

**EAST ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 7, 2009**

Reorganization Meeting 6:30 p.m. – Public Session to follow

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the School Board of the East Allegheny School District is called to order by Mrs. McCullough, the president, at 7:07 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**

ABSENT: Maria Sisley, Kelly Weaver.

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING
OF NOVEMBER 9, 2009**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Volpe seconded the motion approving the minutes of the regular school board meeting of November 9, 2009.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S
REPORT**

Informed the Board about a PDE Grant, Race to the Top (RTTT) Grant possibility. Mrs. Eichler also shared the Consortium was awarded the Paul Stackhouse, Sr. Award for holding rate increases at 6% or under.

**STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE**

No report.

**FOOD SERVICE
DIRECTOR**

See attached report.

**HEAR FROM
THE CITIZENS**

No requests to speak.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

Dr. Miller requested discussion relative to the SWAP motion before moving on the agenda.

**APPROVE AGENDA
IN TOTO**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Gates seconded the motion to approve the agenda as a whole, with exceptions as noted.

Brown	<u>None.</u>
Eichler	<u>B&F, Letter G - Yes</u>
Gates	<u>None.</u>
Hensler	<u>Personnel, Letters D, E, G, and J - No</u>
Koch	<u>B&F, Letter G - No</u>
McCullough	<u>None.</u>
Miller	<u>B&F, Letter G - No</u>
Pearsol	<u>B&F, Letter G - No</u>
Volpe	<u>None.</u>

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

BUDGET & FINANCE

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

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Gates seconded the motion to approve the Treasurer's monthly statement.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Gates 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)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Gates seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve and ratify the payment of bills as follows:

General Fund	-----	\$2,165,050.23
Fund 31*	-----	\$ 0.00
Fund 32*	-----	\$ 11,394.15

* 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)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Gates seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve and ratify Cafeteria bills for payment in the amount of \$56,024.79.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Gates seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve and ratify the Federal Program bills as follows:

Drug Free 09-10	-----	\$0.00
Title I 09-10	-----	\$42,879.50
Title II Part A 09-10	-----	\$0.00
GV Academic Achievement 09-10	-----	\$0.00
EAP 09-10	-----	\$0.00
Acc. Bl. Grant 09-10	-----	\$0.00

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Gates 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.	5	\$14,742.50
Quality Mechanical Services, Inc.	Final	\$51,193.10

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**AMENDMENT TO
INTEREST RATE
MANAGEMENT PLAN (G)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Gates seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve an Amendment to the Interest Rate Management Plan relative to the existing CMS Swap Program, as per attached.

ROLL CALL

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

Yes 6
No 3

The motion was passed.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

**USE OF PROPERTY
REQUEST**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Gates 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>
EA Lady Wildcat Soccer (A)	HS Gym	Su., 1/10/10 – 3/28/10 Sa., 2/16/10	6:00 – 8:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Conditioning Tournament
EA Varsity Soccer (B)	HS Soccer Field	Su., 4/5/10 – 6/13/10	Noon – 7:00 p.m.	Summer League
	HS Soccer Field/Weight Rm.	M & W, 6/21/10-8/4/10 M-F, 8/9/10-8/13/10	5:30 – 8:30 p.m. 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Conditioning Conditioning

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

CURRICULUM

**FIELD TRIP REQUEST
MCKEESPORT, PA (A)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Gates seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Amanda Miller, high school chorus teacher, and 25 students to travel to the Palms at O’Neil Nursing Home, McKeesport, PA on Wednesday, December 23, 2009 from 12:15 to 2:15 p.m. to sing for the residents.

COST TO THE DISTRICT: None, all costs, including a substitute for ½ day (\$47.50) and transportation (\$188.33) will be covered by the choir account.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**CONFERENCE REQUEST
PITTSBURGH, PA (B)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Gates seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the attendance of the Title I staff (Gary Peiffer, Cindy McCoy, Jeannie Estadt, Donna Grzyb, Marge Meighan, Janine Montgomery, Angela Turkowski) to the Title I Improving School Performance Conference at the Sheraton Station Square, Pittsburgh, PA, Monday and Tuesday, February 1 and 2, 2010. COST TO THE DISTRICT: None, all costs covered with Title I funds.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

STUDENT LIFE

AGREEMENT(A)

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Gates seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the agreement for Student B, as per attached.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

VOLUNTEERS FOR APPROVAL(B)

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Gates seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the following volunteers for the respective athletic programs:

Robert Berrett	Irwin	Varsity Girls' Basketball
Brandon Sensor	North Versailles	Boys' 9 th Grade Basketball

Please note: All clearances are on file for both of the above individuals.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

APPROVE 2010 SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAM (C)

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Gates 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 August 2010, specific dates to be announced, with the following instructors:

Stephen Ehrlich	\$32.00/hour	45 hours
Fred Moyes	\$32.00/hour	45 hours
Justin Rosco	\$32.00/hour	45 hours

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

PERSONNEL

HIRING OF COORDINATOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION/SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST (A)

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Gates seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board hire Dr. Joseph Howell, Pittsburgh, as the Coordinator of Special Education/School Psychologist position, effective, February 1, 2010, at a pro-rated salary of \$87,000.00, and in accordance with the Agreement between the East Allegheny School District and the Act 93 Administrators.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

SABBATICAL LEAVE REQUEST HIGH SCHOOL ART TEACHER (B)

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Gates seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Patricia Sebes, high school art teacher, to continue her Sabbatical leave for the second 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.

PERSONNEL

**CONTINUATION OF LONG
TERM SUBSTITUTE(C)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Gates seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve Daniel Zyma to continue in the long term substitute position of high school art for the duration of Ms. Sebes' Sabbatical Leave, which is the second 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.

**TEMPORARY
REASSIGNMENT
INSTRUCTIONAL COACH (D)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Gates seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board temporarily reassign James Kulha as a teacher on special assignment for the position of Special Education Instructional Literacy Coach for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year, effective January 4, 2010, and further ratify the posting of his middle school/high school special education position. This position is financed with IDEA stimulus funds.

ROLL CALL

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

Yes 8
No 1

The motion was passed.

**TEMPORARY
REASSIGNMENT
INSTRUCTIONAL COACH (E)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Gates seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board temporarily reassign Karen Martin as a teacher on special assignment for the position of Title I Instructional Mathematics Coach for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year, effective January 4, 2010, and further ratify the posting of her middle school science position. This position is financed with anticipated stimulus funds.

ROLL CALL

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

Yes 8
No 1

The motion was passed.

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

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Gates seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board hire the Elizabeth Ashley Smith as a long term substitute, at Masters, Step 1, for the duration of Kelly Woleslagle's leave, commencing tentatively March 12, 2010 and concluding June 14, 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 LONG
TERM SUBSTITUTE (G)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Gates seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board hire Dana Mantini, Manorville, as the long term substitute for James Kulha's middle school/high school special education position, at Bachelors, Step 1, for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year, effective January 4, 2010, and in accordance with the agreement between the East Allegheny School District and the East Allegheny Education Association.

ROLL CALL

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

Yes 8

No 1

The motion was passed.

**HIRING OF LONG TERM
SUBSTITUTE – SPECIAL
EDUCATION INSTRUCTIONAL
COACH (H)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Gates seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board hire Rebecca Hostettler, Baltimore, as a long term substitute for the position of Special Education Instructional Coach, at Bachelors, Step 1, for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year, effective January 4, 2010, and in accordance with the agreement between the East Allegheny School District and the East Allegheny Education Association. This position is financed with the IDEA stimulus funds.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**HIRING OF LONG TERM
SUBSTITUTE – HIGH
SCHOOL MATHEMATICS (I)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Gates seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board hire Nicole Strahler, Oakdale, as a high school mathematics long term substitute, at Bachelors, Step 1, for Jennifer Smith who has been temporarily assigned to an instructional coach position, and in accordance with the agreement between the East Allegheny School District and the East Allegheny Education Association. Candice Jacko was assigned to this position but was recently hired as a mathematics teacher for the Cyber Day School.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**HIRING OF LONG TERM
SUBSTITUTE – MIDDLE
SCHOOL SCIENCE (J)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Gates seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board hire David Wright, Bethel Park, as a middle school science long term substitute, at Masters, Step 1, for Karen Martin who has been temporarily assigned to an instructional coach position, and in accordance with the agreement between the East Allegheny School District and the East Allegheny Education Association.

ROLL CALL

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

Yes 8

No 1

The motion was passed.

PERSONNEL

**HIRING ELEMENTARY
COMMITTEE FACILITATORS/
ASSISTANTS (K)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Gates seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board hire the following individuals as either a facilitator or an assistant for the respective elementary committees, and in accordance with the agreement between the East Allegheny School District and the East Allegheny Education Association:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Committee</u>
Bryan Dull	Green Valley	Facilitator	Field Day
Katherine Reigh	Green Valley	Assistant	Field Day
Tracy Yusko	Green Valley	Facilitator	Science Fair
Denise Snyder	Green Valley	Assistant	Science Fair
Joanne Gummo	Logan Middle School	Facilitator	Science Fair
Eileen Joll	Logan Middle School	Assistant	Science Fair
Kathy Rosa-Fung	Green Valley	Facilitator	STAR
Donna Grzyb	Green Valley	Assistant	STAR

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**RESIGNATION OF
HEAD BOYS' VARSITY
TRACK COACH (L)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Gates seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board accept the resignation of Richard Rouse as Head Boys' Varsity Track Coach, effective immediately, and further ratify the posting of this position.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**HIRING OF BOYS'
7TH/8TH GRADE ASSISTANT
BASKETBALL COACH (M)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Gates seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board hire Richard Hess, Pittsburgh, as the Boys' 7th/8th Grade Assistant Basketball Coach, pending receipt of updated clearances, 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 (N)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Gates 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>
Karen	Ference	Elizabeth	Elementary
William	Hart	Monroeville	Music
Richard	Hess	Pittsburgh	Social Studies/English/Reading Specialist
Gina	Sisco	McKeesport	Custodian
Lois	Vehec	North Versailles	Custodian

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

PERSONNEL

**HIRING OF LONG TERM
SUBSTITUTE – TITLE I
INSTRUCTIONAL
COACH (O)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Gates seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board hire Crystal Cushman, Monroeville, as a long term substitute for the position of Title I Instructional Coach, effective December 14, 2009, at Masters, Step 1, for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year, and in accordance with the agreement between the East Allegheny School District and the East Allegheny Education Association. This position is financed with the Federal stimulus funds.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**HIRING OF LONG
TERM SUBSTITUTE(P)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Gates seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board hire the David McGhee, Irwin, as a long term substitute, at Bachelors, Step 1, for the duration of Kate Ciarimboli's leave, commencing tentatively January 15, 2010 and concluding June 14, 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.

**FEDERAL PROGRAMS
REPORT:**

The finishing touches are being put on the Title 1 parent newsletter. This will be sent out in December.

A parent/child trip to the Pitt-Syracuse game took place on Saturday, November 7th. This was a way to expose students and parents to college culture and activities.

Preparations are being made for the Federal Programs audit. This is part of the regular three year monitoring cycle. We expect to find out who our monitor is and when we are being monitored in January. Mr. Peiffer has instructed Cindy McCoy to set up a file to organize documents for the upcoming visit.

Mr. Peiffer attended the Federal Programs Director Academy at the AIU. At the session, we discussed topics such as the monitoring session, parent involvement, and compliance with regulations.

Mr. Peiffer directed the teachers to have 50% of their time working with title students in an inclusion model and to have 50% of their time working with students in a pull out model. The title teachers have been providing weekly schedules that document which classes they are in and what periods that they pull students out to work with them in labs.

Mr. Peiffer interviewed candidates for Title teacher positions, that we will be using Title monies from the stimulus to hire coaches to work with reading at the elementary and middle school levels.

The teachers registered for the PAFPC conference at station square in February.

Mr. Peiffer checked with Angela Turkowski to be sure she is keeping a log of her time.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT Mr. Gates moved and Mr. Pearsol seconded the motion to adjourn at 7:51 p.m.

Toni Valicenti

Board Secretary

HEAR FROM THE CITIZENS

There were no requests to speak.