

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order; Pledge of Allegiance

Vice President Alan C. Earnshaw called the meeting of the East Penn Board of School Directors to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Earnshaw was presiding over the meeting due to the absence of President Ann Thompson.

Board Members Present:	C. Ballard, A. Earnshaw, E. Gannon, S. Kowalchuk, T. Richwine, M. Robert
Board Members Absent:	F. Fuller, V. Thomas, A. Thompson
Board Solicitor:	Bob Magee, (substituting for Marc Fisher, Esq.) Worth, Magee & Fisher
Board Secretary:	Cecilia R. Birdsell
Board Treasurer:	Gary Reigal
Press Present:	Loretta Fenstermacher, East Penn Press Reporter

2. Requests to Address the Board-None

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Ballard,, Seconded by Gannon  
RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors approve the minutes for the June 26, 2006 Board Meeting.

This resolution was unanimously adopted by voice vote.

4. Report of the Substitute Superintendent of Schools-Dr. George A. Ziolkowski

1. Personnel

Motion by Robert, Seconded by Gannon  
RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors approve the following personnel items:

Appointment of Acting Principal – Shoemaker School – Exhibit 1

That the East Penn Board of School Directors appoint Mr. Robert Oberecker, Acting Principal of Shoemaker School, effective July 1, 2006 through September 1, 2006, as outlined in the attached Agreement (Exhibit 1).

Appointment of Temporary Professional Employees

Name/Address:	Todd Breiner 26 South Street, Tamaqua 18252
Education Level:	B. S. Degree (2006)
Undergraduate School:	East Stroudsburg University (2006)
Certification:	Instructional I, Health/Physical Education
Assignment:	Health/Physical Education, EHS (Budgeted new position)
Effective:	2006-07 school year
Experience:	None
Salary:	\$40,100 (Step A, Year 1, Col. B)

Name/Address:	Pamela Briody 2463 W. Rock Road, Allentown 18103
Education Level:	B. A. Degree (1992)
Undergraduate School:	Muhlenberg College
Graduate School:	DeSales University (certification credits)
Certification:	Instructional I, Elementary
Assignment:	Grade 1, Alburtis School Vacancy created by G. Krasley resignation.
Effective:	2006-07 school year
Experience:	8/05-Present: Quakertown SD 8/03-6/05: Allentown SD
Salary:	\$41,600 (Step D, Year 4, Col. B)

Name/Address: Lauren Enderes  
1217 Knossos Drive, Whitehall 18052

Education Level: B. S. Degree (2001)

Undergraduate School: Kutztown University

Graduate Schools: East Stroudsburg University (graduate credits)  
Lehigh University (graduate credits)

Certification: Intern, Special Education (Certification Pending)

Assignment: Special Education, Lower Macungie Elementary School (New budgeted position)

Effective: 2006-07 school year

Experience: 4/05-Present: Colonial Northampton Intermediate Unit

Salary: \$40,100 (Step A, Year 1, Col. B)

Name/Address: Joanne Lusignea  
4609 Penn Hill Drive, Schnecksville 18078

Education Level: Bachelors of Industrial Engineering ((1991)  
Master's Degree (2006)

Undergraduate School: Georgia Institute of Technology

Graduate School: Cedar Crest College

Certification: Instructional I, Mathematics 7-12

Assignment: Mathematics, Grade 8, Eyer MS  
Vacancy created by retirement of R. Weiss

Effective: 2006-07 school year

Experience: 11/02-12/05: Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit

Salary: \$46,500 (Step A, Year 1, Col. M)

Name/Address: Jeanne Newoehner  
2058 Huber Drive, Quakertown 18951

Education Level: B. A. Degree (1999)

Undergraduate School: Lafayette College

Graduate Schools: William Patterson University (education credits)  
Cabrini College (graduate credits)

Certification: Instructional I, Biology, Special Education, Mid-Level  
Mathematics (7-9)

Assignment: Special Education, LMMS  
(Budgeted new position)

Effective: 2006-07 school year

Experience: 9/04-Present: Hilltop Preparatory School  
1/01-8/02: Park Ridge SD, NJ

Salary: \$41,100 (Step C, Year 3, Col. B)

Appointment of Full-Time Substitute Teacher

Name/Address: Jason Hanlon  
5470 Spring Drive, Center Valley 18034

Education Level: B. S. Degree (2006)

Undergraduate School: Kutztown University

Certification: Instructional I, Elementary

Assignment: Grade 3, Albutis School  
Opening created by leave of L. Goehler

Effective: 2006-07 school year

Experience: None

Salary: \$40,100 (Step A, Year 1, Col. B)

Appointment of School Physicians

See Exhibit 2

2006 Teacher Tenure List

In accordance with Section 1121 of the PA School Code, the following temporary professional employee based upon satisfactory service be awarded tenure, effective immediately:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>School</u>
Cheryl Trujillo	Speech	Lincoln

Extended School Year Instructors

Amy McConlogue                    30 hrs.  
Regan Palazzo                      41 hrs.  
Paul Wood                            41 hrs.

Additions to the Summer Maintenance List

Kevin McKeegan                    Shawn Roberts

Educational Conferences – Exhibit 3

That the East Penn Board of School Directors approve the expenses for the individuals attending educational conferences as listed on Exhibit 3.

Resignations

-Brian Hubbs, Grade 6 Teacher at Eyer MS, effective immediately (Exhibit 10)  
-Gwen Marley, Grade 5 Teacher at Shoemaker School, effective immediately  
(Exhibit 11)

Mr. Richwine commented on the loss of Gwen Marley, who had been his daughter's Grade 2 teacher.

Professional Employee Appointment

Name/Address:                      Janet Yeakel  
424 Barn Swallow Lane, Allentown 18104  
Education Level:                    B. S. Degree (1998)  
M. Ed. Degree (2004)  
Undergraduate School:            Kutztown University  
Graduate School:                  Lehigh University  
Certification:                        Instructional II, Elementary, Ment and/or  
Phys. Handicapped  
Effective:                              2006-07 School Year  
Assignment:                          Special Education-Alburtis School  
Vacancy created by D. Henry retirement and  
subsequent transfers  
Experience:                            8/00-6/04: Allentown SD  
Salary:                                 \$48,500 (Step E, Year 5, Col. M)

Name/Address:                      Justin McNicholas  
900 Porter Street, Easton 18042  
Education Level:                    B. S. Degree (2001)  
Undergraduate School:            Kutztown University  
Certification:                        Instructional I, Biology  
Effective:                              2006-07 School Year  
Assignment:                          Biology, Emmaus HS  
Vacancy created by resignation of S. Hauze  
Experience:                            8/02-Present: Pocono Mt. SD  
8/01-6/02: Coral Springs, FL  
Salary:                                 \$42,600 (Step F, Year 6, Col. B)

Temporary Professional Employee Appointment

Name/Address:                      Crystal Miller  
1398 Walnut Lane, Macungie  
Education Level:                    B. S. Degree (2003)  
Undergraduate School:            Kutztown University  
Certification:                        Instructional I, Elementary,  
Special Education, N-12  
Effective:                              2006-07 School Year  
Assignment:                          Macungie, Special Education  
Vacancy created by transfer of  
J. Thomas (new budgeted position)  
Experience:                            8/05-Present: Fairfax County, VA  
2/04-6/05: East Penn SD

Salary: \$41,100 (Step C, Year 3, Col. B)

Full-Time Substitute Teacher Appointment

Name/Address: Lesley Fisher  
403 South Fourth Avenue, Royersford 19468  
Education Level: B. S. Degree (2006)  
Undergraduate School: Kutztown University  
Certification: Instructional I, Elementary, Early Childhood  
Effective: 2006-07 School Year  
Assignment: Grade 1, Wescosville School  
Opening created by P. Fehlinger leave.  
Experience: None  
Salary: \$40,100 (Step A, Year 1, Col. B)

Internal Transfers

Employee	From	To
Lisa Knabb Reed	Grade 3, Shoemaker	Grade 6, Eyer MS
Debra Kaplan	Special Ed, Alburdis	Special Ed, Shoemaker

Acceptance of Gifts, Grants, and Funds

RESOLVED, That, in accordance with Board Policy 702, Gifts, Grants, and Funds, the East Penn Board of School Directors accept a \$2,949.25 monetary gift from the Shoemaker Elementary School PTO for the purchase of classroom tables.

Mr. Ballard commended the Shoemaker PTO for its donation.

2006-07 Ticket Pricing for Sports – Exhibit 4

RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors approve the 2006-07 Ticket Pricing for Sports as listed on Exhibit 4.

These resolutions were duly adopted by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Ballard, Earnshaw, Gannon, Kowalchuk, Richwine, Robert,-----6  
Absent: Fuller, Thomas, Thompson-----3

5. Education

1. Textbook Adoption – First Reading – Exhibit 5

This was removed since the textbooks were adopted last year.

6. Legislative

C. Ballard

Mr. Ballard reported that the General Assembly adopted a state spending plan for 2006-07 and it has been signed by the Governor. He noted that HB 185 amends the school code in the following areas: Background Checks; School Nutrition; Local Wellness Policy; Physical Education curriculum; Dual Enrollment Policy; Distinguished Educator Program; and Transportation for Charter School students. Mr. Ballard said that in 1972-73 the amount of reimbursement from the state for the basic education subsidy was 50.9%; however, in 2003-04, the state reimbursement was 32.73%. Finally, the deadlines included in Act 1 of 2006 do not apply for this year's budget.

-Voting Delegates for 2006 Legislative Policy Council Meeting – October 12, 2006

East Penn is entitled to 3 delegates. Voting delegates must be registered for the 2006 PSBA School Leadership Conference being held in Hershey from October 10-13, 2006. Board members who are interested in attending the conference and being considered a delegate for the Legislative Policy Council should contact the Board Secretary. Mr. Ballard indicated that he will be attending and Ms. Kowalchuk said she would check her schedule.

7. Board Operations

1. Approval of Bill List

Motion by Robert, Seconded by Ballard

RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors approve the attached bill list, including the addenda, and that the Treasurer be authorized to issue checks and vouchers in the amounts indicated.

Treasurer's Report

RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors approve the Treasurer's Report.

Approval of Plancon H: Project Financing - GOB Series A of 2003; Series A of 2004, and Series AA of 2004 for the Eyer MS Project – Exhibit 6

RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors approve Plancon H as described in Exhibit 6.

Construction Fund Payments – Exhibit 7

RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors authorize the payment of funds from the Capital Reserve Account and General Obligation Bond Series of 2003 for the items listed on Exhibit 7.

These resolutions were duly adopted by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Ballard, Earnshaw, Gannon, Kowalchuk, Richwine, Robert-----6  
Absent: Fuller, Thomas, Thompson-----3

- 2. Informational: Approval of Plancon F and G Construction Documents & Project Accounting Based on Bids (Exhibits 8 & 9)

8. Board Sharing

In answer to a question from Mr. Richwine about the number of positions to be filled, Mrs. Daniel, Director of Personnel, estimated that there are 40-45 positions to fill. Dr. Torma responded to a question from Ms. Kowalchuk regarding enrollments. The administration is monitoring enrollments on a weekly basis; however, the enrollments are not as high as last summer. Mr. Reigal reported that the district will receive an increase of \$246,000 in basic education subsidy based on the information contained in the Governor's budget. He also said that the increase is reflected in basic education subsidy, charter schools, special education and the Accountability Block Grant. Mr. Earnshaw noted that the increase to the Allentown School District was greater than the total state subsidy for East Penn. He felt this was a negative reflection for rapidly growing suburban school districts.

Dr. Torma indicated that board members could expect a survey and a 30-minute follow up interview from Dr. George Anderson who is the facilitator for the Goal Setting Workshop. Board Secretary Cecilia Birdsell indicated the workshop will be held at the LCCC Administration building on September 16.

9. Announcements:

Monday, July 10 7:30 p.m.-Board Meeting

August 14 7:30 p.m.-Board Meeting

10. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned, upon motion, at 7:50 p.m.

Cecilia R. Birdsell, Board Secretary