

**COATESVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 25, 2011 - 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**

**Board of School Directors:**

J. Neil Campbell, President - present	<i>(Operations Committee)</i>
Richard M. Ritter, Vice-President – present	<i>(Finance Committee)</i>
Diane M. Brownfield – present via Telecom	<i>(Education &amp; Community &amp; Student Relations Committees)</i>
Joseph E. Dunn, Jr. – present	<i>(Finance Committee)</i>
Paul L. Johnson - present	<i>(Operations Committee)</i>
Laurie C. Knecht - present	<i>(Operations Committee)</i>
William A. Sweigart – present	<i>(Finance Committee)</i>
Dr. Tonya Thames Taylor - present	<i>(Education &amp; Community &amp; Student Relations Committees)</i>

**Student Representatives:**

Vinasia Miles, Senior Class Representative - present  
Savannah Beebe, Junior Class Representative – present

**Administration:**

Richard W. Como, Superintendent of Schools  
Kenneth D. Lupold, Director of Business Administration/Board Secretary  
Dr. Angelo Romaniello, Assistant Superintendent & Director of High Schools  
Dr. Teresa Powell, Director of Elementary Education & Mathematics Specialist K-12  
Dr. Orysia Stanko, Director of Middle Schools  
Dave Krakower, Director of Special Education  
Erika Zeigler, Director of Human Resources  
Abdallah Hawa, Director of Technology

**Solicitor:**

James E. Ellison, Esquire

**5. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**6. SWEARING-IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBER (MR. JAMES L. FOX)**

Mr. James L. Fox was sworn in by Judge Gregory Hines. Mr. Fox will now be present for the duration of this School Board meeting.

Mr. Campbell appointed Mr. Fox to the Education and Community & Student Relations Committees.

**7. ORAL COMMENTS CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE REVOCATION OF GRAYSTONE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL'S CHARTER**

School Board President, Mr. Campbell, moved this item to the end of the agenda.

**ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approves the minutes, with modifications, for the September 28, 2011 School Board meeting subject to any addition, deletions, modifications or clarifications. (*Enclosure*)

Approval of Minutes 9-28-2011  Approved Vote: 7-0-2  Abstained: Fox & L. Knecht
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Motion: Paul Johnson      Second: Dr. Tonya Thames Taylor      Vote: 7-0-2

**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.

*None*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An Executive Session was held on Tuesday, October 25, 2011 from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. for legal and personnel reasons.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

The superintendent's report was provided by Mr. Richard Como.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Meetings</b>	<b>Place</b>
<b>~ MONDAY ~ November 7, 2011</b>	6:00 PM	All Committee Meetings	9/10 Center Auditorium
November 8, 2011	~	Full Day In-Service	<i>No School for Students</i>
November 22, 2011	7:00 PM	School Board Meeting	9/10 Center Auditorium
November 13-19, 2011	~	American Education Week	All School Districts
November 15, 2011	~	American Educ. Week Open House	<i>All CASD Schools</i>
November 24-25, 2011	~	Thanksgiving Recess	<i>Schools &amp; Offices Closed</i>

**BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

Presentation by the Coatesville Area Senior High School Students - Robert Fisher, Principal

**SPECIAL REPORTS**

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT**

The student representative’s report was provided by Miss Vinasia Miles.

**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:

Consent Agenda
Approved
Vote: 9-0-0

Motion: Neil Campbell                      Second: Dr. Tonya Thames Taylor                      Vote: 9-0-0

2. **FINANCE COMMITTEE** (*Richard Ritter, 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 September 30, 2011.

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Paid</b>
General Fund – 10	\$ 6,244,621.82
Capital Projects Fund 32 / 2007 GOB	1,745.00
Capital Projects Fund 33 / 2009A GOB	179,861.90
Capital Projects Fund 34 / 2010 GOB	803,426.55
New Capital Reserve Fund 38	0.00
Food Service – 51	75,448.46
Trust Fund – 71	0.00
Student Activities Fund – 81	17,242.68
Agency Fund – 89	1,739.03
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 7,324,085.44</b>

**B. Treasurer’s Report**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approves the Treasurer’s Report as submitted for the month ending September 30, 2011.

**C. Schedule of Investments**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approves the Schedule of Investments as submitted for the month ending September 30, 2011.

**D. 2012-2013 School Allocations**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approves the 2012-2013 School Allocations.

**E. 2012-2013 Budget Calendar**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approves the 2012-2013 Budget Calendar. (*Enclosure*)

**F. 2011-2012 Student Activities Faculty Advisors and Student Treasurers**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approves the 2011-2012 Student Activities Faculty Advisors and Student Treasurers.

**G. 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) Stuart, Todd, 6.5 Hour Special Education One-on-One Aide for the CASD Alternative Education Center. Letter Dated: 10/7/11. Reason: Personal. Effective: 10/21/11.
- 2) Taggart, Shanae, LPN for the East Fallowfield Elementary School. Letter Dated: 9/29/11. Reason: Personal. Effective: 10/7/11.

b. FEDERATION

- 1) Thomas, Marquis, Custodian for the South Brandywine Middle School. Letter Dated: 9/29/11. Reason: Job Abandonment. Effective: 9/26/11.

c. EXTRA DUTY

- 1) Breisblatt, Evan, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' Basketball Coach for the North Brandywine Middle School. Letter Dated: 10/13/11. Reason: Personal. Effective: 10/13/11.
- 2) DiSante, Thomas, Co-Assistant Track Coach for the Coatesville Area Senior High School CAMPUS. Letter Dated: 9/27/11. Reason: Personal. Effective: 9/27/11.
- 3) Gluck, Paul, Wrestling Coach for the South Brandywine Middle School. Letter Dated: 9/15/11. Reason: Personal. Effective: 9/15/11.
- 4) Jamison, Steve, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' Basketball Coach for the South Brandywine Middle School. Letter Dated: 10/12/11. Reason: Personal. Effective: 10/12/11.
- 5) Pearson, Eric, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Football Coach for the South Brandywine Middle School. Letter Dated: 10/13/11. Reason: Personal. Effective: 10/13/11.
- 6) Pearson, Eric, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Wrestling Coach for the South Brandywine Middle School. Letter Dated: 10/13/11. Reason: Personal. Effective: 10/13/11.
- 7) Pinnix, Julie, Head Lacrosse Coach for the Coatesville Area Senior High School CAMPUS. Letter Dated: 9/11/11. Reason: Personal. Effective: 9/11/11.
- 8) Steiner, Drew, Technology Club Advisor for the Reeceville Elementary School. Letter Dated: 9/22/11. Reason: Personal. Effective: 9/22/11.
- 9) Tabakelis, Bernadette, Drill Instructor for the Coatesville Area Senior High School CAMPUS. Letter Dated: 9/27/11. Reason: Personal. Effective: 9/27/11.

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. CATA

- 1) Bazzoli, Jennifer, LTS Guidance Counselor for the Friendship Elementary School. Posted 9/12/11 (Johnson). Salary: \$45,300.00. Temporary Substitute Contract. Degree: BA – Public Relations, York College. M.Ed. – School Counseling. Certification: Elementary and Secondary Guidance, West Chester University. Years of Exp.: 1. Effective: 11/9/11 – 6/11/12. SP4: Approved.

- 2) Walker, Kyle, LTS 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Teacher for the South Brandywine Middle School. Posted: 9/12/11 (Elliott). Salary: \$45,000.00. Temporary Substitute Contract. Degree: BS – Business/Finance, West Chester University. Certification: Business/Computers/Technology K-12, Delaware Valley College. Years of Exp.: 2. Effective: 11/18/11 – 6/11/12. SP4: Approved.

b. CATSS

- 1) Algarme, Enely, 2.0 Hour Cafeteria/Playground Aide for the King's Highway Elementary School. Posted: 7/26/11 (McCormick). Salary: \$9.50. Effective: 10/26/11. SP4: Staff.
- 2) Levis, Charles J., 6.5 Hour Special Education One-on-One Aide for the CASD Alternative Education Center. Posted: 10/10/11 (Stuart). Salary: \$12.50. Effective: 10/26/11. SP4: Approved.
- 3) Garzia, Abby, 2.0 Hour Cafeteria/Playground Aide for the Rainbow Elementary School. Posted: 8/26/10 (Case). Salary: \$9.50. Effective: 10/26/11. SP4: Approved.
- 4) Grant, Dianne, 2.0 Hour Cafeteria/Playground Aide for the Friendship Elementary School. Posted: 8/26/11 (McCain). Salary: \$9.50. Effective: 10/26/11. SP4: Approved.
- 5) Ross, David, 6.5 Hour Special Education One-on-One Aide for the Friendship Elementary School. Posted: 8/17/11 (Anderson). Salary: \$12.50. Effective: 10/5/11. SP4: Approved.
- 6) Rosso, Jacqueline, Substitute 2.0 Hour Cafeteria/Playground Aide and Instructional Aide for the Coatesville Area School District. Salary: \$9.50/\$10.50. Effective: 10/26/11. SP4: Approved.
- 7) Wiggins, Suzuko, LPN for the East Fallowfield Elementary School. Posted: 10/3/11 (Taggart). Salary: \$16.50. Effective: 10/26/11. SP4: Approved.

c. FEDERATION

- 1) Bagent, Stacy, Substitute General Utility Worker for the Coatesville Area School District. Salary: \$9.00/hr. Effective: 10/26/11. SP4: Approved.
- 2) Jones, Raquel, Substitute General Utility Worker for the Coatesville Area School District. Salary: \$9.00/hr. Effective: 10/26/11. SP4: Approved.

d. EXTRA DUTY

- 1) Blankley, Jaimie, Special Area Department Head for the North Brandywine Middle School. Posted: 9/13/11 (Hager). Salary: \$2,600.00. Effective: 2011 – 2012 School Year. SP4: Staff.

- 2) Washington, Walter, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Football Coach for the South Brandywine Middle School. Posted: 9/15/11 (Miles). Salary: \$2,424.00. Effective: 2011 – 2012 School Year. SP4: Approved.

**3. Leave(s) of Absence**

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

a. CATA

- 1) Berish, Chad, Physical Education Teacher for the South Brandywine Middle School. Letter Dated: 10/5/11. Reason: FMLA. Effective: 11/14/11 – 11/29/11.
- 2) Elliot, Bridget, Math Teacher for the South Brandywine Middle School. Letter Dated: 9/26/11. Reason: FMLA/Childrearing. Effective: 11/18/11 – 6/11/12.
- 3) Nefos, Emily, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher for the Caln Elementary School. Letter Dated: 10/4/11. Reason: FMLA/Childrearing. Effective: 11/23/11 – 6/11/12.
- 4) Wilson, Barbara, Art Teacher for the Caln Elementary School. Letter Dated: 8/13/11. Reason: Education Sabbatical. Effective: Spring Semester, 1/23/12 – 6/11/12.

b. CATSS

- 1) Branch, Chan, 6.5 Hour Special Education One-on-One Aide for the CASD Alternative Education Center. Letter Dated: 9/21/11. Reason: FMLA. Effective: 9/21/11 – 9/30/11.
- 2) Conner, Patti, Assistant Principal Secretary for the Scott Middle School. Letter Dated: 9/20/11. Reason: FMLA. Effective: 10/18/11 – 11/30/11.
- 3) Twyman-Henry, Bettina, 6.5 Hour Special Education One-on-One Aide for the Scott Middle School. Letter Dated: 9/30/11. Reason: Military Leave of Absence. Effective: 10/4/11 – 10/28/11.

c. FEDERATION

- 1) Austin, Larry, Security Guard for the South Brandywine Middle School. Letter Dated: 9/26/11. Reason: FMLA. Effective: 9/7/11 – 9/30/11.
- 2) Book, Albert, Custodian for the King's Highway Elementary School. Letter Dated: 3/2/11. Reason: Extended Medical Leave of Absence. Effective: 8/18/11 – 10/31/11.
- 3) Green, Bakari, Labor Pool for the Coatesville Area School District. Letter Dated: 10/5/11. Reason: FMLA. Effective: 9/16/11 – 9/30/11.

- 4) Richardson, Florence, Food Service Utility Worker for the King's Highway Elementary School. Letter Dated: 8/15/11. Reason: Unpaid Leave of Absence. Effective: 8/29/11 – 10/19/11.

**4. Voluntary Transfers:**

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

a. CATSS

- 1) Foreman, Susan, 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 Rainbow Elementary School. (Assigned New Student.) Effective: 9/29/11.

**5. Change of Status**

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

a. FEDERATION

- 1) Ray, Diane, move from 3.75 Hour General Utility Worker @ \$14.46/hr. for the Coatesville Area Senior High School to Food Service Substitute for the Coatesville Area School District. Salary: \$9.00/hr. Effective: 10/10/11. SP4: Staff.

**6. Employee Recall**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approves the Employee Recall of:

- 1) Stackhouse, Casey, recalled from the list of furloughed employees previously approved on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011 to the position of ESL Teacher for the Friendship and East Fallowfield Elementary Schools. Posted: 9/15/11 (Bonitz). Effective: 10/17/11.

**3. EDUCATION COMMITTEE (Diane Brownfield, Chair)**

*None*

**4. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE (Laurie Knecht, Chair)**

*None*

**5. COMMUNITY & STUDENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE (Dr. Tonya Thames Taylor, Chair)**

- A North Brandywine Middle School Trip to Williamsburg, VA – May 30-June 1, 2012**  
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approves the North Brandywine Middle School trip to Williamsburg, VA, May 30 - June 1, 2012.



- B. South Brandywine Middle School Trip to Williamsburg, VA – May 23-25, 2012**  
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approves the South Brandywine Middle School trip to Williamsburg, VA, May 23 - 25, 2012.
- C. Coatesville Area High School Campus Trip to Washington D. C. – April 3-7, 2012**  
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approves the Coatesville Area High School Campus trip to Washington, D. C., April 3 - 7, 2012.
- D. 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>
11DH72	16 day expulsion
11DH73	20 day expulsion
11DH74	30 day expulsion
11DH75	15 day expulsion
11DH76	45 day expulsion
11DH77	30 day expulsion
11DH78	Expelled for the balance of the 2011-2012 school year.

### **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.

*None*

### **ADDITIONAL BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS**

*None*

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

*None*

The Solicitor, Attorney Ellison, left the meeting at this point.

### **ORAL COMMENTS CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE REVOCATION OF GRAYSTONE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL'S CHARTER**

A combination of students from Graystone Academy Charter School (GACS), GACS present and former parents, and the GACS principal, as well as representatives from the N.A.A.C.P. and the Coatesville Area School District were given three (3) minutes each to express their concerns regarding the revocation of the Graystone Academy Charter School's Charter. Thirteen people spoke pro (7) and con (6) concerning the Charter.

**ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m. on a motion by Paul Johnson and seconded by Diane Brownfield.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Karen Jackson, Recording Secretary*

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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.*