

**BOARD AGENDA
DECEMBER 22, 2011
7:30 P.M.
Avon Grove Intermediate School**

- **CALL TO ORDER**
- **ROLL CALL**
- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- **COMMITTEES**
 - Facilities – Dennis Gerber
 - Curriculum – Bob Weidenmuller
 - CCIU – Bonnie Wolff
 - Personnel – Bob Weidenmuller
 - Finance/Budget – Herman Engel
 - PA Legislative Committee and Policy Updates – Bruce Dobsch
- **PRESENTATIONS**
- **STUDENT COMMENTS**
- **PUBLIC COMMENT**
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BUSINESS OFFICE

- I. **Motion** to approve the following Accelerated Budget Opt Out Resolution:

AVON GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Resolution #11-05
Accelerated Budget Opt Out Resolution
Certifying Tax Rate Within Inflation Index
(and No Need to Comply with Act 1 Accelerated Budget Procedures)
2012-2013 School Year**

The purpose of this resolution is to allow the school district to follow normal budget procedures, and dispense with the more complicated, expensive, and accelerated Act 1 budget requirements. This option is available only to school districts that are certain the next year budget can be funded without increasing the real estate tax rate by more than the index (and therefore without seeking approval for any index limit exceptions). This resolution may be adopted at any time after the preliminary budget is available, or the board has sufficient information to be certain the budget can be funded by a tax increase within the index. For fiscal year 2012-2013, the resolution must be adopted no later than January 5, 2012.

Background. Act 1 § 311(a), 53 P.S. § 6926.311(a), requires a new budget adoption timeline and procedure unless a school district, no later than 110 days before the primary election, adopts a resolution containing the certifications incorporated in this resolution. The deadline this year is January 5, 2012. After adoption of a resolution containing such certifications, § 311(d) authorizes a school district to comply with pre-Act 1 budget adoption rules as set forth in School Code § 687, 24 P.S. § 6-687. The School Board has reviewed the school district preliminary budget or has other information sufficient to make a determination that the budget for the next fiscal year can be funded based on maintaining current tax rates or increasing taxes by an amount less than or equal to the Act 1 index. In lieu of the new budget adoption timeline and procedure, the School Board wishes to make the required certifications and comply with pre-Act 1 budget adoption rules.

RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of Avon Grove School District, makes the following unconditional certifications:

1. The school district’s various tax levies and other revenue sources will be sufficient to balance the school district final budget for the next fiscal year (2012-13) based on maintaining current tax rates or increasing tax rates by an amount less than or equal to the Act 1 index applicable to the school district as calculated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. This conclusion is based on the school district preliminary budget or other information available to the School Board.
2. The applicable index for the next fiscal year is 2.2%, and the School Board will not for the next fiscal year increase the rate of its real estate tax, or any other tax for the support of public education, by an amount that exceeds the applicable index.
3. The School Board has to date and in the future will comply with the rules set forth in School Code § 687 for adoption of the school district proposed and final budgets for the next fiscal year.
4. The School Board understands that the school district will not be eligible to use Act 1 referendum exceptions for the next fiscal year.

II. **Motion** to approve the following financial reports for the month of **November, 2011**
Financial Reports:

General Fund	Food Service Fund
Capital Projects Fund	Student Activity Fund

III. **Motion** to approve Bills for payment: **December 2, 2011 to December 14, 2011**

General Fund	Wire Transfers	\$1,154,773.69	
	#66720 - #66868	<u>\$902,445.50</u>	\$2,057,219.19
Capital Projects Fund	#66869		\$4,224.81
Cafeteria Fund	#3700- #3719		\$68,260.05
Student Activity Fund	#0672- #0679		<u>\$16,307.17</u>
Total			<u><u>\$2,146,011.22</u></u>

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS (Routine, Personnel, Staff and Students)

- **Motion** to approve the consent agenda consisting of Routine, Personnel, Staff and Students.

I. Routine

- A. Approve the School Board Minutes of December 5, 2011 Organization Meeting and December 8, 2011 Regularly Scheduled Meeting.

II. Personnel

A. Resignations/Releases/Retirements/Leaves:

Instructional

1. Change in return date from Childrearing Leave of **Andrea Cowen**, Teacher at Avon Grove High School, from January 2, 2012 to February 1, 2012.
2. Change in return date from Childrearing Leave of **Kaye Moberly**, Teacher at Avon Grove Intermediate School, from January 2, 2012 to February 27, 2012.
3. Sabbatical Leave for Restoration of Health of **Martha Staton**, Teacher at Avon Grove Intermediate School, for the second semester of the 2011-2012 school year.

Non-Instructional

1. Resignation of **Alejandro Carrillo**, Instructional Aide (Title III) at Fred S. Engle Middle School, effective December 5, 2011.
2. Resignation of **Tara Delgado**, Instructional Aide (Library) at Avon Grove Intermediate School effective December 6, 2011.
3. Extension of Intermittent Family and Medical Leave of Absence of **Mary Howie**, Administrative Assistant at Avon Grove Intermediate School through March 31, 2012.

B. Appointments

Instructional

1. Appointment of **Joanne Doelp** as a Long Term Substitute at Avon Grove High School, beginning on December 13, 2011 and concluding on March 30, 2012, Step 2, Bachelors+15 (prorated). Ms. Doelp is a graduate of Salisbury State University (B.S. Biology.) Reason for opening: Childrearing Leave of Corrine Foster.
2. Appointment of **Nicole Farina** as a Long Term Substitute at Avon Grove Intermediate School, effective November 29, 2011 through the last teacher workday of the 2011-2012 school year, Step 2, Bachelors (prorated.) Ms. Farina is a graduate of Penn State University (B.S. Special Education.) Reason for the opening: Sick and Sabbatical Leave of Martha Staton.

3. Change in assignment end date of **Alicia Ivey** as a full-time Long Term Substitute at Avon Grove Intermediate School from December 23, 2011 to February 24, 2012. Reason for opening: Extension of Childrearing Leave of Kaye Moberly.
4. Appointment of **Susan Kramer** as a Temporary Professional Employee at Avon Grove High School, effective January 2, 2012. Step 1, Bachelors + 15. Ms. Kramer is a graduate of West Chester University (B.S. Special Education). Reason for the opening: Resignation of Thomas Calvecchio.
5. Appointment of **Phyllis Schoen** as a Long Term Substitute at Penn London Elementary School, beginning on January 17, 2012 and concluding on the last teacher workday of the 2011-2012 school year, Step 3, Masters. Ms. Schoen is a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College (B.A. Psychology) and Wilmington University (M.Ed. Elementary Education.) Reason for opening: Childrearing Leave of Bridget Diveley.
6. Change in assignment end date of **Allison Wimer** as a full-time Long Term Substitute at Avon Grove High School from December 23, 2011 to January 31, 2012. Reason for opening: Extension of Childrearing Leave of Andrea Cowen.

Non-Instructional

1. Recall to employment of **Lisanne Wittman**, as an Instructional Aide (Library) at Avon Grove Intermediate School (5.5 hours/day, 180 days/year) effective January 2, 2012. Reason for opening: Resignation of Tara Delgado.

III. Staff and Students

- A. **Motion** to approve the second reading of School Board Policies:

Board Policy #	Description
216AR	Consent To Release and/or Obtain Information
237	Electronic Devices
241	Acceptable Use Policy For Digital Technology
702AR	Gifts, Grants, Donations
707AR	Facility Use Fees

- B. **Motion** to accept a donation [in recognition of Bob Weidenmuller’s volunteer service to the school district as a school Board member] of \$1,000.00 from the E. I. DuPont deNemours & Company, designated for the purchase of materials, in the amount of \$250.00 for each school library, as per School Board Policy #702 and the Gift Policy Procedure Guidelines.

- C. **Motion** to approve the following supplemental contracts for the 2011 – 2012 school year upon the execution of a signed contract:

Fred S. Engle Middle School

Supplemental	Employee
Wrestling	Andrew Bannon (15%)

- D. Conference Requests:

- **Dr. Wendi Lee Foltz** to attend the Pennsylvania Association of School Personnel Administrators Annual Conference on February 28, 2012 through March 2, 2012 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Funding Source: **No Cost to the District.** All expenses are paid by the Pennsylvania Association of School Personnel Administrators as Dr. Foltz serves on the Executive Board.
- **Avon Grove High School Chorus** to PMEA Chorus Festival at Radnor High School, Radnor, PA on January 26 – 28, 2012. Funding: Avon Grove High School Band Transportation Budget.

IV. Transportation

V. Facilities

VI. Curriculum

- **OLD BUSINESS**
- **NEW BUSINESS**
- **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**
- **UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS**
- **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- **PUBLIC COMMENT**
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- **ADJOURNMENT** Time