

# **HARRISBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **MINUTES**

**JULY 1, 2010**

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

**(MEETING)**



## **AGENDA**

**SEPTEMBER 20, 2010**

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**  
**HARRISBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MINUTES****MEETING**

July 1, 2010

The Board of School Directors of the Harrisburg School District met in a SPECIAL MEETING on Thursday, July 1, 2010 at 6:43 p.m. in the boardroom of the Administration Building, 2101 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA, pursuant to due notice to each Board Member.

Lola Lawson, President of the Board of School Directors, called the meeting to order followed by the flag salute. The following members were present: Roy Christ, Wayne Henry, Randy King, Tiffiney Penn and Patricia Whitehead-Myers. Esther Edwards, Lionel Gonzalez and Jeffrey Moore were absent.

Present:     Dr. Sybil Knight, Assistant Superintendent  
              Jeff Bader, Business Administrator  
              Mark Holman, Human Resources Director  
              Julie A. Mackey, Board Secretary

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The board secretary announced that once the meeting is called to order, no public comment slips will be accepted by the board. Public comment is limited to Harrisburg City residents and taxpayers only. Comments will not be heard from anyone who was furloughed since you will have the right to have a hearing. School district policy 903 will be followed during the Board of School Director's public meeting. Copies of policy 903 are on the table in the back of the room. Ms. Lawson announced that executive session was held from 5:30 p.m. to 6:35 p.m. personnel matters.

Ms. Lawson announced that this was the first meeting of the elected board in nearly 10 years. They appreciate the community support. This is a new beginning and hopefully they will never lose control again.

Ms. Lawson announced the assignment of committee chairs:

**Assignment of Committee Chairs**

Community Relations – Esther Edwards & Tiffiney Penn

Finance & Development – Roy Christ & Jeffrey Moore

Facilities – Wayne Henry & Lionel Gonzalez

Academic & Student Support Services – Randy King & Patricia Whitehead-Myers

Personnel – Lola Lawson

Administration – Lola Lawson

**PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Vince Davis – 2265 Kensington St. – Questioned the Rescind Resolution item in the personnel section  
Ms. Lawson stated this was regarding Eric Waters settlement agreement.
2. Liz Wilson – 642 Dauphin St. – Discussed the amount of district debt.

**FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT**1. TAX LEVY: 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

It is recommended that the Board approve the levy of the following taxes for the 2010-2011 school year.

Estimated expenditures      \$137,468,833

Estimated revenues          \$137,468,833

Further that the taxes to support the education expenditures of the District be based on the following:

Real Estate Tax                26.3074 mills\*  
    Land & Improvements

Earned Income Tax          1%

Occupation Tax                \$120.00

Occupational Privilege Tax \$52.00  
*\*The district keeps \$5.00 of this tax*

Real Estate Transfer Tax      1%

Amusement Tax                10%

Business Privilege Tax        1 mill

Mercantile Tax                 ¾ mill  
    Retail

\*26.3074 mills is equal to \$26.31 on each \$1000.00 of assessed valuation of taxable property.

(Ref. PA School Code – Sections 602, 672, 679, 680)

(Ref. Harrisburg School District Policy – Section 605)

Motion: Mr. King  
Second: Mr. Henry  
to approve item 1 as presented

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Christ	yes
Ms. Edwards	absent
Mr. Gonzalez	absent
Mr. Henry	yes
Mr. King	yes
Ms. Lawson	yes
Mr. Moore	absent
Ms. Penn	yes
Ms. Whitehead-Myers	yes

( 6 ) voted yes

( 0 ) voted no

( 3 ) absent

APPROVED

## 2. PROPOSAL FOR LIMITED ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

It is recommended that the Board approve the Proposal for Limited Architectural Services by Godshall Kane Architects, LLC.

Explanation: Conceptualize the use of an existing industrial building on Cameron Street to house approximately seven (7) technical education programs.

Cost: \$3,500.00

Motion: Mr. Christ  
Second: Ms. Penn  
to approve item 2 as presented

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Christ	yes
Ms. Edwards	absent
Mr. Gonzalez	absent
Mr. Henry	yes
Mr. King	yes
Ms. Lawson	yes
Mr. Moore	absent
Ms. Penn	yes
Ms. Whitehead-Myers	yes

( 6 ) voted yes

( 0 ) voted no

( 3 ) absent

APPROVED

**PERSONNEL****1. MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL**

It is recommended that the Board approve the following management personnel item:

**APPOINTMENT**

A. Audrey Utley - Acting Superintendent – Admin.  
 Doctorate – Widener University  
 Child Abuse/Criminal /FBI Clearances verified by MEH  
 Effective 7/01/10, \$160,000/yr. prorated

**FURLOUGH**

A. Susan Kinney Sr. Administrative Assistant – Admin.  
 Effective 7/1/10

Motion: Mr. Christ  
 Second: Mr. King  
 to approve item 1 as presented

**ROLL CALL:**

Mr. Christ	yes
Ms. Edwards	absent
Mr. Gonzalez	absent
Mr. Henry	yes
Mr. King	yes
Ms. Lawson	yes
Mr. Moore	absent
Ms. Penn	yes
Ms. Whitehead-Myers	yes

( 6 ) voted yes

( 0 ) voted no

( 3 ) absent

APPROVED

**2. RESCIND RESOLUTION**

It is recommended that the Board approve to rescind the Resolution for the terms of the Settlement Agreement concluding case numbers 2009 -CV-15559 and 171 C.D. 2010 that was approved by the Board of Control on June 28, 2010.

Motion: Mr. King  
 Second: Mr. Christ  
 to approve item 2 as presented

**ROLL CALL:**

Mr. Christ	yes
Ms. Edwards	absent
Mr. Gonzalez	absent
Mr. Henry	yes

Mr. King	yes
Ms. Lawson	yes
Mr. Moore	absent
Ms. Penn	yes
Ms. Whitehead-Myers	yes
( 6 )	voted yes
( 0 )	voted no
( 3 )	absent

APPROVED

## **ADMINISTRATION**

### 1. SUSPENSION - SOLICITOR/CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER

It is recommended that the Board approve to suspend the Solicitor/Chief Legal Officer effective July 1, 2010 at 12:01 a.m., with pay.

Motion: Mr. King  
 Second: Ms. Penn  
 to approve item 1 as presented  
 ROLL CALL:

Mr. Christ	yes
Ms. Edwards	absent
Mr. Gonzalez	absent
Mr. Henry	yes
Mr. King	yes
Ms. Lawson	yes
Mr. Moore	absent
Ms. Penn	yes
Ms. Whitehead-Myers	yes
( 6 )	voted yes
( 0 )	voted no
( 3 )	absent

APPROVED

### 2. RESOLUTION – APPOINTING ACTING SOLICITOR

It is recommended that the Board approve the Resolution Appointing Acting Solicitor:

Saul Ewing LLP  
 Penn National Insurance Plaza  
 2 North Second St., 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
 Harrisburg, PA 17101

Motion: Mr. King  
 Second: Mr. Henry

to approve item 2 as presented

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Christ	yes
Ms. Edwards	absent
Mr. Gonzalez	absent
Mr. Henry	yes
Mr. King	yes
Ms. Lawson	yes
Mr. Moore	absent
Ms. Penn	yes
Ms. Whitehead-Myers	yes

( 6 ) voted yes

( 0 ) voted no

( 3 ) absent

APPROVED

### 3. TERMINATION AND NON-RENEWAL OF CONTRACTS

It is recommended that the Board give formal notice to Gerald Kohn, Julie Botel and Rebecca Hostetler that they have been terminated and their contracts will not be renewed.

Mr. King requested that item 3 be amended by removing the language “they have been terminated” and approve the non-renewal of contracts only.

Motion: Mr. Christ

Second: Ms. Penn

to approve item 3 as non-renewal of contracts only

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Christ	yes
Ms. Edwards	absent
Mr. Gonzalez	absent
Mr. Henry	yes
Mr. King	no
Ms. Lawson	yes
Mr. Moore	absent
Ms. Penn	yes
Ms. Whitehead-Myers	yes

( 5 ) voted yes

( 1 ) voted no

( 3 ) absent

APPROVED

### **PUBLIC COMMENT – NON- AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Charles Jennings – 2468 Rudy Rd. – Asked what the plan was for closing the William Penn campus and moving the alternative education and career technology programs.

Ms. Lawson stated they plan on reviewing this with the administration.

2. Liz Wilson – 642 Dauphin St. – Discussed AYP status and testing for 2008-2009 school year.

Ms. Penn stated that Dr. Utley had given a presentation on this information on June 28.

3. Yanna Kent – 635 Emerald St. – Commented on uniforms for students, security and classroom sizes.
4. Vince Davis – 2265 Kensington St. – Commented on sports and consultants.
5. Sylvia Rigal – 609 Curtin St. – Questioned the number of chairpersons per committee and residency of board members.
6. Donna Cheathan – 905 N. 16<sup>th</sup> St. – Welcomed the Board and discussed the changes that need to occur to support the students.
7. Elvetta Penn – 1513 N. 15<sup>th</sup> St. – Commented on giving the new board a change to make a difference and to hold everyone accountable.
8. Donna Proctor – 24 N. 20<sup>th</sup> St. – CTA helped many students who were not college bound.
9. Rev. Scrivens & Stanley Lawson – 3809 Hillcrest Rd. – As president of NAACP he wishes the board well.

Motion to adjourn – Mr. King  
Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie A. Mackey  
Board Secretary

**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of School Directors of the Harrisburg School District will conduct a meeting on Thursday, July 1, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the first floor board room of the Administration Building, 2101 North Front Street, Building 2, Harrisburg, PA.

The purpose of the meeting is to consider any business that comes before the Board.

If you are a person with disabilities or require other accommodations, please contact the Board Secretary at (717) 703-4066.

Julie A. Mackey  
Board Secretary

Insertion Date: June 29, 2010