

# COATESVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

## SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 9, 2016  
9/10 CENTER AUDITORIUM  
(Immediately Following Committee Meetings)

### OPENING ACTIVITIES

1. **CALL TO ORDER AT 7:08 P.M.**

2. **PURPOSE OF MEETING**

The purpose of this meeting is to approve the bills payable, and any other matters that may come before the Board.

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**

Dean A. Snyder, President - <i>absent</i>	(Operations Committee)
Ann M. Wuertz, Vice President - <i>present</i>	(Education & Policy Committees)
Stuart C. N. Deets - <i>present</i>	(Finance Committee)
Brenda L. Geist - <i>present</i>	(Operations Committee)
Bashera Grove - <i>present</i>	(Policy Committee)
James Hills - <i>present</i>	(Education & Finance Committees)
Laurie C. Knecht - <i>absent</i>	(Operations Committee)
Thomas Siedenbuehl - <i>present</i>	(Finance & Policy Committees)
Deborah L. Thompson - <i>present</i>	(Education Committee)

**General Counsel**

Judy Shopp, Esquire - *present*

**Administration**

Dr. Cathy Taschner, Superintendent of Schools - *present*  
Dr. Kimberly R. Donahue, Assistant to the Superintendent of Curriculum & Learning - *present*  
Ronald G. Kabonick, Director of Business Administration & School Board Secretary - *present*  
Jason Palaia, Director of Elementary Education & Special Education (K-5) - *present*

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



**B. Human Resources Report**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approve the resignations, appointments, new positions, leave of absences, transfers, changes of status and corrections, as outlined below:

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

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

a. CATA

- 1) Sibley, Alison, School Psychologist for the King's Highway Elementary School. Letter Dated: 1/27/2016. Reason: Personal. Effective: 2/12/2016.
- 2) Thompson, Kathleen, Reading Specialist for the Reeceville Elementary School. Letter Dated: 1/27/2016. Reason: Retirement. Effective: 6/10/2016.

b. CATSS

- 1) Buxton, Jane, 2.0 Hour Recess Aide for the Caln Elementary School. Letter Dated: 1/28/2016. Reason: Personal. Effective: 1/28/2016.
- 2) Harkins, Pamela, 2.0 Hour Aide for the Caln Elementary School. Telephone Resignation: 1/29/2016. Reason: Personal. Effective: 1/28/2016.
- 3) Mikesell, Jennifer, 5.75 Hour Aide for the Caln Elementary School. Letter Dated: 1/22/2016. Reason: Personal. Effective: 2/5/2016.

c. FEDERATION

- 1) Dean, Timothy, Electrician for the Coatesville Area School District. Letter Dated: 1/22/2016. Reason: Personal. Effective: 1/29/2016.

d. EXTRA DUTY

- 1) Morrison, Jamie, Assistant Varsity Softball Coach for the Coatesville Area Senior High School. Letter Dated: 1/13/2016. Reason: Personal. Effective: 1/13/2016.
- 2) Nichols, Thomas, Assistant Varsity Football Coach for the Coatesville Area Senior High School. Letter Dated: 1/28/2016. Reason: Personal. Effective: 1/28/2016.
- 3) O'Day, Ryan, Baseball Coach for the Scott Middle School. Letter Dated: 2/1/2016. Reason: Personal. Effective: 2/1/2016.

**2. New Appointments – Regular and Extra Duty**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approve the following New Appointments – Regular and Extra Duty:

a. CATA

- 1) Caiola, Megan, Social Studies Teacher for the Coatesville Area Senior High School. Posted: 12/2/2015. Salary: \$45,133 (Prorated). Step: 1. Level: M. Years of Exp: 1. Temporary Professional Contract. Degree: BS – University of Richmond. MS – George Mason University. Certification: Social Studies 7-12. Effective: TBD. SP4: Approved. Pending 168 Forms.
- 2) Greene, Jordan, Physical Education Teacher for the East Fallowfield Elementary School. Posted: 12/7/2015. Salary: \$54,333 (Prorated). Step: 7. Level: M. Years of Exp: 7. Temporary Professional Contract. Degree: BS – Virginia Tech. MS – Georgia Southern University. Certification: Health & Physical Education Pk-12. Effective: 2/1/2016. SP4: Approved. Pending 168 Forms.

b. EXTRA DUTY

- 1) Afterschool Program Tutoring for the North Brandywine Middle School. Posted: 1/6/2016. Salary: \$33/Hour. Effective: 1/22/2016. SP4: Staff  
  
Cynthia Crouse                      Janene Groff                      Stephanie Waterman
- 2) Rogowski, Jessica, Title I After School Tutor for the Caln Elementary School. Salary: \$33/hr. as per CATA contract.

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

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

a. CATA

- 1) Gilbert, Gail, Teacher for the Coatesville Area High School 9/10 Center. Effective: 1/11/2016 – Intermittent.
- 2) McDevitt, Sean, Assistant Principal for the Rainbow Elementary School. Effective: 1/15/2016 – 1/30/2016.
- 3) Grannells, Matthew, Teacher for the South Brandywine Middle School. Effective: 4/28/2016 - 6/10/2016.

b. NON-CERTIFIED

- 1) Miller, Belinda, Dual Manager for the Coatesville Area High School 9/10 Center. Effective: 11/19/2015 – 2/23/2016.

C. **Johnson Controls, Inc. Change Order**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approve the proposed Johnson Controls, Inc. Change Order to replace the Safety Freeze Thermostat at the Benner building for a cost of \$771.00.

- D. Constellation NewEnergy, Inc. Electricity Supply Agreement**  
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approve the Electricity Supply Agreement with Constellation NewEnergy, Inc., as presented.
- E. Consultant Services**  
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approve the consultant's contract with Rosemary Mullaly, Esquire, as attached.
- F. Freedom Life Christian Center Lease Agreement Renewal**  
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approve the renewal of the Freedom Life Christian Center Lease Agreement for the use of Rainbow Elementary School, as attached.
- G. Church of Coatesville Lease Agreement Renewal**  
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approve the renewal of the Church of Coatesville Lease Agreement for the use of the North Brandywine Middle School, as attached.
- H. Use of Facilities Waiver of Fees - Scott Middle School**  
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approve the request to waive fees for the use of Scott Middle School on February 18, 2016, as per the attachment.
- Motion: Deborah Thompson                      Second: Stuart Deets                      Vote: 7-0-0
- I. Confidential Release and Settlement Agreement – Student ID Number 10009131**  
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approve the confidential release and settlement agreement for student ID number 10009131, as presented.
- J. Camphill Special School - Student Contract for 2015-2016**  
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approve the student contract for educational services with the Camphill Special School for student ID #10008313.
- K. The Pathway School - Student Contract for 2015-2016**  
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approve the student contract for educational services with the Pathway School for student ID #10007500.
- L. The Pathway School - Student Contract for 2015-2016**  
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approve the student contract for educational services with the Pathway School for student ID #10008303.
- M. Non-Certified Employee Salary/Benefits Provision**  
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approve the Non-Certified Employee Salary/Benefits Provision, as presented.
- N. Confidential Release and Settlement Agreement – Student ID #10002266**  
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approve the confidential release and settlement agreement for student ID #10002266, as presented. (*Confidential Enclosure*)

- O. **MRS Audio Visual, Inc. - Sound Equipment Rental**  
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approve the rental of sound equipment from MRS Audio Visual, Inc. for campus drama production. (*Enclosure*)

### **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**

In honor of *School Board Recognition Month* (every January). Dr. Cathy Taschner recognized the Board of School Directors for their commitment, contributions and the work they do for our children. She presented each board member with a t-shirt of appreciation to wear to various school district events.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m. by Ann Wuertz.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Karen Jackson, Recording Secretary*

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Ronald G. Kabonick, School Board Secretary

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