

**COATESVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
9/10 CENTER AUDITORIUM
DECEMBER 2, 2008**

(Immediately following Reorganization Meeting)

OPENING ACTIVITIES

1. CALL TO ORDER AT 6:26 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

Diane M. Brownfield - present
J. Neil Campbell - present
Donald R. Holt, Jr. - present
Paul L. Johnson - present
Laurie C. Knecht - present
Robert M. Knecht - present
Richard M. Ritter - present
Richard A. Saha, Sr. - absent
Donna M. Urban - present

Student Representatives:

Julia Ward, Jr. Class Representative - absent
Nicholas Sikoutris, Jr. Class Representative - absent

5. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the minutes for the November 24, 2008 School Board meeting subject to any addition, deletions, modifications or clarifications.
 (Enclosure)

Approval of Minutes November 24, 2008
Approved
Vote: 7-0-1
Abstained: Campbell

Motion: Diane Brownfield

Second: Rick Ritter

Vote: 7-0-1

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.

No one signed up for public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An Executive Session was held on Tuesday, December 2, 2008 from 5:30 to 6:05 p.m. for legal and personnel reasons.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

There was no official Superintendent’s Report; however, Mr. Como had the following remarks:
“As we approach this holiday season, I can’t help but think how thankful we, here in the Coatesville School District, should be. We’ve heard, for the past year, a number of accomplishments by our students and certainly by the entire school district, the administrative staff, the teachers and the families that make up this district. But more important than that is the leadership that you get from a school board. I think there are plenty of us around here who have lived through times when that was average at best, and we are now enjoying the times of tremendous leadership and real future direction. I haven’t really prepared anything to say tonight, but I want to say that in the vain of the holiday season and giving thanks, I thank the board for the direction this District has taken under your tutelage. I think that we are on the cutting edge of doing some great things. I think we’ve continued some traditions that have been long lasting parts of the Coatesville Area School District, and I think that it is done only through your – not only leadership – but your willingness to work together even when there are different opinions. That’s the true sign of a team, that’s the true sign of a champion, and that’s the true sign of success that we are having right now. So I thank you all, and I say happy holidays to you all ...”

IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Time	Meetings	Place
Dec. 24 th – Jan. 2 nd	~	Winter Break – No School	~

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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:

Motion: Diane Brownfield Second: Robert Knecht Vote: 8-0-0

Consent Agenda Approved Vote: 8-0-0

2. **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

A. **Human Resources**

1. **Resignations - Regular and Extra Duty**

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

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) Hart, Julie, Substitute Instructional Aide, Cafeteria /Playground Aide & Secretary for the Caln Elementary School. Salary: \$10.50/hr./\$9.50/hr./\$14.00/hr. Effective: 12/3/08. SP4: Approved.
- 2) Rossi, Michelle, 2 hrs. Cafeteria/Playground Aide for the Reeceville Elementary School. Posted: 10/13/08 (Hawa). Salary: \$9.50/hr. Effective: 12/3/08. SP4: Approved.

b. EXTRA DUTY

- 1) Harre, Maureen, 5th Grade Level Chairperson for the East Fallowfield Elementary School. Posted: 10/2/08 (Buohl). Salary: \$1,275.00. Effective: 2008 – 2009 School Year. SP4: Staff.
- 2) Harre, Maureen, Co-Newspaper Advisor for the East Fallowfield Elementary School. Posted: 10/3/08 (Wagner). Salary: \$210.00. Effective: 2008 – 2009 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. FEDERATION

- 1) Brugger, Cheryl, 5.5 hrs. General Utility Worker for the Coatesville Area Senior High School. Reason: Unpaid Leave of Absence. Effective: 10/20/08 – 1/21/09.

5. Voluntary Transfers:

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

a. ADMINISTRATION

- 1) Powell, Teresa, move from Principal of the Scott Middle School to Mathematics Specialist for the Coatesville Area School District. Posted: 9/8/08 (Motzer). Effective: No later than 1/29/09. SP4: Staff.

6. Change of Status

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

a. CATSS

- 1) Sullivan, Janet, move from 2 hrs. Cafeteria/Playground Aide for the East Fallowfield Elementary School to 4.75 hrs. Instructional Aide for the East Fallowfield Elementary School. Posted: 8/4/08 (Hanson). Effective: 12/3/08. SP4: Staff.

3. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

4. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

5. COMMUNITY & STUDENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

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.

No one signed up for public comment.

ADDITIONAL BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

INFORMATION ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 6:33 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.