

Official Proceedings of the GOVERNOR MIFFLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Monday, August 15, 2011, 7:00pm – Education Center – Page 13

Board Members in Attendance – Mrs. Pam Cala, Mr. Ron Dunkelberger, Mrs. Jill Koestel, Dr. Michele O’Brien, Mr. John Summers, Mr. James Ulrich – 6. Absent – Mr. Jeff Haggerty, Mrs. Kim Siegel, Mr. Brent Worley – 3.

Administrators in Attendance – Dr. Daniel Bulinski, Superintendent; Mr. Rick Wolf, Acting Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Mark Naylor, Business Manager; Mr. Todd Stitzel, Director of Human Resources; Mr. Tom DeAngelo, Director of Technology; Ms. Keri Morton, Director of Public Information; Dr. Maryellen Kueny, Principal, Brecknock Elementary; Mr. David Argentati, Principal, Mifflin Park Elementary; Mr. Kevin Hohl, Principal, Middle School; Mr. Scott Schwartz, Associate Principal, Middle School; Mr. Tim Dietrich, Associate Principal, Senior High.

Others in Attendance – John M. Stott, Esq., Board Solicitor; Mr. Robert Rhoads, Jr., Treasurer; Sharon Patton, Board Recording Secretary, Reading Eagle press representative; professional staff and citizens.

The Meeting was **Called to Order** at 7:00pm by Mr. James Ulrich, Board President, followed by the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

Motion by Koestel and second by Dunkelberger to Approve **Minutes of the Meetings** held July 18, 2011 and August 8, 2011, as presented
MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Dunkelberger and second by O’Brien to Approve **Treasurer’s Report** of July 31, 2011, as presented
MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Koestel and second by Dunkelberger to Approve **Bills Paid** (check #10001942 - #10002255; #20000268 - #20000269; \$1,446,266.68 total)
MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Requests - Mr. Robert Moyer, Mohnton, was displeased with the amount of money spent on the GM synthetic fields and expressed concern about the long-term costs associated with the disposal and toxicity of the material. Mr. Moyer also requested that the Board work to cut costs and not increase taxes.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following **Communications**:

- Mrs. Carol Frey – Retirement luncheon/gift appreciation
- Mrs. Pat Bright – Praise for ESY staff

Reports

BCTC	- No Report.
Berks EIT	- No Report.
BCIU	- No Report.
Legislative	- No Report.

FINANCE

Motion by Summers and second by Dunkelberger to Approve an Agreement to provide **Food Service for the BCIU Head Start Program** (held at Christ Yocum Lutheran Church, Shillington, PA) for the period covering September 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, as presented

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Summers and second by Cala to Approve the **Renewal Contract with Delta Dental** of Pennsylvania, effective for September 1, 2011 – August 31, 2012, as presented

MOTION CARRIED.

PERSONNEL

Motion by Koestel and second by Dunkelberger to Approve the **2011-2012 Aquatics Staff & Hourly Wages**, as presented

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Koestel and second by Dunkelberger to Approve a Request of **Susan Heck** (High School, Math) to complete the requirements of a **Principal Internship** for Alvernia University during the Fall, 2011 semester, with Mr. John Althouse, Principal, serving as Mentor

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Koestel and second by Dunkelberger to Approve the **Substitute Teacher listing** for the 2011-2012 school year, as presented

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Koestel and second by Cala to Approve the **Guest Teacher listing** for the 2011-2012 school year, as presented

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Koestel and second by Dunkelberger to Approve the **Substitute Instructional Aides, Lunch Aides and Secretaries** for the 2011-2012 school year, as presented

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Koestel and second by Dunkelberger to Approve the **Substitute School Nurses** for the 2011-2012 school year, as presented

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Koestel and second by Cala to Approve the **Mentor/Inductee Program listing** for 2011-2012, as presented
MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Koestel and second by Dunkelberger to Approve a Request of **Nathaniel Swarr (Alvernia University student) to complete an internship in Sports Management**, during the first semester of the 2011-2012 school year, with Mr. Pat Tulley, Athletic Director, serving as Mentor
MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Koestel and second by Dunkelberger to Approve the Requests of **Eric Tome and Melissa Schmeck (Alvernia University students) to complete internships in Athletic Training**, during the first semester of the 2011-2012 school year, with Mr. Glenn Thompson and Mrs. Heather Bratton, Athletic Trainers, serving as Mentors
MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Koestel and second by Dunkelberger to Approve **Kristine Rosenberger as the Director of Curriculum & Instruction** (position changed from 10-month to 12-month), effective August 16, 2011
MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Koestel and second by Dunkelberger to Approve the **Job description for the Director of Curriculum & Instruction**, as presented
MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Koestel and second by Dunkelberger to Approve the **Elimination of the Act 93 Administrative “Director of Curriculum K-12” position**
MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Koestel and second by Dunkelberger to Approve the following **Resignations**
Eager, Jessica - Cumru, Instructional Aide; effective August 9, 2011

Slish, Ken - Technology Assistant; effective August 2, 2011

Resignations – Co-Curricular

Allbee, Peter - Co-Advisor, High School Berks Teen Institute Club; effective for the end of the 2010-2011 school year

Hirneisen, Leanne - Co-Advisor, High School Berks Teen Institute Club; effective for the end of the 2010-2011 school year

Hirneisen, Leanne - Advisor, High School Future Educators of America Club; effective for the end of the 2010-2011 school year

Hole, Christian - Advisor, High School Honor Society; effective for the end of the 2010-2011 school year

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Koestel and second by Dunkelberger to Approve the following **Employments**

Keller, Courtney - GMIS, Special Education Aide; effective August 29, 2011; 6.25 hours per day; \$10.74/hour; clearances pending (replaces C. Lush – resignation)

Pahl, Mary - Senior High, Special Education Aide; effective August 29, 2011; 6.25 hours per day; \$10.74/hour; clearances pending (replaces Diane Hoffert – retirement)

Schaeffer, Casey - GMIS, School Nurse; effective for the start of the 2011-2012 school year; clearances pending (replaces Renee Burt – resignation)

Spatz, Wanda - Cumru, Lunch Aide (45-minute); effective for the start of the 2011-2012 school year (replacing Jackie Ventresca) *This is in addition to existing Special Education Aide position*

Torres, Carmen - Mifflin Park, Lunch Aide; effective for the start of the 2011-2012 school year (replaces Carmela Burr)

Torres, Carmen - Mifflin Park, Part-time Secretary; effective for the start of the 2011-2012 school year (replaces Sue vanderBent – status change)

2011 Summer School Teachers

Rebecca Boyer (English); John Gantz (Science); Amy Dobrosky (Math)
Christine Palladino (Social Studies)

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Koestel and second by Dunkelberger to Approve the following **Changes of Status**

Frey, Patti - Cumru, 1:1 Instructional Aide to Middle School, 1:1 Instructional Aide; effective for the start of the 2011-2012 school year

Sensenig, Cindy - Cumru, Special Education Aide to GMIS, Special Education Aide; effective for the start of the 2011-2012 school year; 5.75 hours per day (replaces Heidi Keiser – retirement)

Sweigart, Irina - Mifflin Park, 1:1 Instructional Aide to Cumru, 1:1 Instructional Aide; effective for the start of the 2011-2012 school year; 6.25 hours per day (replaces Pamela Grant)

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Koestel and second by Dunkelberger to Approve the following **Leave of Absence**

- Shunk, Terry - Medical Leave of Absence, effective July 11, 2011 and continuing for approximately three months (Maintenance)

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Koestel and second by Dunkelberger to Approve the following **In-Service Tuition Reimbursement Requests**

- Bresnahan, Erik - American Military University, Course #HIST651: America's Indian Wars; September 5 – December 24, 2011; 3 credits; tuition \$975; reimbursement \$975 (MS, English)
- Clark, Alison - Alvernia University, Course #510: Moral Leadership; August 29 – December 13, 2011; 3 credits; tuition \$1,800; reimbursement \$1,800 (SH, English)
- Clark, Alison - Alvernia University, Course #518: Quantitative Research Methods; August 29 – December 13, 2011; 3 credits; tuition \$1,800; reimbursement \$1,800 (SH, English)
- Dickinson, Leeanne - Cabrini College, Course #549: The Teaching of Writing; September 6 – October 31, 2011; 3 credits; tuition \$1,332; reimbursement \$1,332 (Mifflin Park, Grade 1)
- Evak, Michael - Wilkes University, Course #5037A: Inquiry-Based Learning in the Classroom; October 10 – December 11, 2011; 3 credits; tuition \$1,185; reimbursement \$1,185 (GMIS, Grade 6)
- Fream, Amy - Cabrini College, Course #549: The Teaching of Writing; September 6 – October 25, 2011; 3 credits; tuition \$1,332; reimbursement \$1,332 (Cumru, Grade 3)
- Fream, Amy - Cabrini College, Course #580: Current Issues in Education; November 1- December 20, 2011; 3 credits; tuition \$1,332; reimbursement \$1,332 (Cumru, Grade 3)
- Heck, Susan - Alvernia University, Course #685: Principal Internship; August 29 – December 13, 2011; 3 credits; tuition \$1,800; reimbursement \$1,800 (SH, Math)

- Koehler, Beth - Wilkes University, Course #585: Integrating Technology into the Curriculum; September 15 – December 8, 2011; 3 credits; tuition \$1,185; reimbursement \$1,185 (GMIS, Grade 5)
- Koller, Nicole - Kutztown University, Course #562: School Law; July 18-28, 2011; 3 credits; tuition \$1,161; reimbursement \$1,161 (SH, Science)
- Murray, Kim - West Chester University, Course #590: Practicum in School Counseling; August 29 – December 12, 2011; 3 credits; tuition \$1,635.57; reimbursement \$1,635.57 (GMIS, Grade 6)
- Yochimowitz, Corey - BCIU: An Educator's Guide to ADHD; September 28 – October 8, 2011; 3 credits; tuition \$455; reimbursement \$455 (MS, Guidance)
- Yochimowitz, Corey - BCIU: Street Gangs & Youth Violence in our Schools; August 8-9, 2011; 1 credit; tuition \$155; reimbursement \$155 (MS, Guidance)

In-Service Tuition Reimbursement Requests – Masters Plus

- Bauer-West, Lori - Learners Edge, Course #842: Achieving Success with ESL Learners; October 31 – November 30, 2011; 3 credits; tuition \$355; no reimbursement (Cumru, Speech)
- Bauer-West, Lori - Learners Edge, Course #5049: The Sky's the Limit – The Outdoor Classroom; October 31 – November 30, 2011; 3 credits; tuition \$355; no reimbursement (Cumru, Speech)
- Eckert, Barbara - Learners Edge, Course #653: Reaching Young Readers; October 31 – November 30, 2011; 3 credits; tuition \$355; no reimbursement (GMIS, LSS)
- Eckert, Barbara - Learners Edge, Course #5049: The Sky's the Limit – The Outdoor Classroom; October 31 – November 30, 2011; 3 credits; tuition \$355; no reimbursement (GMIS, LSS)
- Modricker, Helen - Penn State, Course #444: Language, Culture and the Classroom; November 11 – December 4, 2011; 3 credits; tuition \$1,241; reimbursement \$1,241 (Mifflin Park, Grade 2)

In-Service Tuition Reimbursement Requests – Administrators

Coleman-Hill, Andrea - Immaculata University, Course #EDL727: PA School Code and School Board Policies; August 29 – December 15, 2011; 3 credits; tuition \$2,520 (Director of Data Analysis, Assessments & Research)

Coleman-Hill, Andrea - Immaculata University, Course #EDL797: Comprehensive Examination; August 29 – December 15, 2011; cost \$100 (Director of Data Analysis, Assessments & Research)

Dietrich, Tim - Immaculata University, Course #EDL000: Dissertation Continuation; August 29 – December 17, 2011; 3 credits; tuition \$2,430 (SH, Associate Principal)

Rosenberger, Kristine - Nova Southeastern University, Course #EDD8434: Advanced School Law; August 22 – December 11, 2011; 3 credits; tuition \$2,730 (Director of Curriculum K-12)

District Obligation Total: \$25,168

MOTION CARRIED.

CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION/PUPIL SERVICES

Motion by O'Brien and second by Koestel to Approve the **Middle School Co-Curricular assignments** for 2011-2012, as presented

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by O'Brien and second by Koestel to Approve the **High School Co-Curricular assignments** for 2011-2012, as presented

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by O'Brien and second by Cala to Approve a **Renewal Agreement with NHS Autism School**, Reading, PA, to provide special education services to qualifying students during the 2011-2012 school year, at a based tuition cost of \$151.80 per day/per student, as presented

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by O'Brien and second by Dunkelberger to Approve a **Renewal Agreement with The Children's Home of Reading (CHOR Day Academy)** to provide special education services to qualifying students during the 2011-2012 school year, at a base cost of \$140/per day/per student, (no increase from 2010-2011), as presented

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by O'Brien and second by Koestel to Approve **Agreements with Opportunities School** to provide special education services for the 2011-2012 school year to the following 8 students: #803937, #804793, #802650, #804896, #805484, #802759, #800590, #802011; Cost per student is \$27,300 for the 2011-2012 school year, as presented

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by O'Brien and second by Koestel to Approve a **Special Education Settlement Agreement** for Student #800732, as presented
MOTION CARRIED.

ATHLETIC/CO-CURRICULAR

Motion by Dunkelberger and second by Koestel to Approve a Request of the Girls' Cross Country team to participate in a Cross Country Invitational meet; Penn State University, Friday, September 16 – Saturday, September 17, 2011; cost to the District is use of school vans and entry fee, as presented

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Dunkelberger and second by Koestel to Approve the **Coaching positions** for the 2011-2012 school year, as presented

MOTION CARRIED.

PROPERTY

Motion by Cala and second by Dunkelberger to **TABLE the Agenda item** to secure services for the synthetic fields (multi-purpose and stadium) – provider has not yet been chosen

MOTION CARRIED.

POLICIES

Motion by Cala and second by Dunkelberger to Approve Waiver of Policy #126 (Class Size) for the following High School Classes (for the 2011-2012 school year only):

- #1140 – AP English 12
- #1450 - AP Physics B
- #1769 - Digital Studio Art 2
- #1430 - AP Chemistry
- #1733 - AP Music Theory
- #1340 - AP Math
- #1606 - Business Comm.
- #1613 - Accounting 3
- #1832 - Drafting 2
- #1963 - Personal Fashion 2

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Cala and second by Dunkelberger to Approve the following **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS USE REQUESTS**

Brecknock PTO

Brecknock Soccer Field
Friday, 9/9/11
5:30pm – 10:00pm
Welcome Back Movie Night
No Charge

Girl Scouts of Eastern PA Troop 1518	Brecknock Cafeteria Every other Tuesday 9/6/11 – 5/22/12 6:15pm – 7:30pm Girl Scout Troop Meetings No Charge
Girl Scouts of Eastern PA Jr. Troop 1806	Cumru Library Classroom Tuesdays throughout the school year beginning 9/13/11 3:30pm – 5:00pm Jr. Girl Scout Meetings No Charge
Girl Scouts of Eastern PA Brownie Troop	Cumru Library Classroom Wednesdays throughout the school year beginning 9/07/11 3:30pm – 5:00pm Brownie Meetings No Charge
Girl Scouts of Eastern PA Brownie Troop	Mifflin Park Cafeteria Every other Tuesday throughout the school year 3:15pm – 5:00pm Brownie Troop Meetings No Charge
GMIS PTO	GMIS Amphitheatre (or Gym if inclement weather) Thursday, 9/22/11 6:00pm – 9:00pm Shannon Tanner Music Concert No Charge
GMIS PTO	GMIS Cafeteria (pool-side)/Lobby Saturday, 3/24/12 9:00am – 12:00noon Wolfgang Candy delivery & pickup No Charge
GMIS PTO	GMIS Conference Room Wed, 9/21, 10/26, 12/14/11, 1/25, 2/22, 3/21, & 4/25/12 6:00pm – 8:00pm PTO Meetings No Charge

GM Preschool PTA	Brecknock Cafeteria & Gymnasium Fri, 10/21/11 5:00pm – 8:00pm Fall Festival No Charge
GM Preschool PTA	Brecknock Library Thursdays, 11/3/11 & 2/9/12 6:00pm – 8:00pm Nighttime Storytime No Charge
GM Preschool PTA	Brecknock Cafeteria & Gymnasium Fri, 1/27/12 (Snowdate: Fri, 2/3/12) 5:00pm – 8:00pm Fun with Dad Night No Charge
GM Preschool PTA	Brecknock Gymnasium Wednesdays, 12/7/11 & 3/7/12 5:30pm – 8:00pm Exercise Night No Charge
GM Preschool PTA	Brecknock Library Tuesday, 5/15/12 6:30pm – 8:00pm General Meeting No Charge
GM Preschool PTA	Cumru Faculty Room Tuesdays, 11/15/11 and 3/20/12 6:30pm – 8:00pm General Meetings No Charge
GM Preschool PTA	Cumru Library Thursdays, 9/15/11, 12/15/11 and 3/22/12 6:00pm – 8:00pm Storytime No Charge

GM Preschool PTA	Cumru Cafeteria Saturday, 2/25/12 (Snowdate: Sat, 3/3/12) 4:30pm – 8:30pm Family Fun Dance No Charge
GM Preschool PTA	Cumru Cafeteria (& Gym only if inclement weather) Saturday, 4/14/12 9:45am – 1:30pm Spring Luncheon & Egg Hunt No Charge
GM Preschool PTA	Cumru Gymnasium Wednesday, 1/4/12 5:30pm – 8:00pm Exercise Night No Charge
GM Preschool PTA	Mifflin Park Faculty Room Tuesdays, 9/13/11 and 1/10/12 6:30pm – 8:00pm General Meeting No Charge
GM Preschool PTA	Mifflin Park Library Thursdays, 10/13/11, 01/19/12 & 04/26/12 6:00pm – 8:00pm Nighttime Storytime No Charge
GM Preschool PTA	Mifflin Park Cafeteria & Gymnasium Friday, 11/11/11 4:30pm – 9:30pm Home-based Business Show w/Exercise Night No Charge
GM Preschool PTA	Mifflin Park Gymnasium Wednesday, 2/1/12 5:30pm – 8:00pm Exercise Night No Charge

GM Preschool PTA	Mifflin Park Cafeteria Friday, 3/16/12 4:30pm – 8:00pm Family Ice Cream Social No Charge
Governor Mifflin Soccer Club	Cumru Cafeteria Wednesday, 8/31/11 7:00pm – 9:30pm General Meeting No Charge
Immanuel UCC	High School Auxiliary Gym Fridays, 9/2, 9/16, 9/23, 10/7 & 10/28/11 8:30pm – 11:00pm 5 th Quarter (after football games) No Charge
Mifflin Advocates for Gifted Students (MAGS)	GMIS Classroom Thurs 9/15/11, then 2 nd Tuesday of each month thru May 6:30pm – 9:00pm Business Meetings No Charge
Mifflin Area Youth Baseball Association (MAYBA)	Cumru Baseball Field & Washroom Various Dates & Times from 5/19/11 – 10/31/11 Fields, Dates & Times as assigned by Athletic Director Baseball Practices & Games No Charge
Mifflin Basketball Association	GMIS Gymnasium Saturday, 10/22/11 5:00pm – 10:00pm Basketball Fundraiser with Harlem Wizards Charges: To Be Determined
Shillington Lions Club	Cumru Cafeteria/Stage Saturday, 9/24/11 1:00pm – 4:30pm Zumba-thon Rental: \$10/hr; Custodial: \$30/hr

MOTION CARRIED.

Upon Adjournment of this Meeting, the Board entered into an **Executive Session** to discuss Personnel matters.

Motion by Koestel and second by Dunkelberger to **Adjourn this Meeting** at 7:24pm.

Mark R. Naylor, Board Secretary

