

**EAST ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 11, 2010**

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

**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 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

**ROLL CALL**

Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Eichler, , Mrs. Koch, Mrs. McCullough, Dr. Miller, Mr. Pearsol, Mr. Volpe.

ABSENT: Mr. Gates, Ms. Hensler.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Mr. D’Emidio, Ms. Valicenti.

Solicitor: Mr. Beisler.

**STUDENT  
REPRESENTATIVES**

Maria Sisley, Kelly Weaver.

**MINUTES OF THE  
REORGANIZATION  
MEETING AND THE  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF DECEMBER 7, 2009**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion approving the minutes of the reorganization meeting and the regular school board meeting of December 7, 2009.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S  
REPORT**

Recognized the School Board Directors for School Board Recognition Month.

**STUDENT  
REPRESENTATIVE**

See attached report.

**FOOD SERVICE  
DIRECTOR**

See attached report. Ms. Puharic thanked the Board and recognized their service. She also brought refreshments and cake for the Board.

**HEAR FROM  
THE CITIZENS**

No requests to speak.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Thank you card received from the Lutz Family for the expression of sympathy.

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**APPROVE AGENDA  
IN TOTO**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Volpe 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>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 and with no exceptions

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**BUDGET & FINANCE**

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

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

General Fund	-----	\$ 1,191,091.57
Fund 31*	-----	\$ 0.00
Fund 32*	-----	\$ 68,540.10

\* 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. Volpe seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve and ratify Cafeteria bills for payment in the amount of \$39,477.27.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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

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

Drug Free 09-10	-----	\$237.75
Title I 09-10	-----	\$41,298.80
Title II Part A 09-10	-----	\$0.00
GV Academic Achievement 09-10	-----	\$0.00
EAP 09-10	-----	\$4,276.75
Acc. Bl. Grant 09-10	-----	\$386,996.78

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**AUTHORIZE BIDS  
FOR CAFETERIA  
DISH MACHINE(F)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Volpe seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board authorizes beginning the bidding process for a replacement for the dish machine in the high school cafeteria.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP  
AIU JOINT PURCHASING  
BOARD FOR 2010 (G)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Volpe seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve continued membership in the Allegheny Intermediate Unit's Joint Purchasing Board for 2010. This membership provides the District with the opportunity to purchase items in various areas without bidding it out directly.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**APPROVE EASTERN  
AREA SPECIAL  
SCHOOLS JOINT  
COMMITTEE  
RESOLUTIONS (H)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Volpe seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the following Eastern Area Special Schools Joint Committee Resolutions: No. 2009-1, Authorization of Mail Ballot and No. 2009-3, Election of Officers. Further the Board names Dolores Brown as the Representative and Karen Hensler as the Alternate to the Eastern Area Special Schools Joint Committee.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**PAYMENT OF  
INVOICE #7311002  
MURIN & MURIN, INC. (I)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Volpe seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve Invoice #7311002, to Murin & Murin, Inc. for the stabilization of the hillside behind the high school building in the amount of \$3,800.00.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**BUDGET & FINANCE**

**HEALTH INSURANCE  
CONSORTIUM  
SCHOOL BOARD  
TRUSTEE (J)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Volpe seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board nominate Roxanne Eichler as the Board member to run for a Trustee Seat in the Eastern Region for the Allegheny County Schools Health Insurance Consortium. An interested member may not be a Trustee of any other health or welfare fund, or be affiliated with a health care organization. It is necessary that nominations be submitted for the election of a School Board Trustee for the Eastern Region for a two-year period effective March 29, 2010. The Consortium must receive the nominations by February 12, 2010. It is not required that we nominate a Board Member, it is only if someone is interested.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**APPROVE UPGRADE OF  
COLOR COPIERS (K)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Volpe seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the upgrades of the ComDoc color copiers and lease agreement with Laurel Capital Corps. Upgrading to newer model color copiers will enable scanning and printing features, and network printing to save the cost of purchasing large volumes of desktop printer cartridges. These copiers also have a lower cost per copies that go above the annual allotment, whether you print color or black and white. Overall estimated cost savings is \$78.77 per month, which could be higher.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**PHONE SYSTEM  
PROPOSAL (L)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Volpe seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the proposal from ASCC Systems Solutions for the upgrade of the Green Valley and High School phone system at a cost of \$133,932.00 and would be funded with stimulus funds. ASCC is on the State bid list. The Scope of Work is attached.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**AUTHORIZE BIDS  
FOR BAND UNIFORMS (M)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Volpe seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board authorize beginning the bidding process for East Allegheny High School Band uniforms for the 2010-2011 school year.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**ADOPT 2010-2011  
BUDGET  
RESOLUTION (N)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Volpe seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board adopt a resolution, as per attached, indicating that the Board will not raise the rate of any tax for the support of the public schools for the 2010-2011 fiscal year by more than its index of 1.11468.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**AUTHORIZE NEGOTIATIONS  
WITH COST COMPANY  
LOGAN MIDDLE SCHOOL(O)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Volpe seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board authorize negotiations of a settlement with the Cost Company to settle the Delay Claim prepared by Cost Company in the amount of \$150,000.00. Cost Company has agreed to clean the brick at the high school building as part of this settlement. Payment subject to claims with Travelers Insurance Company.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**BUILDING & GROUNDS**

**USE OF PROPERTY  
REQUEST**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Volpe 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>Ken &amp; Jean Dance Studio (A)</b>	HS Auditorium, Cafeteria, Band room, Chorus room	We., 6/9/10,	4:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Dress Rehearsal
		Sa., 6/12/10	1:00 – 4:30 p.m.	Matinee
			6:30 – 11:00 p.m.	Performance
		Su., 6/13/10	1:00 – 4:30 p.m.	Matinee

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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**CURRICULUM**

**2010-2011 SCHOOL  
CALENDAR**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Volpe seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the 2010-2011 school calendar, as per attached.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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**POLICY**

**REAFFIRMATION OF  
POLICY #011,  
BOARD GOVERNANCE  
STANDARDS/CODE OF  
CONDUCT (A)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Volpe seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board reaffirm Policy #011, Board Governance Standards/Code of Conduct, as per attached. PSBA that Policy #011 be reaffirmed in January of each year.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Volpe seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the first reading of the revisions to Policy #705, Safety, as per attached, as recommended by PSBA to reflect the changes in the law.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**APPROVE THE FIRST  
READING OF NEW  
POLICY (C)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Volpe seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the first reading of the new Policy #718, Service Animals in Schools, as per attached, as recommended by PSBA and to reflect changes in the law.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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**STUDENT LIFE**

**APPROVE  
MEMORANDUM  
OF UNDERSTANDING  
DISTRICT & POLICE  
DEPARTMENTS (A)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Volpe seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the East Allegheny School District and the police departments of North Versailles Township and East McKeesport Borough, as per attached. This MOU must be approved each year.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**FIELD TRIP REQUEST  
WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY  
MORGANTOWN, WV(B)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Volpe seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Justin Rosco, Band Director, Stephen Ehrlich, Orchestra Director, and approximately twelve students to travel to West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV to participate in the West Virginia Honors Band on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 11 – February 13, 2010, and West Virginia Honors Orchestra on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 25 – February 27, 2010. All orchestra students are encouraged to submit an application to West Virginia and the University chooses the participants from the applications received. The band has three students who submitted applications and the orchestra has nine students who submitted applications. This year, West Virginia has not yet provided the names of the chosen students. There will be parent chaperones, number and names to be determined, also attending.

**COST TO THE DISTRICT:** Transportation (school van driven by the director), registration (\$20.00/student), accommodations (\$1,068.00 total for all students – 6 double/double rooms @ \$89.00/room) and one substitute for two (2) days. (Meals are the responsibility of the student)

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**VOLUNTEER FOR  
APPROVAL(C)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Volpe seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve Richard Rouse as a volunteer coach for the track program. Mr. Rouse resigned from his position as coach for this program due to job requirements, but would like to remain involved as a volunteer when available.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**AGREEMENT (D)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Volpe seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the Agreement for Student M, as per attached.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**STUDENT LIFE**

**APPROVE DISTRIBUTION  
OF INFORMATION  
WILMERDING YMCA (E)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Volpe seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the distribution of information regarding Wilmerding YMCA's new program, "7<sup>th</sup> Grade Initiative". Research has shown that 7<sup>th</sup> grade is a critical time in a child's life, when he or she makes a choice on adopting healthy or unhealthy behaviors. In support of helping children choose a healthy lifestyle, and in promoting wellness, the YMCA has developed the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Initiative. With this initiative we will be providing all 7<sup>th</sup> grade students in the service area a free YMCA membership to use the facility to help promote the overall healthy development of their spirit, mind and body. At the Wilmerding YMCA, 7th grade students will have the opportunity to use the wellness facilities, as well as attend programs and activities that will serve their health, wellness, developmental, and/or social needs.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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**PERSONNEL**

**UNPAID LEAVE  
REQUEST(A)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Volpe seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Stephanie Pivik, Logan Middle School teacher, for an unpaid leave for Friday, January 15, 2010

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**UNPAID LEAVE  
REQUEST(B)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Volpe seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Nicole Henline, Logan Middle School English teacher, for an unpaid leave for Thursday afternoon, March 25, 2010, Wednesday, March 31, 2010 and Thursday, April 1, 2010. Ms. Henline has requested personal days for March 26, 29, and 30.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**RESIGNATION  
OF SPECIAL EDUCATION  
INSTRUCTIONAL  
COACH (C)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Volpe seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board accept the resignation of Rebecca Hostettler as the Instructional Coach assigned to special education at the high school.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**OPENING OF  
MIDDLE SCHOOL  
GIRLS' BASKETBALL  
COACHING POSITIONS (D)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Volpe seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Timothy Cortazzo, Athletic Director, to open the Middle School Girls' Basketball coaching positions, according to the contract, and further authorize the posting of these positions. These positions were filled with temporary coaches when the former coach resigned with little time remaining until the season began.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**PERSONNEL**

**SUBSTITUTES FOR APPROVAL (E)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mr. Volpe seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the following substitutes in their respective areas:

<u>FName</u>	<u>LName</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Area</u>
Erica	Dortenzo	Pittsburgh	Elementary
Michael	McQuillan	Pittsburgh	Social Studies
Amber	Merola	Delmont	Elementary/Special Education
Vivienne	Semko	Monongahela	Elementary

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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**FEDERAL PROGRAMS REPORT:**

In December, the teachers met to plan the winter parent meeting, choosing a theme of physical fitness and nutrition, noting how it relates to academic success.

Cindy McCoy attended a session at the AIU on funding for federal programs.

With the monitoring set to occur this year, Mr. Peiffer has been checking with Cindy McCoy to make sure our documents are in order and filed. We are waiting to receive a letter by mail from the DOE that will provide us with our monitoring date and monitor. Mr. Peiffer has been requiring teachers to submit schedules to him and teachers have been keeping logs on the students that they have been seeing.

Invitations were sent to parents to join a parent advisory council for Title programs. Three parents attended a luncheon on January 6<sup>th</sup>. They were provided with descriptions of building level and district parent involvement policies. The parents provided me with input on their perceptions of the program, questions about services, and expressed an interest in having some input in the creation of a revised parent involvement policy. Two questions were asked by the parents: Can Title services be provided to special needs students? ( They can.) and Is a student being on a free and reduced lunch list the primary qualifier as to whether a student can qualify for services? ( It is not. It merely identifies the school as being able to receive title funds.) I also asked a question Nancy Olenik as to whether a student at the cyber day program would continue to receive title services. ( the student would continue to receive those services, though we do not have any title students there yet.)

On that same day, Mr. Peiffer held a meeting with the Title teachers. We are setting up an evening parent meeting for the winter, with the theme ‘Get up and get moving!’ The idea is to stress how physical fitness and proper diet can impact academic achievement. Trish Puharic and Nutrition Inc. is invited to speak, and Mr. Peiffer is trying to get a PE teacher to come to the meeting. The date of the meeting was moved, with the hope to have a meeting at the local YMCA. (Mr. Peiffer called the YMCA to see about rooms, but no one has called back.)

Mr. Peiffer met with Cindy McCoy to review her notes for grant submissions on January 4<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Peiffer observed Donna Grzyb in her Title math lab today, at Green Valley.

Mr. Peiffer am reviewing the roster lists submitted by Crystal Cushman and Karen Martin, the new Title coaches, to see how many students are identified as Title students. Under Title guidelines, they may only see Title students, or at least must see them before they work with non-title students. Mr. Peiffer has to look at ways to get more students on the Title roster.

Questions over our Title status and how it relates to the district’s application for the Race To The Top grant were asked and discussed at a session at the AIU on 1/7/10, after school.

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 11, 2010

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mrs. Brown asked what the status of the possibility of school uniforms is. Mr. Pearsol said this has been discussed and does not go anywhere and that the Board has not directed the Superintendent to proceed. Mrs. Eichler also commented.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

Toni Valicenti

Board Secretary

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**HEAR FROM THE CITIZENS**

No requests to speak.