

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Mount Union Area Board of Education met in regular session Monday evening, May 18, 2009, in the Library of the Junior/Senior High School. The meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m. by the President, Ralph Park, with a moment of silent prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS**

Board Members Present:

Ralph Park	Andrea Christoff
Bonnie Cramer	Andrew Ketner
Rexall Secrest	E. Dayton Shugarts
Edward Taliff	Jane Wagner
Kurt Wenzel	

Also Present Were:

James A. Estep	Autumn Fiscus
Deborah Goodman	Tonya DeVecchis-Kerr
Frank Miller	Amy Smith
Curt Whitesel	David Hummel
Ken Burton	William Varner
Yvette Weller	Kelly Hicks
Woody Bonsell	Attorney Fred Gutshall
One visitor	Rebecca Berdar (entered meeting at 5:30 p.m.)

**III. ROLL CALL VOTING/MINUTES**

1. The Roll Call Voting and Recording Motion was approved as follows on the motion by Mr. Wenzel and seconded by Mrs. Wagner:

Approval is granted that as the Acting President of the Board conducts this meeting, it is not necessary to announce each roll call vote. If, however, a director or director(s), wish to comment or have his/her comment or vote specifically recorded, the director(s) shall have the opportunity to so state.

There being no objections to this motion, the secretary was directed to cast a unanimous roll call vote. (9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent and 0 abstentions) Motion carried.

2. On a motion by Mrs. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Wenzel, the minutes of the regular meeting of April 27, 2009 were approved as presented in the green pages of the attached agenda.

There being no objections to this motion, the secretary was directed to cast a unanimous roll call vote. (9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent and 0 abstentions) Motion carried.

#### **IV. TREASURER'S REPORT**

1. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented in the yellow pages of the attached agenda on the motion by Mr. Secrest and seconded by Mrs. Wagner.

There being no objections to this motion, the secretary was directed to cast a unanimous roll call vote. (9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent and 0 abstentions) Motion carried.

#### **V. BILLS**

1. The bills were approved for payment for May 2009 as listed in the pink pages for the General Fund for a total of \$822,386.18, in the blue pages for the Cafeteria Fund for a total of \$49,083.70, in the goldenrod pages for the Scholarship Fund for a total of \$8,276.24, in the lavender pages for the Construction Fund for a total of \$59,551.28 and with the understanding there were no Capital Reserve Fund bills for the month of May 2009.

There being no objections to this motion, the secretary was directed to cast a unanimous roll call vote. (9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent and 0 abstentions) Motion carried.

#### **VI. DISTRICT REPORTS**

1. The District Office Petty Cash and Student/District Data Reports were accepted as presented in the pages of the attached agenda on the motion by Mr. Secrest and seconded by Mrs. Wagner.

There being no objections to this motion, the secretary was directed to cast a unanimous roll call vote. (9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent and 0 abstentions) Motion carried.

In response to a question raised about the Class of 2011 and the responsibility for prom expenses, Mr. Curt Whitesel noted that members of the Class of 2011 will do a fund-raiser in the fall and are currently conducting a fund-raiser.

## **VII. PRESENTATIONS**

1. Mrs. Tonya DeVecchis-Kerr – State Performance Plan (SPP) Targets for the 2007-2008 school year and the Special Education Data Report for the 2008-2009 school year.

At 5:11 p.m., the floor was turned over to Mrs. Tonya DeVecchis-Kerr for review of the Special Education Data Report on LEA Performance on State Performance Plan Targets for the 2007-2008 school year and Special Education Data Report for the 2008-2009 school year. In her presentation she reviewed the various areas of Enrollment, Race/Ethnicity and Indicators, the District's performance on these areas and the movement towards the Inclusive Initiative at elementary and secondary grade levels in the District.

Superintendent James Estep recognized Mrs. Tonya DeVecchis-Kerr for being named to the Penn State University's College of Education Alumni Board.

## **VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

At 5:28 p.m., the floor was turned back over to the President, Ralph Park, at which time the floor was opened up for public comments.

With no public comments being received, President Ralph Park continued on with the agenda items.

## **IX. REPORTS**

1. Tuscarora Intermediate Unit #11:
  - a) There were no items for the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit #11 for the month of May 2009.
2. Huntingdon County Career & Technology Center:
  - a) It was moved by Mr. Secrest and seconded by Mrs. Christoff to approve the minutes of the Huntingdon County Career & Technology Center meeting of March 10, 2009 and April 14, 2009 as presented in the white pages of the attached agenda.

There being no objections to this motion, the secretary was directed to cast a unanimous roll call vote. (9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent and 0 abstentions) Motion carried.

- b) On a Ketner/Secrest motion, the recommendation to approve the Huntingdon County Career & Technology Center's budget for the 2009-2010 school year was approved as presented in the yellow pages of the attached agenda.

Roll call vote: Ketner, aye; Christoff, aye; Shugarts, aye; Wenzel, aye; Taliff, aye; Cramer, aye; Wagner, aye; Secrest, aye and Park, aye. 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent and 0 abstentions. Motion carried.

## **X. GENERAL**

1. It was moved by Mrs. Cramer and seconded by Mrs. Christoff to enter into the minutes of the meeting the generally approved PlanCon Part E: Design Development for the High School Renovation Project from the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Roll call vote: Cramer, aye; Wagner, aye; Secrest, aye; Ketner, aye; Christoff, aye; Shugarts, aye; Wenzel, aye; Taliff, nay and Park, aye. 8 ayes, 1 nay, 0 absent and 0 abstentions. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Wagner and seconded by Mrs. Christoff to amend their original motion to be for approval of Items #2 through Item #5 and Items #7 through Item #11 of General with Item #6 being acted on as a separate item as follows:

2. Approval of the District's Morrison Trust Fund Budget for the 2009-2010 school year as presented in the green pages of the attached agenda.
3. Approval of the Elementary Handbook for the 2009-2010 school year as presented in the letter outlining the changes from last year's handbook in the attached agenda.
4. Recommendation to renew the District's membership in the Pennsylvania School Boards Association in the amount of \$3,895.64 for the 2009-2010 school year.
5. Recommendation to accept the proposal from Pennsylvania School Boards Association for policy manual review service of the District's policy manual at the cost of \$4,500. as presented in the white pages of the attached agenda.
7. Approval for the District to develop and seek bids for fuel oil for the 2009-2010 school year.
8. Recommendation to purchase through the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue the taxpayers information listing for the tax year 2006 at the cost of \$200. for the CD or \$400. for the computer printout with the understanding the information will be made available to the District's Earned Income Tax Collectors.

9. Approval of the State adjustment factor of 4.945 of the formula base for transportation for the 2009-2010 school year.
10. Recommendation to approve the Amendment to the Agreement between the District and Home Nursing Agency and Visiting Nurse Association effective July 1, 2009 as presented in the blue pages of the attached agenda.
11. Approval of the PA Treatment & Healing (formerly the Bethesda Day Treatment Center) Agreement for the 2009-2010 school year with the understanding the tuition rates will be forwarded to the District no later than August 3, 2009 as presented in the green pages of the attached agenda.

There being no objections to this motion, the secretary was directed to cast a unanimous roll call vote. (9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent and 0 abstentions) Motion carried.

Prior to the actual voting on the motion, a discussion was held on the Morrison Trust Fund budget, the elimination of the District's scholarship payment to students pursuing higher education, the third Morrison scholarship awarded this year and discussion on the elementary handbook changes and suggestion for parental involvement in the development of the handbook.

6. On a motion by Mrs. Cramer and seconded by Mrs. Christoff, the recommendations to schedule workshops and special sessions in regards to the High School Renovation Project were approved as follows:
  - a) The bid opening for the High School Renovation Project has been rescheduled to Thursday, May 21, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. in the District Office.
  - b) Cancel the previously scheduled special session for Wednesday, May 27, 2009, and reschedule as a workshop session on Wednesday, May 27, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. to be held in the library of the Junior/Senior High School to review the bids received for the High School Renovation Project and to determine the scope of the High School Project.
  - c) Schedule a special session on Tuesday, June 2, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. to be held in the Library of the Junior/Senior High School to formally approve the scope of the High School Project and to act on the Bond Sale and Intent to Award bids for the High School Renovation Project.
  - d) Schedule a special session on Monday, June 15, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. in the Library of the Junior/Senior High School to formally award the bids for the High School Project.

The secretary was directed to cast a roll call vote showing Mr. Taliff voting nay on the motion. 8 ayes, 1 nay, 0 absent and 0 abstentions. Motion carried.

12. It was moved by Mrs. Wagner and seconded by Mrs. Christoff to approve the recommendation for the District to enter into a contract agreement with Dr. Richard Villa of Bayridge Consortium, Inc. to provide in-service to our staff on Differentiated Instruction and follow-up based on staff needs during the 2009-2010 school year on August 26, 2009, October 12, 2009 and January 18, 2010 with the understanding the cost of \$9,000. (\$3,000/each day) along with costs for air travel, ground transportation, lodging, meals and incidentals will be covered by the District through the IDEA Stimulus Funding as presented in the yellow pages of the attached agenda.

The secretary was directed to cast a roll call vote showing Mr. Secrest voting nay on the motion. 8 ayes, 1 nay, 0 absent and 0 abstentions. Motion carried.

Prior to the actual voting, a discussion was held on the professional development services provided through this contract, the possibility of in-house staff providing the training and the use of stimulus funding to cover these charges.

It was moved by Mr. Wenzel and seconded by Mrs. Wagner to approve Items #13 through Item #17 of General as follows and with the changes and/or additional information for Items #14 and Item #15 as presented on the yellow addenda:

13. Approval for Mr. Jeffrey Puhala to submit a grant application for the ING Unsung Heroes Awards Program 2009 to be used if the grant is received for the purchase of Studio 49 mallet instruments for the elementary music program.

14. Approval of the Highmark PPO Blue Medical and Dental Insurance rates for the 2009-2010 school year (Medical rates reflect a 10% increase over last year's rates.):

PPO Plan

Family -- \$1,057.28	Husband & Wife -- \$963.85
Parent & Child -- \$804.31	Parent & Children -- \$872.74
Individual -- \$360.79	

Dental

Individual -- \$11.52	Option 2 -- \$28.14
Family -- \$43.05	Option 2 -- \$83.37

(Premium is paid half by District/half by employee.)

15. Approval of the group life insurance coverage rates with Fort Dearborn through the Huntingdon County Schools Insurance Trust for the 2009-2010 school year in the amount of \$3.20/month and \$14.40/month.

## 16. Approval of the following tax collectors and bonds for 2009:

Huntingdon County

Carole Brumbaugh  
Wilma Morgan  
Karen Goodman  
Gladys Cohenour

Bonds

Huntingdon County Commissioners have set a blanket bond for the tax collectors in the amount of 33 1/3% or 1/3 of the tax duplicates for each collector.

Mifflin County

Cynthia Hobbs  
Loretta Kerr  
Mary Ellen Reed

Bonds

Mifflin County Commissioners have set a blanket bond for the tax collectors in the amount of 33 1/3% or 1/3 of the tax duplicates for each collector.

## 17. Approval of the following depositories and treasurer for the 2009-2010 school year:

Depositories

Clearfield Bank & Trust Co.

Capital Reserve Checking & Savings Account  
General Fund Checking Account  
Cafeteria Fund Checking Account  
Payroll Fund Checking Account

Community State Bank of Orbisonia/Mount Union Office

John S. Morrison Scholarship Checking Account

First National Bank (Formerly Omega Bank)

Athletic Fund Checking Account  
Activity Fund Checking Account

Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF)

General Fund Money Market Account  
John S. Morrison Scholarship Money Market Account

Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT)

General Fund Money Market Account  
Construction Fund Money Market Account

Treasurer

Clearfield Bank & Trust Co.

Certificate of Deposits Investments

First National Bank (Formerly Omega Bank)

Clearfield Bank & Trust Co.

Community State Bank of Orbisonia/Mount Union Office

Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF)

Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT)

There being no objections to this motion, the secretary was directed to cast a unanimous roll call vote. (9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent and 0 abstentions) Motion carried.

Superintendent James Estep and Mrs. Autumn Fiscus, Director of Business Affairs, briefly reviewed the proposed final budget noting:

- Increase in medical premiums rates of 10%.
- Increase in dental premiums rates from 29% to 46%.
- Decrease in interest earnings on investments.
- Decrease in CATS Vocational subsidy due to changes in the required instructional hours at all secondary grade levels imposed by PDE/Bureau of Career and Tech Education.
- No guarantee of State subsidy as earlier proposed and State budget approval before our meeting on June 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Review proposed budget cuts from the proposed budget presented at the workshop:
  - Field Trips
  - Copies
  - Tractor for Shirley Township
  - Utilities (HVAC Controls)
  - 10% Cut Elementary/Secondary Building Budgets
  - Ed Line
  - District Funding PD
  - Junior High English
  - Cuts to Pre-K
  - Elementary Teacher Retirement/Replacement
  - Cafeteria Fund Transfer
- Millage increase recommendation and results of equalizing mills between the two counties.
- Over all budget increase from last year of 5.71% with bond issue; without bond issue increase is 2%.
- Cuts may be made to the budget between now and final adoption at the June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Reopening of the budget if the State budget is not passed until after June 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### 18. Budget Items:

- a) It was moved by Mrs. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Secrest to approve tentative adoption of the proposed final budget for the 2009-2010 school year with total anticipated expenditures in the tentative budget of \$19,404,418. with anticipated revenues of \$17,408,930. and representing a recommended real estate tax increase of 3.09 equalized mills or 65.89 mills for the Huntingdon County portion of the District and 21.69 mills for the Mifflin County portion of the District.

There being no objections to this motion, the secretary was directed to cast a unanimous roll call vote. (9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent and 0 abstentions)  
Motion carried.

The budget will be on display in the District Office for 30 days prior to final adoption at the Thursday, June 25, 2009, meeting.

**XI. PERSONNEL**

On a motion by Mr. Wenzel and seconded by Mrs. Christoff, Items #1 through Item #17 were approved as follows and as presented on the yellow addenda agenda:

1. For Information – Mrs. Deb Price has satisfactorily completed her probationary period as a part-time cafeteria aide.
2. For Information – The Extended School Year Program for elementary and secondary students of the District will be handled through the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit #11 and will be held at the Shirley Township and Mount Union-Kistler Elementary buildings due to the High School Project. Dates, times and a list of participants will be provided by the IU when it is finalized.
3. Approval of the following individuals that are requesting lump-sum payment of their 2008-2009 salaries to be paid June 19, 2009:

Courtney Aurand	Timothy Hicks	Susan Rutter
Neil Barben	Barbara Maurer	Patricia Smith
Michele Davis	Sara Mowery	John Taliff
Matthew Fiscus	Kathe Posey	Yvette Weller
Kelly Hicks	Robin Rose	Robert Wydock

4. Approval to add the following names to the Substitute Custodial Listing effective for the 2008-2009 school year pending receipt of background clearances and necessary paperwork:

William G. Kerr, Jr., 301 Dale Road, Mount Union, PA 17066  
 Steven Kershaw, P. O. Box 38, Newton Hamilton, PA 17075

5. Approval to add the following names to the Substitute Teacher Listing effective for the 2008-2009 school year pending receipt of certificate, background clearances and necessary paperwork:

Stacy Horne, 18300 Croghan Pike, Shirleysburg, PA 17260, May 2009  
 graduate of Juniata College, Elementary K-6 Education

Stephanie L. Kaiser, 12 Hillside Drive, Reedsville, PA 17084, graduate of Bloomsburg University, Elementary Education

Alicia McCallister, 183 Irvin Ridge Road, McVeytown, PA 17051, May 2009 graduate of Shippensburg University, Elementary Education/Reading

Elece Mitchell, 190 Elm Street, Wood, PA 16694, May 2009 graduate of Shippensburg University, Elementary Education K-6

6. Recommendation to approve the job description for the Supervisor of Maintenance position effective for the 2009-2010 school year as presented in the goldenrod pages of the attached agenda.
7. Recommendation to name Ms. Cortnee Clapper as Yearbook Advisor effective for the 2009-2010 school year with the understanding the supplemental salary of \$1,550. will be divided between Ms. Clapper and Mrs. Iva Hinton (\$775/each).
8. Recommendation to name Miss Deanna Lee Wagner as Secretary to the Board for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2013.
9. Recommendation to name Mrs. Tina Werner, 142 Main Street, Mapleton Depot, PA 17052 as part-time custodian for 3 hours per day currently assigned to the Mapleton-Union Elementary effective May 20, 2009 to be paid at the rate of \$8.20/hour with applicable benefits following the successful completion of a 75-day probationary period and with the understanding the days worked/salary will be pro-rated for the 2008-2009 school year.
10. a) Recommendation to name/transfer Mrs. Karen Harshbarger to the part-time cafeteria position for 6 hours per day at the Shirley Township Elementary effective May 26, 2009 to be paid at the rate of \$8.20/hour with applicable benefits following the successful completion of a 20-day probationary period and with the understanding the days worked/salary will be pro-rated for the 2008-2009 school year.  
  
b) As a result of naming/transfer of Mrs. Karen Harshbarger to the 6 hour part-time position, a 4 hour part-time cafeteria aide position at the Shirley Township Elementary will be vacated. Permission to post for applications the 4-hour, part-time cafeteria aide position at the Shirley Township Elementary. (Note: As per agreement with the bargaining unit, the District may sub this position until the end of the current school year.)

11. Approval of the following individuals to serve as Volunteer Assistant Football Coaches effective for the 2009-2010 season: (Note: These individuals worked as Volunteer Assistant Football Coaches during the 2008-2009 season.)

Varsity

Chuck Hand

George Goodling

Trey McClain

Jr. High

Kerry Kerr

Dave Lear

12. Request from Mr. David Hummel to hold the District's Summer School Program from June 15 to 26, 2009 for the Elementary grade levels with the understanding the program costs will be paid through the District's EAP grant. (NOTE: A listing of the instructors will be presented to the Board when student enrollment has been finalized.)
13. Request from Mr. Curt Whitesel to hold the District's Summer School Program for Mathematics and English from June 15 to 26, 2009 for 3 hours per day to be held at the Mount Union-Kistler Elementary Building pending High School Renovation Project with the understanding the students attending will be charged \$50/class and the teachers will be paid \$20/hour for a total of 40 hours. (NOTE: A listing of the instructors will be presented to the Board when student enrollment has been finalized.)
14. Accept with regret the retirement notification from Mr. Ronald Smith as an elementary teacher effective with the end of the 2008-2009 school year. Mr. Smith has 40 years of service in the District as an elementary teacher as well as having served as an athletic coach.
15. Accept with regret the retirement notification from Mrs. Mary-Jean Walker as a Secondary Home Economics/Family & Consumer Sciences teacher effective with the end of the 2008-2009 school year. Mrs. Walker has 23 years of service in the District.
16. Accept with regret the retirement notification from Mrs. Caroline Miller as a full-time special education para-educator with her last day in the District being June 1, 2009. Mrs. Miller has approximately 31 years of service in the District as part-time and full-time cafeteria aide and as a special education para-educator.
17. Recommendation to approve five (5) additional days for Mrs. Susan Hendricks, Senior High Guidance Counselor, for the 2009-2010 school year to be paid at her per diem rate to perform duties of evaluation of credits for seniors, registration of new students, planning for the year, organization of dual enrollment schedules and transportation, etc.

There being no objections to this motion, the secretary was directed to cast a unanimous roll call vote. (9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent and 0 abstentions) Motion carried.

**XII. USE OF FACILITIES AND FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES**

It was moved by Mrs. Cramer and seconded by Mr. Wenzel to approve Items #1 through Item #9 of Use of Facilities and Fund-Raising Activities as follows and as presented on the yellow addenda agenda:

1. For Information: The date for the BJ Prough Memorial Concert approved at last month's meeting has been verified and will be held on Friday, March 26, 2010.
2. For Information – The date of the field trip to the Belleville Sale for Mrs. Sonja Boozeel and Mrs. Tamara Heeter's classes has been rescheduled to May 27, 2009 instead of June 3, 2009 as approved at the April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.
3. For Information – The Elementary Summer Band will be held in the Library of the Mount Union-Kistler Elementary building on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays beginning July 6<sup>th</sup> and ending July 29, 2009.
4. Request on behalf of the Mount Union Ministerium for use of the high school auditorium on the evening of Monday, June 8, 2009, to hold Baccalaureate services for the Class of 2009.
5. Requests from Mr. Michael Mittermeier for use of the gymnasium at the Mount Union-Kistler Elementary:
  - a) for open courts for Junior High/Varsity/Elementary Girls' basketball from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the following dates and with the understanding that the students must stay in the gymnasium and use locker room restrooms:

May 18, 21 and 28, 2009	June 15, 18, 22, 23, 24 and 30, 2009
July 7, 9, 28 and 30, 2009	August 3, 4, 5 and 6, 2009
  - b) for individual camp for Elementary/Junior High/Varsity/Junior Varsity Girls' basketball from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on July 13, 14, 15 and 16, 2009 with the understanding that the Girls' Basketball Booster Club will take care of clean-up, lights, etc.
6. Request from Mrs. Tammy Jones on behalf of the Mount Union Little Trojans:
  - a) for use of the high school back parking lot and field to the right of the baseball field to hold practices starting August 1, 2009 through November 1, 2009 with the understanding a port-a-potty will be placed on site at the cost of the Little Trojans and with the understanding that the District's needs may change based on the High School Renovation Project needs.

- b) for use of the high school football field during Mount Union Little Trojans' season to play a night game with the understanding a definite date will be supplied to the District by the June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting and the Mount Union Little Trojans' will cover costs involved with the use of the football field and with the understanding that the District's needs may change based on the High School Renovation Project needs.
7. Request from Mrs. Tammy McKnight on behalf of the Mount Union Varsity Girls' Basketball Team for use of the high school cafeteria tables to assemble hoagies/ham sandwiches on June 9, 2009 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. with the understanding the funds will be used toward team camp in June and the details of the activity will be cleared with the building principal.
8. Requests from Mr. Dave Smith on behalf of the Mount Union Girls' Softball League for:
  - a) use of the Junior High Softball Field from June 10, 2009 through July 30, 2009 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
  - b) use of the Junior High Softball Field and Varsity Softball Field on June 19, 20 and 21, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. to hold the Girls' Softball Tournament.
9. Request from Mrs. Paula Price on behalf of the Mount Union Band Boosters for the following:
  - a) to hold a Car Wash fund-raiser on May 23, 2009 at the Mount Union Minit-Mart from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and on June 27, 2009 at the Hilltop Storage from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and a Car Wash/Bake Sale/Tag Day on July 3, 2009 at the Huntingdon Walmart from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to raise funds towards the New York City Veterans' Day Parade trip with the understanding the details of the activity will be cleared with the building principal and has been approved by the Wellness Committee.
  - b) to hold a Bake Sale/MU Spirit Items at the MUCAP Street Fair on June 13, 2009 and a Tag Day on June 25 and 26, 2009 at Sheetz, Weis, Mount Union Minit-Mart and McDonalds from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. to raise funds towards the New York City Veterans' Day Parade trip with the understanding the details of the activity will be cleared with the building principal and has been approved by the Wellness Committee.

There being no objections to this motion, the secretary was directed to cast a unanimous roll call vote. (9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent and 0 abstentions) Motion carried.

**XIII. FIELD TRIPS AND CONFERENCES**

On a Secrest/Christoff motion, Items #1 through Item #10 of Field Trips and Conferences were approved as follows and as presented on the yellow addenda agenda:

1. For Information: Mrs. Autumn Fiscus and Mrs. Tonya DeVecchis-Kerr participated in the PASBO's webinar on IDEA Funding on May 6, 2009 with costs to the District for registration (\$125.00).
2. For Information: Mr. Marc Aurand participated in the Pennsylvania Rural Water Association's Pro Operator Training on May 14, 2009 in Bedford, Pennsylvania with costs to the District being for registration (\$100.00), substitute (\$80.00) and mileage (\$66.00).
3. Request from Mr. Rick Kane and two chaperones to accompany members of the Jazz Band to each of the District's elementary buildings on June 1, 2009 with costs to the District being for substitute (\$85.00) and transportation.
4. Request from Ms. Chris Stevens and Ms. Nancy Corson to accompany members of the Roots & Shoots Club to the Holocaust Museum and the National Zoo in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, May 23, 2009, with costs for the trip being covered by the Roots & Shoots Club.
5. Request from Ms. Cortnee Clapper, Mrs. Iva Hinton and four members of the Desktop Publishing Class to visit the Herff Jones Plant in Gettysburg, PA on May 29, 2009 to pick-up yearbooks and tour the facilities with costs to the District being for use of the school van for the trip and substitute for Ms. Clapper (\$85.00).
6. Request from Mr. James Estep to participate in the Pennsylvania Inspired Leadership Program Facilitator Summer Institute to be held at the Penn Stater Conference Center in State College on July 8 and 9, 2009 with costs to the District being for mileage.
7. Request from Mrs. Joan Coraor, Mr. Frank Miller, Mrs. Deborah Goodman, Mrs. Dawn Holesa and Mr. David Hummel for the District's 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and teachers to attend a 6<sup>th</sup> grade Orientation at the High School on dates to be determined between the buildings and staff with costs to the District being for bus transportation.
8. Request from Mr. Frank Miller and the three PTO/CTO's to approve a transition activity (picnic and games) for the District's 6<sup>th</sup> graders on June 9, 2009 at the Shirley Township Elementary's pavilion with costs to the District being for transportation and other costs being covered by the PTO/CTOs.

9. Request from Mr. Michael Mittermeier and Ms. Lisa Rhone to accompany members of the Varsity Girls' Basketball team to Slippery Rock University for team camp to be held June 26, 27 and 28, 2009 with costs to the District being for use of two vans for the trip.
10. Request from Mrs. Cindy Wray to accompany 7 to 8 students to the Daily News Press Club Banquet to be held Wednesday, May 27, 2009, from 11:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with costs to the District being for use of the school van for the trip and for a substitute for 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> periods.

There being no objections to this motion, the secretary was directed to cast a unanimous roll call vote. (9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent and 0 abstentions) Motion carried.

#### **XIV. SUPERINTENDENT/PRINCIPALS' REPORTS**

1. Secondary Principals' Reports as presented in the blue pages of the attached agenda.
2. Elementary Principals' Reports as presented in the yellow pages of the attached agenda.
3. District-wide Administrators' Reports as presented in the white pages of the attached agenda.
4. Technology Director's Report – None for this month.

In response to questions raised on Title I funds for secondary level, Mr. Frank Miller noted based on free and reduced lunch listings all buildings are eligible, but the District must service the building with the highest percentage and work their way down until funding is spent.

Mr. Curt Whitesel noted that Mr. Andre Martin, a Mount Union graduate from the Class of 1977 and the one of the Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumnus for 2009, will be speaking to the student body at an assembly on Friday, May 22, 2009. He invited board members to attend the assembly to be held at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Kurt Wenzel and Superintendent James Estep recognized the retiring teachers – Mr. Ronald Smith with 40 years and Mrs. Mary-Jean Walker with over 20 years of service in the District -- and expressed appreciation for their many years of dedicated service to the District and wished them the best in their retirements.

**XV. INFORMATION ITEMS**

## 1. June Meetings:

- a) Regular Meeting – Thursday, June 25, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. in the library of the Junior/Senior High School with an Executive Session being held at 6:30 p.m. prior to the start of the regular session.
- b) Special Session – Monday, June 15, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. in the library of the Junior/Senior High School for the formal awarding of the High School Project bids. If needed, a workshop will be held following the adjournment of the special session.

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. on the motion by Mrs. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Wenzel.

There being no objections to this motion, the secretary was directed to cast a unanimous roll call vote. (9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent and 0 abstentions) Motion carried.

Deanna Lee Wagner, CPS  
Board Secretary