

Highlands School Board Meeting Highlights

August 16, 2010 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 – All board members present.

PERSONNEL – Mrs. Debbie Beale notified the public of an Executive Session preceding the beginning of the regular meeting. Due to this session, Mrs. Beale requested moving to the Personnel portion of the agenda first.

The board unanimously approved an appointment of **Dr. Joseph Latess** to the Superintendent position for a term of three years with a two-year extension following the conclusion of the first year, effective August 1, 2010.

The board unanimously approved the contract agreement between the district and **Dr. Latess** to serve as Superintendent as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - The Board approved the minutes of the June 21, 2010 Regular Meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – **Mr. Jon Rupert** reported that the district received an A+ rating in the Standard & Poor's report for financial standings. This is an improvement from last year's rating of A.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT – No report.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – **Dr. Joe Latess** reported the following: Congratulations to the Middle School which has been approved to receive an \$8,999 Highmark Healthy High 5 School Challenge Grant. The Grant will be used to help outfit the school's Wellness Center. Special thanks to **Jeff Pollick**, **Kristen Pastorek**, and **Mike Zendarski** for their work on this grant.

Congratulations to **Mrs. Sandy Reidmiller** (High School Librarian) for being awarded a \$2,000 grant from Target to assist with a program to promote literacy and teach vocabulary. I know Sandy worked very hard to write and receive this grant and I commend her for her dedication and work.

We are pleased to announce that all schools in our district met AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) based on student PSSA scores. This is a tremendous accomplishment for our district. Our staff and students should be commended for this outstanding accomplishment.

The board unanimously approved the following items:

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

The board approved the Cafeteria Fund Financial Report, as submitted.

The board approved the payment of Cafeteria Fund bills, as submitted.

The board approved the purchase of a new dishwasher for the High School Cafeteria in accordance with state bid requirements.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES – Mrs. Thimons, Mrs. Wisner

The board approved the Student Activities Fund Financial Report, as submitted.

The board approved the purchase of Middle School Cheerleading Uniforms in the amount of \$2,924.50, as budgeted.

The board approved the 2010-2011 Student Activity Sponsors, as submitted.

INSTRUCTION – Mrs. Wisner, Mrs. Wantland

No report.

TRANSPORTATION – Mr. Heasley, Mr. Lang

No report.

The board approved 2 Activity Buses for the 2010-2011 school year. All cost will be reimbursable.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Mr. Heasley, Mrs. Fox

The board approved the use of facilities, as submitted.

The board approved awarding district-wide carpeting bid to Franklin Interiors in the amount of \$14,897.45, as budgeted and in compliance with specifications.

The board approved accepting Gym Floor refinishing proposal for the High School from Miller Flooring, Inc., as submitted, in accordance with state contract #AEPA-08-R500-PA and performance bond.

The board tabled appointing HHSDR as the District Architect as per proposal.

- *Mrs. Wantland, Mrs. Wisner and Mr. Heasley voted "no".*

PERSONNEL – Mrs. Fox, Mr. Miles

The board approved the 2010-2011 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 2010-2011 Substitute School Nurse Call List, as submitted. As per Board Policy #505 (Pre-Employment Drug Test) #414, Act 34, Act 151, and FBI Criminal Record Check).

The board approved the 2010-2011 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 2010-2011 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 ratifying the 2010-2011 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 2010-2011 Substitute Security Guard 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 2010-2011 School Year Department Chairpersons, Team Leaders, and Grade Level Leaders, as submitted.

The board approved the appointment of **Lisa M. Ray** as Treasurer for the 2010-2011 school year, in accordance with the Pennsylvania School Code.

The board approved ratifying the resignation of **Danielle Baldige**, District Attendance Officer, effective August 6, 2010.

The board approved accepting the resignation of **Aaron Kessler**, High School Chemistry Teacher, effective August 31, 2010.

The board approved ratifying the employment of the following individuals that worked the 2009-2010 ESY Program:

- **Christina Miller** – Teacher
- **Rebecca Leasure** – Aide
- **Carrie Taraszweski** - Aide

The board approved authorizing the recall of **Beth Brancato** if district kindergarten enrollment reaches 22 students per class.

The board approved authorizing the recall of **Catherine McCue** as High School Chemistry Teacher.

The board approved **Pat Tigano** as Elementary Guidance Counselor, contingent upon all necessary certifications (eliminating 1 social worker position).

The board approved an HEA Sick Day Incentive for the 2010-2011 school year.

The board approved Substitute Salary rates for the 2010-2011 school year.

The board approved hiring 4 AmeriCorps employees at a cost of \$10,000 per person.

FINANCE/TAX – Mr. Miles, Mrs. Thimons

The board approved the Treasurer's Report for May and June 2010, as submitted and subject to audit.

The board approved approving Tax Refunds for July and August 2010, as submitted.

June to be ratified	\$843.01
August to be paid	\$262.84
TOTAL	\$1,105.85

The board approved payment of General Fund bills for June, July and August 2010, as submitted.

June to be ratified	\$704,465.91
July to be ratified	\$556,747.21
August to be paid	\$228,510.18

TOTAL \$1,489,723.36

The board approved payment of 2007 Bond Issue bills in the amount of \$1,006,195.29, as submitted.

The board approved the appointment of Investment Bankers (Janney Montgomery) and Bond Counsel (Chris Brewer) to refinance district's bonds.

The board approved a resolution authorizing said parties to refinance district bonds at a minimum net savings of \$580,000 to district, which shall be advertised to the public.

The board approved resolution authorizing District and administration to authorize a Tax Revenue Anticipation Note with PNC Bank if needed for the 2010-2011 school year.

The board approved liability coverage for identity theft, network security, and privacy protection (\$500,000 liability) for \$4,503.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH – Mrs. Wantland, Mrs. Fox, Mr. Krzton, Mrs. Thimons

No report.

FORBES ROAD CTC – Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Beale

Mrs. Fox reported that Forbes students will return to the center on August 25, 2010 for the first day of school.

PSBA/NSBA – Mrs. Wisner

No report.

The board authorized approving **Mrs. Wisner** and **Mrs. Beale** as PSBA voting representatives and/or authorized absentee voters.

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

No report.

The board approved waiving first reading and approving second reading of the following policies:

204 – Attendance

213 – Assessment of Student Progress

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

The board approved the Athletic Fund Report for June and July 2010, as submitted.

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
Johnson, Susan	Ticket Seller (FB)
Mosovsky, Rita	Ticket Seller (FB)
Swaney, Pat	Ticket Seller (FB)
Moxie, Mary Ann	Ticket Seller (FB)
Stawinski, Pam	Ticket Seller (FB)

Foster, Selena	Ticket Seller (FB)
Glaister, Stephanie	Ticket Seller (FB)
Mack, Janet	Ticket Seller (FB)
Motosicky, Jen	Ticket Seller (FB)
Polcha, Nick	Ticket Seller (FB)
Foster, Michael	Usher (FB)
Stabile, Tom	Timekeeper/ Fall Sports
Zendarski, Mike	Timekeeper/ Fall Sports
Thimons, Rose	Ticket Seller/ Boys & Girls Soccer
Newell, Scott	7 th & 8 th Gr. Asst. FB Coach
Elliott, Beau	9 th Gr. FB Coach
Negley, Bob	Asst. 9 th Gr. FB Coach
Kirin, Tyler	Girls Tennis Coach
Ziemianski, Meghan	7 th & 8 th Gr. Girls Basketball Coach
Wislie, Lindsey	Girls JV Soccer Coach

TECHNOLOGY – Mrs. Thimons, Mr. Miles

No report.

MISCELLANEOUS

The board approved the motion to authorize Solicitor to file an appeal of the decision of the Commonwealth Court in Trib Total Media, Inc. v. Highlands School District at No. 1588 C.D. 2009 including a Petition for Reconsideration and a Petition for Allowance of Appeal at no additional cost to the School District.

- *Mrs. Wisner voted "No".*

Solicitor **Mr. Ira Weiss** thanked the board for their support and said he will file this appeal at no cost to the district, and to the Supreme Court if necessary.

2010 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