

**COATESVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 10, 2015 ~ 5:00 P.M.
9/10 CENTER AUDITORIUM**

OPENING ACTIVITIES

1. CALL TO ORDER AT 5:05 P.M.

2. PURPOSE OF MEETING

The purpose of this meeting is to approve the bills payable, personnel, and any other matters that may come before the Board.

3. 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.

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

Board of School Directors

Dean A. Snyder, President - *present*
Ann M. Wuertz, Vice President - *present*
Stuart C. N. Deets - *present*
Brenda L. Geist - *present*
Bashera Grove - *present*
James Hills - *present*
Laurie C. Knecht - *present*
Thomas Siedenbuehl - *present*
Deborah L. Thompson - *present*

Student Representatives

Andrew Scott Patterson, Senior Class Representative – *not present*
Kameron Reeves, Junior Class Representative - *not present*

Solicitor

Michael I. Levin, Esquire – *not present*

Administration

Dr. Cathy Taschner, Superintendent of Schools - *present*
Dr. Kimberly R. Donahue, Assistant to the Superintendent of Curriculum & Learning - *present*
Ronald G. Kabonick, Director of Business Administration & School Board Secretary - *present*
John Reid, Director of Pupil Services, Data & Assessment – *not present*
Jason Palaia, Director of Elementary Education & Special Education (K-5) - *present*

6. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

Addition:

Use of Facilities ~ Waiver of Fees ~ Rip City Foundation

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approve the addition of the Use of Facilities and Waiver of Fees request from the Rip City Foundation.

Motion: Dean Snyder

Second: Ann Wuertz

Vote: 9-0-0

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

MOTION ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

1. Bills Payable for Period November 21st - December 4, 2015

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approve the bills payable for the period of November 21st through December 4, 2015. (*Enclosure*)

Motion: Dean Snyder

Second: James Hills

Vote: 9-0-0

2. Assistant Principal Appointment at C.A.I.H.S. (9/10 Center)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approve the appointment of an Assistant Principal at the Coatesville Area Intermediate High School, as follows:

Mitchell, Richard, Assistant Principal for the Coatesville Area Intermediate High School 9/10 Center. Posted: 11/13/2015. Salary: \$95,000 (Prorated). Step: 14. Level: M+60. Years of Exp: 14. Degree: BA – Psychology, University of Richmond. MA – Writing, Reading & Literacy, West Chester University. MA – Education, Cabrini College. Certification: Principal K-12, English 7-12. Effective: TBD. SP4: Approved. Pending 168 Forms.

Motion: Dean Snyder

Second: Deborah Thompson

Vote: 9-0-0

3. **Certification of the Sterling Act Tax Credit**

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approve the Certification of Sterling Act Tax Credit for an amount of \$266,378.60 as stated on the attached enclosure. (*Enclosure*)

Sterling Act Tax Credit

Section 503(b)(2) of the Taxpayer Relief Act requires each school district subject to Section 324 to certify to PDE the total amount of tax credits under Section 324(2) on or before December 15 of each year. School districts that levied an earned income and net profits tax in 2014-2015 (except Philadelphia City SD) are to certify the tax credited to school district residents who are subject to the tax on 2014 wages, commissions, and other compensation imposed by the City of Philadelphia under the Sterling Act.

Motion: Dean Snyder

Second: Ann Wuertz

Vote: 9-0-0

4. **Purchase of Professional Security Services**

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approve the purchase of professional services for security at the high school campus with Legion Security Services, Inc. at the rate of \$22.00/per hour/per security guard.

Motion: Dean Snyder

Second: Deb Thompson

Vote: 9-0-0

5. **Use of Facilities ~ Waiver of Fees ~ Rip City Foundation**

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approve the use of facilities request from the Rip City Foundation for the Winter Basketball League, and to waive the fees, at the Rainbow Elementary School. (*Enclosure*)

Motion: Dean Snyder

Second: Tom Siedenbuehl

Vote: 9-0-0

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.

None

ADDITIONAL BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

INFORMATION ITEMS

A new Board induction will be held next Thursday, December 17th.

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m. on a motion by Ann Wuertz and seconded by Laurie Knecht.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Jackson, Recording Secretary

Ronald G. Kabonick, School Board Secretary

Anyone wishing to review the minutes verbatim should contact the School Board Secretary to request a copy of the digital/audio file.