

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LANCASTER SCHOOL BOARD**  
**Lancaster, Pennsylvania**

**Regular Meeting**  
**August 18, 2009**

The School District of Lancaster School Board held a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 18, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at J.P. McCaskey High School, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Attendance of the Board was as follows:

Mr. Patrick Snyder, President  
Mr. Michael Rowen, Vice President  
Mrs. Stacey Marten  
Mrs. Jacqueline McCain  
Dr. Nenita Faller-Miller  
Mrs. Linda Troublefield Owens  
Ms. Janelle M. Simms  
  
Mrs. Barbara Boben – Absent  
Mrs. Marta Howell – Absent

Officers: Mr. Pedro Rivera, Superintendent  
Mr. Matt Przywara, Treasurer  
Mrs. Rita Balogh, Secretary

Legal Counsel: Mr. Robert Frankhouser, Solicitor

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**8/18/2009: CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Snyder, who welcomed everyone in attendance. Roll call was answered by: *Directors Marten, McCain, Miller, Owens, Rowen, Simms, and Snyder – 7; Absent: Directors Boben and Howell – 2.* The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison. A moment of silence was observed in memory of student Carol Rodriguez-Lopez and former teachers and retirees Florence Burk, Sara Ehrhart, and Rachael Moore Shetter.

President Snyder announced The Board of School Directors held an Executive Session on August 12, 2009 for the purpose of discussing matters involving employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of performance, promotion, or disciplining of specific or prospective officers or employees.

**8/18/2009: ADDENDUMS AND CORRECTIONS:** None

**8/18/2009: APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** The agenda was approved by unanimous roll call vote on a motion by Director Rowen, which was seconded by Director McCain.

**8/18/2009: SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:**

Please join me in welcoming Xu Lili (Leah) from China. She will teach Chinese to kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade students at Wharton and Ross, a 7<sup>th</sup> grade class at Reynolds and Chinese I and Chinese II at J.P. McCaskey. This is the second year the District will offer Chinese classes at these schools.

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**CALL TO ORDER**

**ADDENDUMS AND  
CORRECTIONS**

**APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA**

**SUPERINTENDENT’S  
REPORT**

All schools involved in Phase I construction will host a back-to-school ice cream social for students and their families on Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at their respective schools. This will give building administrators an opportunity to answer questions and share information that may have changed from previous years – i.e., drop-off locations, parking restrictions, etc.

Six McCaskey JV cheerleaders excelled at a local cheer camp, which was recently held at Millersville University. Their awards include: excellent skills in spotting and stunting technique, superior skills in motions, excellent ribbons for their chants and superior ribbons for their cheers, and the spirit stick. The girls also received the NCA Game Day Top Team 2009 Award and overall NCA Spirit Award. The entire squad was nominated as All-American Nominees and Sha'Lena Pack-Morris was chosen to be on the All-American Team.

The first day of school for the 2009-10 school year is Thursday, September 3 for grades kindergarten through 9, and Friday, September 4 for grades 10, 11, and 12.

**Capital Improvement Plan Update**

Construction at all four sites continues. The District's focus is on preparing for the return of staff and students.

The Facilities Committee has worked through the response for request for qualifications and has short-listed six firms to be interviewed for Phase II projects.

The Facilities Committee will begin meeting every two weeks instead of monthly. Their next meeting will be tomorrow at 4:00 p.m. in the Scheffey Board Room. Please note the time change.

**8/18/2009: PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Tracy Dettrey spoke regarding cheerleading issues and denial of attendance of stepparents at meetings concerning their students.

Anna Smith, 30 Springhouse Rd., commented on the loss of good staff over the years, including Damien Henry. She also thanked the Board for the change in seating arrangements at recent committee meetings which made them friendlier.

Victor Mohammad, 417 Hamilton St., stated his rights were violated and he was lied to last year. He requested a meeting regarding parental rights.

**8/18/2009: CONSENT AGENDA:** Director Marten made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- (1) Approval of Minutes: July 21, 2009 Regular Meeting
- (2) Personnel Recommendations
- (3) Approval of Judiciary Report
- (4) Approval of 2009 Summer Graduation Diploma Candidates
- (5) Approval of Board Policy Revisions:
  - 006 Meetings
  - 138.1 Provisions of Title III Services to Private Schools
  - 211 Student Accident Insurance
  - 618 Student Activity Funds

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (cont.)**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- Minutes
- Personnel Recommendations
- Judiciary Report
- Diploma Candidates
- Board Policy Revisions

<p>(6) Approval of Obsolete Board Policy Deletion: 206A Position Paper – Attendance Zones</p> <p>(7) Approval of School Board Director to Attend Conference: 2009 PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference at Hershey, PA</p> <p>(8) Approval of 2009-2010 Leadership Evaluation Plan</p> <p>Director Marten seconded the motion, which was approved by the following vote: <i>Aye: Directors Marten, Miller, McCain, Owens, Rowen, Simms, and Snyder – 7;</i> <i>Nay – 0.</i></p>	<p>Deletion of Obsolete Board Policy</p> <p>Conference Attendance</p> <p>Leadership Evaluation Plan</p>
<p><b>8/18/2009: EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:</b> Director Miller reviewed the minutes of the August 13, 2009 meeting. In response to Director Rowen’s question of her impression of the new math program, Director Miller stated it is more traditional, better for parents and students, and more easily understood. Director Marten commented that teams of parents and teachers investigated programs and made a recommendation of the Discovery program. Director Owens noted IMP had no solution book for teachers.</p>	<p><b>EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS</b></p>
<p>The following Grant Updates are an informational item:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. PA Pact</li><li>2. Active Schools</li></ol>	<p>Grant Updates</p>
<p>Director Marten made a motion to approve the following items from the Education Committee Recommendations:</p> <p>A. Approval of Minutes: August 13, 2009 Committee Meeting</p> <p>C. Contracts/ Agreements #1, #5, #6, #7, and #9 through #25 listed below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Success for All Foundation – not to exceed \$34,110.00</li><li>5. Black Rock Retreat – master agreement</li><li>6. Camp Hebron – master agreement</li><li>7. Camp Swatara – master agreement</li><li>9. Language Line Services – master agreement</li><li>10. The Communication Connection – master agreement</li><li>11. Your Language Connection – master agreement</li><li>12. Alexander Breikreutz – master agreement</li><li>13. Elias E. George – master agreement</li><li>14. Bertrand V. Alcide – master agreement</li><li>15. Lisbeth Paredes-Wolf – master agreement</li><li>16. Donald M. Sensenig – master agreement</li><li>17. Irina Wasson – master agreement</li><li>18. May Westlund – master agreement</li><li>19. Neighborhood Services – not to exceed \$18,900.00</li><li>20. Invo Healthcare Associates – master agreement</li><li>21. Progressus Therapy, LLC – master agreement</li><li>22. PPR Healthcare Staffing – master agreement</li><li>23. Scholastic, Inc. (READ180) – not to exceed \$17,860.00</li><li>24. Compass Mark – not to exceed \$24,000.00</li><li>25. Penn State (Lancaster Campus) – not to exceed \$2,916.09</li></ol>	<p>Minutes</p> <p>Contracts/Agreements</p>
<p>D. Extended Day Enrichment Programs Contracts/Agreements #1, #2, and #4 through #8 detailed below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Fulton Opera House</li><li>2. Dana Glover</li></ol>	<p>Extended Day Enrichment Contracts/Agreements</p>

4. Salsa Move Dance Studio
5. Michael T. Smith – Drill Team
6. The North Museum of Natural History & Science
7. Imani Edu-Tainers
8. Neighborhood Services

The motion was seconded by Director McCain and approved as follows: *Aye: Directors Marten, McCain, Miller, Owens, Rowen, Simms, and Snyder – 7; Nay – 0.*

Director Miller’s motion to approve these remaining Education Contracts/Agreements and Extended Day Enrichment Contracts/Agreement was seconded by Director McCain:

- C. Contracts/Agreements:
2. Lancaster County Career and Technology Centers – not to exceed \$10,000.00
  3. Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13 – master agreement
  4. Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13 – master agreement
  8. Lancaster County Department of Parks and Recreation – master agreement

- D. Extended Day Enrichment Programs Contract/Agreement:
3. Lancaster County Career and Technology Center

The motion was approved by the following vote: *Aye: Directors Marten, McCain, Miller, Owens, Rowen, and Snyder – 6; Nay – 0; Recuse: Director Simms – 1.*

**8/18/2009: FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

President Snyder noted from the Finance Committee Recommendations agenda that Contract/Agreement #5 was contingent upon the yet-to-be-approved state budget. He commented that the SRO’s have been a tremendous success and have made a positive impact in and out of our schools, but we are at the mercy of the state. He made a motion to approve the following items from the Finance Committee Report and Recommendations:

- A. Approval of Minutes: August 12, 2009 Committee Meeting
- B. Contracts/Agreements: (Roll Call)
  1. Music Theatre International – not to exceed \$3,400.00
  2. One On One Soccer Management – not to exceed \$7,000.00
  3. Drayer Physical Therapy Institute, LLC – not to exceed \$20,000.00
  4. SunGard Public Sector Pentamation, Inc. – contract addendum not to exceed \$14,359.00
  5. City of Lancaster Police (SRO’s) – not to exceed \$500,000.00 contingent upon approval of state budget
  6. City of Lancaster Police (Crossing Guards) – not to exceed \$101,055.00
  7. Shultz Transportation Company – not to exceed \$2,002,347.00
  8. Barbacane Thornton & Company – not to exceed \$67,000.00
- C. Approval of Change Order: Project B02 Fire Alarm Panel Replacement at Buchanan Elementary for \$17,175.00
- D. Approval of La Academia Partnership Charter School Contract to Purchase Meals for 2009-2010 School Year
- E. Approval of Bus Routes and Bus Drivers for 2009-2010 School Year
- F. Approval of Monthly Financial Reports

The motion was seconded by Director McCain and approved by the following vote:

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE (cont.)**  
 Extended Day Enrichment Contracts/Agreements (cont)

Contracts/Agreements

Extended Day Enrichment Contract/Agreement

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Minutes

Contracts/Agreements

Change Order

Contract to Purchase Meals

Bus Routes and Drivers

Monthly Financial Reports

*Aye: Directors Marten, McCain, Miller, Owens, Rowen, Simms, and Snyder – 7; Nay – 0.*

**8/18/2009: EXTRA-CURRICULAR COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** Director Owens reviewed the minutes of the Extra-Curricular Committee meeting of August 10, 2009 and reiterated the new hours for the high school with a start time of 8:00 a.m. and 3:10 p.m. dismissal. Director Marten made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Following a second by Director Simms, the minutes were approved in a unanimous roll call vote.

**8/18/2009: FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** Director Rowen reviewed the minutes of the August 5, 2009 Facilities Committee meeting. He noted two additions to the minutes of the prior meeting of July 8:

- Mr. Rowen met with Mr. Frankhouser regarding church services in our facilities. Mr. Frankhouser will research and share his findings with the committee.
- Booster Club/Concession Stand meeting was held July 21, 2009.

Director Rowen made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting, which included a directive to Mr. Frankhouser to proceed with the legal requirements to allow acceptance of land from Lancaster Township for improved access to Buchanan Elementary School. The motion was seconded by Director Miller, and approved in a unanimous roll call vote.

**8/18/2009: DISCUSSION:** Presented for first readings was a draft Board Policy revision for:

312 Evaluation of Superintendent

Directors Miller and Owens questioned if this is a new policy. There were no other questions or comments.

**8/18/2009: DISCUSSION/ACTION:** President Snyder made a motion to approve all invoice listings except for the following which are removed for separate votes: #00313558, 00313559, and 0WCTS089 for Lancaster County Career and Technology Center; #WIU13HEA and 00313562 for Lancaster Lebanon IU 13; #0WSTS709, 0WSTS731, and 0WSTS803 for Substitute Teacher Service; #00313436 for Covenant United Methodist Church; #00313709 for T.W. Ponessa, and #WFFA0815 for Fulton Financial Advisors. Following Director Marten's second of the motion, it was approved as follows: *Aye: Directors Marten, McCain, Miller, Owens, Rowen, Simms, and Snyder – 7; Nay – 0.*

On a motion by President Snyder, seconded by Director Owens, payments for the following invoice listings were approved: #00313558, 00313559, and 0WCTS089 for Lancaster County Career and Technology Center; #WIU13HEA and 00313562 for Lancaster Lebanon IU 13; #0WSTS709, 0WSTS731, and 0WSTS803 for Substitute Teacher Service. The motion was approved as follows: *Aye: Directors Marten, McCain, Miller, Owens, Rowen and Snyder – 6; Nay – 0; Recuse: Director Simms – 1.*

**FINANCE COMMITTEE  
REPORT (cont.)**

**EXTRA-CURRICULAR  
COMMITTEE  
REPORT AND  
RECOMMENDATIONS**  
Minutes

**FACILITIES  
COMMITTEE  
REPORT AND  
RECOMMENDATIONS**  
Minutes

**DISCUSSION**  
Draft Board Policy  
Revision

**DISCUSSION/ACTION**  
Payments (Invoice  
Listings)

A motion to approve #00313436 for Covenant United Methodist Church was made by Director Miller and seconded by Director McCain. Approval was as follows: *Aye: Directors Marten, McCain, Miller, Owens, Rowen, and Simms – 6; Nay – 0; Recuse: Director Snyder – 1.*

President Snyder's motion to approve #00313709 for T.W. Ponessa and #WFFA0815 for Fulton Financial Advisers was seconded by Director Rowen. The motion carried as follows: *Aye: Directors Marten, McCain, Miller, Owens, Rowen, Simms, and Snyder – 7; Nay – 0.*

**8/18/2009: REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**

Director Howell was not present to report on IU 13.

Director Rowen had nothing to report for LCCTC.

President Snyder presented a report from Lancaster Recreation Commission in Director Boben's absence.

**8/18/2009: OLD BUSINESS:** None

**8/18/2009: NEW BUSINESS:** Superintendent Rivera introduced the new elementary school principals who were present this evening, Jennifer Reinhart of Buchanan, Sue Saupp from Price, and Wanda Suarez for Lafayette.

**8/18/2009: INFORMATION:** None

**8/18/2009: ADJOURNMENT:** Director Miller's motion to adjourn was seconded by Director Marten and approved in a unanimous voice vote. President Snyder adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Attest:

Rita Balogh  
Board Secretary

**DISCUSSION/ACTION**  
(cont.)  
Payments (Invoice  
Listings) (cont.)

**REPRESENTATIVE**  
**REPORTS**  
IU 13

LCCTC

Lancaster Recreation  
Commission

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**INFORMATION**

**ADJOURNMENT**