

BOARD MINUTES
January 12, 2012
7:30 P.M.
Avon Grove Intermediate School

• **CALL TO ORDER**

President Bonnie Wolff called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

• **ROLL CALL**

Members Present at Roll Call:

- Charles Beatty III
- Bruce Dobsch
- Herman Engel
- Dennis Gerber
- Pattie Lyons
- Donald Needham
- William Sites
- Robert Weidenmuller
- Bonnie Wolff

Dr. Massaro, Dr. Sharp, Mr. Ascitutto, Dr. Foltz, Mr. Berardi, Mr. Lauver, and Ms. Lonsinger were present. In addition, approximately 40 members of the public were present.

– **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

– **COMMITTEES**

- Facilities – Dennis Gerber reported that the committee met on January 3, 2012. The next meeting will be held on February 7, 2012.
- Curriculum – Bob Weidenmuller gave the following report.

Keystones to Opportunity Grant - The Literacy Panel has completed the pre-application for the Keystones to Opportunity Grant which will be submitted by tomorrow. This grant has the opportunity to bring significant money into the district for our literacy program. We should be notified by the February 1st if we are invited to complete the full application.

Professional Development Day - Next Friday, January 20th, is an elementary professional development day. A variety of professional development activities have been planned. These activities include both school based sessions as well as district wide sessions focused on district curricular areas. Teachers in grades 1-6 will be working together on examining our current reading and math programs. Special area teachers will also be working across the elementary

schools on their curricular areas (i.e. health/pe teachers, guidance counselors, art teachers, etc)

HS Course Guide for 2012-2013 - The HS Course Guide for 2012-2013 is on the board agenda for approval tonight. Mr. Berardi will be providing information on the course guide during the presentations tonight.

- CCIU – Bonnie Wolff did not have a report.
- Personnel – Bob Weidenmuller announced two teams have been formed: The Act 93 Committee and the Teachers’ Contract Negotiations Team.
- Finance/Budget – Herman Engel announced that the committee met on January 3, 2012. He suggested the board discuss the budget in more detail under “New Business” this evening. The next meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2012.
- PA Legislative Committee and Policy Updates – Bruce Dobsch announced that no meetings are scheduled until March.

– PRESENTATIONS

- **Ms. Pamela Baker** from Barbacane, Thornton & Co. LLP – review of the audit report
- **Mr. Michael Berardi**, Assistant Principal, Avon Grove High School – Avon Grove Course Selection Book 2012-2013

• STUDENT COMMENTS

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

• PUBLIC COMMENT

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There was no public comment.

BUSINESS OFFICE

Dennis Gerber made the **Motion**, seconded by Robert Weidenmuller, to approve the business office items listed below. A roll call vote was taken with all board members present voting affirmatively. Motion carried: 9 -0.

- I. **Motion** to approve the Agreement between the County of Chester Tax Claim Bureau and Ryan Homes/NVR Inc. for the payment of delinquent taxes.

- II. **Motion** to approve Change Order Number 9 to the Prime Contract with Bob Smith Contractors, Inc. for the Fred S. Engle Middle School Repairs and Limited Alterations Project, deducting \$4,361.00 from the contract amount.
- III. **Motion** to approve the first reading of School Board Policy:

Board Policy #	Description
608AR	Bank Accounts

- IV. **Motion** to approve the following financial reports for the month of **December, 2011**
Financial Reports:

General Fund	Food Service Fund
Capital Projects Fund	Student Activity Fund

- V. **Motion** to approve Bills for payment: **December 15, 2011 to January 4, 2012**

General Fund	Wire Transfers	\$1,238,716.35	
	#66870 - #67037	<u>\$965,370.54</u>	\$2,204,086.89
Capital Projects Fund	#67038		\$29,138.00
Cafeteria Fund	#3720- #3734		\$49,084.15
Student Activity Fund	#0680- #0687		\$2,460.61
Total			<u>\$2,284,769.65</u>

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS (Routine, Personnel, Staff and Students)

- Dennis Gerber made the **Motion**, seconded by Bruce Dobsch to approve the consent agenda consisting of Routine, Personnel, Staff and Students. A vote was taken with all board members present voting affirmatively. Motion carried: 9 -0.

I. **Routine**

- A. Approve the School Board Minutes of December 22, 2011

II. **Personnel**

A. Resignations/Releases/Retirements/Leaves:

Instructional

1. Change in return date from Childrearing Leave of **Stacy Jackson**, Teacher at Avon Grove Intermediate School, from February 1, 2012 to March 1, 2012.
2. Intermittent Family and Medical Leave of Absence of **Susan Stehle**, Speech Therapist, through the last teacher workday of the 2011-2012 school year. This leave may not extend beyond 60 work days.

Non-Instructional

1. Extension of Intermittent Family and Medical Leave of Absence of **Wanda Shank**, Technology Specialist, through June 30, 2012.

2. Resignation of **Lisanne Wittman**, as an Instructional Aide (Library) at Avon Grove Intermediate School effective January 2, 2012.

B. Appointments

Instructional

1. Change in assignment end date of **Rebecca Hartman** as a full-time Long Term Substitute at Avon Grove Intermediate School from January 31, 2012 to February 29, 2012. Reason for opening: Extension of childrearing Leave of Stacy Jackson.

Non-Instructional

1. Appointment of **Jessica Flores**, as an Instructional Aide (ELL) at Fred S. Engle Middle School (one-year position, 5.5 hours/day, 180 days/year) at \$12.10 per hour effective date to be determined. Reason for opening: One-year Title III grant-funded position. This appointment is contingent upon completion of satisfactory Act 34, 151, and FBI Clearances.
2. Recall to employment of **Denise Hauptman**, as an Instructional Aide (Library) at Avon Grove Intermediate School (5.5 hours/day, 180 days/year) effective January 17, 2012. Reason for opening: Resignation of Lisanne Wittman.
3. Rehire of **Katherine Michelle Johnson**, as an Instructional Aide/Title Clerk (Title 1) at Penn London Elementary School (5.5 hours/day, 180 days/year) effective January 3, 2012. As Ms. Johnson was on the recall list, there will be no break in seniority. Reason for opening: One-year Title I grant-funded position.

III. Staff and Students

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

Avon Grove High School

Supplemental	Employee
Model United Nations/Mock Trial	Orval Foraker (pro-rate)
Mentee – Kathryn Susan Kramer	Mentor – Kellie Peck

Fred S. Engle Middle School

Supplemental	Employee
Baseball, Grade 7	Robin Prescott

- B. **Motion** to approve a District translator for the 2011-2012 school year at \$25.00 per hour as listed below:

First Name	Last Name
Jessica	Flores

C. Conference Requests:

- **Dr. Margaret Sharp and Kathleen Boyle** to serve as presenters at the Title I Improving Schools' Performance Conference in Pittsburg, PA on January 29-31, 2012. Funding Source: **No Cost to the District**. All expenses are paid by the Pennsylvania Association Federal Program Coordinators (Title I)
- **Stephanie Hirtzel and Sarah Hudgings** to serve as presenters at the Title I Improving Schools' Performance Conference in Pittsburg, PA on January 29-31, 2012. Funding Source: Title II for Conference Registration (\$335.00/each) only.
- **Avon Grove High School Varsity Cheerleaders** to attend qualification for Cheerleading Competition on Sunday, January 8, 2012, at West Chester East High School. Funding Source: Avon Grove High School Athletic Account
- **Avon Grove High School Varsity Cheerleaders** to attend qualification for Cheerleading Competition on Sunday, January 15, 2012, at West Chester Henderson High School. Funding Source: Avon Grove High School Athletic Account
- **Avon Grove High School Band Ensemble** to the PMEA District 12 Band Festival on January 12-14, 2012 at Conestoga High School. Funding Source: Avon Grove High School Principal's Account
- **Avon Grove High School Orchestra Ensemble** to attend the District 12 Orchestra Festival at Garnet Valley High School on February 9 – 11, 2012. Funding Source: Avon Grove High School Principal's Account

D. **Motion** to approve the following student teachers for the 2011-2012 school year:

Student Teacher	College/University	Dates	Cooperating Teacher	School
Brian Wallace	Neumann	01/09/12-02/24/12	Erica DiSchullio	AGI
Brian Wallace	Neumann	02/27/12-04/27/12	Brenda Deaner	AGI
Stephanie Morrison	West Chester	01/25/12-03/16/12	Stephanie Price/ Carol Whelan	PLE
Lindsay Ent	West Chester	01/25/12-05/10/12	Jackie Cohen	PLE
Devin Hume	West Chester	01/25/12-05/10/12	Erin Steele	AGI
Zachary Wilson	West Chester	01/25/12-05/10/12	Kelly Vaughn	AGI
Matthew Snyder	West Chester	01/25/12-05/10/12	Eileen Rudisill	HS
Karly Herb	West Chester	01/25/12-03/16/12	Aly Fegley	PLE
Diane Catrino	West Chester	01/25/12-05/10/12	Donna Kilby	PLE
Hayley Brander	U of D	01/23/12-03/16/12	Kim Rollings	PLE
Hayley Brander	U of D	03/19/12-05/18/12	Donna Elmore	PLE
Megan Taylor	U of D	01/23/12-03/16/12	Lisa Hershey	AGI
Jenni Carney	U of D	01/23/12-03/16/12	Helena Lynch	AGI
Jenni Carney	U of D	03/19/12-05/18/12	Julie Boyd	MS

• **OLD BUSINESS**

President Wolff asked for a volunteer from the Board to Chair the Community Outreach Committee.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

Senator Dinniman will be invited to speak with the board at a future meeting.

A link to the Pennsylvania School Safety Report website will be added to our Avon Grove School District website.

The Board directed the Administration to create for Board review a tiered plan for 2.6 million dollars in cuts in order to balance the budget without utilizing the fund balance. This is an exploratory review.

- **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

In listening to the Board's request for the exploratory plan for 2.6 million dollars in reductions, Dr. Massaro believes that the board members would benefit from being presented with the effects of the previous years' reductions (a total of 6.5 million.) A presentation will follow at a future meeting.

Beginning tomorrow, community input regarding the budget will be solicited via a survey page on our District website.

At this time, we are awaiting the IU calendar for 2012-2013 in order for us to draft our own.

- **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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Christine Plankinton Franklin Township

Concerned about continued budget cuts.

Carly Hoilman and Rebecca Berard Franklin Township

Announced that the Honor Society is selling bricks as a fund raiser.

David Paul Snyder Franklin Township

Concerned about an educational issue.

Dawn DemuttI London Britain Township

Concerned about new board members' perspectives.

Brian Gaerity Franklin Township

Concerned about continued budget cuts.

Steve Marr Franklin Township

Concerned about continued budget cuts.

Peggy Bell Cole New London Township

Concerned about continued budget cuts.

Mike Guionett Penn Township

Concerned about finding student enrichment opportunities.

Leslie Erb Wallace New London Township

Concerned about continued budget cuts.

Janice Civahue London Grove Township

Concerned about continued budget cuts.

• **ADJOURNMENT**

President Wolff announced that the Board will meet in Executive Session after this evening's meeting to discuss real estate contracts.

William Sites made the **Motion**, seconded by Donald Needham, to adjourn the meeting. A vote was taken, with all board members present voting affirmatively. Motion carried: 9 - 0. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Bonnie J. Wolff
Bonnie Wolff
President

Wendi Lee Foltz
Wendi Lee Foltz, Ed.D.
Secretary