

**EAST ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 12, 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 Ms. Valicenti, the board secretary, at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

**ROLL CALL**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:**

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

**STUDENT  
REPRESENTATIVES**

Kelly Weaver.  
ABSENT: Maria Sisley.

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF MARCH 1, 2010  
AND SPECIAL MEETING  
OF MARCH 22, 2010**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mrs. Brown seconded the motion approving the minutes of the regular school board meeting of March 1, 2010 and of the special school board meeting of March 22, 2010.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S  
REPORT**

Recognized Forbes NHS students, 2010 Girl Scout Distinction Nominees, SW Science Bowl Regional Competition Team and Sponsor from Logan Middle School.

**STUDENT  
REPRESENTATIVE**

See Attached Report.

**FOOD SERVICE  
DIRECTOR**

No Report.

**HEAR FROM  
THE CITIZENS**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mrs. Koch 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 Dr. Miller 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**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mrs. Koch 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>Absent.</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)**

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

General Fund	-----	\$1,901,383.27
Fund 31*	-----	\$ 0.00
Fund 32*	-----	\$ 11,729.00

\* 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.

**CAFETERIA BILLS  
FOR PAYMENT (D)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve and ratify Cafeteria bills for payment in the amount of \$47,684.04.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**BUDGET & FINANCE**

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

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

Drug Free 09-10	-----	\$200.00
Title I 09-10	-----	\$79,306.16
Title I Supplement - ARRA	-----	\$47,050.07
Title II Part A 09-10	-----	\$20,044.66
Acc. Bl. Grant 09-10	-----	\$4,680.00
Stimulus BEF Up to Incl. 4.1%	-----	\$75,137.98
Stimulus BEF Above 4.1%	-----	\$100,917.68
GV Academic Achievement 09-10	-----	\$0.00
EAP 09-10	-----	\$0.00

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**ACCEPT AUDIT  
HOSACK, SPECHT,  
MUETZEL & WOOD (F)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board accept the audit of the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2009 and further authorize the payment of the remainder of the invoice in the amount of \$3,695.00. Further authorize the payment for additional billing relating to the North Versailles Real Estate Tax collection for the 2008 tax year in the amount of \$3,065.00 for a total on the invoice of \$6,760.00.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**APPROVE AGREEMENT  
GRUBB CONSULTING  
SERVICES (G)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the renewal of the agreement with Grubb Consulting Services, Inc. to provide on-site consultation services in the area of special education in the amount not to exceed \$11,340.00, for twenty (20) days between the dates of July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011 and will be paid with ACCESS funds.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**APPROVE 2010-2011  
AIU PROGRAM OF  
SERVICES BUDGET (H)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the proposed 2010-2011 Allegheny Intermediate Unit Program of Services Budget as presented. The Budget totals \$3,817,800 and reflects no increase in total district allocation. East Allegheny's 2010-2011 withholding will decrease \$244.47 to \$16,145.50 over the withholding for 2009-2010 of \$16,389.97.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**APPROVE RESOLUTION  
SCHOOL TAX  
COLLECTORS (I)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve a resolution naming a School Tax Collector for the Borough of Wilmerding as follows:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the East Allegheny Board of School Directors hereby names Julie Powell as Wilmerding Borough School Tax Collector, effective March 2, 2010 replacing Joseph Hartzell, pending the Solicitor's final review and approval.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**BUDGET & FINANCE**

**ECS INVOICE #1 & #2  
FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL  
INSTRUCTIONAL COACH (J)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve payment for Invoice #1 to Educational Consulting Services, Inc. in the amount of \$487.50 and \$1,275.00 for Invoice #2 for the high school instructional coach, paid through stimulus funds.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**APPROVE BID  
EA HIGH SCHOOL  
BAND UNIFORMS (K)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the bid from DeMaulin Brothers & Company for new East Allegheny High School band uniforms in the amount not to exceed \$36,735.36.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**LEASING OF PROPERTY  
WILMERDING YMCA (L)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve leasing the property behind the Wilmerding YMCA tennis courts and ball field to the Wilmerding YMCA for additional parking. Wilmerding Borough currently is leasing the property from the school district, but will hand it over, if the School Board approves. (See attached)

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**BOARD RESOLUTION  
CURTAILMENT OF  
PROGRAMS (M)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the adoption of the attached resolution relative to the curtailment and alteration of educational programs with employee furloughs.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**RESOLUTION FOR  
ADOPTION  
PSERS FOR PENSION  
REFORM (N)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board adopt the attached resolution urging legislative action on school employee pension reform

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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**BUILDING & GROUNDS**

**USE OF PROPERTY  
REQUEST**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve and ratify 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>EA Swim Team (A)</b>	HS Indoor Court	Su, 3/21/10	5:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Banquet
<b>EAAA (B)</b>	East Field	Sa, Su, M-Th, 4/1/10-7/31/10	Sa - 9:00 a.m. – Dusk Su–12:00 p.m.–Dusk M-Th –5:30 p.m.–Dusk	Baseball Practice
	Park Terrace Field	M-F, Sa, 4/1/10-7/31/10	M-F-5:00 p.m.-Dusk Sa-9:00 a.m.-Dusk	Softball Practice
<b>EA Soccer Assoc. (C)</b>	East Field *	Su, 4/4/10-6/13/10	12:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Soccer Games
<b>Girl Scouts of SWPA (D)</b>	HS Classroom	We, 4/28/10	6:00 – 9:30 p.m.	Training
<b>Wilmerding YMCA (E)</b>	Wilmerding Field	M-F, 6/7/10-8/20/10	8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.	Sum. Camp
	WE Classrooms, Gym	M-F, 6/21/10-7/2/10, 7/12/10-7/23/10	8:00 a.m. –Noon	Special Needs Camp

\* Pending scheduling; will coordinate with EAAA Baseball.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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**CURRICULUM**

**FIELD TRIP REQUEST  
NORTH VERSAILLES, PA (A)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from the Green Valley third grade teachers and 135 students to visit North Versailles Bowl, North Versailles, PA on Friday, April 23, 2010 for a PSSA Reward trip from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.  
COST TO THE DISTRICT: None, transportation donated by First Student and bowling costs covered by the students.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Joshua Miller, National Honor Society Sponsor, 50 NHS members, and 3 additional teachers to visit the Pittsburgh Zoo & Aquarium, Pittsburgh, PA on Friday, April 30, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
COST TO THE DISTRICT: None, all costs, including registration (\$7.00/person), transportation (188.33) and substitute costs (1 needed @ \$95.00/day) will be covered by the National Honor Society.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**CONFERENCE REQUEST  
STATE COLLEGE, PA (C)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Sean Gildea, Green Valley/ELC principal, to attend the Pre-K Counts Statewide meeting at the Penn Stater Conference Center, State College, PA on Thursday and Friday, May 6-7, 2010.  
COST TO THE DISTRICT: Mileage and Lodging (\$254.52 – ASN#8250); all other costs covered by the Allegheny Intermediate Unit.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Darcy Yeloushan, high school nurse, and 5-7 Future Nurses students, to travel to the Western PA School for the Blind, on Monday, May 10, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This trip will enable the Future Nurses to learn about different fields of nursing.  
COST TO THE DISTRICT: None, the school van will be utilized and the cost of the substitute (\$95.00/day) will be paid by the Future Nurses club.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**FIELD TRIP REQUEST  
MONROEVILLE, PA (E)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from the sixth grade teachers, 125 students and 5 additional chaperones, to visit the Pittsburgh Folk Festival, Monroeville Convention Center, Monroeville, PA on Friday, May 13, 2010 from 8:40 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
COST TO THE DISTRICT: None, all costs (registration and transportation) paid by LMS PTO.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**CURRICULUM**

**CONFERENCE REQUEST  
CANONSBURG, PA (F)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Darcy Yeloushan, high school nurse, to attend the Allegheny County Schools Health Insurance Consortium Wellness College, Southpoint Golf Club, Canonsburg, PA on Friday, May 14, 2010 from 7:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Mrs. Yeloushan is the District's Wellness Coordinator.  
COST TO THE DISTRICT: One (1) substitute for one (1) day (\$95.00/day).

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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**POLICY**

**APPROVE THE  
ADOPTION OF  
NEW POLICY (A)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the adoption of 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.

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

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the first reading of the revisions to Policy #113, Special Education, as per attached.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the first reading of new Policy #713, Cell Phones, as per attached.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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**STUDENT LIFE**

**PARTICIPATION IN  
ALL-STATE  
ORCHESTRA FESTIVAL(A)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Stephen Ehrlich, Orchestra Director, and one student to participate in the All-State Orchestra Festival at North Allegheny High School, Pittsburgh, PA, on Wednesday, April 21, 2010 through Saturday, April 24, 2010, with a performance at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. The student selected was Patrick Murray. PMEA bylaws require the music teacher to accompany his students and assist in the audition process. Mr. Ehrlich will attend and drive the school van.  
COST TO THE DISTRICT: Festival fees for the student of \$275 – include all meals, music, housing, etc. and director's accommodations of \$173.55 for 2 days. Money has been budgeted for PMEA Festival participation.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**STUDENT LIFE**

**VOLUNTEERS FOR APPROVAL (B)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the following volunteers for the middle school softball program (all updated clearances are on file):

Kerry Fritzius North Versailles  
Scott Hess North Versailles

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**AGREEMENT (C)**

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

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**AGREEMENT (D)**

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

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**AGREEMENT (E)**

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

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**AGREEMENT (F)**

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

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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**PERSONNEL**

**RETIREMENT OF  
SUPPORT PERSONNEL (A)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the retirement of William Rugh, Maintenance department, effective October 1, 2010, and in accordance with the agreement between the East Allegheny Board of School Directors and the East Allegheny Educational Support Professionals Association.

The Administration further requests the Board adopt the following resolution: *The Board of School Directors for the East Allegheny School District hereby acknowledges the sincere and dedicated service that **William Rugh**, Maintenance Department, gave to the school district and that such recognition and appreciation on behalf of the Board be made known to Mr. Rugh and filed as a matter of public record.*

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**FMLA LEAVE  
REQUEST  
SPECIAL EDUCATION  
TEACHER (B)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve and ratify the request from Susan Simko, Green Valley special education teacher, for a Family Medical Leave commencing March 23, 2010 until approximately April 6, 2010. After visiting her doctor on April 6, 2010, Mrs. Simko is requesting an additional four weeks of FMLA. She will visit her doctor on May 4, 2010 for a reevaluation of her injury and will return to work upon her doctor's release.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**FMLA REQUEST  
HIGH SCHOOL MATH  
TEACHER (C)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Sandra McCurdy, for a Family Medical Leave of approximately 15 days, to commence after exhausting her 12 remaining sick days and the 5 additional emergency days, until approximately 6 weeks after when her sick/emergency leave begins on Monday, May 3, 2010. Mrs. McCurdy's approximate return date is Monday, June 14, 2010.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**HIRING OF SPONSORS (D)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board hire the following individuals for the respective positions, and in accordance with the agreement between the East Allegheny Board of School Directors and the East Allegheny Education Association:

Christopher Berger	EAP Coordinator
Valerie Ekis	Junior Class Sponsor (Beginning 2010-2011)

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**HIRING OF CYBER  
SCHOOL SPECIAL  
EDUCATION MONITOR (E)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board hire Victoria Campbell for the temporary position of EA Academy Cyber School Special Education Monitor for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year, and in accordance with the Agreement between the East Allegheny Board of School Directors and the East Allegheny Education Association.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**PERSONNEL**

**SUBSTITUTES FOR APPROVAL (F)**

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

<b><u>FName</u></b>	<b><u>LName</u></b>	<b><u>City</u></b>	<b><u>Area</u></b>
Annamarie	Barone	North Versailles	School Nurse
Lisa	Blau	North Versailles	School Nurse
Brooke	Campbell	Irwin	Elementary
Abby	Foth	Monroeville	Health & Physical Education
Lindsay	Gialloreto	Pittsburgh	Elementary/Mid-Level Mathematics/Mid-Level Language Arts/Mid-Level Social Studies/Mid-Level Science
Dana	Pugliano	Pittsburgh	Elementary
Todd	Waszkiewicz	East McKeesport	Custodial
Patricia	Whitney	Coulter	Food Service

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**UNPAID LEAVE/  
 FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE  
 REQUEST  
 MS MATH TEACHER (G)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration recommends the Board approve the request from Natalie Ciccanti, Logan Middle School math teacher, for one-half unpaid day per week commencing after her sick leave is exhausted on April 28, 2010 for weekly fetal monitoring tests. Mrs. Ciccanti further requests a Family Medical Leave for the birth of her child tentatively commencing on Friday, May 28, 2010 and continuing until the end of the 2009-2010 school year, which is June 16, 2010. Mrs. Ciccanti plans to return to her position for the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**FEDERAL PROGRAMS  
 REPORT:**

1. We are in the process of gathering information for the monitoring. As Mark Draskovich oversees Title III, I forwarded to him that section report that needs to be completed for our monitoring. Title III deals with language instruction for limited English proficient and immigrant students. Mr. Draskovich works with those students as part of his role as Director of Pupil Personnel.
2. The Title teachers met on the 8<sup>th</sup> to plan for the summer and the book bingo event in May. We also reviewed rosters, noting that Karen Martin and Crystal Cushman will be seeing some younger students after PSSA tests. All Title teachers are to have documentation that the child they want to see has an academic need, as determined by the student's work, tests, and class participation. Teacher input is also a factor in determining which students received services.
3. Mr. Peiffer spoke with Nancy Olenik about expanding Title services to the high school. Based on a free and reduced lunch rate of 48% at the high school, plus a high feeder number of free and reduced lunch students coming from Logan, we have the numbers to qualify for services. A planning session between 6-12 months is required to formally establish the high school as a recipient of federal funds. A committee is required to be formed. However, we cannot use current Title funding to establish a secondary committee. We are hopeful to utilize the second round of ARRA funding, if we get it in the summer, to move forward in the fall to form the committee and expand services. It is my preference that when services are established at the high school, we go school wide. This would enable the teachers that we would be able to hire with Title funds at the high school to work with all students.
4. On April 19<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Peiffer is having a meeting of the Title I parents advisory council at Logan at 1:30.

5. The Title 1 complaints form was distributed to the Title teachers to have on hand. This is to establish and demonstrate that a formal complaint process is available to parents. To date, we have not received a complaint regarding Title programs or services. However, we need to have a formal procedure in place.
  6. The May bingo will take place on May 6<sup>th</sup>, at Logan, from 6:00-7:30. At the meeting, we will discuss with parents things they can do over the summer to keep their kids interesting in reading and school. We will then have the bingo. We have purchased books from scholastic warehouse to distribute to students.
  7. This year's summer program will run the week of July 26-30, with a 'Just Ducky' tour on the last day. The theme is centered on the Statue of Liberty and fireworks. There will be two days of reading activities and two days of math activities. The summer program will run from 9:30-11:30. Snacks will be ordered from Nutrition through Ms. Puharic, to serve to the kids, just as last year. We will send registration forms home in June.
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**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT** Mrs. Brown moved and Mr. Pearsol seconded the motion to adjourn at 7:41 p.m.

Toni Valicenti

Board Secretary

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**HEAR FROM THE CITIZENS**

Matt Polka, North Versailles