

**EAST ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 13, 2015**

**Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m. – Public Session 7:00 p.m.**

**TURF PRESENTATIONS**

ProGrass (Tom Rombach) – 6:00 p.m.; Shaw (Ray Battistel) – 6:10 p.m.;  
Field Turf (Patrick Zeni) – 6:20 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 7:04 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

**ROLL CALL**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Ms. Valicenti, Mr. Mac Fann.  
Solicitor: Mr. Beisler.  
ABSENT: Mr. D’Emidio.

**STUDENT  
REPRESENTATIVES**

Mercedes Toth.  
ABSENT: Chamari Willis.

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF MARCH 9, 2015  
AND SPECIAL MEETING  
OF MARCH 31, 2015**

Mrs. Gates moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion approving the minutes of the regular school board meeting of March 9, 2015 and of the special meeting of March 31, 2015.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S  
REPORT**

Recognition of Green Valley and Logan MS Science Fair First Place Winners/  
Recognition of PRSEF participants.

**STUDENT  
REPRESENTATIVE**

See Report.

**HEAR FROM  
THE CITIZENS**

Mrs. Eichler moved and Mr. Pearsol 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**

Mrs. Eichler moved and Mr. Volpe seconded the motion to resume the regular order of business.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Thank you letter received from Community Life for the musical Godspell performance.  
Thank you from the Yearbook Committee for Fundraising opportunity and help to raise funds.  
Thank you for the expression of sympathy from Holly Spallone for her grandmother.  
Thank you for the expressions of sympathy from Roger D’Emidio for his mother.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board went into Executive Session from 7:21 – 8:00 p.m. for personnel and legal issues.

**APPROVE AGENDA  
IN TOTO**

Mrs. Brown 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>None</u>
Hensler	<u>None</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.

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**BUDGET & FINANCE**

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

Mrs. Brown 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)**

Mrs. Brown 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)**

Mrs. Brown 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	-----	\$ 2,155,688.59
GF Batch 10	-----	\$ 461,232.66
GF Batch 98*	-----	\$ 175,803.53

\* Batch 98 – Charter Schools

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**BUDGET & FINANCE**

**PURCHASE ORDERS  
APPROVAL (D)**

Mrs. Brown moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve purchase orders as follows:

General Fund ----- \$408.35

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**CAFETERIA BILLS  
FOR PAYMENT (E)**

Mrs. Brown 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 \$61,558.39.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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

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

Title I 14-15	-----	\$46,962.71
Title I 13-14	-----	\$0.00
Title II Part A 14-15	-----	\$73,401.50

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**FOOD SERVICE  
MANAGEMENT  
COMPANY (G)**

Mrs. Brown moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board renew the Food Service Management Contract with The Nutrition Group, Inc., 580 Wendel Road, Suite 100, Irwin, PA 15642, as per the attached services budget for the 2015-2016 school year. The Nutrition Group guaranteed profit is \$7,942.81.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**APPROVE 2015-2016  
AIU PROGRAM OF  
SERVICES BUDGET (H)**

Mrs. Brown moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the proposed 2015-2016 Allegheny Intermediate Unit Program of Services Budget as presented. The Budget totals \$4,005,898 and reflects no increase in total district allocation. East Allegheny's 2015-2016 expected contribution to the AIU Program of Services budget is \$16,120.29 which is an increase of \$19.12 from the 16,101.17 for 2014-2015.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**RESPONSE TO  
AUDIT REPORT  
JUNE 30, 2012 AND 2011(I)**

Mrs. Brown moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the response and corrective action plan for the Audit Report ending June 30, 2012 and 2011 and hereby certify this response, as per attached.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**ECS INVOICE #2  
FOR CURRICULUM  
CONSULTANT (J)**

Mrs. Brown moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve payment for Invoice #2 for January, February and March 2015 to Educational Consulting Services, Inc. in the amount of \$507.50 for the curriculum consultant.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**BUILDING & GROUNDS**

**USE OF PROPERTY  
REQUEST**

Mrs. Brown 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><u>EA Pre-K Counts (A)</u></b>	ELC	Sa, 5/2/2015	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Open House
<b><u>EAAA Baseball/Softball *(B)</u></b>	HS Baseball or Softball Field	Su thru Sa, 5/18/15-7/31/15	5:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Practice & Games
<i>* Must comply with use of property rules, security deposit (\$150), cleanup and repairs.</i>				
<b><u>Alleg.Cty.Div.of Elections (C)</u></b>	DO Board Rm & GV	Tu., 5/19/15 Tu., 11/3/15	6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Primary & General Election
<b><u>Girl Scouts of Western PA (D)</u></b>	LMS Gym	M, W, & Th*, 4/2015-6/2015	3:30 – 5:15 p.m.	Activities
<i>* Availability will be coordinated with athletic &amp; school schedules</i>				

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**CURRICULUM**

**2015-2016 HIGH  
SCHOOL COURSE  
SELECT BOOK (A)**

Mrs. Brown moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the 2015-2016 East Allegheny High School Course Select Book.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**2015-2016 7<sup>TH</sup>/8<sup>TH</sup>  
GRADE COURSE  
SELECT BOOK (B)**

Mrs. Brown moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the 2015-2016 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Course Select Book.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**CONFERENCE REQUEST  
HARRISBURG, PA (C)**

Mrs. Brown moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve and ratify the attendance of Ryan Encapera at the HECAT Training at PaTTAN, Harrisburg, PA on Monday, March 23, 2015. This information was not received in time for the March meeting and Mr. Encapera's attendance at this conference is required for the HECAT grant.

**COST TO THE DISTRICT:** All costs, hotel (Mr. Encapera is traveling to Harrisburg on Sunday, March 22), meals, gas and substitute, will be paid through the grant.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**CURRICULUM**

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

Mrs. Brown moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Darcy Yeloushan, and 8 students in the Future Nurses Club to visit Children's Hospital, Pittsburgh, PA on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. **PLEASE NOTE:** This trip is rescheduled from the Board approved March 5<sup>th</sup> date to Carnegie Science Center due to the closing of school for weather. The exhibit at the Carnegie Science Center that the students were to see is no longer there so another venue had to be chosen.

**COST TO THE DISTRICT:** \$20 per student and one (1) substitute for one (1) day, but all costs to be covered by the Future Nurses Club.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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

Mrs. Brown moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Marcie Sippey, High School Math Teacher, 4 additional teachers, and 50 students to attend the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair 2015 (Intel ISEF), at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Pittsburgh, PA on Thursday, May 14, 2015 from 7:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Students will participate in various science and engineering activities provided by vendors from all over the world.

**COST TO THE DISTRICT:** None, all costs (transportation and substitutes) are funded through the Society for Science & the Public.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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

Mrs. Brown moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from the Logan MS Sixth Grade Teachers, 130 students and 2 additional chaperones, to visit the Pittsburgh Folk Festival at the Monroeville Convention Center, Monroeville, PA on Friday, May 15, 2015 from 8:40 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The trip highlights the cultural diversity of more than 25 nationalities and provides a unique hands-on opportunity to learn about history.

**COST TO THE DISTRICT:** None, all costs paid by the Logan MS PTO.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**CONFERENCE REQUEST  
LOS ANGELES, CA (G)**

Mrs. Brown moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Carl Baumgart, High School Graphics Teacher, to attend the Schools That Can National Forum in Los Angeles, California on Sunday, May 17, 2015 through Wednesday, May 20, 2015.

**COST TO THE DISTRICT:** No cost to the District except a substitute for three (3) days.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**CURRICULUM**

**FIELD TRIP REQUEST  
FOX CHAPEL, PA (H)**

Mrs. Brown moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from the Green Valley First Grade Teachers, 125 students, 1 aide, and 5 additional chaperones, to visit the Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve, Fox Chapel, PA on Friday, June 12, 2015 from 9:20 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Students will extend their knowledge of the forest habitat by experiencing the animals and plants in our native forest first hand. First grade science curriculum extensively studies 3 habitats – ocean, desert and forest.  
COST TO THE DISTRICT: None, all costs paid by the Green Valley PTO.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**FIELD TRIP REQUESTS  
INDIANA, PA AND  
PITTSBURGH, PA (I)**

Mrs. Brown moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Amanda Pfennig, Girl Scout L.I.F.T. Program Facilitator, and 12-15 high school students, to travel to Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, PA for a college tour as part of their future education program component, on Monday, April 20, 2015 from 7:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Ms. Pfennig further requests approval for 50 Logan Middle School students to travel to Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum, Pittsburgh, PA on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to volunteer for the Community Spring Clean Day where they will assist in beautifying the Memorial.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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**POLICY**

**ADOPTION OF  
REVISIONS TO  
POLICIES (A)**

Mrs. Brown moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the adoption of the revisions to the following policies, as per attached:

Policy #008, Administrative Organization Plan/Attachment  
Policy #215, Promotion and Retention

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**FIRST READING OF  
NEW POLICY (B)**

Mrs. Brown moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the first reading of new Policy #307, Student Teachers/Interns, as recommended by PSBA and due to changes in the law, as per attached.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**FIRST READING OF  
REVISIONS TO  
POLICY (C)**

Mrs. Brown moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the first reading of the revisions to Policy #609, Investment of District Funds, as recommended by PSBA and due to changes in the law, as per attached.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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**STUDENT LIFE**

**VOLUNTEER FOR APPROVAL**

Mrs. Brown moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve Victoria Beck, East McKeesport, as a volunteer for the Music Department. Ms. Beck's clearances are on file.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**AGREEMENT**

Mrs. Brown moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the Agreement in Lieu of Expulsion for Student S, as per attached.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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**PERSONNEL**

**FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE REQUEST GREEN VALLEY AIDE (A)**

Mrs. Brown moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Lisa Tuscan, Green Valley Aide, for a Family Medical Leave to care for a family member, on a flexible basis. Mrs. Tuscan is requesting the FMLA be on an as-needed basis upon medical certification.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**UNPAID LEAVE REQUEST (B)**

Mrs. Brown moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Jennifer Alfieri, Green Valley First Grade Teacher, for five (5) unpaid days for the remaining 2014-2015 school year to be taken as needed for illness. Mrs. Alfieri further requests approval and ratification of the two (2) unpaid days taken on January 28, 2015 and January 29, 2015.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**AMEND UNPAID LEAVE REQUEST (C)**

Mrs. Brown moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Jennifer Smith, High School Instructional Coach, to amend her unpaid day request for April 24, 2015 from a half day to a full day. Her half day request was approved on March 9, 2015.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**UNPAID LEAVE REQUEST (D)**

Mrs. Brown moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Ashley Humberston, Green Valley Second Grade Teacher, for an unpaid leave for May 21, 2015 and May 22, 2015. Mrs. Humberston plans to use two (2) personal days in conjunction with this unpaid leave.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**UNPAID LEAVE REQUEST (E)**

Mrs. Brown moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Lauren Demsey, Green Valley Art Teacher, for an unpaid leave for the following dates: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 through Friday, June 19, 2015 and Monday, June 22, 2015 through Wednesday, June 24, 2015, a total of six (6) unpaid days. Ms. Demsey plans to use her two (2) personal days in conjunction with this leave (Monday, June 15 and Tuesday, June 16, 2015).

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**PERSONNEL**

**HIRING OF  
COACHES (F)**

Mrs. Brown moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board hire the following individuals as coaches in the respective sports:

Delcie Brown	Head 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Softball Coach
Susan Simko	Assistant 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Softball Coach
Christopher Liptak	Assistant 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Track Coach

All three are on staff at Green Valley or Logan MS.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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**FEDERAL PROGRAMS  
REPORT:**

**March 3, 2015**

Review PIMS/PVASS reporting requirements for Title teachers. (1.0)

**March 4, 2015**

Review monthly population reports. (.5)

**March 5, 2015**

Complete Federal Programs Report (1.0)

**March 6, 2015**

Review Feb. homeless report, discuss reporting requirements with secretary. (1.0)

**March, 12, 2015**

Review school compacts and parent involvement polices, prepare for spring meeting conversation. (1.0)

**March 13, 2015**

Begin Planning for Spring Parent Involvement Meeting. Review with staff (1.5)

**March 14, 2015**

Attend Federal Programs Academy (3.5)

**March 18, 2015**

Review wiki spaces power point from FPA meeting (3.0)

**March 19, 2015**

Review the new Federal Monitor system for LEA and Title 1 schools.

**March 20, 2015**

Review building consolidation and Title 1 issues. (1.0)

**March 23, 2015**

Begin PD needs assessment review (1.0)

**March 24, 2015**

Attend Title 1 Meaningful Consultation meeting at the AIU (3.0)

**March 26, 2015**

Review Parent Involvement talk to Mrs. Saccamango on increasing involvement of parents (1.0)

**March 27, 2015**

Complete monthly Personnel Activity Reports for split-time federal employees. (1.0)

**March 28, 2015**

Meeting with Cindy McCoy discuss spring parent meeting purchases (1.0)

Explore Parent developmental trainings and workshops for upcoming school year. (2.5)

**March 30, 2015**

Develop staff meeting agenda (1.0)

Develop parent involvement survey for spring meeting. (2.0)

**March 31, 2015**

Conduct Title 1 Staff meeting (1.0)

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

Ms. Hensler asked Mr. Mac Fann if the calendar of end of the school year events is ready. The year-end schedule to be provided to the Board soon.

Mr. Pearsol directed Ms. Valicenti and the Athletic Director to send letters to all persons using our field stating our expectations on the upkeep of the field, as well as repairs if needed because we put a lot of money into the fields.

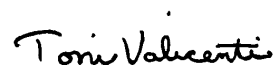
**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion to adjourn at 8:08 p.m.

Toni Valicenti



Board Secretary

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**HEAR FROM THE CITIZENS**

Brenda Stewart, North Versailles – Head Basketball Coach