

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
READING SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Special Board Meeting
April 17, 2007

Minutes of the Reading School District Board of Directors Special Meeting held on Tuesday, April 17, 2007, in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 800 Washington Street, Reading, PA.

The meeting was called to order at 6:24 p.m. by Mr. Stamm, President of the Board.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

Mr. Cinfici	Mr. Cooper
Mrs. McCree	Mr. Santoro
Mr. Steffy	Mr. Storch
Ms. Wertz	Mr. Stamm, President

Board Members Absent:

Ms. Stroman

Administrators Present:

Dr. Thomas R. Chapman, Jr., Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Linda Greth, Ass't. Secretary of the Board/Director of Community Relations
Mr. Dennis Kelley, Director of Business Affairs
Mr. Barry Suski, Director of Facilities

Mr. Vern McKissick from McKissick Architects reviewed the Act 34 Handbook with the board. The Act 34 Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, May 15, 2007, in the Board Room of the Administration Building.

Finance and Legal

The Finance and Legal committee had a total of three resolutions to be considered. Resolution 1 was voted on separately. The motion was made by Mr. Santoro, and this was seconded by Mr. Cooper.

Res. 1 WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors of the Reading School District has determined that additional and improved facilities are required for the District and proposes to authorize certain actions to be taken to construct and equip the Reading "Citadel" Intermediate High School for the Reading School District (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Public School Code of 1949, as amended and supplemented, including amendments made pursuant to Act 34 of the Session of 1973 of the General Assembly (the "School Code"), requires, inter-alia, that a public hearing be held prior to the construction, the entering into a contract to construct, or entering into a contract to lease a new school building; and

WHEREAS, the School Code further requires that notice of such public hearing be advertised and a description of the project be available to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors desires to authorize its Construction Consultants, Architect, Solicitor, Financial Advisor, and Bond Counsel to take certain action with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, the School District proposes to adopt a maximum project cost and a maximum building construction cost for the Project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of School Directors of the Reading School District, as follows:

1. The District hereby authorizes and directs a public hearing to be held in connection with the Project, in accordance with, and in compliance with the requirements of the School Code and regulations thereunder, at 800 Washington Street, Reading, PA, 19601, IN THE Board Room of the District Administration Office on Tuesday, May 15, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. prevailing time to provide information to the residents of the District.
2. The Secretary of the Board of School Directors is hereby authorized and directed to advertise the Notice of the Public Hearing as substantially set forth in Exhibit "A" which is attached hereto and made apart hereof, in accordance with the requirements of the School Code.
3. The School District authorizes a "**maximum project cost**" of **\$78,843,714 Dollars** and a "**maximum new building construction cost**" of **\$21,870,387 Dollars** in connection with the Project.
4. The Board of School Directors of this School District hereby authorizes and approves preparation of a description of the Project in accordance with prior decisions of this Board and, upon approval thereof by the architect, consultants, Solicitor and Superintendent hereby directs the Secretary of the Board to make copies of such description of the project available to interested citizens requesting the same at the place and during the reasonable hours stated in the Notice of the Public Hearings and to forward project descriptions to the news media in accordance with law.
5. The District hereby authorizes the firm of Venzie, Phillips and Warshawer, of Philadelphia, as Solicitor for this School District, to perform such acts on behalf of this School District as may be necessary in connection with the Project.

6. The District hereby authorizes the firm of Stevens and Lee, Bond Counsel for the School District, to perform such acts, on behalf of the School District, as may be necessary in connection with the Project.
7. The District Hereby Authorizes the firm of McKissick Associates, PC, of Harrisburg, PA, Architect for the School District, to perform such acts, on behalf of this School District, as may be necessary in connection with the project.
8. The District hereby authorizes the firm of Concord Public Financial Advisors, of Reading, PA, Financial Advisor for the School District, to perform such acts, on behalf of this School District, as may be necessary in connection with the project.
9. The Secretary is directed to make financial information with respect to the Project available for inspection by interested citizens requesting such inspection at the office of the Secretary of the School District.
10. The District approves, ratifies and confirms all action heretofore taken in connection with the project, and
11. The proper officers of the Board and the District Administration are hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all papers and documents and to do or cause to be done any and all acts and things necessary or proper for the execution or carrying out of these resolutions.

**VOTE ON FINANCE AND LEGAL
RESOLUTION 1:
7 YEAS; 1 NAY**

YEAS:	Mr. Cinfici Mrs. McCree Mr. Steffy Mr. Stamm, President	Mr. Cooper Mr. Santoro Ms. Wertz
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NAYS: Mr. Storch

FINANCE RESOLUTION 1 WAS APPROVED.

Finance and Legal resolutions two and three were presented for consideration. The motion was made by Mr. Cooper, and this was seconded by Mrs. McCree.

Res. 2 Approves the Lease Agreement between the Reading School District and Calvary Baptist Church, beginning on August 1, 2007, as attached.

Attachment - Finance Res. 2

Res. 3 Approves the Lease Agreement between the Reading School District and Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, beginning on August 1, 2007, as attached.

Attachment - Finance Res. 3

**VOTE ON FINANCE AND LEGAL
RESOLUTIONS 2 AND 3:
8 YEAS; 0 NAYS**

YEAS:	Mr. Cooper	Mrs. McCree
	Mr. Santoro	Mr. Steffy
	Mr. Storch	Ms. Wertz
	Mr. Cinfici	Mr. Stamm, President

**FINANCE AND LEGAL
RESOLUTIONS 2 AND 3 WERE APPROVED.**

Curriculum and Technology

The Curriculum and Technology Committee presented two resolutions for consideration. Each were voted on separately. The motion to consider resolution 1 was made by Mr. Cinfici, and this was seconded by Mr. Cooper.

Res. 1 Ratifies the Category 2 field trip to Harrisburg, PA for 20 RHS students, Grades 9-12, from April 24-25, 2007 to participate in the Youth Rally Quest 2007 for tobacco-free environment. The cost of the trip will be paid by the Hispanic Center. **(This is a Tuesday and Wednesday request)**

Attachment - Res. 1

**VOTE ON CURRICULUM AND TECHNOLOGY
RESOLUTION 1:
7 YEAS; 1 NAY**

YEAS:	Mrs. McCree	Mr. Santoro
	Mr. Steffy	Ms. Wertz
	Mr. Cinfici	Mr. Cooper
	Mr. Stamm, President	

NAYS: **Mr. Storch**

**CURRICULUM AND TECHNOLOGY
RESOLUTION 1 WAS APPROVED.**

Curriculum and Technology resolution 2 was introduced. The motion was made by Mr. Cooper, and this was seconded by Mr. Steffy.

Res. 2 Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness, Spring Institute, Sponsored by Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13 and PDE, State College, PA, April 26-27, 2007. No charge to the district.

Bill Jimenez

Attachment - Res. 2

**VOTE ON CURRICULUM AND TECHNOLOGY
RESOLUTION 2:
8 YEAS; 0 NAYS**

YEAS: Mr. Santoro Mr. Steffy
Mr. Storch Ms. Wertz
Mr. Cinfici Mr. Cooper
Mrs. McCree Mr. Stamm, President

**CURRICULUM AND TECHNOLOGY
RESOLUTION 2 WAS APPROVED.**

Student Services

The Student Services Committee had one resolution for consideration. The motion was made by Mr. Cooper, and this was seconded by Mr. Steffy.

Res. 1 Authorizes the approval of the professional visitation of Paige Toner to the FISH Conference for Educators in Bloomington, MN, on April 25-27, 2007, at an estimated cost of \$1,070.75.

Attachment - Res. 1

**VOTE ON STUDENT SERVICES
RESOLUTION 1:
8 YEAS; 0 NAYS**

YEAS: Mr. Steffy Mr. Storch
Ms. Wertz Mr. Cinfici
Mr. Cooper Mrs. McCree
Mr. Santoro Mr. Stamm, President

**STUDENT SERVICES RESOLUTION 1
WAS APPROVED.**

Mr. Steffy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and this was seconded by Mr. Santoro. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

These are the Official Proceedings of the Reading School District Board of Directors Special Meeting held on April 17, 2007.

President of the Board

Date

Secretary of the Board

Date

