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UNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING August 23, 2012

I. President Laudenslager called the special meeting to order at 6:33 PM at the Line Mountain Jr/Sr High School Auditorium.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call:

BOARD DIRECTORS

David Bartholomew	Present
Denise Clouser	Present
Dennis Erdman, Vice President	Present
Lauren Hackenburg	Present
Troy Laudenslager, President	Present
Lamont Masser	Present
Lawrence Neidig, Treasurer	Present
Ronald Neidig	Present
Marlin Yeager, Jr.	Present
Patty Troutman, Secretary, Non-Member	Present

ADMINISTRATION

David M. Campbell	Superintendent	Present
Philip S. Rapant, Jr.	Business Administrator	Absent
Jeffrey S. Roadcap	Secondary School Principal	Present
Jeanne Menko	Elementary School Principal	Present
Jeffrey Lagerman	Dean of Students/Athletic Director	Present
Sarah Biegert	Food Service Director	Absent
Amy Dunn	Director of Special Education	Absent
Keith Harro	Network Administrator	Absent
Tim Lagerman	Director of Plant Operations	Absent
Richard J. Roberts, Jr.	Solicitor	Present

OTHERS

Justin Strawser of ñThe News Itemò and approximately twenty-five members of the general public were present.

IV. Recognition of Public:

President Laudenslager recognized the public present. There were no comments from the public at this time.

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ested that some Items from the August 28, 2012 agenda due to the possibility of that meeting being cancelled. added to tonightôs agenda.

Denise Clouser made the motion and David Bartholomew seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed by Acclamation.

Jeffrey Lagerman updated the board members regarding the naming of the football field to Ressler Field. Mr. Ressler has been contacted and has accepted the honor. Mr. Lagerman would like to have a ceremony on September 22, 2012 at the homecoming game. Wiseman Graphics have provided quotes to refinish the existing sign and create a new sign. Fairplay Scoreboards have provided a quote to add Ressler Field to the scoreboard at a cost of $1532.00 plus shipping. Mr. Lagerman requested the Board approve refinishing the existing sign and the addition of the name Ressler Field to the scoreboard at a total cost of $2332.00. A Motion, A2, was added to the Agenda as such.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. FISCAL

PUBLIC COMMENT ï None

1. **Exonerations/Appeals for Local Tax Collectors**
The administration recommends approval of the Exonerations/Appeals of Local Tax Collectors for the 2012 taxes as per attached page.

RECOMMENDED ACTION
That the Board of School Directors
approve the above fiscal action.

Moved by Lamont Masser and seconded by David Bartholomew to approve Item Number A1 and carried by a vote of 9 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote.

This Item was voted on separately.

2. **Motion to Proceed with Ressler sign.**
The administration recommends approval to proceed with the Ressler Field signage at a total cost of $2332.00 plus shipping to be funded by Capital Projects Fund.

RECOMMENDED ACTION
That the Board of School Directors
approve the above fiscal action.

Moved by Dennis Erdman and seconded by David Bartholomew to approve Item Number A1 and carried by a vote of 9 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote.

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1. **Day to Day Substitute Teacher Approval**
The administration recommends approval (pending clearances) of the following day to day substitute teachers for the 2012-2013 school year:

Name	Certification
Caitlin Casey	Early Childhood and Elementary
Kimberlie Rebuck	Early Childhood and Elementary
Lynn Kaskie	Elementary
Dodie Lovett	Emergency
Patricia Zablosky	Emergency
Julie Buffington	Emergency
Bryan Bledsoe	Emergency

2. **Substitute Classified Personnel Approval**
The administration recommends approval of the following substitute classified personnel for the 2012-2013 school year:

Name	Position	Salary
Stacy Long	Substitute Cafeteria Worker	$7.25
Betty Erdman	Substitute Cafeteria Worker & Teacher Aide	$7.25
	Substitute Secretary	$7.70

RECOMENDED ACTION
That the Board of School Directors
approve the above personnel action.

Moved by Marlin Yeager, Jr. and seconded by Ronald Neidig to approve Item Numbers B1 and B2 and carried by a vote of 9 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote.

C. POLICY AND PROGRAM

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

This Item was voted on separately.

1. **Elementary School Closure Approval**
Motion to permanently close the Leck Kill Elementary School and the Dalmatia Elementary School effective at the close of the 2012-2013 school term.

RECOMMENDED ACTION
That the Board of School Directors approve
the above policy and program action.

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n Township addressed the board regarding several
e professional staff has not been included in the
Bartholomew and Mr. Campbell responded that professional staff are attending meetings and have met with the Superintendent on various occasions. She also asked if the majority of the residents are opposed to the consolidation why the board members would vote in favor of the consolidation. Mr. Erdman and Mr. Laudenslager responded that a minimal number of residents have contacted them in opposition to consolidation. Mr. Laudenslager reviewed the benefits to the Middle School concept and the upgrades that have been made to the Trevorton School. Mr. Campbell reviewed the existing debt service and reimbursement to the School. Past budget increases, budget constraints, the need for a referendum to proceed with a 17.3 million dollar building project were reviewed by the superintendent. Mr. Campbell expressed the need to proceed with saving programs and having great teachers as a priority to having a new school building.

Lauren Hackenberg reported that no one in her region is in favor of this plan. Her request remains to consolidate in a centralized area and to make no more renovations or additions to the Trevorton Elementary School.

Mr. Laudenslager reminded the public of the $500,000 savings to be experienced each year with the consolidation.

Brooke Tressler summarized by saying that she is in favor of consolidation, but at a centralized location. She would also like the general public to have a chance to respond to this latest Trevorton K-4 / Jr/Sr High School 5-12 plan. She also voiced her concerns about the fifth and sixth grade students attending the Jr/Sr High School.

Melissa Wynn of Lower Mahanoy Township asked the board members when their terms are complete and expressed her opinion that the Board is rushing this plan through prior to a change in board members. She also asked that the Board consider reversing the Trevorton and Jr/Sr High School roles with elementary school students attending the current high school facility and the high school students attending the Trevorton building.

Moved by David Bartholomew. and seconded by Dennis Erdman to approve Item Number C1 and carried by a vote of 7 yes, 2 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote with Lauren Hackenberg and Lamont Masser casting the negative votes.

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This Item was voted on separately.

2. **2012-2013 Bus Schedules and Drivers Approval**

The administration recommends approval of the bus driver list and bus schedules for the 2012-2013 school year as per attached page.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

That the Board of School Directors approve the above policy and program action.

Moved by Lawrence Neidig and seconded by Dennis Erdman to approve Item Number C2 and carried by a vote of 9 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions on roll call vote.

VI. Public Comment - None

Board Comment ï None

VIII. There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Lawrence Neidig made the motion and Denise Clouser seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Troutman
Board Secretary