

**COATESVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
9/10 CENTER AUDITORIUM
FEBRUARY 18, 2014 – 6:00 PM**

OPENING ACTIVITIES

1. CALL TO ORDER AT 6:09 P.M.

2. PURPOSE OF THE HEARING

The purpose of this hearing is to approve the 2014-2015 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>(Finance & Operations Committees)</i>
James L. Fox, Vice President - present	<i>(Community & Student Relations Committee)</i>
Diane M. Brownfield - present	<i>(Education & Community & Student Relations Committees)</i>
Stuart C. Deets - present	<i>(Finance & Operations Committees)</i>
James Hills - present	<i>(Education Committee)</i>
Laurie C. Knecht - present	<i>(Operations Committee)</i>
Kimberly M. Mammel - present	<i>(Education Committee)</i>
Richard M. Ritter - present	<i>(Finance Committee)</i>
Deborah L. Thompson - present	<i>(Education & Community & Student Relations Committees)</i>

Solicitor

James E. Ellison, Esquire - present

Administration

Dr. Leonard D. Fitts, Interim Superintendent of Schools - present
Abdallah Hawa, Director of Technology
Ronald G. Kabonick, Director of Business Administration | School Board Secretary - present
Dave Krakower, Director of High School & Curriculum Instruction | Special Education (6-12)
Jason Palaia, Director of Elementary Education (3-5) | Special Education (K-5)
Dr. Teresa Powell, Director of Middle School Education & Curriculum Instruction
John Reid, Director of Pupil Services/Data & Assessment
Dr. Angelo Romaniello, Jr., Assistant Superintendent - present
Erika Zeigler, Director of Human Resources - present

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.

- 1) Erin Scheivert (*Caln Township*):
Ms. Scheivert asked questions about the leaks at Caln Elementary School, and the contingency plan for other classrooms with leaks. She also asked how the \$950,000 grant money will be spent, and requested that as much as possible be used to impact the students.
- 2) Ronald Taggart (*West Caln*):
Mr. Taggart asked about the budget increase, and why students don't have textbooks. He also asked questions and made comments about: payments to Gilbert Architects; Outsourcing janitorial services; Cleanliness at North Brandywine; the Citadel building purchase; and prior renovation costs at various locations. He called for change.

MOTION ITEM(S) FOR APPROVAL

1. 2014-2015 Preliminary General Fund Budget

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the 2014-2015 Preliminary General Fund Budget for the amount of \$148,802,429.00.

2014-15 Preliminary General Fund Budget Approved Vote: 9-0-0

Motion: Neil Campbell Second: Rick Ritter Vote: 9-0-0

2. Prohibition of Delinquent Tax Sales

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors adopts a policy that prohibits the sale of any of its Delinquent Taxes.

Prohibition of Delinquent Tax Sales Approved Vote: 9-0-0

Motion: Diane Brownfield Second: Jim Fox Vote: 9-0-0

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.

- 1) Erin Scheivert (*Caln Township*):
Ms. Scheivert asked when will the Integrity Healthcare facility be up and running. She also expressed concerns about the budget and whether or not income from Integrity Health was included in the budget. She asked what amount the District will incur should the healthcare facility become under-utilized. Ms. Scheivert asked if the bond presentation will be publicized. She also asked for an update on CSI.

- 2) Greg Wynn:
Mr. Wynn asked about an RFP for healthcare services and why it didn't come to the Board. He also asked about a \$660,000 payment and a \$158,000 payment to Gilbert Architects, and suggested an RFP for architect services.

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m. on a motion by Neil Campbell and seconded by Diane Brownfield.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Jackson, Recording Secretary

Ronald G. Kabonick, 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.