

BOARD MINUTES
October 27, 2011
7:30 P.M.
Avon Grove Intermediate School

• **CALL TO ORDER**

President Robert Weidenmuller called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. He announced that the Board met in Executive Session before this evening's meeting to address contractual issues.

• **ROLL CALL**

Board members present at roll call included: John Bartley, Herman Engel, Brian Gaerity, Dennis Gerber, Pattie Lyons, William Pew, Robert Weidenmuller and Bonnie Wolff.

Dr. Sharp, Mr. Ascitutto, Dr. Foltz, and Mr. Lauver were present. In addition, approximately 15 members of the public were present.

• **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

– **COMMITTEES**

- Facilities – Dennis Gerber did not have a report.
- Curriculum – Debra L'Heureux was not present. In her absence, Dr. Sharp stated that the Curriculum Advisory Council will be meeting on December 1, 2011 from 3:45-5:15 at AGIS. The focus for the first meeting will be to review proposals for new high school courses along with revisions to the HS course guide for the 2012-2013 school year. Plans are being finalized for the November 8th professional development day. This day will mirror the October 7th professional day featuring district-wide activities focused on district goals. The sessions will be facilitated by over 65 teacher leaders in the district.
- CCIU – Bonnie Wolff reported on the board's recent meeting.
- Personnel – Bonnie Wolff did not have an update.
- Finance/Budget – Bill Pew did not have a report.
- PA Legislative Committee and Policy Updates - Jack Bartley reported on various legislative developments.

– **AD HOC COMMITTEES**

- Strategic Facilities Committee – Bob Weidenmuller did not have a report.
- Community Outreach Committee – Brian Gaerity reported on the committee's October 19, 2011 meeting.

• **STUDENT COMMENTS**

Tom Rudisill and Kellie Forbes updated the Board on some recent events and announced some upcoming events.

• **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Comments must be addressed to agenda items only. Comments by individual members of the public will be limited to two (2) minutes during each comment period in accordance with the Board’s rules. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer rather than to individuals

There was no public comment.

BUSINESS OFFICE

Dennis Gerber made the **Motion**, seconded by Brian Gaerity, to approve the business office item listed below. A roll call vote was taken with all board members present voting affirmatively. Motion carried: 8 -0.

I. **Motion to approve Bills for payment: October 6, 2011 to October 19, 2011**

General Fund	Wire Transfers	\$523,985.55	
	#61659 - #66284	<u>\$844,969.73</u>	\$1,368,955.28
Capital Projects Fund	#66285		\$49,420.00
Cafeteria Fund	#3622- #3632		\$26,362.81
Student Activity Fund	#0628- #0639		\$30,570.79
Total			<u>\$1,475,308.88</u>

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS (Routine, Personnel, Staff and Students)

Bonnie Wolff made the **Motion**, seconded by John Bartley, to approve the consent agenda consisting of Routine, Personnel, Staff and Student. A roll call vote was taken with all board members present voting affirmatively. Motion carried: 8-0.

I. **Routine**

- A. Approve the School Board Minutes of October 13, 2011.

II. **Personnel**

A. **Resignations/Releases/Retirements/Leaves:**

Instructional

1. Resignation of **Thomas Calvecchio**, Teacher at Avon Grove High School, effective date to be determined, on or before December 2, 2011.
2. Change in return date from Family and Medical Leave of Absence / Childrearing Leave of **Stacy Jackson**, Teacher at Avon Grove Intermediate School, from January 2, 2012 to February 1, 2012.
3. Change in start date of Family and Medical Leave of Absence / Childrearing Leave of **Elizabeth Blackburn** to October 11, 2011.

Non-Instructional

1. Resignation of **Lyn Boardman**, Instructional Aide at Avon Grove Intermediate School, effective October 28, 2011.

B. Appointments

Administrative

1. **Motion** to approve **Patrick Hogan** as Assistant Principal at Fred S. Engle Middle School, 260 days, effective on November 14, 2011, at an annual salary of \$76,000 with benefits as outlined in the Management Compensation Plan. Reason for opening: Angela Houghton's move to Avon Grove High School.

Instructional

1. Change of status of **Margaret Cafarchio** from Temporary Professional Employee to Professional Employee effective August 23, 2011. Reason for change: Receipt of proof of tenure.
2. Change of start date of **Erin Leone** as a Long Term Substitute Employee at Avon Grove Intermediate School from October 17, 2011 to October 11, 2011. Reason for opening: Change in start date of childrearing Leave of Elizabeth Blackburn to October 11, 2011.

Non-Instructional

1. Recall to employment of **Maria Bernal Flores**, as an Instructional Aide (Library) at Avon Grove Intermediate School (5.5 hours/day, 180 days/year) effective November 3, 2011. Reason for opening: Resignation of Lyn Boardman.
2. Rehire of **Danielle Crawford**, as an Instructional Aide (Title Clerk) at Penn London Elementary School (5.5 hours/day, 180 days/year) effective October 24, 2011. As Ms. Crawford was on the recall list, there will be no break in seniority. Reason for opening: One-year grant-funded position.
3. Rehire of **Yaneth Garcia**, as an Instructional Aide (ELL) at Avon Grove High School (5.5 hours/day, 180 days/year) effective October 31, 2011. As Ms. Garcia was on the recall list, there will be no break in seniority. Reason for opening: One-year grant-funded position.
4. Recall to employment of **Kristin Lincoln**, as a Non-Instructional Aide (Clerical) at Avon Grove High School (5.5 hours/day, 180 days/year) effective October 20, 2011. Reason for opening: Resignation of Anne Puoci.

III. Staff and Students

- A. **Motion** to approve the first reading of School Board Policy #707AR - Facilities Use Permit.

- B. **Motion** to approve an Agreement requiring the payment of tuition for a private school placement of a child with disabilities in the amount of \$46,500.00 for the 2011-2012 school term and \$2,900 for the summer of 2012, and the reimbursement of attorney's fees in the amount of \$6,000.00, in exchange for a complete waiver of all claims raised on behalf of the student by her parents.
- C. Motion to approve a donation of ten \$100.00 gift cards from Walmart to Avon Grove Intermediate School's team leaders for a total of \$1,000.00 for the purchase of team classroom supplies or nutritious snacks per the Walmart Teacher Rewards Program.
- D. **Motion** to approve additional District Substitutes for the 2011-2012 school year as listed below:

Instructional

Last Name	First Name
Bystrom	Brittany
Whelan	Carol
Wier	Jerri-Lynn

- **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

In Dr. Massaro's absence, Dr. Sharp informed that Board that in December, we will be forming a Literacy Panel which will focus on a thorough review of our reading curriculum K-12. The Panel will include reading teachers, instructional support teachers, literacy coaches, special education teachers, ESL teachers, and administrators. The Panel will be examining a variety of data sources to determine trends and patterns in students' performance along with strengths and weaknesses. From there the panel will work to identify root causes of the identified weaknesses and develop specific action plans to address the weaknesses and improve student achievement. An outcome of this work will be the development of a coordinated continuum of services for our students in the area of reading.


- **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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There was no public comment.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

Bonnie Wolff made the **Motion**, seconded by Dennis Gerber, to adjourn the meeting. A vote was taken, with all board members present voting affirmatively. Motion carried: 8 - 0. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Robert Weidenmuller
President



Wendi Lee Foltz, Ed.D.
Secretary