

**EAST ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2015**

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board went into Executive Session from 6:32 to 7:21 p.m. for Personnel and Legal Matters.

**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 7:21 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

**ROLL CALL**

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

ABSENT: Mrs. Brown (III).

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Mr. Mac Fann, Ms. Valicenti.

Solicitor: Mr. Beisler.

**STUDENT  
REPRESENTATIVES**

Chamari Willis, Junior Rep. to be elected

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF AUGUST 10, 2015**

Mrs. Gates moved and Mr. Pearsol seconded the motion approving the minutes of the regular school board meeting of August 10, 2015.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT**

Nutrition Inc. awarded a \$400 scholarship to be given to a high school senior.

**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**

Ms. Hensler moved and Mr. Pearsol seconded the motion to resume the regular order of business.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Thank you card for the Board's expression of sympathy from the Hensler family.

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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>Absent.</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)**

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	-----	\$ 485,274.48
GF Batch 3	-----	\$ 232,122.01
GF Batch 98*	-----	\$ 47,293.45

\* Batch 98 – Charter Schools

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**PURCHASE ORDERS  
APPROVAL (D)**

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

General Fund	-----	\$ 52,324.28
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The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**BUDGET & FINANCE**

**CAFETERIA BILLS  
FOR PAYMENT (E)**

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 \$11,507.29.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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

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:

Title I 14-15	-----	\$43,489.61
Title II Part A 14-15	-----	\$0.00

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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**CURRICULUM**

**APPROVAL OF  
2015-2016 DISTRICT  
GUIDANCE PLAN (A)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the 2015-2016 District Guidance Plan, as per attached. We are required to develop this plan as outlined by PA Chapter 339 and have it Board approved each year.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from the Girl Scout LIFT program for the Girl Scout Junior/Senior High School Lift group to visit Churchview Farms, Baldwin, PA on Thursday, October 1, 2015, leaving school at 1:30 p.m. The students would return in time for the 5:30 activity bus. Students will see various farm activities and participate in an edible art project.  
COST TO THE DISTRICT: None.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Debbie Bacco-Wicker, District Gifted Teacher, to attend the Gifted Boot Camp to provide an overview of the requirements of Chapter 16 instruction, as per Dr. Howell, at the Allegheny Intermediate Unit, Homestead, PA on Tuesday, September 29, 2015.  
COST TO THE DISTRICT: None.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**CURRICULUM**

**WORKSHOP REQUEST  
MOON TOWNSHIP, PA (D)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Emilia Peiffer, High School Guidance Counselor, to attend the College Board Workshop at Robert Morris University, Moon Township, PA on Tuesday, September 22, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Mrs. Peiffer will be provided with information regarding all of the changes to the SAT and PSAT testing.  
COST TO THE DISTRICT: None.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**FIELD TRIP REQUEST  
WEST MIFFLIN, PA (E)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Emilia Peiffer, High School Guidance Counselor, and 40-50 students to visit CCAC South Campus, West Mifflin, PA for the Mon Valley Diversity College Fair on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.  
COST TO THE DISTRICT: None – CCAC will fund \$100 and the remaining \$66 will be donated by AKS Transportation.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Emilia Peiffer, High School Guidance Counselor, to attend the Annual Counselor's Breakfast at Penn State, Greater Allegheny, McKeesport, PA on Friday, October 16, 2015 from 8:30 – 11:00 a.m.  
COST TO THE DISTRICT: None.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the request from Emilia Peiffer and Cheryl Ihnat, Junior/Senior High School Guidance Counselors, to attend the Allegheny County Counselor Association meetings, Pittsburgh, PA on the following dates:  
October 30, 2015 – Mrs. Peiffer  
December, Date TBA – Mrs. Ihnat  
February, Date TBA – Mrs. Peiffer  
April, Date TBA – Mrs. Ihnat  
COST TO THE DISTRICT: None.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**CURRICULUM**

**APPROVE GIFTED  
ACADEMIC EVENTS (H)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the Gifted Program’s academic events as per the list below. All activities are through the ESSPA Consortium. Participation will only be in those events that many students express an interest. It is anticipated that there will be the same participation as last year.

COST TO THE DISTRICT: Transportation for each event attended.

<b><u>District</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Grade Level</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
South Allegheny	Academic Endeavors	Middle School	Oct-15
South Allegheny	Academic Endeavors	High School	Oct-15
East Allegheny	Vocal	Middle School	10/21/2015
East Allegheny	Vocal	High School	10/22/2015
Heinz History Ctr.	History Bowl	Middle School	10/29/2015
Springdale	Creative Convention	Middle School	Oct-15
Springdale	Creative Convention	High School	Oct-15
Franklin Regional	Calculusolve	High School	Nov-15
Hempfield Area	Word Master	Middle School	Nov-15
Franklin Regional	Public Speaking	High School	Nov-15
Hempfield Area	Word Master	High School	Dec-15
Greensburg Salem	Calculusolve	Middle School	Dec-15
Hempfield Area (Harold)	Geography Bowl	Middle School	Dec-15
Hempfield Area	Geography Bowl	High School	Dec-15
Carnegie Science Center	Science Bowl	Middle School	1/28/2016
Franklin Regional	Public Speaking	Middle School	Feb-16
Woodland Hills	Equations	High School	Feb-16
Woodland Hills	Equations	Middle School	Feb-16
McKeesport	Mr. President	High School	Feb-16
McKeesport	Mr. President	Middle School	Feb-16
Plum	Chess	Middle School	Feb-16
Plum	Chess	High School	Feb-16
Kiski (NO BUS NEEDED) Send in mail	Creative Writing	High School	Feb-16
Kiski	Creative Writing	Middle School	Feb-16
East Allegheny	Robotech	High School	2/25/2016
East Allegheny	Robotech	Middle School	2/26/2016
Steel Valley	Science Bowl	Middle School	Mar-16
Gateway	Art Competition	Middle School	Spring
Gateway	Art Competition	High School	TBD
Greensburg Salem	Propaganda	Middle School	Mar-16
West Mifflin	Academic Challenge	High School	Mar-16
Hempfield (McKeesport)	Science Bowl	High School	Apr-16
Greensburg Salem (Woodland Hills)	Propaganda	High School	Apr-16
East Allegheny	Duo Drama	Middle School	5/5/2016
East Allegheny	Duo Drama	High School	5/6/2016
East Allegheny	Academic Challenge	Middle School	5/20/2016

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**POLICY**

**FIRST READING OF  
REVISIONS TO  
POLICIES**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the first reading of the revisions to the following policies, due to the consolidation of schools, as per attached:

Policy #204, Attendance  
Policy #218, Student Discipline  
Policy #221, Dress and Grooming  
Policy #235, Student Rights and Responsibilities  
Policy #237, Electronic Devices  
Policy #249, Anti-Bullying  
Policy #802, School Organization

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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**STUDENT LIFE**

**VOLUNTEERS  
FOR APPROVAL (A)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the following list of volunteers for the marching band program. All clearances are on file.

Terri Balogh	Jocelyn Jurisic
Courtney Brant	Debra Kresich
Joseph Brocco	Kayla Miller
Patricia Brocco	Stephanie Minnich
Casey Carreiro	Andrea Nicholson
Barbara Coy	Diane Rayman
Jacqueline Ford	Lawrence Spahr
Jennifer Foscoe	Lori Spahr
Francine Hazzard	Shawn Mehaffey

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**VOLUNTEERS  
FOR APPROVAL (B)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the following list of parent volunteers for the football program:

Angela Balana  
George Bucar\*  
Heather Bucar\*  
John Moritz  
Kristel Moritz  
Anthony Oto\*  
Theresa Oto\*  
Amy Sarti\*  
Jessica Scott\*

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

\* Pending approval and receipt of all clearances

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**PERSONNEL**

**RETIREMENT OF  
TEACHER (A)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the retirement of Sandra McCurdy, Eighth Grade Mathematics Teacher, effective June 24, 2015, and in accordance with the agreement between the East Allegheny Board of School Directors and the East Allegheny Education 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 Sandra McCurdy, Eighth Grade Mathematics Teacher, gave to the school district and that such recognition and appreciation on behalf of the Board be made known to Mrs. McCurdy and filed as a matter of public record.*

Further ratify the posting of this position.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**REASSIGNMENT OF  
PROFESSIONAL STAFF (B)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the reassignment of professional staff members as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>From Position</b>	<b>To Position</b>	<b>Location</b>
James Comunale	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Science	High School Science	EAJSHS
Brian Ferek	MS Physical Education	High School Alternative Education	EAJSHS
Christopher Morrone	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Mathematics	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Mathematics	EAJSHS
Jennifer Smith	Instructional Coach	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Mathematics	EAJSHS
Maria Zarod	District Reading Coach	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Science	EAJSHS

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**REASSIGNMENT OF  
SUPPORT STAFF (C)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board approve the reassignment of support staff members as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>To Position</b>
Lisa Bellante	Logan Elementary Aide
Toni Farris	EAJSHS Aide with Ms. Dawn Price
Kerry Hensler	Logan Elementary Daylight #2 Group I Custodian
Marcus McCullough	EAJSHS Daylight #2 Group I Custodian
Joseph Drakulic	EAJSHS Area D – 3-11:30 p.m. Group I Custodian

Further authorize the posting of the Logan Area #3 – Tan Second Floor position.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**PERSONNEL**

**RESIGNATION OF COACHES (D)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board accept the resignation of the following coaches from the respective positions:

Erick Barron	Head MS Football Coach
Jawan Bryant	Assistant Varsity Football Coach
Michael Osiecki Sr.	Assistant Girls MS Basketball Coach & Assistant Girls Varsity Basketball Coach

Further ratify the posting of the football positions and authorize the posting of the two basketball positions.

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**HIRING OF COACHES (E)**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Mrs. Koch seconded the motion as recommended by the Administration the Board ratify the hiring of the following athletic coaches in the respective positions (clearances are on file):

Joseph Belobrajdich	North Versailles	Assistant MS Boys Soccer Coach
Dennis Edwards	North Versailles	Assistant Varsity Boys Soccer Coach
Bill Sanders	Duquesne	Assistant MS Football Coach

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**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 the respective areas:

Renee Anderson	Irwin	Early Childhood PK-4
Jacqueline Hartwick	North Versailles	Food Service
Christine Rothrauff	Trafford	Mathematics 7-12
Marci Sacramento	North Versailles	Food Service

The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

**FEDERAL PROGRAMS REPORT:**

Submitted by  
Betsy D'Emidio  
For July and August 2015

I spent several days each week with Mrs. McCoy to cover procedures, regulations and expectations for Title 1 and Title II Part A for the 2015 – 2016. Starting as a new Federal Programs Coordinator for the new school year, there were a number of items that we needed to meet about to make sure that we would be in compliance with the Federal Regulations.

We talked about a meeting date with the Title I staff to explain my expectations for the school year and get any feedback from them as to how we might improve our program and reach out to more parents for parent participation and involvement. I sent an email to the Title I staff informing them of our first meeting, which will be on Friday, September 11, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. I asked them to do some brainstorming for ideas that can be used for a parent/student kickoff meeting. I would like the parent/student activity to take place in late October or early November.



The Title I staff have sent Mrs. McCoy several items of concern regarding the consolidation and how the Title I program will continue for the 15 – 16 school year. I informed the teachers that we would address all of their concerns, questions and issues at our meeting on September 11<sup>th</sup>. We will also establish a start-up date for the Title I classes.

Mrs. McCoy sent documentation to PDE informing them that I will now be the new Federal Programs Coordinator. The regional coordinator sends a Federal Programs to-do list, which I will continue to work with Mrs. McCoy to make sure we are up-to-date with the reports and other items needed for each month. For August Mrs. McCoy and I met to address the items on the “to do list” such as the Parent Right to Know letters, Principal Attestation form, and configuration of a school building which was due to School Services Unit by August 15<sup>th</sup>.

We discussed the split funding reports that are required by any Title I staff that does not get paid 100% from Federal Funds. Those staff members that will do reports/journals are Mrs. Hawkins and me. Mrs. McCoy explained that any Title I teacher that is asked to cover a class other than Title I must also complete a journal for those times and the district is then required to pay/reimburse Federal Programs for the time the Title I teacher covers a class. She also explained that Title I teachers are not permitted to do more duties than that of a classroom teacher due to Title I Federal Regulations.

Once school begins, we will start to complete the items that need to be addressed for September. Mrs. McCoy will also go over the process of completing the e-Grant for each Federal Program.

As a new coordinator, I will begin New Federal Programs Coordinator Training at AIU 3 monthly beginning in September.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

Ms. Hensler wanted to make the Board aware of a television program she watched over The weekend called “thinkitup.org”, which had contests for grades 7-12, including super school, X & O’s, whimsy, math and science. She will get the information on this to Mr. Mac Fann.

Mrs. Eichler echoed the sentiments of Mr. Meredith regarding bringing back the DART program. She acknowledged the steadfastness of the administration and Board to get the class back up and running at Logan.

Mrs. Eichler asked if there were any legal ramifications in the AKS contract that they can be held accountable for any damages that have been incurred by parents and students. The safety of the students always come first to the Board and Administration.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Dr. Miller said that when the teachers’ contract was approved on August 10, 2015, he was away on vacation. He requested it be recorded in the minutes that he would have voted yes to approve the contract.

**ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS:**

Mrs. Eichler read her letter of resignation from the School Board. Mr. Beisler, Solicitor, asked for a motion and roll call. Mr. Pearsol moved and Mrs. Gates seconded the motion to accept Mrs. Roxanne Eichler’s letter of resignation from the East Allegheny Board of School Directors and make her letter a matter of record in the minutes.

**ROLL CALL**

On a roll call vote, the following members voted Yes: Gates, Hensler, Koch, McCullough, Miller, Pearsol, Volpe. No: None. Abstain: Eichler. Absent: Brown.

Yes 8  
No 0  
Abstain 1

The motion was passed.

Mr. Beisler, Solicitor, asked for a motion to advertise for letters of interest for the Board vacancy. Mr. Pearsol moved and Ms. Hensler seconded the motion to advertise in the Daily News, the newspaper of record, for letters of interest for Region 3 Board vacancy, which will be due to the Director of Fiscal Affairs by September 30, 2015.

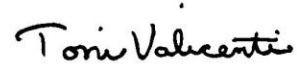
The motion was passed, no dissenting votes.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Pearsol moved and Dr. Miller seconded the motion to adjourn at 7:58 p.m.

Toni Valicenti



Board Secretary

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**HEAR FROM THE CITIZENS**

Allison Kieler, 408 Lawrence Avenue, North Versailles – Buses

Bridget Clark, 3102 Brown Place, North Versailles – Bus

Michael Paradine, 514 St. George Drive, North Versailles – Finances (A. Eichler possible pay adjustment)

Erik Meredith, 924 Pittsburgh Street, North Versailles – DART, Bus Radios, Communication