

# NEW PHILADELPHIA BOARD OF EDUCATION

November 21, 2011

The regular session of the New Philadelphia Board of Education was called to order at 7:30 pm by President Weaver at West Elementary with the following members present: Mr. Cox, Mr. Frantz, Mr. Jenkins, and Mr. Weaver. Mr. Kemp was excused. Also present were Mr. Alsept, Mrs. Kennedy and Mr. Sherer.

## Approval of Agenda 62-11

Mr. Jenkins moved, Mr. Frantz seconded to approve the agenda including additions and addendum for the meeting.

Roll call: Ayes: Jenkins, Frantz, Cox, Weaver (4)  
Nays: (0)  
Motion carried.

Mrs. Locker, Mr. Holmes and Mrs. Lenhart's 5<sup>th</sup> graders made a presentation to the Board on "Data Notebooks".

Christina Ziga-Budd, West Principal, outlined the \$1,000 Fitness Grant that was received by West Elementary.

## Minutes 63-11

Mr. Frantz moved, Mr. Cox seconded to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2011 Board Meeting.

Roll call: Ayes: Frantz, Cox, Weaver, Jenkins (4)  
Nays: (0)  
Motion carried.

## Treasurer's Report 64-11

Mr. Cox moved, Mr. Jenkins seconded to approve the following items under the Treasurer's Report:

- A. Approval of the October 2011 Financial Statement including invoices and checks – (Exhibit VI-1)
- B. Key Indicator and Cash Flow Report – (Exhibit VI-2)
- C. Transfer \$35,000 from General Fund to Summer School Fund.
- D. Award contract to ComDoc for copiers and maintenance at the lowest and best bid.
- E. Accept 29 monitors and 18 computers donated by QDA.
- F. Authorization to cash advance to the 300 High School music account as needed.

Roll call: Ayes: Cox, Jenkins, Weaver, Frantz, (4)  
Nays: (0)  
Motion carried.

Personnel 65-11

Mr. Jenkins moved, Mr. Frantz seconded to approve the following items under personnel:

Resignations

Pamela Mizer – Retirement – Welty Library Technician - effective March 1, 2012  
Scott Melville – Girls Basketball Varsity Assistant  
Justin VanFossen – Middle School Wrestling

Leave of Absence

Carissa Morales – Maternity Leave of Absence – effective approx. December 4, 2011 six weeks

Supplemental 2011-2012

Kristin Wolfe – Saturday School – effective 9/3/2011  
Jeff Phillips – Concert Band – Level 11 - \$2026  
Cory Swinderman – Varsity Assistant Wrestling – Level 5 - \$3117  
Jason Rauch – Middle School Wrestling – Level 10 - \$2182  
Mickey Sabin - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball – Level 7 - \$2649  
Jami Ley – Varsity Assistant Girls Basketball – Level 3 - \$4675  
Adam Hughes – Varsity Assistant Swimming – Level 10 - \$2182  
Angela Durbin – Junior Class Advisor – Level 14 - \$1403  
Mike Johnson – Junior Class Advisor – Level 14 - \$1403  
After School All-Stars Teacher, First Session – Salary: \$24.20 p/h -  
Terry Baker, Stacey Jackson, Julia Kandel, Susan Riesen, Marcia Shamel

Substitute Teachers

Kristy Dickey, Cathy McDaniels, Andrew Potts, Jack Sweitzer, Jessica Miller

Substitute-Classified

Barbara Tschudy – Food Service  
Michel Short – Secretary/Aide  
James Fabiano (effective 11-10-11), Michael Shroyer, Mark Kordon – Buildings & Grounds

Substitute –Administrative

Dirk Gadd - \$100 per day – effective 11/21/11

Volunteers

Athletic Department: David Bower, Jr., Geoffrey Harriman, Kyle Miller, Craig Ripley,  
Dan Roseberry.  
Band: Bryan Aubihl, Steffen S. Cameron, Michelle Ford  
South Elementary: Kimberly Goudy, Shonda Davis

Also See – Attached Exhibit VII-I

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Roll call: Ayes: Jenkins, Frantz, Cox, Weaver (4)  
Nays: (0)  
Motion Carried.

Assistant Superintendent Deb Kennedy updated the Board on the Curriculum process.

Superintendent's Report 66-11

Mr. Frantz moved, Mr. Cox seconded to approve the following items under the Superintendent's report:

- A. Approval of Florida Trip by Delphian Chorale – Exhibit IX-1
- B. Approval of Washington D.C. Field Trip – Exhibit IX-2
- C. Accept donation of a Casio Keyboard to Welty Middle School Choir by Mr. Jeff Owens.
- D. Award high school diploma to Breanna Brown as a graduate of the Class of 2011. Breanna has completed all her requirements.

Roll call: Ayes: Frantz, Cox, Weaver, Jenkins (4)  
Nays: (0)  
Motion carried.

Resolution Opposing HB 136

Mr. Jenkins moved, Mr. Cox seconded to adopt the following resolution opposing House Bill 136:

The New Philadelphia City Schools Board of Education wishes to communicate to Speaker Batchelder, Representative Landis, and members of the Ohio House of Representatives, its opposition to House Bill 136.

As members of the Board of Education of New Philadelphia City Schools, we feel strongly that we provide a Free and Appropriate Education for all students attending our schools. Because we believe this bill will impact the academic and fiscal health of the district, we are providing this statement of opposition to HB 136.

The New Philadelphia City Schools District is located in Tuscarawas County. We are the county seat. We provide education to over 3,000 students in a Pre-K through Grade 12. We also provide educational services to the Multi-County Juvenile Attention Center located in New Philadelphia. New Philadelphia is a community of 17,000 residents. More than 40% of our students qualify for Free and Reduced Meals.

Our District has consistently ranked high on the Ohio Department of Education School Report Card. Our district was rated "Excellent" in 2009-10 and earned "Excellent with Distinction" for the 2010-11 school year. We have consistently produced leaders for over 100 years. Our students are prepared for college, work, or military success.

Our district has been able to do this through efficient use of the financial resources provided by our local community, state, and federal funds. Our per pupil spending has produced superior results while increasing local taxes only once in the past seventeen years. Our district was recognized by Ohio Smart Schools for achieving the highest level of efficiency in Central Administration.

We feel that passage of House Bill 136 will further deplete a budget that has already been reduced by \$1,000,000. The passage of House Bill 136 would cost the district approximately \$2,500,000 over the phase in period. We feel that this bill does not provide choice as much as an incentive. This incentive does not require private schools to educate all, only the chosen.

In short, we believe House Bill 136, which includes provisions that will harm our District from a fiscal perspective, will unnecessarily compromise the outstanding education our students are currently receiving. Moreover, this bill threatens to dismantle a high-performing district in favor of schools that do not have the same requirements or accountability measures.

Therefore, as members of the New Philadelphia City Schools Board of Education, we urge the House of Representatives to vote against any version of HB 136

Roll call: Ayes: Jenkins, Cox, Weaver, Frantz (4)  
Nays: (0)  
Motion carried.

Adjournment

Mr. Cox moved, Mr. Frantz seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Roll call: Ayes: Cox, Frantz, Jenkins, Weaver, (4)  
Nays: (0)

Meeting adjourned.

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