

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into Executive Session from 6:30 to 7:20 p.m. for Litigation and Personnel Matters.

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 7:30 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.
Solicitor: Mr. Beisler.

**STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVES**

Kelly Weaver.
ABSENT: Maria Sisley

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING
OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2009**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Gates seconded the motion approving the minutes of the regular school board meeting of September 14, 2009.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Introduced Ms. Trish Puharic, Nutrition, Inc., who is the East Allegheny Food Service Supervisor. Ms. Puharic, who will be attending the Board meetings, gave a report.

**STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE**

See Attached Report.

**HEAR FROM
THE CITIZENS**

No cards were received.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Sympathy thank-you from the family of Michael J. Sebes.

**APPROVE AGENDA
IN TOTO**

Mrs. Brown 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>Absent.</u>
Koch	<u>None.</u>
McCullough	<u>None.</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. Brown 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. Brown 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. Brown 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	-----	\$1,920,785.57
Fund 31*	-----	\$ 0.00
Fund 32*	-----	\$ 236,771.18

* 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. Brown 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 \$10,736.18.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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

Mrs. Brown 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	-----	\$0.00
Title I 08-09	-----	\$18,896.83
Title I 09-10	-----	\$22,666.77
Title II Part A 08-09	-----	\$43,239.00
GV Academic Achievement	-----	\$234.08
EAP 2008-2009	-----	\$2,036.00
EAP 2009-2010	-----	\$844.00
Acc. Bl. Grant 09-10	-----	\$0.00

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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

Mrs. Brown 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
Keystone Electrical Systems, Inc.	3	\$4,387.41
Quality Mechanical Services, Inc.	6	\$46,999.80

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**PAYMENT OF INVOICE
HOSACK, SPECHT,
MUETZEL & WOOD LLP
SCHOOL DISTRICT AUDIT (G)**

Mrs. Brown moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the payment to Hosack, Specht, Muetzel & Wood, LLP for the audit of the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2009, 80% progress billing, in the amount of \$14,500.00.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**HHS DR ARCHITECTS
& ENGINEERS TIME TO
DATE FOR LOGAN MIDDLE
SCHOOL CLAIM - A.G. CULLEN
BONDING COMPANY (H)**

Mrs. Brown moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve payment to HHS DR Architects in the amount of \$2,394.00 for Architects and Engineers Time to Date for the Logan Middle School Claim, A.G. Cullen Bonding Company on A/E Statement #1.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

BUDGET & FINANCE

**PERFORM AUDIT
HOSACK, SPECHT,
NORTH VERSAILLES
TAX COLLECTOR (I)**

Mrs. Brown moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve Hosack, Specht, Muetzel & Wood, LLP to perform an audit of the North Versailles Tax Collector’s financial statements of July 2009 through November 2009, at a cost not to exceed \$4,500.00.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**NATIONAL SCHOOL
BOARDS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL CONVENTION (J)**

Mrs. Brown moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve any interested Board member, up to three, or one-third of the Board, and an administrator to attend the National School Boards Association Annual Convention in Chicago, IL from April 10-12, 2010, at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.00 per person, including meals.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

**USE OF PROPERTY
REQUEST**

Mrs. Brown 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>
EAAA Youth Soccer (A)	HS Main Gym	M, 10/5/09 - 5/31/09	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Practice
EAHS Student Council (B)	HS Indoor Court/Cafeteria	Sa, 10/10/09	7:00 – 10:00 p.m.	Homecoming Dance
Youth Investment Plan (C)	WE Gym	F, 10/23/09	7:00 – 11:00 p.m.	Octoberfest Dance
Wilmerding Borough (D)	WE Restrooms	Sa, 10/31/09	4:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Halloween Parade / Judging
County of Allegheny (E)	GV Gym	T, 11/3/09	6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Election
EA Soccer Association (F)	HS Gym	Sa-Su, 1/9/10–2/28/10	Sa-9:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m. Su-12:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Games
	HS Gym	F-Su, 3/5/10-3/7/10	F, 7:00 - 11:00 p.m. Sa, 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Su, 12:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Indoor Soccer Tournament
EA Band Parents (G)	HS Indoor Court	Sa, 10/24/09	6:00 – 10:00 p.m.	Marching Band Halloween Dance

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

CURRICULUM

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

Mrs. Brown moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Linda Carlson, Logan Middle School Librarian, to attend a conference on GIEP writing under the new Chapter 16 regulations, on Monday, October 12, 2009 at the Allegheny Intermediate Unit, Homestead, PA from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Mrs. Carlson will pass along any information to the other Gifted Program teachers.
COST TO THE DISTRICT: None. No substitute is needed as this is a scheduled in-service day.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**APPROVE GIFTED
ACADEMIC EVENTS (B)**

Mrs. Brown moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the Gifted Program’s academic events, for the high school and Logan Middle School, as per attached. These are the available activities through the ESSPA Consortium this year. Participation will only be in those that many students express an interest. It is anticipated that there will be the same participation as last year.
COST TO THE DISTRICT: One (1) substitute (\$95.00/day) for each event attended and transportation.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**APPROVE MIDDLE
SCHOOL GIFTED
ACADEMIC EVENTS (C)**

Mrs. Brown moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the following middle school gifted program academic events (Not affiliated with ESSPA):

Dates	Location		Time	Purpose	Grades
11/17/2009 & 11/20/09	Heinz History Center – History Bowl	Pittsburgh, PA	8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Gifted Competition	5 – 8
1/21/2010	Carnegie Science Center – Science Bowl	Pittsburgh, PA	8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Gifted Competition	5 – 8
Spring 2010	Allegheny Intermediate Unit – PA Computer Fair	Homestead, PA	8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Gifted Competition	5 – 8
Spring 2010	Heinz History Center *	Pittsburgh, PA	8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Gifted Competition	5 – 8

COST TO THE DISTRICT: Registration (\$3.00 for HHC, \$7.00 for CSC, \$0 for AIU), transportation (school van – 10 students) and one (1) substitute for each day (\$95.00/day).

* Learning experience based on the novels the gifted students will read throughout the 2009-2010 school year.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

CURRICULUM

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

Mrs. Brown moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Lori Steiner, science teacher, 40 students and one additional teacher to be named, to visit Duquesne University Anatomy Lab, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA on a date to be determined in the spring of 2010. The purpose is for students to work and observe in a college anatomy lab.
COST TO THE DISTRICT: None, all costs, including the cost of the substitutes will be covered by the students.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**FIELD TRIP REQUESTS
7TH GRADE & 8TH GRADE (E)**

Mrs. Brown moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Nicole Henline, and Elisa Greb, 7th/8th Grade Sponsors, for the seventh grade to travel to Cleveland, OH on Thursday and Friday, June 3 and 4, 2010 to visit the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and other points of interest. Request further approval for the eighth grade to Washington D.C. on Wednesday and Thursday, May 5 and 6, 2010 to visit the national sites and monuments. The students will be fundraising to offset the cost. Approval would include the participation of 4 parent chaperones to travel with the group.
COST TO THE DISTRICT: Four (4) substitutes for four (4) days. (\$760.00 for 4 substitutes for 2 days for each trip; Total \$1,520.00)

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

POLICY

**APPROVE THE ADOPTION
OF THE REVISIONS TO
POLICY #008
ATTACHMENT**

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

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

STUDENT LIFE

**APPROVE SUMMER
MUSIC PROGRAM
REPLACEMENT INSTRUCTOR**

Mrs. Brown moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve Justin Rosco as the replacement instructor for Mr. Dowden for the summer music program for beginners that was held Monday, August 10, 2009 through Friday, August 29, 2009, at the rate of \$40.01 per hour for 45 hours.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**FIELD TRIP REQUEST
ORLANDO, FL**

Mrs. Brown moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Stephen Ehrlich, Orchestra Director, Amanda Miller, Chorus Director, and Justin Rosco, Band Director, and orchestra, band and chorus students, and parent chaperones to visit Orlando, FL, for all groups to perform in Orlando and surrounding venues from Tuesday, May 11, 2010 through Sunday, May 16, 2010.
COST TO THE DISTRICT: Four (4) substitutes for three (3) days (\$95.00/day). There will be ample fundraising opportunities to offset all costs.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

PERSONNEL

**LEAVE REQUEST
HIGH SCHOOL
ENGLISH TEACHER (A)**

Mrs. Brown moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from April Crystol-Reidenbaugh, high school English teacher, to use her available sick, personal and emergency leave (51.5 sick days, 2 personal days and 5 emergency) for the birth of her child commencing as close to her due date of February 26, 2010 as possible until approximately May 24, 2010 (1/2 day). Mrs. Reidenbaugh further requests a Family Medical Leave for the remainder of the school year, commencing after her sick/personal/emergency leave is exhausted, which is May 24, 2010 (1/2 day) until June 14, 2010, which is the end of the 2009-2010 school year. Mrs. Crystol-Reidenbaugh plans to return to her position at the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**HIRING OF CYBER
DAY SCHOOL MATH
TEACHER (B)**

Mrs. Brown moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board hire Candice Jacko, White Oak, as a math teacher assigned to the Cyber Day School at Westinghouse School, and in accordance with the agreement between the East Allegheny Board of School Directors and the East Allegheny Education Association. Further authorize the posting of a math long term substitute to cover the classroom of Mrs. Jennifer Smith who was temporarily assigned to a math coach position. Ms. Jacko was the long term substitute for that position.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**RESIGNATION OF
COACHES (C)**

Mrs. Brown moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board accept the resignations of the following coaches from the respective positions, effective immediately, and further ratify the posting and advertising of these positions:

Tom Brush	Head 7 th /8 th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach Head Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach
Diana (Brush) Hoke	Assistant Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**RESIGNATION OF
MUSICAL SET DESIGNER/
MUSICAL STAGE
MANAGER(D)**

Mrs. Brown moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board accept the resignation of Jack Sabol from the positions of Musical Set Designer and Musical Stage Manager and further authorize the posting of these positions.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

PERSONNEL

**SMART START
SUBSTITUTES FOR
APPROVAL (E)**

Mrs. Brown moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the following Smart START substitutes:

<u>Name</u>	<u>City</u>
Monica Bean	Pittsburgh
Andrew Clearfield	Pittsburgh
Michael Dudjak	Pittsburgh
Teresa Harper	Pittsburgh
Frank Kordalski	White Oak
Eric McAllister	Pittsburgh
Christine McCarty	Pittsburgh
Eric McGough	Pittsburgh
Tonya Taylor	Pittsburgh

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**SUBSTITUTES FOR
APPROVAL (F)**

Mrs. Brown 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>
Donna	Lane	East McKeesport	Secretary/Aide
Allison	Liptak	McKeesport	Elementary Education
Christine	Wallace	Aliquippa	Elementary Education

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**HIRING OF ASSISTANT
7TH/8TH GRADE GIRLS'
BASKETBALL COACH (G)**

Mrs. Brown moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration recommends the Board hire Mark Stahurski as the Assistant 7th/8th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach for the remainder of the 2009-2010 season, which is already underway. Further authorize to post and/or advertise the position for the 2010-2011 school year.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**FEDERAL PROGRAMS
REPORT:**

Mr. Peiffer, Federal Programs Coordinator, attended two sessions for Federal Program Coordinators at the AIU. At those sessions, we reviewed changes in guidelines regarding services for students. The meetings also covered program requirements.

We also completed the ARRA one time survey and first quarter report.

We are looking to have Title teachers attend a conference at Station Square this January rather than attend the PAPFC conference at Hershey later in the Spring. Usually, this conference is held at 7 Springs.

Parent permission letters for Title services were sent out to all parents. The Federal Program teachers supplied the office with their schedules and rosters.

Mr. Peiffer sent emails out to the principals reminding them that Title teachers cannot perform excessive duties during the instructional day. He also sent an email out to Green Valley teachers to remind them which students were eligible for Title services and that if a Title teacher comes into a class, the Title teacher cannot supplant the regular education teacher and take it over to teach. In other words, the regular class teacher cannot use a title teacher as a substitute and use the period that a title teacher comes into the class as a prep time or leave the class.

The Title teachers were asked to recruit parents for Mr. Peiffer in order that a Title I Parent Advisory Council could be set up.

Mr. Peiffer was informed by Virginia Baker that EA will be monitored this year. (We were due to be monitored last year, but were not.) Cindy McCoy was instructed to set up a file for documents that need to be filed now, so that we will be ready when the audit comes later in the Spring.

Mr. Peiffer met with the Federal Programs teachers twice to discuss the program, students served, how to service Title students in an inclusion model, and to be sure that teachers are not sending students down for enrichment purposes. Also discussed with them was to keep careful records of who is coming in for services and when, noting that we can use Compass Odyssey assessments to measure student academic achievement and a means to justify the duration of time that a student would receive Title services.

We also planned the evening parent meeting to be held on October 14th. The meeting will be an introductory meeting for parents, and we will take the parents to the LCI class to review computer websites that provide tutoring services for their children. We will focus on tutorials in math and reading.

In addition, Mr. Peiffer is in conversation with the University of Pittsburgh's athletic department to provide a trip to a Pitt game or practice for the upper elementary Title students and parents. If this can be arranged, we will go to the Syracuse game on November 7. Federal Monies will be used to pay for the bus. (There is a past practice with this and parent trips.)

OLD BUSINESS: Mrs. Eichler requested a Policy Meeting be scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT Mr. Gates moved and Mr. Volpe seconded the motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

Toni Valicenti

Board Secretary

HEAR FROM THE CITIZENS

None.