

Highlands School Board Meeting Highlights

December 2, 2008 School Board Reorganization Meeting

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APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON – The Board appointed **Mr. Ron Misejka** as temporary chairperson.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT – The Board voted **Mrs. Debbie Beale** as School Board President with a vote of 6-3 (Wantland, Wisner and Heasley voted "No").

ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT – The Board voted **Mrs. Carrie Fox** as School Board Vice President with a vote of 6-3 (Wantland, Wisner and Heasley voted "No").

APPOINTMENT OF PSBA LIAISON – The Board voted **Mrs. Laura Thimons** as PSBA Liaison with a vote of 6-3 (Wantland, Wisner and Heasley voted "No").

ELECTION OF FORBES ROAD CTC REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE – The Board unanimously voted **Mrs. Carrie Fox** as representative and Mrs. Debbie Beale as alternate.

SET DATE, TIME AND PLACE FOR AGENDA PLANNING AND REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS – The Board set Agenda Meetings for the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. and Regular Meetings for the third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. The meetings will be held in the High School Library from January to March and at the Community Center from April to December. Changes to the meetings will be advertised accordingly.

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December 2, 2008 School Board Agenda and Regular Board Meeting

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AGENDA ITEMS

Note: Mr. Ron Misejka absent from meeting.

CAFETERIA

No report.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

No report.

STUDENT DISCIPLINE

No report.

INSTRUCTION

No report.

TRANSPORTATION

No report.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

The Board unanimously approved the use of facilities, as submitted.

PERSONNEL

The Board voted unanimously on the following actions:

The Board approved the 2008-2009 Substitute Secretary Call List, as submitted, as per Board Policy #505 (Pre-Employment Drug Test), #514, Act 34, Act 151, and FBI Record Check.

The Board approved the Security Guard Hourly Rates effective July 1, 2008, as submitted.

The Board accepted the following requests for Leave of Absence, in accordance with Board/District policies:

Autumn Turk
1st Grade Teacher
Grandview Elementary

Family and Medical/Maternity Leave
Effective January 20, 2009 (tentative)

Darlene Smith – Ratify
Classroom Aide
High School
Family and Medical Leave
Effective December 2, 2008 – February 27, 2009

The Board approved the hiring of the following Classified Employees, in accordance with Board Policy #504 (Pre-Employment Drug Test), #515, Act 34, Act 151, and FBI Record Check:

Jennifer Scolaro – Replacement
Teacher's Aide
Effective December 8, 2008
Salary as per Aide/Secretary Salary Schedule

Mary Ann Cornuet – Ratify
Life Skills Aide – Replacement
Fawn Elementary
Effective November 25, 2008
Salary as per Aide/Secretary Salary Schedule

Rebecca Stauffer – Ratify
Teacher's Aide
Grandview Elementary
Effective November 20, 2008
Salary as per Aide/Secretary Salary Schedule

Kathleen Anusek
Secretary
Middle School
Effective December 15, 2008
Salary as per Aide/Secretary Salary Schedule

The Board approved the 5-year secretaries/aides contract.

FINANCE/TAX

Mr. John Rupert, Business Manager, reported that the Act 1/Preliminary Budget will be due Jan. 29, 2009. This is several days later than this year's budget was due since Act 1 requirements took effect.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Mrs. Carrie Fox reported that Tarentum will ~~ghost~~ host a "Christmas in the Park" event along River Avenue. The event, sponsored by the Tarentum Recreation Board and several businesses, will feature horse and cart rides, a visit with Santa Claus and a toy giveaway. It will be held from 2 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 13.

FORBES ROAD CTC

No report.

PSBA/NSBA

The Board voted to table the motion to approve the Superintendent Search Proposal with PSBA in the amount of \$10,000.00. It will research other venues of searches.

POLICY

The Board approved the first reading of the following policies:

- 505 – Employment of Substitute and Short-Term Employees
- 405 – Employment of Substitute Professional Employees
- 303 – Employment of Administrators
- 404 – Employment of Professional Employees
- 407 – Student Teachers
- 916 – School Volunteer
- 0006.1 – Attendance at Meetings via Electronic Communications

The Board approved the second reading of the following policy:

- 249 – Anti-Bullying Policy (Changes recommended by Solicitor's office)

ATHLETICS

The Board approved the hiring of the following athletic personnel for the 2008-2009 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.)

Basketball

Joshua Helgert	Ticket Seller/Boys Basketball
Kerry Kordes	Scorekeeper/Girls Basketball*
<i>*Lang voted "No."</i>	
Dawn Miller	Substitute Ticket Taker/Seller Girls and Boys Basketball
Nick Polcha	Substitute Ticket Taker/Seller Boys Basketball