

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order; Pledge of Allegiance

President Charles H. Ballard called the regular 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: K. Bacher, C. Ballard, L. Donches, A. Earnshaw, F. Fuller, M. Policano, S. Rhodes, III, J. Stolz

Board Member Absent: R. Heid

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

Treasurer: Lynn Glancy

Board Secretary: Cecilia R. Birdsell

Assistant Superintendent: Dr. Denise Torma

Press Present: Peter McConnell, East Penn Press Reporter
Margie Peterson, Morning Call Reporter
Precious Petty, Express Times Reporter

2. Requests to Address the Board-None

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Fuller, Seconded by Stolz

RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors approve the minutes from the June 24, 2013 meeting with the following revisions:

Page 10-**Hole** instead of Whole

Ms. Donches requested that a detailed account of Mr. Ballard's remarks be included in the minutes rather than the more generalized account: (Transcript of Pages 10 & 11, June 24, 2013 and the actual remarks):

Mr. Ballard talked about a course he took in propaganda, reminding the audience that it was at the time of the Cold War when the country was combating Communism. People needed to understand how the Communist takeover was going to be fueled by propaganda. He studied a whole section on propaganda and the techniques. It helped when he was on the Debate Team and received formal training. He said propaganda starts out with the usual small stuff. You want to demonize your opponent. Mr. Stolz' blog talks about the Educrats or you label Fund Balance as excess funds. Putting out the false idea that there is excess money out there that is floating around as excess for anything. Two of the strong techniques were how do you approach an opponent and get them off of their game and the strategy used in the propaganda sense was the ambush. You try to present to your opponent some new set of facts or some new thought or some new process when they have not had a chance to look at the material ahead of time and they have no idea what you are talking about and you are attempting to make them look foolish by producing this stuff at the last minute when they have no chance to analyze it, rebut it, or anything else. In this particular situation, I feel we have been ambushed. This is the last possible meeting without advertising a special meeting that we can have to approve the budget and we find out about proposed cuts to the budget factually only in this meeting despite the requests to provide rationalizations and justifications two weeks ago. We did not get them. There was only a smattering of data indicating that there would be some presentation on this data. No rationale and nothing that can be reviewed ahead of time – just bare account numbers and dollar numbers thrown out at the last possible minute. There were figures coming out on a Blog at the last possible minute – not sent to the Board, not discussed with the Board, not discussed with the administration. This was a classic propaganda ambush. In response to a protesting Mr. Stolz, Mr. Ballard asked him to keep his comments to himself. There was nothing going on about attacking a board member. We are talking about a presentation to the Board and whether he liked the comments or not Mr. Stolz was going to hear them. Mr. Ballard said there is another propaganda technique that keeps getting thrown up in front of him and he described this version of the Big Lie. This was defined in 1925 by a person that you might have heard about who wrote a book called Mein Kampf and his name was Adolph Hitler and he defined it as a lie so colossal that no one would believe that someone would have the impudence to distort the truth so famously. Mr. Ballard said what we have is the start of the presentation of the Big Lie that there are \$900,000 or a million dollars' worth of cuts in this budget and that we are depriving the taxpayers of their funds by having this excess that we could have returned to the taxpayers – This is the Big Lie. You have heard that many of the so called supposed cuts are illegal. You cannot do them. People can be fined and go to jail for making those kinds of cuts. When you have a zero-based budget it does not matter what the previous year's was you budget for what you are spending this year and you have to justify it this year and provide facts this year. It does not matter a bit what happened last year. In fact, most of the categories we talked about do not go from year to year in some kind of orderly progression. They just go to wherever they happen to be. If we have to replace certain equipment this year, it is what

we have to do this year and what is justified. You do not go on the basis of what happened in the past because as you recall from any of you who do investing there is big statement made at the bottom of the Prospectus that the historical results are no guarantee of future success. There is a reason for that. So what do we have – statements that we have historically over budgeted; no basis in fact for that other than funds were not expended. As anyone will tell you, correlation does not imply causation. You cannot say the reason why these expenditures were not up to the budget was because we historically over budgeted. There is no proof of that. Calling a reduction savings is another misuse of the terms that are out there. Why do I believe there is an ambush? Why do I believe that there is a Big Lie? Well, with all this historical data we saw a spread sheet come out that was handed out at the last meeting. I requested the spread sheet and the backup information and got nothing. Those numbers are historical and they have been going on for weeks and months. Why could we not have them so everyone had the same data to look at it and maybe there was something in there reasonable we could agree to it? No, this was an ambush attempt. I do not like to see public policy being decided by ambush. I am tired of those kinds of tactics. If the principles are so noble, then you do not need to do that kind of activity. You should be able to put your ideas out in the public forum and make the case and convince others. This is not a game; you do not score points - political or otherwise. You are dabbling in the lives of people, both the staff and the public, affecting them in their wallets, quality of education, affecting them in many ways. This is a serious business and we do not conduct ambushes. The fact is that we could not get this information ahead of time for the Board to consider and in particular for the administration to consider. Where is the consideration that we have a hard working staff that has put in hundreds of hours to get this budget straightened out. We can't have the courtesy to give them an advanced copy of our thoughts so they can come back with their thoughts and ideas – that is not discourse; that is ambush. Putting people in an untenable position with no facts behind them so your pseudo facts look better – that is an ambush. He noted that 1.7 million dollars is the amount from taxes next year subtract the \$500,000 that might be used up for debt service and then subtract \$840,000 for cuts/excess funds (The Big Lie) there is only \$160,000 left. It is putting us in a budget situation that is more untenable than before.

He talked about the alternative budget strategy being exactly the kind of thing that was presented and is sponsored by the PA School Boards Coalition/Leadership for Liberty. This particular situation of coming up with last minute pseudo cuts labeled excess funds saying this information is out there because it was not spent last year is a tactic being pushed by this group. I am sorry but if it looks like a snake, hisses like a snake, and bites like a snake then it is a snake in the grass as far as I am concerned. Mr. Ballard said he was literally incensed that the Board had to go through this kind of "crap" in a school district of the quality of East Penn. If you have an idea, then you bring it forth but to hide it under a rock and then spring it on people is an ambush. You come to the administration and say "I think we could save money by doing this," and you can argue with them and if they do not agree then you can say I argued with them and they knew about it and I am bringing it up and put it out in the public to see if it gets any more traction. That is reasonable. Springing surprises, and putting things on the last day, the last hour, and the last minute for budget approval is an ambush. Putting out a statement that there was this hidden money in the East Penn budget that the Educrats failed to give back to taxpayers is the Big Lie. This should be a collegiate group supporting and preserving public education and trying to do the best for all our constituencies, not just taxpayers. Mr. Ballard concluded that they would not want to see him in full debate mode. He requested that if the Board wants to continue in a reasonable fashion to fashion the policies and the future of this district that they do it on the basis of being open and honest and transparent.

This resolution was unanimously adopted by voice vote.

4. Report of the Superintendent of Schools – Dr. Thomas L. Seidenberger

Dr. Denise Torma, Assistant Superintendent, was filling in for Dr. Seidenberger. Dr. Torma said the building and administrative staff has been involved in a number of interviews that are reflected in the number of recommendations. She thanked the Board for their support.

1. Personnel

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

Resignations

- Laura Groh, EHS Staff Assistant, effective June 24, 2013 (Exhibit 1)
- Susan Fretz, Remedial Assistant, effective June 21, 2013 (Exhibit 2)
- Jennifer Evans, Staff Assistant, effective June 25, 2013 (Exhibit 3)

Assistant to the Principal, Emmaus HS

Employee: Todd Breiner

Effective: August 1, 2013
Stipend: \$250/pay

Appointment of Professional Employee

Name/Address: Joseph Bigley
5006 Huckleberry Road, Orefield 18069
Education Level: B. S. Degree (2006)
M. Ed. Degree (2011)
Undergraduate School: Moravian College
Graduate School: Lehigh University
Certification: Instructional II, Elementary K-6
Assignment: Grade 5 Teacher, Willow Lane
Vacancy created by P. Helfrich retirement
Effective: August 20, 2013
Experience: 8/2006-June 2011: Catasauqua SD
Salary: \$57,698 (Year 6, Col. M)

Name/Address: Audra Krakoski
8428 Saylor Court, Breinigsville 18031
Education Level: B. S. Degree
Undergraduate School: Kutztown University
Graduate School: DeSales University
Certification: Instructional II, Elementary, K-6; Special Education;
Mid-Level Mathematics
Assignment: Emotional Support Teacher, Eyer MS
Vacancy created by T. Antonioli resignation and
Subsequent transfers
Effective: To be determined
Experience: 7/2007-Present: Carbon Lehigh IU 21
Salary: \$53,844 (Year 7, Col. PC)

Appointment of Temporary Professional Employees

Name/Address: Tiana Boyea
61 W. Laurel Street, Bethlehem 18018
Education Level: B. A. Degree (2004)
M. Ed. Degree (2013)
Undergraduate School: Texas Tech University
Graduate School: Lehigh University
Certification: Instructional I, N-12; Elementary, K-6;
Mid-Level Math 7-9/ Mid-Level English 7-9
Assignment: Emotional Support Teacher, Shoemaker School
New Position & Subsequent Transfer
Effective: August 20, 2013
Experience: None
Salary: \$55,894 (Year 1, Col. M)

Name/Address: Zachary LaBar
255 Longwood Drive, Bethlehem 18020
Education Level: B. S. Degree (2012)
Undergraduate School: Moravian College
Certification: Instructional I, Biology, 7-12
Assignment: New Position
Effective: August 20, 2013
Experience: None
Salary: \$47,344 (Year 1, Col. B)

Name/Address: Bonnie Zobel
144 Stahl Road, Southampton 18966
Education Level: B. S. Degree (2008)
M. Ed. Degree (2010)
Undergraduate School: Delaware Valley College
Graduate School: Holy Family University
Certification: Instructional I, Biology; Chemistry
Assignment: Biology Teacher, Emmaus HS
Vacancy created by S. Baier retirement

Effective: August 20, 2013
Experience: 8/2011-Present: Maritime Academy Charter School
4/2011-6/2011: Centennial SD
Salary: \$56,494 (Year 3, Col. M)

Name/Address: Randy Atiyeh
1274 Midway Circle, Whitehall 18052
Education Level: B. S. Degree (2010)
Undergraduate School: East Stroudsburg University
Certification: Instructional I, Health; Health/Phys. Ed.
Assignment: Health/Phys. Ed. Teacher, Emmaus HS
Vacancy created by M. Seip retirement
Effective: August 20, 2013
Experience: None
Salary: \$47,344 (Year 1, Col. B)

Name/Address: Joshua Dietz
5020 Elmhurst Drive, Schnecksville 18078
Education Level: B. S. Degree (2013)
Undergraduate School: Kutztown University
Certification: Instructional I, Elementary PK-4
Assignment: Grade 1, Jefferson School
Vacancy created by P. Whitney retirement
Effective: August 20, 2013
Experience: None
Salary: \$47,344 (Year 1, Col. B)

Name/Address: Julie Zappile
425 Mountain Park Road, Allentown 18103
Education Level: B. S. Degree (2003)
Undergraduate School: Bloomsburg University
Certification: Instructional I, Elementary
Assignment: Grade 1 Teacher, Jefferson School
Effective: August 20, 2013
Experience: 2006-2011: Montgomery County (MD) Public Schools
2004-2006: Calvary Lutheran School
Salary: \$48,346 (Year 4, Col. B)

Name/Address: Krista Colville
5420 Hanover Drive, Wescosville 18106
Education Level: B. S. Degree (2010)
M. S. Degree (2013)
Undergraduate School: Penn State University
Graduate School: Wilkes University
Certification: Instructional I, Elementary K-6
Assignment: Grade 2 Teacher, Shoemaker School
Effective: August 20, 2013
Experience: 10/2010-6/2013: East Penn SD (FTS)
Salary: \$56,895.00 (Year 4, Col. M)

Full-Time Substitute Teacher Appointments

Name/Address: Shawn Foster
305 Fullerton Avenue, Whitehall 18052
Education Level: B. A. Degree (2002)
Undergraduate School: Muhlenberg College
Graduate School: DeSales University (Certification Credits)
Certification: Instructional I, Elementary, K-6
Assignment: Grade 3 Teacher, Willow Lane School
Opening created by N. Swatsky Gen. Leave
Effective: August 20, 2013
Experience: None
Salary: \$47,344 (Year 1, Col. B)

Name/Address: Matthew Weiman
3215 West Union Street, Allentown 18104
Education Level: B. S. Degree (1996)

Undergraduate School: Valley Forge Christian College
 Graduate School: DeSales University (Certification Credits)
 Certification: Instructional I, Elementary K-6
 Assignment: Grade 3 Teacher, Willow Lane School
 Opening created by K. Durigan Gen. Leave
 Effective: August 20, 2013
 Experience: 11/2011-6/2013: East Penn SD (FTS)
 Salary: \$47,944, Year 3, Col. B)

Request for General Leave, Board Policy 539

Employee: Phyllis Schwartz
 PT Food Service Assistant
 Effective: July 22, 2013-July 21, 2014

Co-Curricular Appointments

See Exhibit 4

Department Chair & Grade Leader

Lisa Wells, Health, Wellness & Fitness, Department Chair
 Jonathan Chase, Grade 2 Leader

Additions to the 2013-14 List of Per Diem Substitutes

Emily Curran, Social Studies
 Luceida Rivera-Woolard, Elementary,
 Special Education

Instructional/Staff Assistants:

Sallie Zahour	Alexandra Kish	Kristen Carter
Anita Gopen	Paula Dooley	Amanda Kender
Catherine Dickman		

Educational Conferences

That the East Penn Board of School Directors approve the expenses for the individuals attending the educational conferences listed below:

Conference Title: Lehigh County School Nurse Advisory Board: Voices of School Health IV, LCTI
 Date(s): August 6-7, 2013
 Attending: Victoria Stenroos, School Nurse, LMMS
 Estimated Cost: \$50.00

Conference Title: PASBO: School Operations Academy, Penn State University
 Date(s): July 25-26, 2013
 Attending: Jim Frank, Assistant Business Manager
 Estimated Cost: \$556.20

Conference Title: Train the Trainers: Intro to Restorative Practices, Bethlehem
 Date(s): June 26-28, 2013
 Attending: Matt Gale, Assistant Principal
 Estimated Cost: \$1217.63

These resolutions were duly adopted by the following roll call vote:
 Aye: Bacher, Ballard, Donches, Earnshaw, Fuller, Policano, Rhodes, Stolz-----8
 Absent: Heid-----1

2. School Level Plan – Emmaus HS (Exhibit 5)

Motion by Fuller, Seconded by Rhodes
 RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors approve the Emmaus HS School Level Plan for July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014.

Mr. Earnshaw thanked the school staff and parents who had participated on the team. He said they did an excellent job identifying the issues and plan to address the issues. Mr. Earnshaw commented on the fact that there are individuals who do not

value a high school diploma. He recounted a personal story about someone who was mocked by his family for continuing his education. He said no matter what is done in providing programs and services to try to give them every opportunity to be successful there will be a subset of the population that will refuse to take advantage of the opportunities. He felt there should be a discussion about how the families can be engaged at an earlier age to understand the true value of education and support those students to stay in school. Ms. Donches wanted to know what the financial obligation of this plan. Dr. Torma responded that the administration could provide that information. Ms. Donches questioned whether the performance targets were realistic. Dr. Torma explained that the plan was brought to the Board in the Fall and approved. The changes this evening are date changes and some of the data points will not be available from PDE by July 22 (PSSA Scores). The PSSA is no longer given to Grade 11 students. It is now the Keystone Exams. The administration is waiting for direction from the state on how this plan will be affected, if at all. Dr. Torma illustrated that there are two aspects - AYP No Child Left Behind and School Performance Profile and Student Learning Objectives and PDE is not sure when that transition will take place. We still have to maintain this plan and submit it to the state but that may change. Dr. Bacher said it was his understanding that the purpose of the plan was to show growth and the targets are mandated. Dr. Torma concurred unless the state decided that this plan will no longer be in effect because of the migration to the School Performance Profile so we are still moving forward with the plan. The realistic targets may or may not be achieved but we have targets that we are proposing that we meet as well as putting the tools in place and the support for remediation for the students to achieve those targets.

This resolution was duly adopted by the following roll call vote:
 Aye: Bacher, Ballard, Donches, Earnshaw, Fuller, Policano, Rhodes, Stolz-----8
 Absent: Heid-----1

5. Policy

-First Reading: Board Policy 116.1-Exceptions to Academic Sequence (Exhibit 6)

Dr. Torma explained that the reason for the changes in the policy is because middle and high school level students exempt courses in a variety of ways and the administration needed to know how to proceed in light of the Keystone Exams which are a requirement for graduation. It has been a policy for a number of years so it was an opportunity to address the Keystones and any changes that have occurred. Dr. Bacher asked if there was a way to integrate online learning options and he noticed that there is no taking of college or university courses. Dr. Torma pointed out that on Page 2 under Exempting A Course by Examination (#4) addresses this as well as reference to the Johns Hopkins program. He thought that some of online options may not be clear as to how they align with the course curriculum and the two weeks prior may not be sufficient time to allow them to plan a course of study. He also commented that the grade for a college or university course does not play into the policy at all either from getting a minimum grade or some existing knowledge base. He asked if someone got an "A" from the Johns Hopkins course would they still have to take the mid-term and the final. Dr. Torma said the policy was brought to the Board's attention because of the need to have language for the Keystones and the exempt course by tutoring or taken elsewhere. The district needs to move on this policy because there are students who are submitting the forms to exempt a course for the reasons stated in the policy. There are also forms that accompany this policy. She said that the administration can take a look at his suggestions but it will take time to do that but we need to act on this. On Page 3 (#5 top), Ms. Donches asked for clarification of the score of 80%. Dr. Torma responded that for a full-year course, the mid-term and the final examination grades will be averaged and that must be 80%; while a semester course that only has a final so the score must be 80%. These items take into consideration both scenarios. Ms. Donches asked if there were changes made to this policy would there be another first reading. Mr. Ballard said the suggested changes would be made for the second reading. The third reading is the adoption of the policy. He said if there are any further suggestions they should be submitted the administration as soon as possible.

6. Other Educational Entities

-Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit

Ms. Fuller reported that Ms. Kim Talipan was appointed as the Assistant to the Superintendent and when she completes the necessary course work to acquire the Assistant Superintendent certification. There are 371 East Penn who have received IU services for a variety of disabilities (deaf or hearing impaired, emotional support, multiple disabilities, life skills, autism, etc.). There was a golf tournament to raise funds for the Foundation that provides funding for the Extended School Year services at a summer camp. The golf outing raised approximately \$10,000.

-Lehigh Career & Technical Institute

Mr. Earnshaw reported that the Supervisor of Career & Technical Education position has been filled and the person will be reporting in the fall. The person will be replacing David Lapinski who is retiring. One student from LCTI who was competing at the national level in Skills USA placed first in photography; all the students who competed from LCTI finished in the top 10 of their category.

7. Legislative

C. Ballard

Mr. Ballard reported that the state budget was signed at 11:30 p.m. on June 30. The accompanying School Code bill has not been finalized as of today. The state allocation that was budgeted in the East Penn budget was in line with what was finally approved.

8. Business Operations

1. Approval of Bill List

Motion by Earnshaw, Seconded by Fuller

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.

Ms. Donches is abstaining because she has not received the information that she requires.

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

Aye: Bacher, Ballard, Earnshaw, Fuller, Policano, Rhodes-----6
Abstentions: Donches, Stolz-----2
Absent: Heid-----1

2. Approve Investments

Motion by Fuller, Seconded by Bacher

RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors approve the following investments:

Investment Vehicle: PLGIT CD Program-General Fund

Date Purchased: 7/2/13
Date of Maturity: 6/13/14
Term: 346 Days
Rate: 0.53%
Amount: \$248,000

Investment Vehicle: ESSA Bank CD – Memorial Fund

Date Purchased: 7/1/13
Date of Maturity: 7/30/13
Term: 30 Days
Rate: 0.20%
Amount: \$122,000

In response to questions raised by Ms. Donches, Mrs. Surdoval, Business Manager, said the first investment goes into the General Fund from the General Ledger Accounts that are not expenditures but cash accounts.

Disbursement of Funds (Exhibit 7)

RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors authorize the expenditure of funds from the 33-2010 Series A GOB as outlined in Exhibit 6.

Authorization to participate in joint purchasing for the 2013-14 year

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has enacted an act known as the "Cooperative Purchasing Act, 62 Pa.C.S. A. 1901 et. Seq., and;

WHEREAS, 62 Pa.C.S. A. 1901 et. Seq. permits local governments to purchase materials, supplies, and equipment from purchase contracts of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; be it

RESOLVED, That the East Penn School District hereby requests authorization to participate in purchase contracts of the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA).

In answer to questions from Mr. Stolz, Dr. Torma indicated that this is a routine resolution that enables the district to purchase items at a lower cost. Mr. Ballard pointed out that this is done every year.

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

Aye: Bacher, Ballard, Donches, Earnshaw, Fuller, Policano, Rhodes, Stolz-----8
Absent: Heid-----1

9. New Business

Ms. Donches read the attached statement regarding her budget presentation. In response, Mr. Earnshaw, pointed out that the information Ms. Donches continues to request is a breakdown by budget category of every expenditure. There is no category for "diving board repair" but rather it would appear as a High School Facility Maintenance account. It would not give

information about the exact item. It is true of every budget category such as art supplies for elementary, or the PPL bill for the entire district. He said even if she had this information it would not give the minute detail she is requesting. The Board has voted on the issue and it is a closed issue yet Ms. Donches continues to wish that you have that information. The Board is not going to continue to debate the request since it is a violation of Robert's Rules. Mr. Ballard commented that the Government Finance Officers in 1903 that includes representatives from the United States and Canada recommend that any public entity have a two month reserve of undesignated fund balance to maintain its operation and in East Penn's case that would be over 20 million dollars. Dr. Bacher said Ms. Donches keeps saying that she has been denied this information by her fellow board members. He, too, pointed out that there was a public debate and when the Board talked about account codes at length it was pointed out that a part-time clerk would have to be hired. The Board debated and discussed that the information was not required by other board members and did not warrant hiring a part-time clerk. To continue to imply that the board members are denying you information is a misrepresentation. The majority of the Board did not want the information and did not feel it was necessary enough to go to the expense of hiring a part-time clerk. Along with what was discussed by Mr. Earnshaw, the account codes do not give you the information about individual expenditures and what program is being supported. He said that even Ms. Donches' budget presentation did not give the information required on a specific line item. He indicated his frustration that she continues to misrepresent this information. He agree with Mr. Earnshaw, adding that he did not care if Ms. Donches wanted to abstain on things but she should not be misrepresenting the issue. Ms. Donches said what she was hearing was that none of the board members had the information that was needed to oversee the budget. Mr. Earnshaw said when he looked at the fund accounting summary he could see the check number, the amount of the check, the vendor, the description of the purchase, and the check amount. The Board is given the information on the expenditures, not by a purchase order by purchase order. If there are number of invoices for one vendor that have been received, only one check is drawn. He cited the PPL bill for electricity as an example. This reduces the banking costs, the processing costs, the physical check, and the postage. He felt it was a rational, efficient way to handle the bill. He did not need to the breakdown by school about what is being spent. He, too, felt that she was misrepresenting the issue that she was not receiving information on what the school district is spending. He said if she wanted to manage the school budget by an invoice by invoice basis then she was living in harmony with the provisions of the School Code. If you want to go beyond the law, it is not appropriate for school board members to look at individual purchase orders to determine if it is appropriate or not. The administration cannot spend beyond any account without having the Board approve the transfer of funds. Money cannot be transferred out of the budgetary reserve without Board approval. To say we are not monitoring every purchase order is "foolish beyond belief." He concluded that Ms. Donches was misrepresenting the duties of a board member as outlined by law. Referring to Mr. Earnshaw's comment about Robert's Rules, Mr. Stolz commented said the vote on the information could be brought up but it was the President's prerogative even though he was not advocating that for this evening. Solicitor Fisher concurred that it is the prerogative of the Chair. Mr. Stolz talked about the two differing views of a board member's role. He said PSBA's recommendation is that you hire professionals and let them run the school district and the Board approves the budget and the other school of thought is to assure taxpayers get a fair deal. Mr. Earnshaw pointed out the School Code and the duty of board members is to adopt the budget and approve expenses. This is not a PSBA thing but is the School Code and it does not say that the Board review individual items. The budget book does contain information regarding the accounts and what is included (special education, charter schools). He said this indicates that the budget book was not even opened. Ms. Donches said she read the current and previous budget books. Ms. Donches said she did not understand why that information was not available because she does get it when she gives specific checks to Miss Birdsell.

Ms. Fuller interjected that she wanted to change the conversation. She felt this topic had been discussed item for item and did not think there was going to be a resolution. She thanked Mr. Rhodes for joining the Board by Skype at the last meeting and taking time from a family celebration to sit before a computer for three hours. Ms. Fuller noted that Mr. Rhodes' son was sworn into the Bar Association. She felt that deserved the Board's appreciation.

Ms. Fuller suggested that the meeting be closed; Seconded by Mr. Earnshaw. The meeting was adjourned and approved by voice vote at 8:15 p.m.

10. Announcements

Monday, July 8	7:30 p.m.-Board Meeting
Monday, August 12	7:30 p.m.-Board Meeting

Cecilia R. Birdsell, Board Secretary