

# **MANHEIM TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS MEETING**

**District Office  
December 16, 2010  
7:30 p.m.**

## **MINUTES**

Hannah Bartges, President, called the meeting of the Manheim Township Board of School Directors to order at 7:30 p.m. School directors present were Mark Anderson, Hannah Bartges, Barbara Carr, Susan Doub, Lynn Miller, William Murry, Tom O'Brien, Don Reed, and Tom Winters. Also present were Gene Freeman, Superintendent; John Riegel, Assistant Superintendent; Tim Williams, Assistant to the Superintendent for Curriculum/Instruction & Technology; Joe Kurjiaka, Chief Operating Officer; Katherine Setlock, Director of Pupil Services, Tom Koch, Plant Manager; Rebekah Fry, Student Representative; and Kathleen Arnold, Board Secretary.

Visitors present are recorded in the official school board guest book. A quorum was present, and due notice had been published.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mrs. Bartges led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Announcements**

Mrs. Bartges announced that a Board Retreat on personnel was held on December 11, 2010 and an Executive Session on Personnel was held prior to the meeting tonight.

### **Recognitions**

Mrs. Barges welcomed:

- Employee of the Month – Barbara Fanning, Brecht Elementary Secretary
- Teacher of the Month – Missy Weaver, Neff Elementary Guidance Counselor

### **Presentations**

- Mrs. Patty Zanghi, on behalf of the Manheim Township Act 93 Administrative Group, announced the group is voluntarily freezing their salaries for the 2011-2012 school year in order help the district through the difficult upcoming budget challenges
- Mrs. Kaye Pulkrabek, Envisions Board President, presented Dr. Freeman with an envelope containing \$500 checks for each of the elementary buildings. Envisions will also be presenting each elementary PTO with a donation of \$100. Mr. Tom O'Brien, School Board Representative to the Envisions Board, announced that Envisions will start offering an annual \$500 scholarship to a high school senior who was an alumni of the Envisions program.
- Lisa Myers from Boyer and Ritter reviewed the 2009-2010 Local Audit Report. Ms. Myers complimented the district on a clean audit with no findings.
- Mr. David Warren, Mr. Tom Bigler, and Mr. Steven Risk, reported on the Career and Technology Center (CTC) Feasibility Study and the exciting new programs being planned by the CTC.
- Mr. George Hennessy reported on the findings of the Eventis Task Force. The recommendation of the Task Force is that the business model of Eventis is not sustainable and that Eventis be dissolved as of December 31, 2010. Mr. Hennessy noted that current contracts will be honored. He also expressed sincere appreciation to Eventis staff for their professionalism and hard work.

**Roll Call Vote**

Mrs. Bartges announced that unless otherwise stated, each vote taken at this meeting will be considered a roll call vote and the secretary will record any negative votes or abstentions.

**Approval /Modification of Agenda**

Mrs. Bartges asked if there were any agenda items that should be removed from the consent portion of the agenda. The agenda was approved as presented.

**Manheim Township Citizens' Comments**

Mrs. Bartges invited citizens in the audience to comment on any item on the agenda.

There were no comments at this time.

**Consent Agenda**

Mr. O'Brien moved and Mr. Anderson seconded approval of the following consent agenda items:

- A. Treasurer's Report ([attachment](#))
- B. Personnel Report ([cover](#)) ([report](#))
- C. Second reading and adoption of new course proposal:
  - Sculpture ([cover](#)) ([attachment](#))
  - Conversational French/German/Spanish ([cover](#)) ([attachment](#))
  - French/German/Spanish Language and Literature ([cover](#)) ([attachment](#))
  - Incredible Edible Science ([cover](#)) ([attachment](#))
  - Logic and Set Theory ([cover](#)) ([attachment](#))
  - PLtW: Civil Engineering and Architecture ([cover](#)) ([attachment](#))
  - Video Production IV ([cover](#)) ([attachment](#))
  - Virtual Independent STEM Research 2 ([cover](#)) ([attachment](#))
- D. Second reading and adoption of course name change:
  - Math, Grade 8 to Pre Algebra ([cover](#)) ([attachment](#))
  - Unified Arts to Video Production ([cover](#)) ([attachment](#))
- E. Second reading and adoption of course change ([cover](#)) ([attachment](#)):  
Astronomy from one to two semesters:
  - Astronomy: The Sky and The Stars
  - Astronomy: The Solar System and the Universe
- F. Second reading and adoption of Canon Additions:
  - The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins ([cover](#)) ([revised](#))
  - The Hobbit, or There and Back Again by J. R. R. Tolkien ([cover](#)) ([attachment](#)) ([revised](#))
- G. Recommend approval of Bucher Elementary Change Orders for General Construction ([cover](#)):
  - Miller Brothers Construction Inc. Change Order #15, increase contract by \$10,249.80 ([attachment](#))
  - Miller Brothers Construction Inc. Change Order #16, increase contract by \$5,872.72 ([attachment](#))
  - Miller Brothers Construction Inc. Change Order #17, increase contract by \$6,491.92 ([attachment](#))
  - Miller Brothers Construction Inc. Change Order #18, increase contract by \$12,775.37 ([attachment](#))
  - Miller Brothers Construction Inc. Change Order #19, increase contract by \$10,548.27 ([attachment](#))
  - Miller Brothers Construction Inc. Change Order #20, increase contract by \$12,146.63 ([attachment](#))

- H. Recommend approval of Bucher Elementary Change Orders ([cover](#)):
  - Vision Mechanical Inc. Change Order #6, increase contract by \$62,890.45 ([attachment](#))
  - Eastern Shore Services Change Order #6, increase contract by \$2,704.78 ([attachment](#))
- I. Recommend approval of McNees, Wallace & Nurick as Counsel for Special Education at the following rates for 2011 ([cover](#)):
  - Jeff Champagne, \$285.00 per hour
  - Kim Colonna, \$275.00 per hour
- J. Recommend approval of Hartman, Underhill and Brubaker as legal counsel through June 30, 2011 at the current blended rate of \$140 per hour ([attachment](#))
- K. Recommend annual approval of a Resolution to opt out of compliance with the provision of the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act ([MHPAEA](#)) ([attachment](#)) ([resolution](#))
- L. Recommend approval of the 2009-2010 Local Audit ([report](#))

Voice vote with all members present voting aye. Motion carried.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **Previous Minutes**

Mr. O'Brien moved and Mr. Murry seconded approval of the Secretary's minutes of the November 11, 2010 work session and the November 18, 2010 regular meeting of the Board of School Directors. (attachments)

Voice vote with all members present voting aye. Motion carried.

### **First Reading**

First reading of International Baccalaureate World Literature reading list ([cover](#)):

- The Thief and the Dogs by Naquib Mahfouz ([attachment](#))
- The Assault by Harry Mulisch ([attachment](#))
- Mother Courage and Her Children by Bertolt Brecht ([attachment](#))
- Master Harold and the Boys by Athol Fugard ([attachment](#))
- House of the Spirits by Isabel Allende ([attachment](#))
- Robert Frost's Poems by Robert Frost ([attachment](#))
- The Death of Ivan Ilyich by Leo Tolstoy ([attachment](#))

### **Approval Received**

Dr. Freeman stated that the following approval had been received: (attachment)

- PlanCon Part F: Construction Documents for Landis Run Intermediate School

### **Reports Filed**

Dr. Freeman stated that the following reports have been filed: (attachments)

- Funding for Charter Schools 2010-2011 School Year
- PDE-2047 Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ending 06/30/2010
- PDE-2097 Home Education and Private Tutor Report, 2009-2010

### **Citizens' Comments**

Mrs. Bartges invited Manheim Township citizens' comment on any subject.

There were no citizen comments.

**Adjournment to Executive Session**

Mr. O'Brien moved and Mr. Murry seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting to an Executive Session on personnel at approximately 8:55.

Voice vote with all members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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Hannah J. Bartges, President

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Kathleen E. Arnold, Secretary