

**EAST ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 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 7:40 p.m. for 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 7:40 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

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

ALSO PRESENT:

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

**STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVES**

Kelly Weaver.
ABSENT: Maria Sisley.

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

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Gates seconded the motion approving the minutes of the regular school board meeting of October 12, 2009.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S
REPORT**

Mr. D’Emidio presented PSBA certificates to Mrs. Eichler and Mr. Gates for 20 and 12 years of service, respectively.

**STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE**

See Attached Report.

**FOOD SERVICE
DIRECTOR**

See Attached Report.

**HEAR FROM
THE CITIZENS**

No cards were received.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

**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>Absent.</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. 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	-----	\$1,042,992.32
Fund 31*	-----	\$ 0.00
Fund 32*	-----	\$ 54,726.21

* 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 \$72,652.75.

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	-----	\$4,053.14
Title I 08-09	-----	\$113.14
Title I 09-10	-----	\$44,886.99
Title II Part A 08-09	-----	\$0.00
GV Academic Achievement 08-09	-----	\$83.86
EAP 2008-2009	-----	\$0.00
EAP 2009-2010	-----	\$0.00
Acc. Bl. Grant 09-10	-----	\$0.00

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**AUTHORIZE
STABILIZATION
OF HILLSIDE (F)**

Mrs. McCullough moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the proposal from Murin & Murin, Inc., Glassport, PA, to stabilize the hillside behind the high school building, at a cost not to exceed \$3,800.00.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**HHS DR PROGRESS
BILLING HIGH SCHOOL
BOILER REPLACEMENT
HHS DR# 3583
A/E STATEMENT #4(G)**

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 \$1,980.75 on HHS DR #3583 - A/E Statement #4 for Architect and Engineers fee for the East Allegheny High School Boiler Replacement Project.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**APPROVE BID
HIGH SCHOOL
CONCRETE SIDEWALK (H)**

Mrs. McCullough moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the bid for the repair of the concrete sidewalk in front of the high school building from Carmen Barone & Sons, Inc., at a cost not to exceed \$31,400.00. Monies for this work will be taken out of the federal stimulus funds.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

BUDGET & FINANCE

**APPLICATION FOR
PAYMENT
HS BOILER
REPLACEMENT PROJECT (I)**

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 HHS DR Architects.

Contractor	Payment #	Amount
Keystone Electrical Systems, Inc.	4 - Final	\$1,904.90

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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:

<u>Group</u>	<u>Building/Grounds</u>	<u>Date Requested</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Andromeda Winterguard (A)	GV Gym	W, F, 11/11/09-4/23/10	5:30 – 9:30 p.m.	Indoor Colorguard
EAHS Band (B)	HS Gym, Café, Ind. Crt. Restrooms	Sa, 1/30/10	7:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Indoor Colorguard Show *
*Sponsored by Three Rivers Winter Ensemble Association				
NVT Community Days' Committee (C)	HS Parking Area, Upper & Lower HS Restrooms	W-M, 7/28/10-8/2/10	10:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.	2010 Com. Days Events

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

CURRICULUM

FIELD TRIP REQUEST
NORTH VERSAILLES, PA (A)

Mrs. McCullough moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Harriet Hopper, Logan Middle School Principal, 16 teachers and 400 students in grades 4, 5 and 6, to travel to the Destinta Movie Theater, North Versailles, PA on Wednesday, November 25, 2009 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. for the Citizenship Reward Trip. Students will see either *Planet 51* or *Fantastic Mr. Fox*. (Information on the movies will be in the gray box.)
COST TO THE DISTRICT: None, all costs paid by the students and PTO.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

FIELD TRIP REQUEST
NORTH VERSAILLES, PA (B)

Mrs. McCullough moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Harriet Hopper, Logan Middle School Principal, 10 teachers and 260 students in grades 7 and 8, to visit the North Versailles Bowling Alley on Wednesday, November 25, 2009 from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. for the Citizenship Reward Trip.
COST TO THE DISTRICT: None, all costs paid by the students and PTO.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

FIELD TRIP REQUEST
PITTSBURGH, PA (C)

Mrs. McCullough moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from the Green Valley third grade teachers, 125 students and 6-10 additional parent chaperones to attend the Pittsburgh Penguins open practice on Friday, December 4, 2009 at Mellon Arena from 10:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
COST TO THE DISTRICT: None, cost for transportation may be covered by the Green Valley PTO. If the PTO cannot cover the transportation costs, the trip will be canceled.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

FIELD TRIP REQUEST
NORTH VERSAILLES, PA (D)

Mrs. McCullough moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from the Green Valley teachers and students in grades 1, 2 and 3, to travel to Destinta Movie Theater, North Versailles, PA for a holiday movie, *The Princess and the Frog*, on the following dates for the respective grade levels:

Grade	Date
1st	12/22/2009
2nd	12/23/2009
3rd	12/21/2009

COST TO THE DISTRICT: None, all costs will be covered by the students.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

CURRICULUM

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

Mrs. McCullough moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Linda Carlson, Logan Middle School gifted teacher, to attend the gifted conferences at the Allegheny Intermediate Unit on Wednesday, February 24, 2010, Thursday, March 25, 2010 and Thursday, April 8, 2010 from 8:00 – 3:30 p.m.

COST TO THE DISTRICT: One (1) substitute (\$95.00/day) for each of the three days.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

STUDENT LIFE

**PMEA FESTIVAL
DATES**

Mrs. McCullough moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the participation of selected students, along with one staff member, in the following PMEA District and Regional Orchestra, Band and Chorus Festivals. According to PMEA bylaws, directors are required to accompany their students and assist in the audition process. Transportation will be needed, however, in most circumstances; the school van will suffice and can be driven by the director involved. There is adequate money already budgeted to cover the Festivals listed below.

Event	Dates	Location
PMEA Honors Orchestra	November 14-15, 2009	Fox Chapel HS
PMEA District Orchestra	January 14-16, 2010	North Hills HS
PMEA District Chorus	January 20-22, 2010	Gateway HS
PMEA Jr. District Band East	January 22-23, 2010	Valley HS
PMEA District JH Orchestra	February 5-6, 2010	Hampton MS
PMEA District Band East	February 10-12, 2010	Gateway HS
PMEA Region Orchestra	February 25-27, 2010	TBA
PMEA Region Band	March 5-7, 2010	Waynesburg-Central HS
PMEA Region Chorus	March 10-12, 2010	Butler HS

COST TO THE DISTRICT: Registration, transportation (school van - \$177.3), and one (1) substitute for the number of days listed for each festival (\$95.00/day).

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**PARTICIPATION OF
HIGH SCHOOL BAND
PITTSBURGH, PA**

Mrs. McCullough moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the participation of the East Allegheny High School Band in the Celebrate the Seasons Parade, Pittsburgh, PA on Saturday, November 28, 2009.

COST TO THE DISTRICT: Transportation.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

PERSONNEL

**CHANGE IN STATUS
TEMPORARY
PROFESSIONAL
EMPLOYEE TO
PROFESSIONAL
EMPLOYEE (A)**

Mrs. McCullough moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the change in status for Susan Savarino.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**LEAVE REQUEST
LOGAN MIDDLE SCHOOL
ART TEACHER (B)**

Mrs. McCullough moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Kate Ciarimboli, Logan Middle School art teacher, to use her available sick, personal and emergency leave (26 sick days, 4 personal days and 5 emergency) for the birth of her child, commencing as close to her due date of January 15, 2010 as possible until approximately March 9, 2010. Mrs. Ciarimboli further requests a Family Medical Leave commencing after her sick/personal/emergency leave is exhausted, which is March 10, 2010 until June 7, 2010, and an unpaid leave for the days remaining until June 14, 2010, which is the end of the 2009-2010 school year. Mrs. Ciarimboli plans to return to her position at the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**LEAVE REQUEST
LOGAN MIDDLE SCHOOL
SPECIAL EDUCATION
TEACHER (C)**

Mrs. McCullough moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Kelly Woleslagle, Logan Middle School special education teacher, to use her available sick, personal and emergency leave (20.5 sick days, 4 personal days and 5 emergency) for the birth of her child commencing as close to her due date of March 12, 2010 as possible until approximately April 26, 2010 (1/2 day). Mrs. Woleslagle further requests a Family Medical Leave for the remainder of the school year, commencing after her sick/personal/emergency leave is exhausted, which is April 26, 2010 (1/2 day) until June 14, 2010, which is the end of the 2009-2010 school year. Mrs. Woleslagle plans to return to her position at the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

HIRING OF COACHES (D)

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

Scott Brengle*	Greensburg	Head Girls' Varsity Basketball
Rich Rosensteel*	Greensburg	Assistant Girls' Varsity Basketball
Brian Ferek**	Irwin	Boys' 9 th Grade Basketball

*Clearances on file.

** On staff

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

PERSONNEL

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE
REQUEST –
ELEMENTARY
ENRICHMENT PROGRAM (E)**

Mrs. McCullough moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Kate Ciarimboli for a leave of absence from her elementary enrichment position while she is on maternity leave for the months of January, February and March, 2010. Mrs. Ciarimboli plans to return to her elementary enrichment position when she returns from leave at the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**SUBSTITUTES FOR
APPROVAL (F)**

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

FName	LName	City	Area
Cynthia	Bailley	North Versailles	Elementary/Early Childhood
Carol	Bittner	Pittsburgh	Elementary
Megan	Bomba	West Mifflin	Elementary
Lisa	Dandar	North Versailles	Food Service
Timothy	Lanyi	Irwin	English

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

UNPAID LEAVE REQUEST (G)

Mrs. McCullough moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration recommends the Board approve the request from Donna Grzyb, Green Valley Title I teacher, for an unpaid leave for Monday, May 10, 2010 through Friday, May 14, 2010. Ms. Grzyb will also use her two available personal days on Friday, May 7, 2010 and Monday, May 17, 2010.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**FEDERAL PROGRAMS
REPORT:**

Two meetings were held with the Title teachers, one on October 6th and one on October 29th. On October 6th, the teachers and Mr. Peiffer made final plans for the first of three evening parent meetings. On October 29th, we discussed logistical items and service parameters.

The evening parent meeting was held in the high school library and LCI lab on Wednesday, October 14th from 6:00-7:30. This was an introductory meeting, meant to provide parents with an overview of the program, introduce them to the staff, and encourage them to join the parent advisory council for Federal Programs. The parents then went to the LCI to review and learn about online tutorial sites for children. They visited several sites and went through them to see how they can be used to help their children study. Pizza was provided and the NHS students did crafts with children in the cafeteria while their parents were in the LCI and Library.

Mr. Peiffer attended the Regional Federal Programs meeting at the AIU on October 15th. At the meeting, the monitoring process was discussed, parent engagement was detailed, various federal program updates were provided, and cooperation with non-public schools was discussed. Topics such as the Maintenance of Effort, fund balance, and reporting were also reviewed.

Nancy Olenik discussed the move to have more Federal services provided as push-in programs. This is also in line with what Mr. D'Emidio is requesting. At the meeting on October 29th, Mr. Peiffer directed the Title teachers to move their schedules so that 50 % of their time is working in inclusion classes and 50% is working in the pull out labs. Mr. Peiffer directed the teachers to provide him with weekly schedules to note whose class they pushed into and when they held their labs. Mr. Peiffer also sent out an email to Green Valley to remind them to work with the Title teachers in their regular classes and how to use the teachers while they are there. (They must work with Title students first, and then may work with others.)

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Mr. Peiffer instructed Cindy McCoy to prepare a file system for the upcoming audit that will take place in the spring. Mrs. McCoy has been thus filing documents into the file, such as parent letters, agreements with non-public schools and so forth.

At the Federal Programs regional meeting, there was much discussion on parent involvement. Mr. Peiffer pulled our parent involvement policy and is in the process of working with the Title teachers to develop building parent policies. There was also much discussion on developing an equity plan to ensure that an excess of minority or economically disadvantaged students were not being taught disproportionately by new or struggling teachers.

Mr. Peiffer was able to arrange a Federal Programs trip on Saturday, November 7th to the Pitt-Syracuse game at a group rate as a means to expose students and parents to an aspect of college culture that they would not normally be able to access. The University of Pittsburgh has been very accommodating. There are 32 students, 21 parents, and five teachers attending, plus the bus driver. The bus will leave East Allegheny High School at 8:30, so that the kids can be at Heinz Field by 9:30 for the pre game festivities. Kickoff is at 12:00 and we expect to be back at the school by 4:30 at the latest.

Mr. Peiffer registered the Title teachers for the Pennsylvania Association of Federal Program Coordinators meeting at Station Square. (This is usually held at Seven Springs.) The conference is being held on from January 31-February 3rd, but we will attend on February 1st and 2nd.

Teachers were reminded to keep accurate logs of the number of students served and the schedule of when they were served and for how long. Mr. Peiffer encouraged teachers to utilize the Compass Odyssey tests as a means to measure student mastery of an academic content area and to make decisions to provide tutoring services to those students based on those scores. This reminded teachers that Title services can be incremental and intermittent based on student need.

Mrs. McCoy has developed a parent newsletter. Mr. Peiffer is seeking articles for the newsletter from faculty members.

Mr. Peiffer also emailed Jeff Mathews about the possibility of setting up a Title program parent link on our email address book and to set up parent log-in accounts for Story town readers, just as he did for the Logan teachers.

The November Federal Programs meeting was set up for November 18th. This will be a working session to develop parent involvement committees at the building level.

OLD BUSINESS: Mrs. Brown moved and Mrs. McCullough seconded the motion to authorize the Administration To implement the process of advertise the Ordinance to Convert CMS Swap Structure.

ROLL CALL On a roll call vote, the following members voted Yes: Brown, Gates, Hensler, Koch, McCullough, Volpe. No: Eichler, Pearsol. Absent: Miller.

Yes 6
No 2

The motion was passed.

Mrs. Brown moved and Mrs. Eichler seconded the motion to begin the process to have uniforms for elementary students by September 2010. Mrs. Eichler amended the motion to read: To direct the possible implementation of uniforms for the elementary students by September 2010. Further authorize the solicitor and Administration to take action to investigate and supply copies of Jeannette and Woodland Hills School Districts uniform codes.

ROLL CALL On a roll call vote, the following members voted Yes: Brown, Eichler. No: Gates, Hensler, Koch, Pearsol, Volpe. Abstain: McCullough. Absent: Miller.

Yes 2
No 5
Abstain 1

The motion failed.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. McCullough moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion to adjourn at 7:59 p.m.

Toni Valicenti

Board Secretary

HEAR FROM THE CITIZENS

No Cards were received.