

**COATESVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
9/10 CENTER AUDITORIUM
FEBRUARY 12, 2013**

OPENING ACTIVITIES

1. CALL TO ORDER AT 6:30 P.M.

2. PURPOSE OF THE HEARING

The purpose of this hearing is to approve the 2013-2014 Preliminary General Fund Budget.

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

Administration

Richard W. Como, Superintendent of Schools - present
Dr. Angelo Romaniello, Jr., Assistant Superintendent / Board Secretary - present
Dave Krakower, Director of High School Education / Special Education (6-12) - present
Jonette Marcus, Director of Elementary Education / Special Education (K -2) - present
Jason Palaia, Director of Elementary Education / Special Education (3-5) - present
Dr. Teresa Powell, Director of Middle School Education - present
John Reid, Director of Pupil Services / Data Assessment - present
Abdallah Hawa, Director of Technology - present
Erika Zeigler, Director of Human Resources - present

Solicitor

James E. Ellison, Esquire – absent

6. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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.

None

MOTION ITEM(S) FOR APPROVAL

2013-2014 Preliminary General Fund Budget

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the 2013-2014 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%. The preliminary budget is \$148,695,308, an increase of 7.4%. The millage increase used in the preliminary budget is increased by 1.101, or 3.66% bringing the total millage to 31.210 including a tentative 1.56% exception for PSERS. The final amount of the exception will depend upon the final PSERS rate. The tentative and final budgets will be acted on in April and June.

2013-2014 Preliminary General Fund Budget Approved Vote: 7-1-0 Opposed: Brownfield

Motion: Paul Johnson

Second: Rick Ritter

Vote: 7-1-0

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

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m. on a motion by Diane Brownfield and seconded by Laurie Knecht.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Angelo Romaniello, Jr., 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.