

**COATESVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 8, 2011 – 6:00 PM
9/10 CENTER AUDITORIUM**

OPENING ACTIVITIES

1. CALL TO ORDER AT 6:11 P.M.

2. PURPOSE OF THE HEARING

The purpose of this meeting is to adopt the 2011-2012 Preliminary General Fund Budget.

3. READING OF MISSION STATEMENT

THE MISSION OF THE COATESVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT IS TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE BY PREPARING STUDENTS WITH THE SKILLS NECESSARY TO BECOME LIFE-LONG LEARNERS AND RESPONSIBLE MEMBERS OF SOCIETY.

4. ADVISEMENT

By notice of the President, Board Members are advised that all votes shall be regarded as roll call votes. The minutes should also note that public notice was given for this meeting in accordance with Act 93 of 1998, Section 1. School Board meetings shall proceed in accordance with School Board policy.

5. ROLL CALL

J. Neil Campbell - present	<i>(Operations Committee)</i>
Richard M. Ritter – present	<i>(Finance Committee)</i>
Diane M. Brownfield - present	<i>(Education & Community & Student Relations Committees)</i>
Joseph E. Dunn, Jr. – present	<i>(Finance Committee)</i>
Paul L. Johnson – present	<i>(Operations Committee)</i>
Laurie C. Knecht - present	<i>(Operations Committee)</i>
<i>(Mrs. Knecht arrived at 6:33 p.m.)</i>	
Robert M. Knecht - absent	<i>(Education & Community & Student Relations Committees)</i>
William A. Sweigart – present	<i>(Finance Committee)</i>
Dr. Tonya Thames Taylor - present	<i>(Education & Community & Student Relations Committees)</i>

6. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MOTION ITEM(S) FOR APPROVAL

2011-2012 Preliminary Budget Adoption

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors adopts the preliminary 2011-2012 general fund budget in accordance with Act 1. (*Enclosures*)

2011-12 Preliminary
Budget Adoption

Approved

Vote: 6-1-0

Opposed: Brownfield

Motion: Paul Johnson Second: Dr. Tonya Thames Taylor

Vote: 6-1-0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathie Romano – Member of the Blue Ribbon Committee:

Ms. Romano is opposed to closing Caln Elementary School.

Rev. Jim Caldwell:

Rev. Caldwell recommends the Board re-review the Blue Ribbon Committee Report. He wants the plans to build new schools @ North & South Brandywine be put on hold. He asked the Board to “please vote no” to the closing of Caln.

Vince Rose:

Mr. Rose is opposed to closing Caln. He stated 7 reasons why he does not want the District to close Caln. He also asked the board to review the Blue Ribbon Committee Report.

Ron Miller:

Mr. Miller also served on the Blue Ribbon Committee, and he is opposed to closing Caln due to parking concerns and decreased enrollment.

Katie Hadzor:

Ms. Hadzor asked the Board to please vote no to closing Caln.

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m. on a motion by Neil Campbell and seconded by Dr. Tonya Thames Taylor.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Jackson, Recording Secretary

Kenneth D. Lupold, School Board Secretary

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