

**COATESVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 7, 2010
9/10 CENTER AUDITORIUM**

OPENING ACTIVITIES

1. CALL TO ORDER AT 6:21 P.M.

2. READING OF MISSION STATEMENT

THE MISSION OF THE COATESVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT, A LEARNING COMMUNITY RICH IN DIVERSITY AND COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE, IS TO EDUCATE ALL STUDENTS BY PROVIDING RIGOROUS EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO BECOME RESPONSIBLE, PRODUCTIVE, LIFE-LONG LEARNERS IN A GLOBAL SOCIETY.

3. 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.

4. ROLL CALL

J. Neil Campbell, President - present
Richard M. Ritter, Vice President – present
Diane M. Brownfield - present
Joseph E. Dunn, Jr. – present
Paul L. Johnson - present
Laurie C. Knecht - present
Robert M. Knecht - present
William A. Sweigart – present
Dr. Tonya Thames Taylor - present

5. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the minutes for the November 22, 2010 School Board meeting subject to any addition, deletions, modifications or clarifications. (*Enclosure*)

Approval of Minutes
November 22, 2010

Approved:

Vote: 8-0-1

Abstained: Dunn

Motion: Diane Brownfield

Second: Paul Johnson

Vote: 8-0-1

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

The Board has requested all persons making comments on **agenda items** to list their name, address, telephone number and motion item(s) on the sheet provided. There is a three (3) minute limit per person. The Board does not take action or discuss items not appearing on the agenda. The Board values public comments and wishes to convey that although Board members cannot discuss items that are not on the agenda, they listen carefully and appreciate and value input from the public.

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An Executive Session was held on December 7, 2010 from 5:30 to 6:05 P.M. for legal purposes.

IMPORTANT DATES

| Date | Time | Meetings | Place |
|------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| December 23- January 2, 2011 | ~ | Winter Break | <i>No School</i> |
| January 11, 2011 | 6:00 PM | All Committee Meetings | C. A. S. H. Auditorium |
| January 17, 2011 | ~ | Martin Luther King Day | <i>Schools & Offices Closed</i> |
| January 25, 2011 | 7:00 PM | School Board Meeting | C. A. S. H. Auditorium |

SPECIAL REPORTS

MOTION ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

Committee meeting action items considered routine will be enacted under one motion unless removed for separate action upon Board request. The purpose of the consolidated motion is to expedite Governing Board action on all consent items, which are not held for discussion. Items that have been held for discussion by the Governing Board will be enacted upon at the time the item is discussed.

1. **CONSENT AGENDA** (*School Board President*)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board approves the consent agenda items:

Motion: Diane Brownfield

Second: Paul Johnson

Vote: 9-0-0

2. **FINANCE COMMITTEE** (*Rick Ritter, Chair*)

A. **National School Boards Association's 71st Annual Conference & Exposition**

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the request of Dr. Tonya Thames Taylor and Mrs. Diane Brownfield to attend the NSBA's 71st Annual Conference & Exposition in San Francisco, CA from April 9 – 11, 2011, at the approximate total district cost of \$3,550.00.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board has requested that all persons making comments of public concern to list their name, address, telephone number and topic(s) on the sheet provided. There is a three (3) minute time limit per person.

1) *Vincent Rose – Caln Township Commissioner:*

Mr. Rose publically thanked the school board members for listening to the citizens – it is a good sign that the board is considering all the options. He is pleased that the school board is not making any quick decisions.

Mr. Rose also wanted to mention the 4th graders' field trip to the Caln Municipal building that was organized by the Caln Elementary School Principal, Mrs. M.J. Wilson-Stenz. They held a mock township meeting wherein all the 4th grade students participated. The 4th grade class also toured the Caln Police Station, and they visited the Caln Fire House.

2) *Ron Miller:*

Mr. Miller is still opposed to moving the Caln Elementary school students to Scott. His opinion is that Scott is a Middle School, so why not continue to use it for middle school students. He questioned the cost to change the furniture to fit elementary school students. He asked for square footage comparisons (playground) versus other middle and elementary schools.

ADDITIONAL BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

INFORMATION ITEMS

- Operations Committee

Architect's report considering placing the District's middle schools at Scott and South Brandywine and building a new Caln Elementary School at the present site of North Brandywine Middle School.

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m. on a motion by Neil Campbell and seconded by Paul Johnson.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Jackson, Recording Secretary

Kenneth D. Lupold, School Board Secretary

If any Board Member or member of the public wishes to review the minutes verbatim, please contact the School Board Secretary and make arrangements to come to the District Office and listen to the meeting tapes.