an inclusive class setting. ( I told them that if the child did not want the services, and the parent signed off on the form stating the same thing, then the teacher should not service the child.)
10. Teachers discussed formative assessments used in the different buildings.
11. There was an interest in attending the Title I improving school performance conference at Station Square from 1/31/10-2/3/10. I will look to see if there is money in Federal Programs to send a team there.
12. Teachers were told to ask the Federal Programs Coordinator whether or not to discard equipment such as computers before taking any action with the school's property.
13. A meeting was set up for September 30<sup>th</sup> to plan the October parent night.
14. The teachers were informed that the Federal Programs for East Allegheny are being audited for the upcoming school year.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

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

Toni Valicenti

Board Secretary

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**HEAR FROM THE CITIZENS**

Tina Sullivan, North Versailles  
Rich Sullivan, North Versailles