

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order; Pledge of Allegiance

President Francee Fuller called the meeting of the East Penn Board of School Directors to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room located at 800 Pine Street, Emmaus, PA, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: C. H. Ballard, A. Earnshaw, F. Fuller, C. Jones, S. Kowalchuk, P. Prinzing, J. Stolz

Board Members Absent: E. Gannon, T. Richwine

Solicitor: Marc S. Fisher, Esq., Worth, Magee & Fisher

Treasurer: Gary Reigal

Board Secretary: Cecilia R. Birdsell

Superintendent of Schools: Dr. Thomas L. Seidenberger

Press Present: Loretta Fenstermacher, East Penn Press Reporter

Sarah Fulton, Morning Call Reporter

2. SGA - Emmaus High School - Neil Merchant, Junior, Representative to the Board

SGA Representative Neil Merchant reported on the various activities that will take place during Homecoming Week. He thanked Mr. Carl, the Emmaus Fire Inspector, and EHS principal Dave Piperato for allowing the bonfire that is scheduled after the Homecoming Parade. Activities that are planned throughout the week include Western Day, All Out School Spirit Day, Powder Puff Football Game, Homecoming Parade, Homecoming Dance, and a Pep Rally. SGA sponsored a tailgate picnic before the football game with Nazareth. He indicated that the football team is doing very well this year with a 4-0 record.

3. Requests to Address the Board

Mr. Budd Coates, 424 Ridge Street, Emmaus requested that the Board consider a new high school all weather track. He indicated that the current track is over 50 years old and does need to be replaced. It no longer allows students to prepare for competitions and meets are relocated to rival facilities. Mr. Coates pointed out that practice sessions are lost due to inclement weather. He said an all weather track similar to the ones of league competitors and, at the state level, would cost approximately \$1,000,000. He emphasized that its use would not be limited to the athletes but could also be open to the community. He noted that all students are included on the track teams, unlike other teams where students must face tryouts. Mr. Coates said parents of students involved in other sports are supportive of this proposal as well. He concluded that a majority of the community wants to improve its facilities and its surroundings. Right now there is an opportunity to share the cost of an all weather track by using corporate support, non-profit support (Poole Wildlife Sanctuary), and Emmaus Borough support.

Miss Lindsey Graybill, 2154 Autumn Ridge Road, Macungie and Captain of the Girls Cross Country Team indicated one of the reasons why an all weather track would be beneficial is due to the inclement weather conditions that affect practices and meets. The surface is uneven after it rains and this can cause injuries to athletes. Also, the JV teams do not get the same track experience as other schools. The team has a lot of pride in running for Emmaus and to show their love for the sport they would like to get a new all weather track.

Mr. Tom Luff, 821 Keystone Avenue, Emmaus Captain of the Boys Cross Country Team reiterated the concerns about inclement weather and the effect on the cinder track that makes it more dangerous. The sprinters must use the track at Lehigh University and the jumpers are affected as well. There is a disadvantage for athletes in meets and invitations.

Mr. Wesley Barrett, 610 North Second street, Emmaus echoed everything that was said about the need for a track. He talked about his experience and the passion of the team. It is not a team that cuts people and it is a great way to become more involved in the community. This track has been discussed since he was running in high school in 1999. He would like to see this project come to fruition. He digressed and spoke about the webcast recommendation. As a Borough Council member, he has not experienced any negatives and felt it was a positive thing to do.

Mr. Ambrose Burfoot, 709 N. Seventh Street, Emmaus spoke about community health and the benefits of an all weather track for the community. He spoke about the obesity problem in the United States and the affect on junior high and high school students. Walking is a three generation activity that could lead to a community health program. He cited the work of Dr. Steven Blair who contends that every American walking 30 minutes a day would wipe out the obesity problem. All of the major medical

professionals have come together to promote this service. Emmaus is a wonderful walkable community. He said a high school track is an organized effort for walking. It is safe and secure and would be a place to bring people together. He concluded that "if you build this community facility, they will come."

Ms. Fuller asked how many people in the audience were in support of the track and a majority of the audience raised their hands.

Mr. Otto Slozer, 121 E. Elm Street, Emmaus complained about the letter he received as well as two other people (John Hinkle and Joe Hilliard) in response to his request for "financial records for the last five years related to the Rainy Day fund any other surplus accounts held by the East Penn School District. This request includes statements, account balances at statement dates, investment accounts and interest earned." He read the response that they received seven days later that states "There is no account (Rainy Day) by that name in East Penn's accounting system." He felt the response raised several questions. One would assume that the public can take responses by board members and the administration at face value and questioned whether there was deception when they referred to the reserve as a rainy day fund. If you are referring to reserves as a rainy day fund, then where are the reserves. He said under public right to know the citizens have a right to access records and that is what he intends to do. Ms. Fuller said that this is not an interactive presentation.

Mr. Ballard said an all weather track simply refers to an asphalt surface that is put on the track. It is not an all weather track that would be under cover.

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Kowalchuk, Seconded by Ballard
RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors approve the minutes for the September 8, 2008 Board Meeting.

This resolution was unanimously adopted by voice vote.

5. Purchase of Land from KidsPeace-Lehigh Carbon Community College

Motion by Stolz, Seconded by Earnshaw
RESOLVED, That in accordance with Section 2.2 of the Rules, Regulations and Procedures for Lehigh Carbon Community College, the East Penn Board of School Directors hereby approves purchase of 100 acres more or less located adjacent to the College from KidsPeace Corporation for a cost of \$1,680,000.00 plus applicable Closing Costs, provided the College secures the funds or financing without local sponsor contribution and the purchase is approved by the PA Department of Education and the College's sponsors in accordance with Section 2.2 of the Rules, Regulations and Procedures for Lehigh Carbon Community College.

East Penn Representative Ann Thompson on the LCCC Board of Trustees was present to answer any questions from the board members. Mr. Ballard clarified that this motion is granting authority for LCCC to expend this money as part of their capital account. Mrs. Thompson said that half of the assessed value will be paid by Harrisburg and the other half will be paid from the Capital Project Funds which are annually transferred from the Capital Net Income of Noncredit Training and Workforce Training Programs. This additional land will help with the parking issue. Ms. Kowalchuk asked if there was going to be a prorated cost to the districts if approved. Mrs. Thompson said there is no cost to the home districts at all. Ms. Kowalchuk asked what other programs are planned for the development of the Land. Mrs. Thompson said that there are no other plans just to acquire the property for the future. It was mentioned that at some point there may be consideration for establishing a technical college. Mr. Earnshaw said this purchase of land is a reasonable price and does include some green space as well. There are no concrete plans for using this property. It will not cost the district anything extra.

This resolution was duly adopted by the following roll call vote:
Aye: Ballard, Earnshaw, Fuller, Jones, Kowalchuk, Prinzing, Stolz-----7
Absent: Gannon, Richwine-----2

6. Report of the Superintendent of Schools - Dr. Thomas L. Seidenberger

1. Personnel

Dr. Seidenberger said he would set up a meeting with the track people to discuss the specifics of cost and timing. There are board policies in place for community partnerships and gifts. He indicated that he would be one of the presenters for the October 2 PSBA Workshop on Superintendent Evaluation to be

held in Berks County. Board members and Dr. Seidenberger will be attending the same presentation on October 7 where Dr. Donohue from Parkland School District will be doing the presentation for Lehigh County. He has a power point presentation that he will make available to those who cannot attend. It does talk about the importance of goal setting as well. He called attention to the activities being planned by the SGA. Dr. Seidenberger has met with SGA representatives to open the lines of communication. He said the kids are sharp and want to make the high school a better place.

Referring to the all weather track, Mr. Ballard said he would like to see a range of options from the minimum to the maximum. Mr. Ballard complimented Mr. Carl, noting his stalwart service to the district, adding he will be sorely missed. Mr. Carl worked under trying circumstances at times to get a building that had been under construction ready for the students. He performed this task in a manner that would have been daunting for someone else. Mr. Ballard suggested that all his numbers and email be obtained before he leaves for FL.

Mr. Jones asked that Dr. Seidenberger include contact information in any correspondence with the all weather track supporters. Mr. Jones asked for a legal opinion from Mr. Fisher about the level of involvement that a board member may have in helping with the sponsorship of the all weather track. Dr. Seidenberger said he would like to look at a variety of options on how this track can come about.

Ms. Kowalchuk said she would like to thank Mr. Carl for all the work that has been done and his work ethic and she will miss him.

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

Retirement/Resignations

-James Carl, Supervisor of Maintenance, effective December 31, 2008
(Exhibit 1)

Ms. Fuller said she was sorry to see the retirement of Jim Carl who has worked with East Penn for his entire professional life.

-Kenneth Jordan, Grade 5 Teacher at Macungie School, effective September 9, 2008
(Exhibit 2)

-Manfred Bleiker, Custodial/Maintenance Staff at Shoemaker School, effective January 5, 2009 (Exhibit 3)

-George Sabol, Custodial/Maintenance Staff, effective January 5, 2009 (Exhibit 4)

-Jacqueline Spain, Staff Assistant at Shoemaker School, effective immediately
(Exhibit 5)

Appointment of Substitute Principal, Lower Macungie Elementary School

Name:	Tara Desiderio
Effective:	8/26/08
Undergraduate School:	Bloomsburg University
Graduate School:	Lehigh University
Certification:	Administrative I, Principal (K-12)
Salary:	\$53,094, plus \$600/pay retroactive to 8/26/08 Step F, Year 6, M +12

Appointment of Instructional/Staff Assistants

Name/Address:	Ardyth Yorgey 5771 Buckeye Road, Macungie 18062
Assignment:	Jefferson School, Autistic Support New budgeted position
Salary:	\$12.01/hr., 31.5 hrs./wk.

Name/Address:	Deborah Miller 2671 Thistle Road, Macungie 18062
Assignment:	Instructional Assistant, Macungie School

Effective: Vacancy created by J. Toy resignation & subsequent transfers
 September 23, 2008
 Salary: \$12.01/hr., 31.5 hrs./wk.

Name/Address: Jacqueline Kleis
 4290 SW Ascot Circle, Allentown 18103
 Assignment: Staff Assistant, Emmaus HS
 Vacancy created by R. Gilbert resignation and subsequent transfers
 Effective: September 23, 2008
 Salary: \$12.01/hr., 23 hrs./wk.

Appointment of Health Room Aide

Name/Address: Jessica Harrington
 4772 White Oak Circle, Emmaus
 Assignment: Health Room Aide, Macungie School
 Vacancy created by resignation of D. Ruch
 Effective: September 23, 2008
 Salary: \$16.85/hr., 32 hrs./wk.

Additions to the 2008-09 List of Per Diem Substitutes

James Gavin, Guest Teacher	Gretchen Restino, Elementary
Steven Neikam, Elementary	Jayne Bartlett, English
Christine Pierece, Elementary	Jennifer Wylie, Art
Susan Winzer, Spec. Ed/English	William Hughes, Spec. Ed/Social Studies

Alicia Trinkle, Instructional/Staff Assistant

Appointment of Grade Level Teacher

Carrie Naworynski, Kindergarten

Change in Employment Status

Employee	From	To
Sue Doney	PTFSA-Eyer, 4.5 hrs./day	EHS, 4.75 hrs./day
Kathy Weitner	Staff Assistant, EHS, 23 hrs./day	EHS, 28.5 hrs./day
Dana Johnson	Staff Assistant, EHS, 22.5 hrs./wk.	EHS, 23 hrs./day
*Mary Munley	Staff Assistant, LME, 12.5 hrs./wk.	LME, 22.5 hrs./wk.

*Temporary for Student Assistance

Educational Conferences - Exhibit 6

That the East Penn Board of School Directors authorize the expenses for the individuals to attend the educational conferences listed on Exhibit 6.

Co-Curricular Advisors

See Exhibit 7

Contracts for Student Services

RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors authorize the following contracts between the East Penn School District and the contractors listed below:

Contractor	Services	Salary
Becky Fedio	American Sign Language Tutoring to parents of deaf blind child.	\$32.00/hr., 3 hrs./wk.
Tanya Fedorak	American Sign Language Tutoring	\$32.00/hr., 3 hrs./wk.

to parents of deaf/hearing impaired child

Gayle D. Aquino	Provide orientation and mobility services and vision support to deaf blind child at the PA School for the Deaf, Philadelphia	\$100/hr., 2 hrs./month and 1.5 hrs. of consultation as determined by the IEP
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This resolution was duly adopted by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Ballard, Earnshaw, Fuller, Jones, Kowalchuk, Prinzing, Stolz-----7

Absent: Gannon, Richwine-----2

3. Webcasting

Motion by Prinzing, Seconded by Stolz

RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors approve the proposal for webcasting the meetings of the East Penn Board of School Directors at a cost not to exceed \$5,800.

Mr. Earnshaw said in the proposal from the vendor that a computer would have to be purchased. Dr. Seidenberger said a computer could cost less than \$1,000 but there may be a functional computer that could be used in the district. The electrical connections are available in house and there should not be any permit costs involved. He asked how many people download the minutes. He indicated that he was not convinced this was a wise use of district resources. Mr. Prinzing said there are a number of districts across the United States that do pod casting. He said that all of the responses from these districts have been positive. They did this to promote openness and greater transparency. None of the districts have received any negative input, only positive. He indicated his support for the initiative, adding there is minimal cost. Ms. Kowalchuk thanked Mr. Prinzing for his information. She commented that he it may be a leap to say if we don't support this project the Board is not for open government. She did not think the proposal was necessary at this time and would not support it. Mr. Stolz questioned whether there was \$300,000 in the reserves adding that the cost for pod casting could be taken out of those funds. He said it was important for every member of the community to watch the meetings and the district's expenditures "like a hawk." He said anyone paying into the district has the right to know what is going on. He said some families are afraid to come and speak out because they think their children will be blacklisted. He said board members who oppose webcasting probably are not for open government. Mr. Stolz commented on Mr. Slozer's request. He concluded that the Board did not have much interest in open government and just wanted everything to continue as it is. Mr. Ballard responded that linking this to open government can be compared to a person looking down from a high hill to everyone who is down below thinking they have a better view of what is going on. He said pod casting this meeting will do little for people speaking out. If they do not speak out at a meeting, then they will not be pod cast anywhere. The board members are open and there are times when people are interested in an item and come to the meeting. It is not clear that spending \$6,000 and an ongoing staff expense is worth it. No one has contacted him and he was not sure who was campaigning for pod casting among the public other than people who are being stimulated to do so. He said there is room in the audience to come and listen and he is not sure why he would expend \$6,000 in public funds to immortalize his or someone else's statements. He said he would not be in support of this unless he would see more public support. He would not support the motion.

Mr. Earnshaw said it is a false dichotomy to say if you are against this you are not in favor of open government. He indicated that he was a big proponent for open government, pointing out that at the beginning of this meeting just about every seat was full. The people came and expressed their interest and then left. It is a big commitment to be involved in local government. Having a web cast is not going to improve involvement and engagement. Mr. Earnshaw said he remained opposed to this proposal. He did not think it was a wise use of district funds. Mr. Prinzing said that from where he sat he saw the Board talking about fiscal responsibility when this is the same Board that raised taxes by the maximum allowed by law during the worst economy since the Great Depression. He commented that 2 million dollars has been added to the reserve and the Board is arguing over \$6,000. He said it is for the good of the public. He criticized some of the things that are on the website that he thought had ongoing costs and little merit. He said that one of the board members from a district that had pod casting brought up the convenience of watching the board meeting when a member was absent. The board member felt that they got a "feel" for the discussion rather than just reading the minutes. Another board member said their Board Secretary uses it to clarify minutes. Mr. Prinzing talked about the track supporters who indicated some members of the community had contacted them and were told not to attend the meeting. He concluded that he thought it was ludicrous that the Board was having this debate over such a miniscule amount of money for something that is so positive to the community.

Mr. Jones said he thought Mr. Prinzing’s remark about it being beneficial to board members was the best reason because not too many people are interested in watching the program. He was not comfortable with the remark that it was a miniscule amount of money. If every decision was made on that argument, the budget would be overspent. He said it comes down to what the citizens value and his commitment is clearly to the taxpayers. He talked to people who thought it was a great idea but he did not think it was mission critical. There are some board members who see this as a lower priority. Mr. Jones further pointed out that there is another ulterior motive since Mr. Prinzing and Mr. Stolz made a campaign promise around this proposal and they want to keep their word but he respected that position. Mr. Jones concluded that it was important to respect all of the opinions and that no one on the Board was against open government. Ms. Fuller said she made a good faith effort to view the Emmaus Borough Council on line and she could not get past the first 15 minutes. She then went to the minutes for that meeting and was glad to report that it was stated in the minutes that the Emmaus Borough has a very good relationship with the school district. She also questioned how many people who would be interested in this proposal would have the internet access. Ms. Fuller reiterated that she, too, took umbrage with the statements that this is not an open Board. The Board takes great pains to be open and above board. There are two reputable newspapers that report the Board’s proceedings. She called the question to end debate. The motion failed based on the following roll call vote:

Aye: Ballard, Fuller, Jones, Kowalchuk-----4
 Nay: Earnshaw, Prinzing, Stolz-----3

Mr. Earnshaw clarified the difference between a surplus and the budgetary reserve account. Funds cannot be expended unless they are properly budgeted and he explained the budget process. He also pointed out that the Board must pass a balanced budget (expenditures and revenue are equal). Over the course of the year, the revenue and expenditures fluctuate. By prudent administration, the expenditures have not exceeded the revenue. There is no “rainy day” fund but we do have a budgetary reserve that is budgeted at 5% according to board policy. It is not a separate bank account. The accounts are very public records. Mr. Earnshaw said there is not this huge surplus that people carry on about. Mr. Stolz questioned Mr. Ballard about supporting the proposal if more of the general public came out. Mr. Ballard said he would weigh how much public support there is for anything. Mr. Stolz asked if there was any more public support would a board member change their vote. Mr. Stolz asked Mr. Ballard how many PSBA meetings he goes to in a year on taxpayers’ funds. As a representative of the Board, Mr. Ballard responded that he probably goes to three or four and the cost is determined by the registration and whether overnight accommodations are needed. The purpose of the meetings is to represent the interests of the Board and as a voting delegate for the Legislative Policy Council. Mr. Stolz asked how that helps the educational program. Mr. Ballard replied that the Pennsylvania School Boards Association representatives lobby state government for programs that support education. Mr. Stolz asked if PSBA was a special interest group. Mr. Ballard responded that the Board is considered a special interest group as well. Mr. Stolz queried that the district has 150 million dollars in debt, 6 million dollars in fund balance, and he questioned the motives of the rest of the board members when they support a maximum amount of increase but when it comes to \$5800 the purse strings are closed. His summarized by saying the Board was not for open government and public oversight and he felt it was insulting to suggest otherwise. Mr. Ballard rebutted the comments by Mr. Prinzing for his criticism of certain links on the web site to other websites and the statement that the Board raised taxes to add 2.5 million dollars to the reserves is baloney. The budgetary reserve is a fund that is put in place to cover emergency expenditures or failures in revenue. Everything that is in a budget is an estimate. The bond rating agencies look at that number to see if it is feasible and one of their evaluation tools is fiscal prudence. Mr. Ballard told Mr. Stolz if he had read the statements he would know that East Penn’s rating is reflected by the budgetary reserve. If you want to be short sighted and pay more for bonds, you will wind up fiscally irresponsible. He told Mr. Stolz that he could make all the semi political statements he wanted to enhance his political career but it was obvious that Mr. Stolz knew nothing about finance and how to be fiscally prudent in an organization that spends 110 million dollars annually. There must be a different knowledge base other than what one would use for a personal budget. He cited the many areas that are not adjustable and ignorable. Mr. Ballard said he is not afraid to give anyone an answer when asked. Again, addressing his comments to Mr. Stolz, he told him he was not making any headway with resolving any issue by simply calling people names and accusing people of being against the taxpayers. The board members are simply trying to make prudent decisions for what is good for the school district. Mr. Ballard concluded that many of the things that are right to do are not always popular.

Mr. Earnshaw made a motion to end debate that was then seconded by Ms. Kowalchuk. The motion was duly adopted by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Ballard, Earnshaw, Fuller, Jones, Kowalchuk-----5
 Nay: Prinzing, Stolz-----2

The motion for webcasting was defeated by the following roll call vote:

Nay: Ballard, Earnshaw, Fuller, Jones, Kowalchuk-----5
Aye: Prinzinger, Stolz-----2

7. Facilities

1. Eyer MS Change Orders

Motion by Ballard, Seconded by Earnshaw
RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors approve the following
change orders:

General Contractors

Safeco Insurance Company of America

G-12

-Provide Fire-Rated Glazing in Doors E-250 & E-251	\$4,812.00
-Delete VCT flooring & Vinyl Base Rm 220	(\$572.21)
-Replace additional 300 S.F. area of existing wood flooring in H-103A and H-103B	\$9,427.00
-Provide new 4" underlayment for VCT flooring in Dark Room H-107	\$ 300.00
Total	\$13,966.79

G-13

Reduce Unit Price Sum in the amount of (\$33,480.00)

Electrical Contractor

Wind Gap Electric, Inc.

E-7

-Provide data drop for main ATC Panel	\$ 220.00
-Provide 208V outlet for 2nd Floor Copier	\$ 677.08
-Furnish and install survice raceway H-103 A & B	\$1078.15
-Furnish and install 220 volt receptacle for science fume hood	\$ 519.33
-Furnish and install shunt trip breaker for kitchen gas valve	\$1009.66
-Furnish and install two poer connections for hair dryers	\$ 399.00
-Furnish and install additional light fixture/range outlets	\$1625.00
Total	\$5528.22

E-8

-Provide speakers and volume control in cafeteria courtyard \$3134.00

E-9

-Reduce Unit Price Sum in the amount of (\$12,075.00)

Campus Roadway Improvements

RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors approve the Macungie
Campus roadway improvements with Imperial Excavating & Paving,
LLC, Allentown, PA

CO-R-01

Raise inlet to the East entrance to Eyer off Buckeye Road one foot and provide
approximately 100 ft. of additional 4" diameter underdrain to tie into the existing catch
basin to the west of the entrance

Total Change \$ 4,000.00

CO-R-02

Adjust contract sum for energy and material cost increases for excavation, grading/sub Base, line striping/pavement marking/signs/traffic control, and mobilization.

Total Change \$ 6,834.50

Adjust contract sum for energy and material cost increases for paving \$24,145.00

Total Change Order \$30,979.50

Note: The above delay and increases were do to PPL building a pole line along Buckeye Road in front of Eyer MS and the moving of telephone, cable and power services and removal of the old telephone poles so our road work could continue.

These resolutions were duly adopted by the following roll call vote:
Aye: Ballard, Earnshaw, Fuller, Jones, Kowalchuk, Prinzinger, Stolz-----7
Absent: Gannon, Richwine-----2

- 3. Bid Opening Report - New Athletic Fields at Wescosville Elementary School (Informational-Exhibit 8)

8. Legislative C. Ballard

Mr. Ballard reported that there are only seven days left in the Legislative calendar. The House state Government Committee amended and approved SB 467 that would amend the Sunshine Act to increase the maximum penalty for a first violation from \$100 to \$1,000 plus the costs of prosecution. The penalty for a second or subsequent violation would be \$2,000. The fines apply to any government officials who willfully violate provisions of the Sunshine Act. He commented on the fact that board members are not paid and the complications of making it a court issue. PSBA is trying to amend the bill to consider a reduction in the fine for an unpaid position. Mr. Ballard talked about the obsession by people who feel they cannot trust public officials. HB 1277 would create a potential statewide health plan for school employees. The bill establishes a 20 member Public School Employees' Benefit Board, charged with surveying school districts regarding their employee healthcare plans and using the information gathered to determine whether or not a statewide healthcare plan is warranted. Mr. Ballard commented on the previous bill that would create a Commission. The current structure would have two representatives from the administration, four legislators, ten union representatives and four school board representatives. Under this bill, it means that 75% majority of the board is required. There are amendments being proposed and he urged board members to contact legislators to discuss how there should be a fair representation. He noted that Philadelphia is exempt from the current bill. Mr. Ballard talked about the Hay Report that had been conducted on this issue. There are some minor issues but it is not anticipated anything will happen before the next Legislature.

9. Business Operations

- 1. Bill List Approval

Motion by Earnshaw 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.

Group V Facility Rental Requests

RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors grant permission for the following Group V organizations for the use of district facilities:

Lower Macungie MS Auditorium, Locker Rooms

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Times of Use</u>	<u>Rental Fees</u>
Allegro Dance Studio 4030 Chestnut Street, Emmaus	5/28 & 30, 2009	\$370/hr. Rental Fee (Aud) \$70.00/hr. Rental Fee (LR)

\$36.61/hr., Custodial Fee
\$36.61/hr., Stage
Manager Fee
\$22.00/hr/ Security Fee

Patricia Bostick Dance Center 5/27 & 6/10, 12, 13, 2009 \$370/hr.Rental Fee (Aud)
6004 Pennfield Ct., Allentown \$70.00/hr.Rental Fee (LR)
\$36.61/hr., Custodial Fee
\$36.61/hr., Stage
Manager Fee
\$22.00/hr/ Security Fee

Emmaus HS-Classroom

Prepare Test Preparation & Testing 9/25; 10-2, 16, 23, 30, \$16.00/hr., Rental Fee
2250 West Union Street 2008
Allentown 18104

Special Funding Disbursements (Exhibit 9)

RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors authorize the expenditures from the Capital Reserve Fund and the 2007 EGA issue as outlined on Exhibit 9.

These resolutions were duly adopted by the following roll call vote:
Aye: Ballard, Earnshaw, Fuller, Jones, Kowalchuk, Prinzing, Stolz-----7
Absent: Gannon, Richwine-----2

10. Announcements

Monday, September 22 6:30 p.m.-EPEA Social for Board, Staff Dining Room
7:30 p.m.-Board Meeting, Board Room
Tuesday, September 23 7:00 p.m. - District PAC Meeting, Conference Room B
7:00-8:30 p.m.-Alburtis Meet the Teacher, Grades 1 & 2
Wednesday, September 24 7:00 p.m.-Eyer MS & Macungie Meet the Teacher
Thursday, September 25 7:00 p.m.-EHS Guidance Information Night
Wednesday, October 2 7:00 p.m.- LMMS Meet the Teacher Night
Thursday, October 9 All Schools and Offices Closed
Monday, October 13 Employee Development Day-No School for Students
7:30 p.m.-Board Meeting, Board Room

Mr. Prinzing noted that the EHS Football Team has done well so far (3-0) and is listed on the Honorable Mention List as a Class 4A on the Morning Call website. Mr. Stolz wanted to know how many board members attended the "little soiree" with the teachers union this evening. Ms. Fuller said they enjoyed small talk and tea and water. Mr. Stolz wanted to know how this was not a violation of the Sunshine Law. Ms. Fuller retorted that there was no public business conducted and, if Mr. Stolz would attend something once in a while, he would know that. Mr. Stolz said he was in Media hearing Senator McCann and Governor Palin speak. He suggested that the district's check register be put on the website similar to what was done by Governor Palin in Alaska. Mr. Ballard and Mr. Earnshaw both pointed out that the bill list is attached to the agenda. Miss Birdsell added that the check register is available for anyone to come in and review.

Ms. Kowalchuk asked about the Charter School information and when there would be information concerning the track. Dr. Seidenberger said a representative group from the Sevensgenerations Charter School will be addressing the Board at the October 27 meeting. The Charter School application must be accepted by November 15. There is quite a bit of documentation that must be presented with the application. Dr. Seidenberger will be meeting with the track people and try to get a handle on the range of costs and engineering requirement. He is hoping that the information will be available in a month.

11. Adjourn

There being no further information to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned, upon motion, at 9:20 p.m.

Cecilia R. Birdsell, Board Secretary