

Highlands School Board Meeting Highlights

August 15, 2011 School Board Meeting

NOTE: This Board Highlights document includes the actions of the School Board Meeting. It is not meant to be an exact reflection of the meeting's minutes.

ROLL CALL – Six board members present. **Mr. Eric Miles, Mr. William Heasley and Mrs. Laura Thimons** were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Board approved the minutes of the July 11, 2011 Special Meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – No report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Joseph Latess reported the following:

- Highlands High School received a \$9,400 grant from The Grable Foundation for a robotics engineering project in the technology course instructed by Mr. John Malobicky. The grant was awarded in support of the STEAM program, which focuses on Sciences, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics.
- Fawn Primary Center, Fairmount Primary Center and Grandview Upper Elementary School hosted Family Orientations the week of August 22 to welcome students and their families into the buildings to ease the transition many students will experience this year.
- Bussing assignments will be mailed this week.

ASSISTANT TO THE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Patrick Graczyk reported the following:

- Teachers and administrators participated in a co-teaching training seminar this month with representatives from the Allegheny Intermediate Unit. Co-teaching utilizes a classroom teacher and a special education teacher to assist students of various learning types and levels that are in the same class. This program was piloted at Grandview Elementary School last year and will be district-wide this year.

The School Board unanimously approved the following items:

CAFETERIA – **Mrs. Wantland, Mrs. Wisner**

No report.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES – **Mrs. Thimons, Mrs. Wisner**

The Board approved the Student Activities Fund Financial Report for June 2011, as submitted.

The Board approved the 2011-2012 Activity Sponsors, as submitted.

INSTRUCTION – **Mrs. Wisner, Mrs. Wantland**

The Board approved the Allegheny Intermediate Unit Educational Services Agreement, as submitted.

The Board approved June 9, 2012 as the Highlands School District Kennywood Picnic.

TRANSPORTATION – **Mr. Heasley, Mr. Lang**

No report.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Mr. Heasley, Mrs. Fox

The Board approved the use of facilities, as submitted.

The Board approved the 12th Congressional Recreation Company to repair the Grandview Upper Elementary School Wall in the amount of \$20,761.11, payable from the Bond issue.

The Board authorized the sale of the two Modular Classrooms.

The Board approved the lease agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for office space at Heights Early Childhood Center, as submitted.

PERSONNEL – Mrs. Fox, Mr. Miles

The Board approved the Substitute Salary rates for the 2011-2012 school year, as submitted.

The Board approved the 2011-2012 Substitute Teacher Call List, as submitted. As per Board Policy #405 (Pre-Employment Drug Test) #414, Act 34, Act 151, and FBI Criminal Record Check).

The Board approved the 2011-2012 Substitute Custodian Call List, as submitted. As per Board Policy #505 (Pre-Employment Drug Test) #514, Act 34, Act 151, and FBI Criminal Record Check).

The Board approved the 2011-2012 Substitute School Nurse Call List, as submitted. As per Board Policy #405 (Pre-Employment Drug Test) #414, Act 34, Act 151, and FBI Criminal Record Check).

The Board approved the 2011-2012 Substitute Secretary Call List, as submitted. As per Board Policy #505 (Pre-Employment Drug Test) #514, Act 34, Act 151, and FBI Criminal Record Check).

The Board approved the 2011-2012 Substitute Aide Call List, as submitted. As per Board Policy #505 (Pre-Employment Drug Test) #514, Act 34, Act 151, and FBI Criminal Record Check).

The Board approved the appointment of the 2011-201 School Year Department Chairpersons, Team Leaders and Grade Level Leaders, as submitted.

The Board accepted the resignation of **Pearl Jones**, Teacher's Aide, effective August 31, 2011.

The Board approved the hiring of the following personnel, as per Board Policy #405 (Pre-Employment Drug Test) #414, Act 34, Act 151, and FBI Criminal Record Check):

Zachary Wells

Marketing Teacher, High School

Step 1

Effective August 29, 2011

The Board approved the creation of an **ISS Monitor** position to be shared between the Middle and High School at an annual salary of \$15,600 for 180 days.

The Board approved the creation of an Autistic Support Classroom and approved staffing, as needed.

The Board approved the HEA Sick Day Incentive for the 2011-2012 school year, as submitted.

The Board approved the Settlement Agreement relating to litigation filed in the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania at CA 11-0153 upon recommendation of the Solicitor and further to authorize the proper officers of the District to execute the Settlement Agreement.

The Board approved the Permanent Professional Contracts t the following teacher, in accordance with Pennsylvania School Code (three years of Satisfactory Performance at the Highlands School District):

- A. Erdeljac, Jessica**
Elementary Teacher
- B. Robinson, Sarah**
Elementary Teacher
- C. Pastorek, Kristen**
Secondary Teacher
- D. Helgert, Joshua**
Secondary Teacher
- E. Broadbent, Daniel**
Secondary Teacher

The Board approved the recall of the following Behavior Specialists for the Therapeutic Classrooms:

- A. Jason Ballard**
Effective August 29, 2011
Salary: \$32,256
- A. Jeff Karaica**
Effective August 29, 2011
Salary: \$32,256

FINANCE/TAX – Mr. Miles, Mrs. Thimons

The Board approved the Treasurer's Report for June 2011, as submitted and subject to audit.

The Board approved Tax Refunds for March 2011 in the amount of \$3,295.02, as submitted.

The Board approved payment of General Fund bills, as submitted.

June 2011 to be ratified	\$ 1,413,397.26
July 2011 to be ratified	\$ 405,097.64
August 2011 to be paid	<u>\$ 183,115.50</u>
TOTAL	\$2,001,610.40

The Board approved the Bond Issue Report, as submitted.

The Board approved acknowledgement for the PA Department of Education that Plancon Part K has been accepted and approved for the 2010 refinancing issues and is entered into these Board minutes:

- 2002 old lease number 022716, new refunding lease number 102716

- 2003 old lease number 032716, new refunding lease number 103716
- 2004 old lease number 052716, new refunding lease number 104716

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH – Mrs. Wantland, Mrs. Fox, Mr. Krzton, Mrs. Thimons
HELP HIGHLANDS REDERS WITH THE UNITED WAY!**

Highlands School District and the United Way are teaming up to help kids succeed in school by supporting The Education Challenge! We need you to help us improve Allegheny County's 4-Year Cohort Graduation Rates by tutoring, mentoring, reading or inspiring students in our area and in our county. The Education Challenge aims to help Allegheny County kids read better, learn more, achieve goals, be better prepared and feel great about their futures, their skills and themselves! Read more about how to get involved at www.GoldenRams.com.

SALVATION ARMY HOSTS BACK TO SCHOOL BASH!

Parents can register their students for the third annual Back to School Bash being hosted by the Allegheny Valley Salvation Army in Brackenridge. The Back to School Bash will be held August 0, 2011 from 10 am to 1 pm at 97 Brackenridge Ave. All families with school-age children are welcomed to attend. Parents must register children in order to attend the event. Call 724-224-6310 ext 2 or ext. 4 to register.

FORBES ROAD CTC – Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Beale

No report.

PSBA/NSBA – Mr. Krzton

The Board appointed two Voting Members, Liaisons for PSBA. **Mrs. Debbie Beale** and **Mrs. Carrie Fox** will represent Highlands.

POLICY – Mr. Krzton, Mr. Lang, Mrs. Wantland

The Board approved the first reading and waived the second reading of the following policy:

- 210 – Use of Medications

ATHLETICS – Mr. Lang, Mr. Heasley, Mr. Krzton

The Board approved the Athletic Fund Report for May, June and July 2011, as submitted.

The Board approved the hiring of **Robert Rubal** as Substitute Athletic Trainer at a cost of \$500.00 per week.

The Board approved the hiring of the following athletic personnel for the 2010-2011 school year, in accordance with Board Policy #404 (Pre-Employment Drug Test), #414, Act 34, Act 151, and FBI Record Check (Salary as per Board/HEA Collective Bargaining Agreement.):

Name	Position
Kirin, Tyler	Varsity Girls Tennis Coach
Choma, Michael	Vol. Varsity FB Statistician/Manager
Meyer, Greg	Varsity Girls Soccer Coach
Snyder, Candice	MS Girls Soccer Coach
Nowicki, Chris	Gr. 7/8 Football Coach
Mosovsky, Rita	Ticket Seller/Taker – FB – MS & HS
Swaney, Pat	Ticket Seller/Taker – FB – MS & HS
Moxie, Mary Ann	Ticket Seller/Taker – FB – MS & HS

Stawinski, Pam	Ticket Seller/Taker – FB – MS & HS
Foster, Selena	Ticket Seller/Taker – FB – MS & HS
Glaister, Stephanie	Ticket Seller/Taker – FB – MS & HS
Mack, Janet	Ticket Seller/Taker – FB – MS & HS
Motosicky, Jennifer	Ticket Seller/Taker – FB – MS & HS
Woods, Antoinette	Ticket Seller/Taker – FB – MS & HS
Foster, Michael	Ticket Seller/Taker – FB – MS & HS
Eckenrod, Mindy	Ticket Seller/Taker – FB – MS & HS
Thimons, Rose	Ticket Seller – Soccer
Glaister, Stephanie	Ticket Seller – Soccer
Helgert, Maria	Ticket Seller – Volleyball
Holliday, Joe	Announcer – FB
Stabile, Tom	Timekeeper – FB / Soccer
Corso, Dominic	Timekeeper – FB / Soccer
Karaica, Jeff	Equipment Manager*
Wesolowski, Tom	Volleyball Coach

**The Board voted to table this vote. Mrs. Wantland recommended that this position be voluntary or absorbed into Athletic Director duties due to the budget crisis.*

TECHNOLOGY – Mrs. Thimons, Mr. Miles

No report.

MISCELLANEOUS

The School Board will hold a meeting on Monday, April 4, 2011 at the Highlands High School library to discuss budget items. This meeting is open to the public. The School Board will also hold an Executive Session.

2011 Highlands School Board Members

Debbie Beale – President

Carrie Fox – Vice President

Laura Thimons William Heasley

Ron Lang William Krzton

Eric Miles Karen Wantland

Judy Wisner