

School District of Springfield Township

Board of School Directors

Interim Board Meeting

March 3, 2009

OPENING ACTIVITIES

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Reading of the Mission Statement
*The Mission of the School District of Springfield Township is to:
Ensure that all students are:*
 - *high achieving*
 - *socially and ethically responsible*
 - *self-directed and productive**through a higher performing, unified and aligned learning community.*
5. Announcements

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6. Recognition ECAT January Student of the Month (Att. p. 1)
7. Public Comments on Agenda Items

NEW BUSINESS

1. PERSONNEL (Separate Personnel Attachment)

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That the Board of School Directors approve the following personnel reports as presented in the attachments and At Place:

- A. Certificated Personnel
- B. Support Personnel
- C. Conference/Workshop Attendance
- D. Extra Pay for Extra Responsibilities Positions

INTERIM MEETING DISCUSSION TOPICS

Suggested Time	Agenda Topic	Presenter
7:35 p.m.	Softball Dugouts (Att. p. 2)	Mr. Kell
7:40 p.m.	Sale of Bus Garage (Separate Att.)	Dr. Nyiri
7:50 p.m.	GASB 45-Actuarial Services (Att. p. 3)	Mr. Orlando
8:00 p.m.	Overnight Field Trip (Att. p. 4-5)	Dr. Nyiri
8:05 p.m.	Policies (Att. p. 6-12)	Dr. Nyiri
8:15 p.m.	Change Orders (Att. p. 13)	Mr. Johnson
8:25 p.m.	403(b) Plan Document-Vanguard (Separate Att.)	Mr. Orlando
8:35 p.m.	Budget (Att. p. 14-17)	Mr. Orlando

PUBLIC COMMENTS

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

<u>School Board Meetings:</u>	Tuesday, March 17, 2009 Board Meeting—HS Technology Lobby, 7:30 p.m.
	Tuesday, April 7, 2009 Board Meeting—HS Technology Lobby, 7:30 p.m.
<u>Property Committee Meeting:</u>	Thursday, March 12, 2009 Administration Board Room, 8:30 a.m.
<u>Academic Affairs Meeting:</u>	Monday, March 23, 2009 Administration Board Room, 9:00 a.m.
<u>Policy Committee Meeting:</u>	Tuesday, March 10, 2009 Administration Board Room, 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT (Sunset 11:00 p.m.)

Budget Reduction Rationale and Estimated Cost Savings

Extra-Curricular Activities

- Middle School Athletic Program—Total Cost \$138,700
- Reduction in Middle School Athlete Programs
 - Eliminate programs offered by the Township or other community organizations (Soccer, Baseball, Softball, Basketball and Lacrosse)
 - Estimated Cost Savings--\$85,000
 - Pro—Students can still participate in those sports in other venue
 - Con—Students will not play against other Middle School teams
 - Offer Middle School Intramural Program in place of competitive athletics
 - Estimated Cost Savings--\$100,000
 - Pro—All students can participate in grades 5, 6 and 7
 - Con—Students will not play against other Middle School teams
 - Institute a \$50/year activities fee for all students participating in any extracurricular activity in grades 5-12
 - Estimated Revenue--\$50,000
- Eliminate After School Busses
 - Pro—Cost Savings of \$25,000
 - Con—Some students may not participate in activities especially those activities such as homework clubs in the Middle School.
- Reduction of Athletic Physicals
 - Cost Savings—approved for next year—\$3,000

Equipment

- Reduction/Elimination of new school busses
 - Pro—Cost savings of \$300,000—Possible capital expenditure for one year
 - Con—Deferred maintenance can cost more later/reduction in capital reserve fund
- Reduction/Elimination of maintenance equipment/vehicles
 - Pro—Cost savings of \$100,000—Possible capital expenditure for one year
 - Con—Deferred maintenance can cost more later/reduction in capital reserve fund
- Reduction/postponement of technology upgrades
 - Pro—Cost savings of \$40,000
 - Con—Will cost twice as much in the next year and can be difficult to return to the replacement cycle that supports our instructional practice

Maintenance

- Four day summer work week
 - Pro—Cost savings of \$10,000
 - Con—Need to work it out with all employees affected

- Glenside Weldon lease and utilities
 - Pro—Cost savings to general fund budget--\$250,000
 - Con—Reduction in the fund balance

- Reduction/postponement of capital maintenance projects
 - Pro—Cost savings of \$100,000
 - Con—deferred maintenance leads to costly long term repairs i.e. Erdenheim and the Middle School—current need for 2009-10 is \$720,000

Curriculum

- Reduction in staff development/conference
 - Pro—Cost savings of \$25,000
 - Con—Needs of specialists will not be met

- Reduction/Elimination of school supported field trips
 - Pro—Cost savings of \$20,000
 - Con—Less hands on experience for students

- Combine Middle and High School bus runs
 - Pro—Cost savings of \$50,000 (uncertainty at this time)
 - Con—Parent resistance—need much more thought and time before this decision can be made

- Class Size (Staffing determinations will be made after High School course selection is completed in April)

- Reduction in materials and supplies—in 7 years, have not increased this budget and in one year of the seven we reduced this budget by 3%.

Special Education

- Open a new autistic support class at Erdenheim and return three out-placed students to the District
 - Pro—Cost savings of \$350,000 and students integrated with peers
 - Con—Use of IDEA additional funds (only a con if funds aren't forthcoming)

- Alternative Education reduction of dedicated seats at Lakeside Alternative
 - Pro—Reduce possibility of overpayment and cost savings-\$45,000
 - Con—Possible need for additional placements in the future

- Return up to five students into existing Middle and High School Programs
 - Pro—Cost savings of \$200,000 – return students to least restrictive environment
 - Con—None

SUMMARY OF POTENTIAL COST SAVINGS

Extra-Curricular Activities

Middle School elimination of seven sports	\$ 85,000
Institute a \$50/year activity fee for grades 5-12	\$ 50,000
Substitution of intramural program for MS sports	\$ 100,000
Eliminate after school busses	\$ 25,000
Eliminate Athletics	\$ 3,000

Equipment

Reduction/Elimination of new school busses	\$300,000
Reduction/Elimination of maintenance vehicles	\$100,000
Reduction of technology upgrades	\$ 40,000

Maintenance

Four day summer work week	\$ 10,000
Glenside Weldon lease and utilities	\$250,000
Deferred maintenance	\$100,000

Curriculum

Reduction in staff development/conferences	\$ 25,000
Reduction/elimination of school supported field trips	\$ 20,000

Special Education

Open a new autistic support class	\$350,000
Reduce Lakeside Alternative School seats	\$ 45,000
Return out-placed students	\$200,000

**School District of Springfield Township
Board of School Directors
Regular Board Meeting
March 17, 2009**

OPENING ACTIVITIES

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

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4. ROLL CALL
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6. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Separate Enclosures)

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS (Separate Enclosures)

1. Treasurer's Report
2. Bill Lists
3. Athletics and Activities Reports

REPORTS AND INFORMATION

1. Student Council Report
2. PTA/PTO Report
3. Hayes Large Architects/Construction Update: Mr. Thompson
4. Reports of Committees
5. Reports of Individual Board Members
6. Budget Discussion: Mr. Orlando

NEW BUSINESS

1. BOND REFUNDING AUTHORIZATION RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That the Board of School Directors approve the following Resolution:

Resolved, that the Board of School Directors of the School District of Springfield Township (the "School District") does hereby authorize the Administration to work with Public Financial Management, as Financial Advisor, Fox Rothschild, LLP, as Bond Counsel, and the local Solicitor in conjunction with the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2009, for the purpose of refunding the Series of 1998 Bonds at a minimum net savings target of \$400,000.

2. SITE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT, SITE IMPROVEMENT SECURITY AGREEMENT AND STORMWATER BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES, OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE NEW ERDENHEIM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (Separate Att.)

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That the Board of School Directors approve the Site Development Agreement, Site Improvement Security Agreement and Stormwater Best Management Practices, Operations and Management Agreement for the New Erdenheim Elementary School as per the attachments.

3. PERSONNEL (Separate Personnel Attachment)

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CONSENT AGENDA

Those action items considered routine and/or which have been previously discussed by the Board will be enacted under one motion unless removed for separate action upon Board request.

- 1. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda For Action:
- 2. Motion for the Consent Agenda:

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That those motions on the Consent Agenda not removed previously be approved as listed:

RECOMMENDED ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED AT THE INTERIM MEETING

1. SOFTBALL DUGOUTS (Att. p. 1)

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That the Board of School Directors approve the purchase of Softball Dugouts from Anthem Sports LLC in the amount of \$9,899.

2. **BUDGETARY TRANSFER (Att. p. 2)**
RECOMMENDED MOTION:
That the Board of School Directors approve a Budgetary Transfer as referenced in the attached memorandum.
3. **SALE OF BUS GARAGE (Att. p. 3-24)**
RECOMMENDED MOTION:
That the Board of School Directors approve Sale and Lease Agreements with Springfield Township as per the attachments.
4. **GASB 45-ACTUARIAL SERVICES (Att. p. 25)**
RECOMMENDED MOTION:
That the Board of School Directors approve GASB 45-Actuarial Services as per the attached memorandum.
5. **OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP (Att. p. 26-27)**
RECOMMENDED MOTION:
That the Board of School Directors approve the Overnight Field Trip for members of the Youth and Government Club to travel to Harrisburg on April 17-19, 2009 as per the attachment.
6. **APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF POLICIES: 003, FUNCTIONS AND 004, MEMBERSHIP (Att. p. 28-34)**
RECOMMENDED MOTION:
That the Board of School Directors approve and adopt the following policies on second reading:
 - a. Policy 003, Functions; and
 - b. Policy 004, Membership.
7. **CHANGE ORDERS (Att. p. 35-37)**
RECOMMENDED MOTION:
That the Board of School Directors approve Change Orders as per the attachment.
8. **VANGUARD-APPROVED 403(b) PROVIDER (Att. p. 38-63)**
RECOMMENDED MOTION:
That the Board of School Directors approve the authorization of Agency to Employer Admin. Services, Inc. (EAS) to sign on behalf of the School District any forms or agreements required by Vanguard as an approved vendor under the District's 403(b) Plan.

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