Highlands School Board Meeting Highlights  
**June 21, 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 –** Mr. Ron Lang was absent.

*The Board unanimously approved the following items:*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES –** The Board approved the minutes of the May 17, 2010 Regular Meeting.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT –** No report.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT** – **Mr. Corey Negley** was absent and presented no report.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT** – **Dr. Louis J. Baldassare** noted the following achievements:

**Tom Stabile,** former teacher, football coach and Highlands Middle School principal, is being inducted into the WPIAL Hall of Fame on June 25, 2010.

At the Forbes Road CTC Certificate Ceremony in May several of Highlands students received awards and honors:

* **JJ Yeldowski** - Salutatorian, Klein Tools Outstanding Lab Work Award, Student of the Year
* **Joshua Tompkins** – Perfect Attendance, FBA 3rd Place Database Design & Application Award, and Student of the Year
* **Justin Woodward** – Perfect Attendance Award
* **Lindsay Huss** – Three Rivers Arts Festival 2010 Poster Contest Winner (her poster will be used to promote the festival this year.)
* 19 of our Highlands Seniors were awarded certificates.

The “Listening Services,” at the Middle School for the 2009-2010 school year.

* Made 185 contacts, which is 4.868 contact rate for each service day.
* Thank you to **Rev. Cameron Malcolm** for all of your services to our students and community.

**ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT** – **Dr. Joseph Latess** noted that Dr. Baldassare assisted him greatly in his first year in becoming familiar with the district and thanked him for his guidance and wished him the best of luck. He also previewed the presentations from High School Principal Tom Shirey and art teacher Teresa Emeloff.

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

The Board approved the Cafeteria Fund Financial Report for June 2010, as submitted.

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

**To be paid $84,813.60**

The Board approved increases of prices for the following items:

Breakfast – from $.85 to $1.00

Milk – from $.50 to $.60

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

The Board approved the Student Activities Fund Financial Report for May 2010, as submitted.

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

**Mr. Tom Shirey**, High School Principal, presented the S.T.E.M. (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) program, which is a special certification for students in high S.T.E.M. classes.

**Mrs. Teresa Emeloff,** High School Art teacher, presented the Artist-in-Residency program. [The PowerPoint can be viewed at goldenrams.com]

The Board approved the 2010-2011 AIU Educational Service Agreement, as submitted.

The Board approved adopting the following textbooks, as submitted:

* Physics, 7th Edition, Pearson Publishing, Honors Physics for the High School - $10,400.
* Physics: Principles and Problems, Glencoe/McGraw Hill Publishing for Academic Physics at High School - $5,356.
* Introduction to the Human Body, John Wiley and Sons Publishers for Anatomy and Physiology at the High School - $9,191.
* Deutsch Aktuell, EMC/Paradise Publishing, for German 1 and 2 at the High School – $16,000.
* Discovering French Bleu, Blanc, Rouge Holt Dougal Publishing for French 1-4 at the High School - $8,077.
* Mathematics, Course 2, Holt McDougal Publishing for 6th Grade Regular Math at the Middle School - $3,700.
* Mathematics, Course 4, Holt McDougal Publishing for Advanced Math and 7th Grade Pre-Algebra at the Middle School - $4,600.

*All textbooks are budgeted.*

**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 bidding for carpeting in needed areas throughout the district, as budgeted.

The Board approved a Letter of Support for the **Highlands Emergency Service Alliance** Fire Training Facility. H.E.S.A is authorized to include this letter with any grant application subject to the conditions contained in the letter.

**PERSONNEL – Mrs. Fox, Mr. Miles**

The Board approved the hiring of the following Classified Employee (In accordance with Board Policy #504 (Pre-employment Drug Test), #514, Act 34, Act 151, and FBI Record Check:

1. **Cassandra Artman**

Cook

Fairmount Elementary

1. **Leslie Klingensmith**

Cook

Middle School

1. **Laurie Sinclair**

Cook

Middle School

1. **Lynn Swartz**

Cook

High School

1. **Frederick Hanyo, Jr.**

Maintenance – Replacement

The Board approved ratifying the 2009-2010 Substitute School Nurse List, as submitted. As per Board Policy #405 (Pre-Employment Drug Test), #414, Act 34, Act 151, and FBI Record Check.

The Board approved the following requests for a Leave of Absence, in accordance with Board/HEA Collective Bargaining Agreement:

1. **Dawn K. Miller**

Art Teacher

Middle School

Family and Medical Leave of Absence

Effective August 23, 2010 through January 3, 2011

The Board approved the following 2010 Summer School program personnel:

**Title 1/Special Education Summer Program/Extended School Year**

Summer Special Education Programs occur at Fairmount Elementary and Highlands Middle School from July 6, 2010 – July 30, 2010. Teachers, Behavior Specialists and Nurses are paid at the contractual curriculum rate from ESY Funds/IDEA Funds and District Funds. Title 1 positions are paid from Title 1 funds.

**Title 1 Teachers**

**Chester, Rachel -** replacement

The Board approved the SEIU Memorandum of Understanding, as submitted.

The Board approved authorizing optional Vision Benefits for secretaries and aides to purchase at their full cost effective 7/1/2010.

The Board approved the hiring of the following summer workers, in accordance with Board Policy #505 (Pre-Employment Drug Test) Act 34, and Act 151:

**Buildings & Grounds - Alternates**

**Sturtevant, Timothy**

The Board approved ratifying the resignation with regret of **Autumn R. Turk** – 1st Grade Teacher, Grandview Elementary effective June 16, 2010.

The Board approved the motion to recall **Angela Stover**, Elementary Teacher, in accordance with the HEA Collective Bargaining Agreement.

The Board approved rejecting grievance #10-04.

The Board approved awarding Permanent Professional Contracts to the following teachers, in accordance with the Pennsylvania School Code (three years of Satisfactory Performance at the Highlands School District.)

1. **Jennifer Black**

Elementary Teacher

1. **Jaclyn Hock**

Elementary Teacher

1. **Patricia Burris**

Elementary Teacher

1. **William Celko**

Elementary Teacher

1. **Rebecca Galie**

Elementary Teacher

1. **Kelly Garner-Hirtz**

Elementary Teacher

1. **Tyler Kirin**

Secondary Teacher

1. **Adam Kostewicz**

Elementary Teacher

1. **John Millburn**

Secondary Teacher

1. **Lindsey Woods**

Secondary Teacher

1. **Scott Newell**

Elementary Teacher

1. **Nicholas Polcha**

Secondary Teacher

1. **Matthew Stiff**

Secondary Teacher

1. **Katie Stobert**

Elementary Teacher

1. **Kyra Winfield**

School Psychologist

1. **Melissa Klug**

Elementary Teacher

1. **Michael Zeiler**

Elementary Teacher

1. **Kelly Ziolkowski**

Elementary Teacher

1. **Bridgett Seery**

Secondary Teacher

**FINANCE/TAX – Mr. Miles, Mrs. Thimons**

The Board approved the Treasurer’s Report for April, as submitted and subject to audit.

The Board approved Tax Refunds for June 2010, as submitted.

**June to be paid $203.69**

The Board approved the payment of General Fund bills for June 2010, as submitted.

June to be ratified $ 644,109.47

June to be paid $1,909,520.29

**TOTAL $2,533,629.76**

The Board approved the payment of 2007 Bond Issue bills in the amount of $133,170, as submitted.

*\*Mrs. Wantland voted NO.*

The Board approved adopting the 2010-2011 budget in the amount of $38,809,365 as prescribed in Section 687 of the Public School Code, as submitted.

*\*Mrs. Wantland voted NO.*

The Board approved the following structure, in accordance with Section 672 of the Pennsylvania School Code, for the 2010-2011 school year:

24.41 Mills of Real Estate - $5.00 Regular Per Capita Tax

Act 511

$5.00 Per Capita Tax

Earned Income Tax ½%

The Board approved the following insurance programs for the 2010-2011 school year, in accordance with Section 513 of the School Code, as follows:

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| **Insurance** | **Company** |
| Paid-up Life | American General, Old Line Life, Aetna |
| Group Life | Aetna |
| Group Workers Comp | PSBA/Loynd & Linquist |
| District Property & Liability | PSBA/Loynd & Linquist |

The Board approved awarding the Allegheny Intermediate Unit Joint Purchasing bids and District Custodial bids for the 2010-2011 school year, as submitted.

The Board approved the resolution implementing Act 1 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion, with an estimated refund of $231 per Homestead, as submitted.

The Board approved all necessary budget transfers from the total independent audit reclassification, in accordance with Section 687 of the School Code.

The Board approved the acceptance of Brackenridge, Fawn, Harrison, and Tarentum Tax Collectors for 2009-2010 settlements, exonerate current collectors from further collection of 2009-2010 taxes, and direct that all unpaid taxes be turned over to the Delinquent Tax Collectors. The exonerations of these settlements are contingent upon the auditor’s review and recommendation in July of August 2010.

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

**Mrs. Wantland** discussed a $2,500 “Gift of Inspiration” from the National office of Furniture. She noted that the winner can choose to spend the money on anything and that anyone with an email address can register.

Mrs. Fox reported that the Summer Concert Series has been scheduled by the Tarentum Recreation Board. Find a complete listing on the Tarentum Borough website, [www.TarentumBoro.com](http://www.TarentumBoro.com).

**FORBES ROAD CTC – Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Beale**

The Board approved participation in the Forbes Road & Technology Centers 2010-2011 Revenue Anticipation Note.

**PSBA/NSBA – Mrs. Wisner**

Mrs. Wisner reported to the attendees that information about pertinent PSBA/NSBA issues are e-mailed to the School Board from her, as part of her duty as liaison. Also, any residents that have questions or concerns about the PSERS retirement fund issue can contact her for more information.

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

No report.

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

The Board approved the Athletic Fund Report for May 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.):

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| **Name** | **Position** |
| **Bonislawski, Matt** | Assistant Varsity Football Coach |
| **Nowicki, Chris** | 7th & 8th Grade Football Coach |
| **Mangieri, Carrie** | Varsity Volleyball Coach |
| **Holliday, Joe** | Varsity Football Announcer |
| **Choma, Mike** | Volunteer Statistician |

The Board approved the purchase of Football Uniforms from Century Sports for next year in the amount of $9,970 as budgeted.

**TECHNOLOGY – Mrs. Thimons, Mr. Miles**

No report.

**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**