

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order; Pledge of Allegiance

President Ann Thompson called the meeting of the East Penn Board of School Directors to order at 7:30 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: C. H. Ballard, A. Earnshaw, F. Fuller, E. Gannon, S. Kowalchuk,  
T. Richwine, M. Robert, V. Thomas, A. Thompson

Solicitor: Marc S. Fisher, Esq., Worth, Magee & Fisher  
Treasurer: Gary Reigal  
Board Secretary: Cecilia R. Birdsell  
Press Present: Randy Kraft, Morning Call Reporter  
Loretta Fenstermacher, East Penn Press Reporter

2. Requests to Address the Board

Mr. Seth Flanders, 3941 Lilac Road, Allentown asked a series of questions regarding the elementary PSSA scores. He suggested making the test a positive experience and integrating it in to what is being done in the classroom. He raised questions about the intensity and focus of the curriculum. He asked if the information required by the PSSAs would be taught if not required and in what sequence, grade level, etc. He concluded by saying that the PSSA could make East Penn a leader if we do not look at it as just a test but as something that works of us.

3. SGA Report – Katie Smolinski

Miss Smolinski reported that SGA had donated funds to the pre-school play area. SGA will also donate the prize for the best motto for next year.

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Ballard, Seconded by Robert  
RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors approve the minutes of the February 12, 2007 Board Meeting.

This resolution was unanimously adopted by voice vote.

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

1, Personnel

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

Retirement/Resignations

-Lorraine Carey, Health Teacher at LMMS, effective June 14, 2007 (Exhibit 1)  
-Suzanne Smith, Guidance Counselor at EHS, effective June 30, 2007 (Exhibit 2)  
-Janon Johnson, Teacher Aide at Shoemaker School, effective immediately

Dr. Ziolkowski noted the retirement of Lorraine Carey after 22 years in East Penn. He also noted that the resignation of Guidance Counselor Suzanne Smith would be a loss to the district.

Leave as Per Collective Bargaining Agreement

Employee: Lisa Hendricks, Special Education, Wescosville School  
Effective: February 26, 2007

General Leaves of Absence

Employee: Janice Miller, Food Service Department, Alburts School  
Effective: 2/9/07-6/15/07

Employee: Janet Joy, Teacher Aide, Macungie School  
Effective: 2/26/07-4/30/07

Temporary Professional Appointment

Name/Address: Jamie Kline  
18 E. Spruce Street, Emmaus 18049

Education Level: B. S. Degree (1978)  
M. Ed. Degree (1980)  
Ed. D. Degree (1993)

Undergraduate School: Temple University  
Graduate School: Lehigh University  
Certification: Instructional I, Tech Ed., General Science, Inst. Tech Specialist, Radio-TV, Auto Mechanics, Vocational Inst., Business Comp-Info Tech

Assignment: Tech Ed, LMMS  
Opening created by transfer of S. Ramson & M. Staack retirement

Effective: January 29, 2007  
Experience: 8/06-Present: East Penn SD  
1/06-6/06: Parkland SD  
9/05-1/06: Whitehall Coplay SD  
9/02-6/04: Northampton SD  
9/78-8/79: Lehigh Career & Technical Inst.

Salary: \$54,100 (Step E, Year 5, Col. D)

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

Education Level: B. S. Degree (2006)  
Undergraduate School: Kutztown University  
Certification: Instructional I, Elementary  
Grade 3, Albutis School  
Assignment: Opening created by S. Brown resignation & subsequent transfers

Effective: 2006-07 school year  
Experience: 9/06-Present: East Penn SD  
Salary: \$40,100 (Step A, Year 1, Col. B)

Summer School Faculty (Exhibit 3)

See Exhibit Section

Additions to the 2006-07 List of Per Diem Substitutes

Erin Keller, Elementary  
Melissa Toban, Elementary  
Jason Figueroa, Elementary  
Catherine Reichenbach, Elementary/ML Math  
Lori Matika, Teacher Aide  
Roberta Flynn, Teacher Aide  
Judy Noggle, Teacher Aide  
Tara Cranmer, Guidance Counselor  
Thomas Fancin, Biology

Co-Curricular Advisors

Joe Fatzinger	EHS Assistant Baseball Coach	\$2674.00
Christopher Lascelle	Student Trainer (Internship)	Volunteer
Jessica Dischley	Go Mahjong Club	\$265.00
Jamie Hudak	LMMS-Volleyball Intramurals, Gr. 6	\$26/Session 7 Sessions
Michael Barker	LMMS-Volleyball Intramurals, Gr. 6	\$26/Session 7 Sessions
Greg Scholl	LMMS-Volleyball Intramurals, Gr. 6	\$26/Session 7 Sessions
Heidi Rauch	Board Games Club	\$29/Session 4 Sessions

Educational Conferences (Exhibit 4)

That the East Penn Board of School Directors approve the expenses for the individuals attending the educational conferences listed on Exhibit 4.

Informational:

Administrative Reports (See Exhibit Section)

This resolution was duly adopted by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Ballard, Earnshaw, Fuller, Gannon, Kowalchuk, Richwine, Robert,  
Thompson-----9

Mr. Richwine and Mrs. Thompson called attention to the Administrative Reports, noting the many accomplishments of students at all levels and in all curricular areas (music, art, and athletics).

5. Facilities

1. Bid Opening Report –Asbestos Abatement, Eyer MS (Exhibit 5)
2. Eyer MS Asbestos Abatement

Motion by Thomas, Seconded by Gannon  
RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors approve PDG Environmental Inc.,  
Drums, PA for the asbestos abatement project Phases I, II, and III for the Eyer  
MS project at a total cost of \$68,400.

This resolution was duly adopted by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Ballard, Earnshaw, Fuller, Gannon, Kowalchuk, Richwine, Robert, Thompson-----9

6. Business Operations

1. Bill List Approval

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

Treasurer's Report

RESOLVED, That the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Budget Transfers (Exhibit 6)

RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors authorize the attached list of  
budget transfers.

This resolution was duly adopted by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Ballard, Earnshaw, Fuller, Gannon, Kowalchuk, Richwine, Robert, Thompson-----9

7. Board Sharing

Mr. Ballard reported on testifying at the Public Hearing for the Act 1 Task Force on School Cost Reduction in Hershey. He noted that from the 2005-06 to 2006-07 school years the student population increased by 620 students. The per pupil cost in East Penn is \$11,677 and the average property tax per household is \$2703. This illustrates that the cost to educate one child is four times the tax per household. He noted that administrative or capital costs are not rising or in excess of the personnel costs. He said with the influx of students the costs for teachers is driven up. Mr. Ballard further explained the small percentage of funds received from the federal government and pointed out the state funds that are not increasing. The state is only providing 21% of the revenue. Referring to prevailing wage, Mr. Ballard reported that projects have cost as much as 15% more because of prevailing wage. For example, the Eyer project cost an additional \$285,000 a year to the debt reduction cost. There are ten other projects that will have the prevailing wage numbers. In the area of health care, over the past five years the district has had to budget more for health care than for staff salary increases. Mr. Ballard thanked the Board for giving him the opportunity to represent East Penn at this hearing.

Mrs. Thomas asked if anyone would be available to attend the LCTI Joint Operating Committee meeting on Wednesday.

Mr. Richwine recommended the State of the School District link that is on the web page. It gives a good review of the many activities that are taking place in the district. He also called attention to a recent article in The Morning Call that described a local district voting to go with a more traditional math program. Parents were complaining that their children were not ready for college level math. The current math program was instrumental in raising the scores on the PSSA test. He thought it was interesting that a program that raised PSSA math scores did not prepare students for college.

Mrs. Thompson reported on the meeting that was held with Representative Dent and an Under Secretary of Education to gather information about No Child Left Behind (NCLB). The meeting was by invitation only and also included other members of the education community, including Mr. Ballard and Dr. Ziolkowski.

8. Announcements

Mrs. Thompson indicated that the February 15 CLEAR Session was not held because of the inclement weather. The CLEAR Session on February 19 was held and there will be another session on February 27. All sessions dealt with personnel.

-Monday, February 26	7:00 p.m.-Public Hearing, Act 1 Ballot Question, Board Room 7:30 p.m.-Board Meeting, Board Room
-Friday, March 2	11:00 a.m.-Early Dismissal, Secondary Schools
-Saturday, March 3	2:00 p.m.-Lehigh County Band Festival, Salisbury HS
-March 2, 3	Regional Orchestra
-March 5, 6, 8	7:00 p.m.-Board Room, Superintendent Candidates Public Meeting, Board Room (Tentative) Feedback forms will be available.
-Monday, March 12	7:30 p.m.-Board Meeting, Board Room

9. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned, upon motion, at 7:55 p.m.

Cecilia R. Birdsell  
Board Secretary