

**MANHEIM TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS MEETING
High School Cafeteria
May 15, 2008
7:34 p.m.**

MINUTES

Hannah Bartges, President, called the May 15, 2008 regular meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. School directors present were Mark Anderson, Hannah Bartges, Sam Dodson, Susan Doub, Rick Kerper, William Murry, Tom O'Brien, Don Reed and Beth Ross. Also present were Kevin Singer, Superintendent; John Riegel, Assistant Superintendent; Joe Kurjiaka, Director of Operations and Planning; Debra Hartline, Director of Pupil Services; Tom Koch, Plant Manager; 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.

**Executive session
announcement**

Mrs. Bartges announced the Board has held recent Executive Sessions on personnel; May 14, 2008 and May 15, 2008.

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.
Dr. Kerper asked to remove the personnel report from consent to the Superintendent's Report section.
The consent agenda was approved as revised.

**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. Murry seconded approval of the following consent agenda items (attachments):

- A. Treasurer's report
- B. approve second reading and adoption of the 2009-2010 school calendar
- C. approve school board meeting dates for the 2008-2009 school year
- D. reappoint the Director of Operations and Planning as School Board Treasurer, effective July 1, 2008, for a one-year term
- E. award one Study Sabbatical Leave to Charlton Wolfgang for the first semester of the 2008-2009 school year
- F. approve a .15 cent increase in all meal prices and .05 cent increase in milk for the 2008-2009 school year:
 - MS/HS - \$2.05
 - Elementary - \$1.80
 - Adult - \$3.10
 - Breakfast - \$1.15
 - Milk - \$.50

- G. approve Plant Services Department to secure various major maintenance projects through the Association of Educational Purchasing Agencies consortium, in lieu of public bidding these projects:
 - Middle School weatherization, phase III
 - Nitrauer partial roof replacement
 - Brecht stone re-pointing
 - Reidenbaugh carpet replacement, phase III
- H. approve second reading of School Board Policy #201, Admission of Students
- I. approve a Resolution requesting a Waiver Mandate for a single prime contractor for the Bucher Elementary School project
- J. ratification of the decisions of the Judiciary Committee in the cases of three students who violated School Board Policy #218, Discipline

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Previous minutes

Mr. Reed moved and Mr. Murry seconded approval of the Secretary's minutes of the April 10, 2008 Work Session and the April 17, 2008 regular meeting of the Board of School Directors.
(attachments)

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

Proposed final 2008-2009 budget

Mr. O'Brien moved and Mr. Murry seconded approval of the Proposed Final 2008-2009 Budget in the amount of \$70,437,692, as presented on form PDE-2028. The final 2008-2009 budget will be approved at the June 19, 2008 Board meeting.
(attachment)

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

Bucher Elementary school construction project testing/adjusting/balancing contract

Mr. O'Brien moved and Mrs. Ross seconded approval of Bucher Elementary School Construction Project Testing/Adjusting/Balancing Contract to the low quote meeting specifications to Eastern Air Balance for a not-to-exceed cost of \$72,976.
(attachment)

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

Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit #13 Board of Directors

Board member completed individual ballots for election of members of the Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit #13 Board of Directors.
(attachment)

Personnel Report

Dr. Kerper moved and Mr. Murry seconded approval of the personnel report, minus item #5, volunteer coaches, because that attachment was missing from the packet.

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

First reading of New and Revised Policies

First reading of the following new and revised policies: (attachments)

New:

146 Student Services
210.1 Possession of Asthma Inhaler
236 Student Assistance Program

Revised:

210 Use of Medications
226 Searches
216 Student Records

Reports Filed

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

- 2007-2008 Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth Grant Quarterly Report
- Monthly Claim form for Reimbursement National School Lunch, School Breakfast, Afterschool Snack and Special Milk Programs

Citizens' Comments

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

Mr. Walt Rowen, 1946 Park Plaza, said the wrestling community has been shocked to learn that wrestling coach Jan Minnich is not going to have his coaching contract renewed. He said he realizes that this action is a personnel matter; however, he wishes to say that Mr. Minnich has the support of the wrestling community. Mr. Minnich's professionalism has never been called into question by the parents.

Scott Rowen, former student, said coach Minnich's ethics and morals are admired by the wrestling team.

Cutter Recher, 925 Louise Avenue, as a wrestler he believes the team knows coach better than most. The coach cares about each member of the team on a personal level as well as a coach.

Shane Wagner, 1373 Hollywood Drive, as a transfer student, coach helped him become one of the team. Coach has also helped him in personal situations.

Richard Torres, 109 Dunharrow Drive, coach is the nicest man he ever met, spending all the time needed to help a student new to wrestling. He never heard any racist remarks made by coach.

Robert Rubinstein, 1341 Hunter Drive, when injured coach was the first adult to visit him. Coach is a great person.

Ken Nakagawa, 541 Wheatfield Drive, coach helped him by lending videos and writing a letter of recommendation.

Daniel Haden, 535 Wheatfield Drive, coach always encouraged him to be his best. Coach is nicest guy he ever met.

Donovan McDonald, 201 St. Thomas Road, as a 9th grade student, he was looking forward to being on the varsity program under coach.

Andrew Hayden, 535 Wheatfield Dr., coach was always supportive and one of the most caring people he knows. Coach put him the path to his future career, teaching and coaching.

Sam Horn, 2031 Bonnie Drive, coach takes the time to know all the kids in a positive manner.

Adjournment

Ramsey Lopatic, 14 Haskell Drive, coach is a moral compass that has provided guidance to all of the team.

Mr. David Rubenstein, 1341 Hunter Drive, takes issue with the latest evaluation Mr. Minnich received. Mrs. Bartges cautioned that the information being shared by Mr. Rubenstein is a part of Mr. Minnich's confidential file and the Board is not privy to, nor can they comment on that file.

Mr. Larsen Lundquist, 74 Sable Avenue, coach looks at the boys as a team and as individuals. He said that inaccurate comments have been made, and not verified. Coach is a man of honor and commitment.

Debra Castro, 1913 Oregon Pike, apt. D11, as a Spanish woman she and her son, Jose, have never seen any sign of any racial issues.

Mr. Murry moved and Mrs. Ross seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:30 p.m.

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

Hannah J. Bartges, President

Kathleen E. Arnold, Secretary