

**COATESVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 23, 2010 - 7:00 PM
9/10 CENTER AUDITORIUM**

OPENING ACTIVITIES

1. CALL TO ORDER AT 7:05 P.M.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. ROLL CALL

J. Neil Campbell - present	<i>(Operations Committee)</i>
Richard M. Ritter – present	<i>(Finance Committee)</i>
Diane M. Brownfield - present	<i>(Education & Community & Student Relations Committees)</i>
Joseph E. Dunn, Jr. - present	<i>(Finance Committee)</i>
Donald R. Holt, Jr. - present	<i>(Finance Committee)</i>
Paul L. Johnson - present	<i>(Operations Committee)</i>
Laurie C. Knecht - present	<i>(Operations Committee)</i>
Robert M. Knecht - present	<i>(Education & Community & Student Relations Committees)</i>
Dr. Tonya Thames Taylor - present	<i>(Education & Community & Student Relations Committees)</i>

Student Representatives:

Nicholas Sikoutris, Senior Class Representative - present
Kelsey McKee, Junior Class Representative - present

5. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

Addition:

- 2. B. Conference Attendance for Dr. Tonya Thames Taylor

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the minutes for the February 23, 2010 School Board meeting subject to any addition, deletions, modifications or clarifications. (*Enclosure*)

Approval of Minutes February 23, 2010 Approved Vote: 9-0-0

Motion: Diane Brownfield

Second: Don Holt

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.

- 1) *Mary Damiani:*

Mrs. Damiani commented on the 2-year Uniform Policy Pilot Program at Friendship Elementary School. She did not agree that uniforms made a positive impact on improving PSSA scores. The cost of the uniforms continues to be burdensome on the family budget, and even more so due to the recent death of her husband. She hopes the district with discontinue the uniform program.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An Executive Session was held on Tuesday, March 23, 2010 from 6:00 - 6:50 p.m. for legal and personnel reasons.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent's Report was provided by Mr. Como.

IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Time	Meetings	Place
April 1-5, 2010	~	<i>Spring Recess – No School</i>	~
April 13, 2010	6:00 PM	All Committee Meetings	9/10 Center Auditorium
April 27, 2010	7:00 PM	School Board Meeting	9/10 Center Auditorium

BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Presentation by the Reeceville Elementary School – Anthony Buckwash, Principal

SPECIAL REPORTS

School Improvement Update by South Brandywine Middle School – John Reid, Principal

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT

The Student Representative’s Report was provided by Nick Sikoutris.

MOTION ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

Committee meeting action items considered routine will be enacted under one motion unless removed for separate action upon Board request. The purpose of the consolidated motion is to expedite Governing Board action on all consent items, which are not held for discussion. Items that have been held for discussion by the Governing Board will be enacted upon at the time the item is discussed.

1. CONSENT AGENDA (School Board President)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board approves the consent agenda items:

Items to be removed from Consent Agenda:

4. B. Change Order No. 4-002 at Coatesville Area Senior High School

Motion: Diane Brownfield

Second: Paul Johnson

Vote: 9-0-0

Consent Agenda
Approved
Vote: 9-0-0

2. FINANCE COMMITTEE (Donald Holt, Chair)

A. Schedule of Bills Payable

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the Schedule of Bills Payable as submitted for the month ending February 28, 2010.

Fund	Paid
General Fund – 10	\$ 2,159,876.12
Capital Reserve Fund – 22	0.00
Athletic Fund – 29	22,799.93
Capital Projects Fund 32 / 2007 GOB	0.00
Capital Projects Fund 33 / 2009A GOB	703,898.57
Food Service – 51	118,867.52
Trust Fund – 71	0.00
Student Activities Fund – 81	29,985.06
Agency Fund – 89	5,836.71
TOTAL	\$ 3,041,263.91

- B. Treasurer's Report**
RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the Treasurer's Report as submitted for the month ending February 28, 2010.
- C. Budget Transfers**
RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the Budget Transfers as submitted for the month ending February 28, 2010 in the amount of \$396,412.35.
- D. Schedule of Investments**
RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the Schedule of Investments as submitted for the month ending February 28, 2010.
- E. Actuaries for Government Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 45 (GASB 45)**
RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves Conrad Siegel Actuaries to perform an actuarial study necessary to implement GASB No. 45 at a not-to-exceed fee of \$7,550 (as negotiated through the Pennsylvania Trust).
- F. Human Resources**
- 1. Resignations - Regular and Extra Duty**
RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the following Resignations - Regular and Extra Duty:
- a. CATSS
- 1) Brown, Debra, 2.0 Hour Cafeteria/Playground Aide for the Rainbow Elementary School. Letter Dated: 3/9/10. Reason: Job Abandonment. Effective: 3/18/10.
 - 2) Easterday, Kim, 2.0 Hour Cafeteria/Playground Aide for the East Fallowfield Elementary School. Letter Dated: 2/23/10. Reason: Personal. Effective: 2/19/10.
 - 3) Fowlkes, Dan, 6.5 Hour Special Education One-On-One Aide for the Gordon Education Center. Letter Dated: 3/16/10. Reason: Personal. Effective: 3/16/10.
 - 4) Woodward, Stanley, 2.0 Cafeteria/Playground Aide for the Friendship Elementary School. Letter Dated: 3/10/10. Reason: Personal. Effective: 3/23/10.
- b. FEDERATION
- 1) Cooper, Sandra, Custodian for the North Brandywine Middle School. Reason: Termination. Effective: 3/23/10.

c. EXTRA DUTY

- 1) Harris, Joseph, 7th Grade Boys' Baseball Coach for the South Brandywine Middle School. Letter Dated: 2/19/10. Reason: Personal. Effective: 2/19/10.
- 2) Pinnix, Julie, Girls' Assistant Lacrosse Coach for the Coatesville Area Senior High CAMPUS. Letter Dated: 3/5/10. Reason: Change of positions. Effective: 3/5/10.

2. **New Appointments - Regular and Extra Duty**

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the following New Appointments - Regular and Extra Duty:

a. CATSS

- 1) McCain, Eric, Substitute Cafeteria/Playground Aide for the Friendship Elementary School. Salary: \$9.50/hr. Effective: 3/24/10. SP4: Approved.
- 2) Woodward, Stanley, Substitute Instructional Aide for the South Brandywine Middle School. Salary: \$10.50/hr. Effective: 3/24/10. SP4: Staff.

b. EXTRA DUTY

- 1) Ahlum, Michael, Co-Assistant Track Coach for the Coatesville Area Senior High School CAMPUS. Posted: 1/28/10 (London). Salary: \$1,625.00. Effective: 2009 – 2010 School Year. SP4: Approved.
- 2) DiSante, Thomas, Co-Assistant Track Coach for the Coatesville Area Senior High School CAMPUS. Posted: 1/28/10 (London). Salary: \$1,625.00. Effective: 2009 – 2010 School Year. SP4: Staff.
- 3) Jamrogowicz, Victoria, 7th Grade Girls' Lacrosse Coach for the Scott Middle School. Posted: 10/30/08 (Lillienfeld). Salary: \$1,176.00. Effective: 2009 – 2010 School Year. SP4: Staff.
- 4) Walters, Ashley, Assistant Track Coach for the South Brandywine Middle School. Posted: 6/3/09 (DiSante). Salary: \$1,400.00. Effective: 2009 – 2010 School Year. SP4: Staff.
- 5) Woodward, Stanley, 7th Grade Boys' Baseball Coach for the South Brandywine Middle School. Posted: 3/2/10 (Harris). Salary: \$1,092.00. Effective: 2009 – 2010 School Year. SP4: Staff.

3. **Creation of New Position(s)**

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the following new positions:

4. Leave(s) of Absence

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the following Leave(s) of Absence as indicated:

a. CATA

- 1) D'Angelo, Elaine, Kindergarten Teacher for the King's Highway Elementary School. Letter Dated: 3/8/09. Reason: Extended Medical Leave of Absence. Effective: 4/13/10 – 4/23/10.
- 2) Hamilton, Devyn, Guidance Counselor for the Scott Middle School. Letter Dated: 2/16/10. Reason: FMLA. Effective: 4/26/10 – 6/16/10.
- 3) Nelms, Patricia, Nurse for the Friendship Elementary & Reeceville Elementary Schools. Letter Dated: 2/17/10. Reason: FMLA. Effective: 3/3/10 – 4/14/10.
- 4) Tabakelis, Peggy, 6th Grade Reading Proficiency Teacher for the Scott Middle School. Letter Dated: 2/22/10. Reason: FMLA. Effective: 2/1/10 – 2/12/10.
- 5) Vint, Craig, Earth & Space Science Teacher for the Coatesville Area Senior High School CAMPUS – 9/10 Center. Letter Dated: 3/11/10. Reason: FMLA. Effective: 3/3/10 – 3/23/10.
- 6) Weakland, Denise, Librarian for the Friendship Elementary School. Letter Dated: 3/15/10. Reason: FMLA. Effective: 1/4/2010 – Intermittent Leave.

b. CATSS

- 1) Johnson, Jeanne, 6.5 Hour Special Education One-On-One Aide for the Coatesville Area Senior High School. Letter Dated: 3/3/10. Reason: Medical Leave of Absence. Effective: 1/5/10 – 6/15/10.
- 2) Miller, Dawn, 6.5 Hour Special Education One-on-One Aide for the Caln Elementary School. Letter Dated: 2/22/10. Reason: FMLA/Intermittent. Effective: 3/21/10.
- 3) Pollard, Kim, 4.75 Hour Special Education Classroom Aide for the King's Highway Elementary School. Letter Dated: 3/15/10. Reason: Medical Leave of Absence. Effective: 3/15/10 – 3/26/10.

c. FEDERATION

- 1) Coblenz, Denise, 3.0 Hour General Utility Worker for the Rainbow Elementary School. Letter Dated: 3/1/10. Reason: Medical Leave of Absence. Effective: 2/16/10 – 5/14/10.
- 2) Douglas, Ernest, Custodian for the Scott Middle School. Letter Dated: 1/26/10. Reason: FMLA. Effective: 1/18/10 – 3/22/10.

- 3) Jones, Rita, Custodian for the Coatesville Area Senior High School. Letter Dated: 2/16/10. Reason: FMLA/Medical Leave of Absence. Effective: 2/1/10 – 3/31/10.
- 4) Keehn, Kelly, Custodian for the Coatesville Area Senior High School CAMPUS – 9/10 Center. Letter Dated: 2/18/10. Reason: FMLA. Effective: 5/18/10 – 7/5/10.

5. Voluntary Transfers:

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the Voluntary Transfer of:

a. CATSS

- 1) Kosek, Heidi, move from 6.5 Hour Special Education One-On-One Aide for the Reeceville Elementary School to 6.5 Hour Special Education One-On-One Aide for the Friendship Elementary School (assigned new student). Effective: 2/22/10.

6. Change of Status

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the Change of Status as indicated:

a. FEDERATION

- 1) Ibrahim, Alie, move from Custodian “C” @ \$18.43/hr. to Custodian “B” @ \$18.83/hr. for the South Brandywine Middle School. Effective: Retroactive to 2/16/10.

7. Correction(s)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the Correction as indicated:

a. Correction from February 23, 2010 Agenda:

- 1) Beren, Ursula, Certified School Nurse for the Gordon Education Center and the Caln Elementary School. Posted: 2/3/10 (Lisney). Correction - replacement should be for (Lindelov).
- 2) Horsey, Robert, Salary: \$21.84/hr. and \$22.04/hr. after probationary period. Effective: 2/24/10. Correction – Per Federation Contract, there is no probation period for current employees.

3. EDUCATION COMMITTEE (Diane Brownfield, Chair)

A. Title I Parent Involvement Policies

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the School Board of Directors adopts the revised parent involvement policies for the Caln, Rainbow, and Reeceville Elementary Schools, and for the Scott and South Brandywine Middle Schools for the 2009-2010 school year.

- B. Conference Attendance for Dr. Tonya Thames Taylor**
RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the paid attendance of Dr. Tonya Thames Taylor at the Education as a Civil Right and Economic Divider Conference on April 8th & 9th, 2010 in Memphis, Tennessee. She will be a presenter. The cost of the conference expenses will not exceed \$500.00.

4. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE (Laurie Knecht, Chair)

- A. Change Order No. 2-002 at Coatesville Area Senior High School**
RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves Change Order No. 2-002 with Guy M. Cooper (Plumbing Contractor) at Coatesville Area Senior High School for an addition of \$9,673.01 (difference between additions and deductions) for providing various services.

- B. Change Order No. 4-002 at Coatesville Area Senior High School**

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves Change Order No. 4-002 with Gooseworks, Inc. (Electrical Contractor) at Coatesville Area Senior High School for an addition of \$49,829.81 (difference between additions and deductions) the most significant being the IP camera upgrade.

Change Order #4-002 C.A.S.H. Approved Vote: 9-0-0
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Motion: Diane Brownfield

Second: Neil Campbell

Vote: 9-0-0

5. COMMUNITY & STUDENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE (Robert Knecht, Chair)

- A. Review of Revised Policy #137 – Home School Program – 2nd Reading**
RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the 2nd reading of Revised Policy #137, Home School Program. (*Enclosure*)
- B. Review of New Policy #103.1 – Non-Discrimination – Qualified Students with Disabilities – 2nd Reading**
RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the 2nd reading of New Policy #103.1, Non-Discrimination – Qualified Students with Disabilities.
- C. Review of Revised Policy #237 – Electronic Devices – 1st Reading**
RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the 1st reading of Revised Policy #237, Electronic Devices. (*Enclosure*)
- D. Review of Revised Policy #815 – Acceptable Use of the Internet – 1st Reading**
RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the 1st reading of Revised Policy #815, Acceptable Use of the Internet.

- E. **Coatesville Area Senior High Trip to France, April 13 to April 22, 2011**
RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the CASH trip to France, April 13 to April 22, 2011.
- F. **Student Discipline Hearings**
RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the following student disciplinary action(s) as recommended. (*Enclosure*)

<u>Student #</u>	<u>Actions</u>
10DH10	20 day expulsion and referral to the Gordon Education Center.
10DH11	In-home tutoring for the balance of 2009-2010 school year.
10DH12	In-home instruction for the balance of the 3 rd marking period, Student Discipline Committee Behavioral Contract and 30 hours of community service.
10DH13	In-home instruction for the balance of the 3 rd marking period, 30 hours of community service and referral to the Gordon Education Center.
10DH14	Expelled for the balance of the 2009-2010 school year.
10DH15	Referred to the Gordon Education Center.
10DH16	15 day expulsion.
10DH17	Referred to the Gordon Education Center.
10DH18	In-home instruction for the balance of the 3 rd marking period and 15 hours of community service.
10DH19	15 day expulsion
10DH20	In-home tutoring for the balance of the 2009-2010 school year.
10DH21	17 day expulsion and Student Discipline Committee Behavioral Contract.

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.

- 1) *Jarrett Jackson:*
Mr. Jackson addressed the board regarding his ongoing concerns about the Graystone Academy Charter School Board of Trustees. As an involved member of the community, he offered his assistance to CASD as they continue to investigate allegations made against Graystone.

ADDITIONAL BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

INFORMATION ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. on a motion by Diane Brownfield and seconded by Paul Johnson.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Jackson, Recording Secretary

Kenneth D. Lupold, School Board Secretary

If any Board Member or member of the public wishes to review the minutes verbatim, please contact the School Board Secretary and make arrangements to come to the District Office and listen to the meeting tapes.