

**COATESVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2012 - 2:00 PM  
9/10 CENTER AUDITORIUM**

**OPENING ACTIVITIES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER AT 2:04 PM.**

**2. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING**

The meeting is for general purposes.

**3. 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.*

**4. 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.

**5. 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	<i>(Education &amp; Community &amp; Student Relations Committees)</i>
Joseph E. Dunn, Jr. - present	<i>(Finance &amp; Operations Committees)</i>
James L. Fox - present	<i>(Education &amp; Community &amp; Student Relations Committees)</i>
Paul L. Johnson - present	<i>(Operations Committee)</i>
Laurie C. Knecht - present	<i>(Operations Committee)</i>
William A. Sweigart – present by phone	<i>(Finance &amp; Education Committees)</i>
Dr. Tonya Thames Taylor - present	<i>(Finance &amp; Community &amp; Student Relations Committees)</i>

**Administration**

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

**Solicitor**

James E. Ellison, Esquire - present

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

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

*Modification:*

2. **Revised Proposed 2012-13 Preliminary General Fund Budget**

Add after the first sentence:

“This motion is retroactive to January 24, 2012 and supersedes any prior motion that contains inconsistent resolutions or action taken by this Board.”

**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 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.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*None*

**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** (*Neil Campbell, School Board President*)

*Item to be removed from Consent Agenda:*

2. Revised Proposed 2012-13 Preliminary General Fund Budget

To add another item under Finance Committee:

**Referendum Question**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approves submission of a referendum question to the Chester County Voters' Services to exceed the district's index of 2.1% by no more than .442 mills.

2. **FINANCE COMMITTEE** (*Richard Ritter, Chair*)

a. **Revised Proposed 2012-2013 Preliminary General Fund Budget**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approves the revised proposed 2012-2013 Preliminary General Fund Budget and approves the submission to the Department of Education for potential use of exceptions to the District's Index of 2.1%. This motion is retroactive to January 24, 2012 and supersedes any prior motion that contains inconsistent resolutions or action taken by this Board. The revised preliminary budget is \$141,661,383, an increase of 3.2%, slightly less than the current rate of inflation. The millage increase would be 1.06, or 3.594%. The tentative and final budgets will be acted on in April and May. (*Enclosure*)

Revised Proposed 2012-2013  
Preliminary General Fund Budget

Approved  
Vote: 5-4-0

Opposed:  
Fox, Brownfield, Dunn, Taylor

Motion: Paul Johnson

Second: Neil Campbell

Vote: 5-4-0

b. **Referendum Question**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approves submission of a referendum question to the Chester County Voters' Services to exceed the district's index of 2.1% by no more than .442 mills.

Referendum Question

Failed  
Vote: 3-6-0

Opposed:  
Knecht, Campbell, Ritter, Sweigart,  
Johnson & Fox

Motion: Joe Dunn

Second: Diane Brownfield

Vote: 3-6-0

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

**Revised District Calendar for 2012-2013**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the board of School Directors approves the revised 2012-2013 Coatesville Area School District Calendar. (*Enclosure*)

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

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

**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**

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m. on a motion by Paul Johnson and seconded by Diane Brownfield.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kenneth D. Lupold, School Board Secretary

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