

Dr. Horowitz continued by stating that traditionally, January has been School Board Recognition month, and then read the following:

“For more than 175 years, communities have had a voice in the operation of their schools through a locally elected Board of School Directors consisting of individuals from their home towns. These people are our neighbors, friends, community leaders, parents in our schools, engaged senior citizens, all with one common goal: making sure students are properly educated in preparation for life. These boards enable us to have local control of the public schools, meaning that decisions on school programs are made by elected local representatives who understand the community’s unique challenges, values culture, and circumstances. With the advice and counsel of the educational professionals they hire, our school board has a bearing on virtually every aspect of our schools. It is a huge responsibility, and one that should not be taken lightly. Their actions directly affect our children, what they learn, who will teach them, and what kinds of facilities will house their classrooms. Being a board member is an unpaid position, on which most spend an average of twenty hours per month attending meetings and school activities, reviewing budgets and finances, educating themselves on the issues through reading and attending training, meeting with parents and school administrators, and countless other activities. How many parents or citizens would be able to devote the same amount of time to governing the schools? This January, local communities are all honoring the contributions of their local school board members. Too often, we neglect to recognize the commitment and hard work of these men and women, who serve as advocates of our schools. The staff and students of our district are asking all members of our community to take a moment and tell a school board member thanks for caring about our children. Let’s all salute the dedicated men and women here tonight who make it possible for local citizens to have a say about education in the Marple Newtown community. We applaud our board members for their vision and voice that will shape a better tomorrow.”

Certificates were then handed to all board members.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. McGinley then took over the meeting. He asked for a motion to accept the agenda, as presented. Motion was made by Mrs. Dana Kauffman, and seconded by Mr. Richard Sokorai. Mr. McGinley then asked for any changes.

Mr. Fred Dewey asked for the following addition to Budget and Finance:

14.08 High School Renovation and Addition Project

MOTION: To authorize the Business Administrator to open an account with TD Bank in order to comply with the Financial Security Requirement included in the Land Development Agreement with Newtown Township and to authorize a transfer from the High School Capital Fund for approximately \$869,254.10 to fund the amount required in the agreement.

Mr. Richard Sokorai then asked for the following change in the fourth motion under Facilities and Transportation **15.03:**

MOTION: To direct Reynolds Construction Management, the construction manager for the High School Renovation and Addition Project, to issue a notice to proceed and move forward with signing a contract with The Farfield Company on February 1, 2010.

The motion was approved with changes: 9-0

8. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT

Ms. Olivia Menta and Ms. Nancy Ding reported that the High School is contributing to Haiti relief in various ways, including donations from ticket sales for the Variety Show. They also stated that many seniors are now hearing from colleges, and most are getting accepted.

There was a complaint among students regarding scheduling around midterms. Most students felt that full days were a challenge.

Both student representatives announced that they had been accepted to college.

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. McGinley turned the meeting over to Dr. Merle Horowitz. Dr. Horowitz reported on the deaths of two Marple Newtown employees: Mr. Richard Jackson, former business administrator, and Mr. Samuel Lewis, employed until his death in December as a bus driver. Both will be missed, and a moment of silence was observed.

Dr. Horowitz then reported on her experience this year attending the annual Potter Cup in January with Paxon Hollow Middle School students and staff. She stated that there is nothing better than observing the amazing spirit evidenced by the attendees, and she thanked Mrs. Nancy Galbraith, who joined her this year. She looks forward to Marple Newtown School District being able to host the event upon the completion of the High School renovations, and thanked the staff and students for all the work that went into making the event a success. She congratulated all on raising \$25,600.00.

She then stated that Panera Restaurant opened a little over a year ago in Lawrence Park Shopping Center, and through collection boxes at the cash register, donated \$1,596.88 to the Tiger Foundation, which will go back into the schools in the form of Tiger grants for professional staff members. She then thanked all who donated over the past year.

10. SECRETARY'S MINUTES

Mrs. Kathryn Chandless then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2009 Special Meeting, the November 24, 2009 Regular Meeting and the December 8, 2009 Reorganization/Regular Meeting and have them made a permanent part of the record.

Motion was made by Mr. Richard Sokorai and seconded by Mr. John McDevitt.

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith asked for the business meeting minutes of December 8, 2009 to be corrected to reflect her designation as Vice-President.

Mr. Richard Sokorai asked for the Reorganization meeting minutes of December 8, 2009 to be changed to correct the voting under 7.01, switching his name with Mr. John McDevitt, and 8.01, switching his name with Mrs. Kathryn Chandless.

With no further discussion, motion passed, 9-0.

11. OTHER REPORTS

Mrs. Kathryn Chandless then asked for a motion to approve the continued placement of Student No. 841535 in a full time Autistic Support program operated by Upper Darby School District at a cost of \$113.00 per day for the remainder of the 2009-10 school year (June 2010).

Motion was made by Mr. Richard Sokorai and seconded by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith.
With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0

Mrs. Kathryn Chandless then asked for a motion to approve the Settlement Agreement and Release for Student No. 800812.

Motion was made by Mr. Richard Sokorai and seconded by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith.
With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0

Mrs. Kathryn Chandless then asked for a motion to approve the Adjudication of Expulsion by Consent for Student No. 800812.

Motion was made by Mr. Richard Sokorai and seconded by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith.
With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0

12. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

12.01 Committee Report – Nancy M. Galbraith, Chairperson

12.02 Action Items/Motions

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith then asked for a motion to approve the establishment of the Family, Career, Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) club at Paxon Hollow Middle School. The purpose of this club is to develop character, to develop creative and critical thinking and interpersonal communications, as well as, to develop practical knowledge and career preparation. FCCLA is a national program available and active in all states.

Motion was made by Mr. Richard Sokorai and seconded by Mrs. Dana Kauffman.
With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith then asked for a motion to approve the Paxon Hollow Middle School trip to the Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg, PA on January 15, 2010. The 7th and 8th grade students who are participating in the FCCLA club will attend the Farm Show to learn about consumerism, food preparation and textiles.

Motion was made by Mr. Richard Sokorai and seconded by Mrs. Dana Kauffman.
With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith then asked for a motion to approve the purchase of technology wireless equipment for the High School Renovation Project under the PA COSTARS contract 003-32 in the amount of \$113,215.63.

Motion was made by Mr. Richard Sokorai and seconded by Mrs. Dana Kauffman.
With no further discussion, motion passed 9-0

13. HUMAN RESOURCES AND POLICY COMMITTEE

13.01 Committee Report – Dana T. Kauffman, Chairperson

13.02 TERMINATIONS

CLASSIFIED

Mrs. Dana Kauffman asked for a motion to approve the following:

WHEREAS, an investigation of the conduct of the following employee was undertaken by the Administration;

WHEREAS the Administration suspended the employee;

WHEREAS a Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges was served on the employee; and

WHEREAS the employee did not demand a hearing;

It is hereby moved that the employee be removed pursuant to Section 514 of the School Code.

- 1) Charles Dougherty – Part-time Custodian
Operations
Effective: January 19, 2010

Motion was made by Mr. David McGinley and seconded by Mr. Fred Dewey.

With no further discussion, motion passed, 9-0

13.03 RETIREMENTS

CLASSIFIED

Mrs. Dana Kauffman asked for a motion to approve the following classified retirements, items 1 through 2.

- 1) Barbara Ellis – Cafeteria Worker
Food Services
Effective: June 18, 2010
Reason: Retirement (25.5 Yrs.)
- 2) Kenneth Sipps – Maintenance-HVAC
Operations
Effective: January 15, 2010
Reason: Retirement (25.5 Yrs.)

Motion was made by Mr. David McGinley and seconded by Mr. Fred Dewey.

With no further discussion, motion passed, 9-0

13.04 RESIGNATIONS

PROFESSIONAL

Mrs. Dana Kauffman asked for a motion to approve the following professional resignation, items 1 through 2.

- 1) Shannon Clarke – LTS Special Education Teacher
High School
Effective: December 11, 2009
Reason: Personal
- 2) Donald Tabar – Alternative Education Science Teacher
High School
Effective: January 22, 2010
Reason: Personal

Motion was made by Mr. David McGinley and seconded by Mr. Fred Dewey.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 9-0

CLASSIFIED

Mrs. Dana Kauffman asked for a motion to approve the following classified resignations, items 1 through 5.

- 1) Anthony Vinci – Classified Substitute
District
Effective: December 4, 2009
Reason: Personal
- 2) Christine D'Angelico – Bus Assistant
Transportation
Effective: December 23, 2009
Reason: Personal
- 3) Fellenxa Ciraku – Part-time Custodian
Operations
Effective: November 6, 2009
Reason: Personal
- 4) Carol Bobrowski – Title I Assistant (Math)
Russell Elementary
Effective: January 4, 2010
Reason: Personal
- 5) Janet Burt – Theme Editor
Paxon Hollow
Effective: January 11, 2010
Reason: Personal

Motion was made by Mr. David McGinley and seconded by Mr. Fred Dewey.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 9-0

13.05 LEAVES

PROFESSIONAL

Mrs. Dana Kauffman asked for a motion to approve the following professional leaves, items 1 through 3.

- 1) Lauren DiBlasi – Elementary Special Education Teacher
Culbertson Elementary
Effective: January 25, 2010 through June 23, 2010
Reason: Extension of Child Rearing Leave

- 2) Renata Cahill – Elementary Counselor
Worrall Elementary
Effective: 2010-2011 school year
Reason: Leave Without Pay for Professional Development

- 3) Lauren Conway – Elementary Counselor
Loomis Elementary
Effective: February 8, 2010 through March 8, 2010
Reason: Medical Leave
Effective: March 9, 2010 through June 7, 2010
Reason: FMLA
Effective: June 8, 2010 through June 23, 2010
Reason: Leave Without Pay

Motion was made by Mr. David McGinley and seconded by Mr. Fred Dewey.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 9-0

CLASSIFIED

Mrs. Dana Kauffman asked for a motion to approve the following classified leaves, items 1 through 6.

- 1) Susan Browne – Principal’s Secretary
Culbertson Elementary
Effective: November 25, 2009 through April 9, 2010
Reason: Medical Leave Without Pay

- 2) Anne Knox – Special Education Assistant
Worrall Elementary
Effective: January 11, 2010 through March 1, 2010
Reason: Leave Without Pay

- 3) Domenic Marrongelli – Cafeteria Worker
Food Service
Effective: November 16, 2009 through January 26, 2010
Reason: Extension of Medical Leave Without Pay

- 4) Patricia Spicer – Cafeteria Worker
Food Services
Effective: November 18, 2009 through January 4, 2010
Reason: Extension of Medical Leave Without Pay

- 5) Stacy Lancaster – Title I Assistant
Culbertson Elementary
Effective: January 15, 2010 through March 5, 2010
Reason: Child Rearing Leave

- 6) Daniel Incollingo – Bus Driver
Transportation
Effective: February 19, 2010 through March 15, 2010
Reason: Extension of Leave Without Pay

Motion was made by Mr. David McGinley and seconded by Mr. Fred Dewey.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 9-0

Mrs. Dana Kauffman asked for a motion to approve the rescission of the following classified leave, item 1.

- 1) Gary Burgwald – Bus Driver
Transportation
Effective: February 1, 2010 through February 12, 2010
Reason: Withdrawn

Motion was made by Mr. David McGinley and seconded by Mr. Fred Dewey.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 9-0

13.06 POSITION CREATION

Mrs. Dana Kauffman asked for a motion to approve the creation of one (1) Special Education Assistant, in accordance with the current MNESPA Agreement, in the Pupil Services Department to accommodate the needs of an IEP, effective the 2009-2010 school year.

Motion was made by Mr. David McGinley and seconded by Mr. Fred Dewey.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 9-0

13.07 APPOINTMENTS

PROFESSIONAL

Mrs. Dana Kauffman asked for a motion to approve the following professional appointments, items 1 through 6.

- 1) Brittany Fertman – LTS Special Education Teacher
B.S.- Special Education: University of Scranton; Certification: Special Education N-12; 0 Years Experience
Culbertson Elementary
Salary: \$40,788.00 (Pro-Rated)
Effective: January 25, 2010 through June 23, 2010
Reason: Replaces Lauren DiBlasi (Child Rearing Leave)

- 2) Michelle Ezzie – LTS English Teacher
B.S.-Accounting: Villanova University; M.Ed: Cabrini College;

- Certification: English 7-12 and Business-Computer Information and Technology; 0 Yrs. Experience
Paxon Hollow
Salary: \$40,788.00 (Pro-rated)
Effective: December 7, 2009 through January 15, 2010
Reason: Replaces Nancy Fromhold (Medical Leave)
- High School
Salary: \$40,788.00 (Pro-rated)
Effective: January 19, 2010 through March 26, 2010
Reason: Replaces Helene White (Medical Leave/FMLA)
- 3) Tara Baselice – LTS Elementary Guidance Counselor
B.A.-Psychology: Moravian College; M.Ed-West Chester University;
Certification: Elementary Education, Elementary and Secondary Counseling; 0 Years Experience
Loomis Elementary
Salary: \$40,788.00 (Pro-Rated)
Effective: February 8, 2010 through June 23, 2010
Reason: Replaces Lauren Conway (Child Rearing Leave)
- 4) Peter MacNeal – LTS Math Teacher
B.S.-Elementary Education: Cabrini College; Certification: Elementary Education, Middle School Math, Middle School Social Studies, Middle School English; 0 Yrs. Experience
Paxon Hollow
Salary: \$40,788.00 (Pro-Rated)
Effective: March 8, 2010 through June 23, 2010
Reason: Replaces Karen Siegel (Medical/Child Rearing Leave)
- 5) Dean Vlahos – LTS Social Studies Teacher
B.S.-History: Gettysburg College; Certification: Social Studies 7-12
0 Yrs. Experience
High School
Salary: \$40,788.00 (Pro-Rated)
Effective: January 21, 2010 through March 26, 2010
Reason: Replaces Heather Molyneaux (Medical/FMLA)
- 6) Steven Smilk – Math Tutor
High School
Salary: \$29.00 per hour
Effective: January 19, 2010
Reason: As needed

Motion was made by Mr. David McGinley and seconded by Mr. Fred Dewey.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 9-0
CLASSIFIED

Mrs. Dana Kauffman asked for a motion to approve the following classified appointments, items 1 through 11.

- 1) Rebecca Moldoff – Classified Substitute
District
Salary: According to assignment

- Effective: December 3, 2009
Reason: As Needed
- 2) Michael Elia – Bus Driver
Transportation
Salary: \$17.91 per hour
Effective: January 4, 2010
Reason: Replaces Thomas Hight (Reassigned)
- 3) Donna Jones – Classified Substitute
District
Salary: According to Assignment
Effective: January 4, 2010
Reason: As needed
- 4) Kevin Baldwin – Food Service Substitute
Food Services
Salary: \$8.00 per hour
Effective: January 27, 2010
Reason: As needed
- 5) Gina Cipriotti – ELL Assistant
District
Salary: \$9.84 per hour
Effective: January 6, 2010
Reason: Replaces Elizabeth Cotruffello (Resigned)
- 6) Deborah Hazel – Part-time Special Education Assistant
Pupil Services
Salary: \$10.06 per hour
Effective: January 4, 2010
Reason: New Position
- 7) Alexa Horvath – Classified Substitute-Title I
District
Salary: According to Assignment
Effective: January 6, 2010
Reason: As needed
- 8) Laura Nugent – Bus Assistant
Transportation
Salary: \$12.94 per hour
Effective: January 11, 2010
Reason: Replaces Christine D’Angelico
- 9) Ward Earl Pensyl – Bus Driver
Transportation

Salary: \$17.91 per hour
 Effective: January 11, 2010
 Reason: Replaces Thomas McDonough (Reassigned)

- 10) Suzanne McCutcheon – Library Assistant
 Russell Elementary
 Salary: \$15,678.00 (Pro-rated)
 Effective: January 4, 2010
 Reason: Replaces Diane Kiewel (Reassigned)

- 11) Brian Paine – Bus Driver
 Transportation
 Salary: \$17.91 per our
 Effective: January 19, 2010
 Reason: Replaces George Miller (Resigned)

Motion was made by Mr. David McGinley and seconded by Mr. Fred Dewey.

Mr. David McGinley asked what the range of salary would be for classified substitutes. Mr. Lance Freeman, Director of Human Resources, responded that the range could vary between \$9.42 per hour for a non-instructional position to \$10.06 for Special Education Assistant positions. The rate is according to the assignment.

With no further discussion, motion passed, 9-0

13.08 SUPERINTENDENT COMMISSION REELECTION

Mrs. Dana Kauffman asked for a motion to notify Dr. Merle H. Horowitz, Superintendent of Schools of the Marple Newtown School District, that in accordance with 24 P.S. 10-1078, the Board intends to re-elect her and to continue her commission for a term of five (5) years. The Board and the Superintendent of Schools shall determine the terms and conditions of an employment agreement for Board approval.

Motion was made by Mr. David McGinley and seconded by Mr. Fred Dewey.

Mr. Edward Partridge then directed a question to Solicitor Mark Sereni, if the commission would be terminated should a contractual agreement not be reached between Dr. Horowitz and the Board by the time the current contract expires. Mr. Sereni responded that School Code considers the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent to be separate and distinct from every other position in the district. It also distinguishes between a current Superintendent and a newly created position. By notification tonight, the Superintendent is duly notified that her contract will be renewed. If the Board takes no action, then her contract would automatically renew because there would have been no notification that the Board intended to look elsewhere for a new candidate. Should the unlikely event occur that no agreement could be reached between the Board and Dr. Horowitz, the Board would have to petition the PDE to terminate the commission. Mr. Partridge then asked if the same held true for the Assistant Superintendent position. Mr. Sereni replied yes, that with the Board action to create the position of Assistant Superintendent tonight, intent is expressed to our employees to come to an agreement.

With no further discussion, a roll call vote was taken:

Aye: Mr. Edward Partridge, Mrs. Dana Kauffman, Mr. Fred Dewey, Mr. David McGinley, Mrs. Nancy Galbraith, Mr. Richard Sokorai, Mrs. Kathryn Chandless, Mr. Joseph Rufo, Mr. John McDevitt.

Nay: 0

Abstention: 0

Motion passed, 9-0

13.09 ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT ELECTION

Mrs. Dana Kauffman asked for a motion to appoint Dr. Constance E. Bompadre, in accordance with 24 P.S. 10-1078, to the position of Assistant Superintendent of the Marple Newtown School District and to seek a commission for a term of five (5) years effective March 1, 2010. The Board and the Assistant Superintendent of Schools shall determine the terms and conditions of an employment agreement for Board approval.

With no further discussion, a roll call vote was taken:

Aye: Mr. Edward Partridge, Mrs. Dana Kauffman, Mr. Fred Dewey, Mr. David McGinley, Mrs. Nancy Galbraith, Mr. Richard Sokorai, Mrs. Kathryn Chandless, Mr. Joseph Rufo, Mr. John McDevitt.

Nay: 0

Abstention: 0

Motion passed, 9-0

13.10 ABOLISHMENT OF POSITION

Mrs. Dana Kauffman asked for a motion to abolish the Director of Elementary and Secondary Education position upon the appointment of Dr. Constance E. Bompadre to the Assistant Superintendent of Schools position.

Motion was made by Mr. David McGinley and seconded by Mr. Fred Dewey.

With no further discussion, motion passed, 9-0

13.11 DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES REELECTION

Mrs. Dana Kauffman asked for a motion to notify Lance D. Freeman, Director of Human Resources of the Marple Newtown School District, that in accordance with the employment agreement, the Board intends to retain him for a term of five (5) years. The Board and the Director of Human Resources shall determine the terms and conditions of an employment agreement for Board approval.

Mr. Edward Partridge asked Solicitor Mark Sereni if the situation was different than in the commission of the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent. Mr. Sereni replied that the same parameters do not apply to the Director of Human Resources. He stated that if the two parties cannot come to terms, then the parties can separate without any appeal to the PDE.

With no further discussion, a roll call vote was taken:

Aye: Mr. Edward Partridge, Mrs. Dana Kauffman, Mr. Fred Dewey, Mr. David McGinley, Mrs. Nancy Galbraith, Mr. Richard Sokorai, Mrs. Kathryn Chandless, Mr. Joseph Rufo, Mr. John McDevitt.

Nay: 0

Abstention: 0

Motion passed, 9-0

13.12 TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

Mrs. Dana Kauffman asked for a motion to approve tuition reimbursement, in accordance with present MNEA negotiated agreement, as attached.

Motion was made by Mr. David McGinley and seconded by Mr. Fred Dewey.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 9-0

13.13 ACTIVITY CONTRACTS

RESIGNATIONS

Mrs. Dana Kauffman asked for a motion to approve the resignation of the following personnel from activity contracts for the 2009-2010 school year, items 1 through 4.

- 1) Kurt Fischer – Assistant Coach –Boy’s Lacrosse
High School
Effective: December 17, 2009
Reason: Personal

- 2) Shane Elison-Coach-9th Grade Baseball
High School
Effective: January 4, 2010
Reason: Personal

- 3) Erica Roebuck – Coach - Girls’ Lacrosse
Paxon Hollow
Effective: January 15, 2010
Reason: Personal

- 4) Michelle Bodnar – Assistant Coach-Softball
Paxon Hollow
Effective: January 15, 2010
Reason: Personal

Motion was made by Mr. David McGinley and seconded by Mr. Fred Dewey.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 9-0

APPOINTMENTS

Mrs. Dana Kauffman asked for a motion to approve the appointment of personnel to activity contracts for the 2009-2010 school year as attached. The amount of each contract is in accordance with the present MNEA negotiated agreement.

Motion was made by Mr. David McGinley and seconded by Mr. Fred Dewey.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 9-0

14. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

14.01 Committee Report – Fred Dewey, Chairperson

(At 8:18 p.m., Mr. Edward Partridge left the meeting.)

14.02 Bills for Payment

Mr. Fred Dewey then asked for a motion to approve and authorize payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$2,710,839.56, Capital Reserve Fund bills in the amount of \$110,822.45, Capital Fund bills in the amount of \$772,483.19 and Food Service bills in the amount of \$194,982.50.

Motion was made by Mrs. Dana Kauffman and seconded by Mr. David McGinley.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 8-0

14.03 Transfers and Monthly Reports

Mr. Fred Dewey then asked for a motion to approve monthly financial reports for October and November 2009, Treasurer's Report for November 2009 and the Investment Schedule.

Informational item monthly financial reports for December 2009.

Motion was made by Mrs. Dana Kauffman and seconded by Mr. David McGinley.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 8-0

14.04 Capital Reserve

Mr. Fred Dewey then asked for a motion to approve a transfer of \$1,667.05 from the Capital Reserve Fund to the General Fund to pay for the costs of the water heater at the Paxon Hollow Middle School.

Motion was made by Mrs. Dana Kauffman and seconded by Mr. David McGinley.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 8-0

14.05 Real Estate Tax Appeals – Reassessment

Mr. Fred Dewey then asked for a motion to ratify authorization and direction of the Solicitor to file and prosecute the following appeals from the 2010 real estate tax assessment reductions by the Board of Assessment Appeals:

- (1) Folio no. 30-00-00048-77
- (2) Folio no. 30-00-01087-62
- (3) Folio no. 30-00-01087-63
- (4) Folio no. 30-00-01193-68
- (5) Folio no. 30-00-01193-69
- (6) Folio no. 30-00-01193-74
- (7) Folio no. 30-00-01346-31
- (8) Folio no. 30-00-01651-18
- (9) Folio no. 30-00-02916-50
- (10) Folio no. 30-00-02916-51
- (11) Folio no. 30-00-02916-53
- (12) Folio no. 30-00-02916-54

- (13) Folio no. 30-00-02916-55
- (14) Folio no. 30-00-02916-57
- (15) Folio no. 30-00-02916-59
- (16) Folio no. 30-00-02916-61
- (17) Folio no. 30-00-02916-63

Motion was made by Mrs. Dana Kauffman and seconded by Mr. David McGinley.

Due to legal ramifications, no discussion could take place. A roll call vote was requested:

Aye: Mrs. Dana Kauffman, Mr. David McGinley, Mrs. Nancy Galbraith, Mr. Richard Sokorai,
Mrs. Kathryn Chandless, Mr. Joseph Rufo, Mr. John McDevitt

Nay: Mr. Fred Dewey

Abstention: Mr. Edward Partridge

Motion passed, 7-1-1

14.06 Taxpayers Request – Abatement of Penalty

(Mr. Edward Partridge returned to the meeting at 8:25 p.m.)

Mr. Fred Dewey then asked for a motion to approve the request for abatement of penalty on Folio No. 25-00-01610-00 in the amount of \$234.04.

Motion was made by Mrs. Dana Kauffman and seconded by Mr. David McGinley.

Mr. Dewey stated his belief that the Board should have zero tolerance until a written policy is in place. He asked for a roll call vote:

Aye: Mr. Edward Partridge, Mrs. Dana Kauffman, Mr. David McGinley, Mr. Richard Sokorai, Mrs. Kathryn Chandless, Mr. Joseph Rufo, Mr. John McDevitt

Nay: Mr. Fred Dewey, Mrs. Nancy Galbraith

Abstention: 0

Motion passed, 7-2

14.07 Delaware County School District Joint Purchasing Board

Mr. Fred Dewey then asked for a motion to approve the Delaware County School District Joint Purchasing Board Resolution appointing Joseph Driscoll as the primary agent and Denise Land as the alternate agent.

Motion was made by Mrs. Dana Kauffman and seconded by Mr. David McGinley.

With no further discussion, motion passed, 8-0

14.08 High School Renovation and Addition Project

Mr. Fred Dewey then asked for a motion to authorize the Business Administrator to open an account with TD Bank in order to comply with the Financial Security Requirement included in the Land Development Agreement with Newtown Township and to authorize a transfer from the High School Capital Fund for approximately \$869,254.10 to fund the amount required in the agreement.

Motion was made by Mrs. Dana Kauffman and seconded by Mr. David McGinley.

Mr. McGinley then asked Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Business Administrator, if he was correct in his understanding that once a phase is completed and approved the figure is reduced, as opposed to the money being held in escrow and given back at the end. Mr. Driscoll responded that that was correct.

With no further discussion, motion passed, 8-0

15. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

15.01 Committee Report – Richard C. Sokorai, Chairperson

15.02 Facilities Update

Mr. Richard Sokorai asked Mr. Michael Dumin, Director of Operations, for a Facilities update. Mr. Dumin replied that the High School renovation project was moving along. He said that the current phase is moving more quickly than he expected.

15.03 Facilities Motions

Mr. Richard Sokorai asked for a motion to approve a change order for the High School Renovation and Addition Project to delete PVC fence at the Bailey property at a total credit of \$3,550.15.

Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mr. David McGinley.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 9-0

Mr. Richard Sokorai asked for a motion to approve a change order for the High School Renovation and Addition Project for undercutting at slab sub-grade at new cafeteria due to soft material that cannot bear new foundations at a cost of \$7,509.01.

Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mr. David McGinley.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 9-0

Mr. Richard Sokorai asked for a motion to approve a change order for the High School Renovation and Addition Project to complete HVAC work necessary to keep the project moving forward at a cost not to exceed \$45,000.00.

Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mr. David McGinley.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 9-0

Mr. Richard Sokorai asked for a motion to direct Reynolds Construction Management, the construction manager for the High School Renovation and Addition Project, to issue a notice to proceed and move forward with signing a contract with The Farfield Company on February 1, 2010.

Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mr. David McGinley.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 9-0

Mr. Richard Sokorai asked for a motion to approve Professional Roofing Services, 9 Fairview Ave., Middletown, Delaware to develop bid specifications and drawings for the roof repair and replacement projects at Worrall and Loomis Elementary Schools at a cost of \$17,500 and to authorize the administration to seek bids for these projects.

Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mr. David McGinley.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 9-0

Mr. Richard Sokorai asked for a motion to approve the lease addenda with tenants Leisure Services and the County of Delaware subject to the review and approval of the Solicitor.

Motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Galbraith and seconded by Mr. David McGinley.
With no further discussion, motion passed, 9-0

16. DELAWARE COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT

Mrs. Nancy Galbraith reported that she, Dr. Horowitz, Dr. Bompadre, Dr. Gerald Rodichok, and Mr. Lance Freeman were at the I.U. on Friday, January 22, 2010 to discuss I.U. projects. Mrs. Galbraith will present a PowerPoint exhibit in the future to show the outcome of that meeting.

Mrs. Galbraith then thanked all who attended the Potter Cup, announcing that the district has raised over \$180,000.00 over the past six years.

17. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

There was no report.

18. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

There was no report.

19. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There were no comments from the audience.

20. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mrs. Dana Kauffman stated that the Jazz Band was having their annual spaghetti dinner on February 6, 2010. She also stated that Marple Newtown definitely won the Spirit Award for the Potter Cup, with her appreciation of the energy and dedication of students and staff to that worthy cause.

21. ADJOURNMENT

President David McGinley adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Board Secretary