

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
READING SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Regular Meeting
March 19, 2008**

Minutes of the Reading School District Board of Directors Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, March 19, 2008, in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 800 Washington Street, Reading, PA.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mrs. McCree, President.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

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| Mr. Breton | Mr. Cinfici |
| Mr. Cooper | Mr. Santoro |
| Mr. Stamm | Mr. Storch |
| Ms. Stroman | Ms. Wertz |
| Mrs. McCree, President | |

Administrators Present:

Dr. Thomas R. Chapman, Jr., Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Anthony Georeno, Director of Human Resources
Mrs. Linda A. Greth, Director of Community Relations/ Ass't. Secretary of the Board
Mr. Dennis Kelley, Director of Business Affairs
Dr. Robin Laysears-Smith, Director of Secondary Education
Dr. Rose Merrell-James, Director of Student Services
Mr. Barry Suski, Director of Facilities and Security
Mr. Eric Turman, Director of Elementary Education

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:01 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:40 p.m.

Public Speakers

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| Debra George | 910 North 5 th Street | Changes at RHS |
| Steven McCracken | 1255 Eckert Avenue | Comments |
| Amber Nunez | | RHS Incident |
| | | Stamm Blog |

The Superintendent's Report was given by Dr. Chapman

Communications

Reading-Muhlenberg CTC re: Equipment Grant
Letter from Freddie Rosario - Amanda Stout student re: nomination to the National Young Scholars Program and request for tuition support.

General Resolutions

At this time, the board considered General Resolution 5. The motion was made by Mr. Cooper, and this was seconded by Ms. Stroman.

Res. 5 WHEREAS, the continued growth of Pennsylvania's economy depends on a well-educated workforce and citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has made unprecedented investments in public education in recent years to ensure our students are prepared and ready to succeed after graduation; and

WHEREAS, the PA Department of Education, under the leadership of Secretary Gerald L. Zahorchak and Governor Edward G. Rendell, is committed to ensuring all students in the commonwealth demonstrate academic proficiency by 2014; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education has given preliminary approval to regulations that would bolster graduation requirements by instituting a series of optional end-of-course high school exams collectively known as Graduation Competency Assessments; and

WHEREAS, these assessments would give school districts an additional method, starting with the Class of 2014, to ensure students demonstrate proficiency in the core academic areas of math, science, English and social studies; and

WHEREAS, such assessments could be used in place of existing final exams and would not create additional testing; and

WHEREAS, the commonwealth is committed to fully funding costs associated with developing and administering GCA's, as well as providing supports in the form of voluntary model curriculum and other school-based instructional tools, strategies for identifying students who need additional help, and enhanced teacher training; and

WHEREAS, The State Board of Education voted unanimously in support of the proposed regulations; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's high school graduates deserve the assurance that every diploma awarded has meaningful, substantive value and represents the academic skills every graduate needs to succeed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors of the Reading School District supports the State Board of Education's proposal to strengthen

at Amanda Stout Elementary School, to attend the National Young Scholars Program in Virginia in the Summer of 2008.

**VOTE ON GENERAL RESOLUTION 7:
9 YEAS; 0 NAYS**

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| YEAS: | Mr. Cooper | Mr. Santoro |
| | Mr. Stamm | Mr. Storch |
| | Ms. Stroman | Ms. Wertz |
| | Mr. Breton | Mr. Cinfici |
| | Mrs. McCree, President | |

**GENERAL RESOLUTION 7
WAS APPROVED.**

Human Resources

The Human Resources Committee presented a total of 58 resolutions for consideration. Resolutions 2 through 53 were voted on together. The motion was made by Mr. Storch, and this was seconded by Ms. Wertz.

Administrative

Res. 1 **This resolution was pulled at the meeting, and was not considered by the board.**

Instructional

- Res. 2 Stephanie L. Bloss, PT EAP Tutor – Grades 1-3, during school, maximum 24 hours per week, effective date pending paperwork, at an hourly rate of \$21.00.
- Res. 3 Brynn M. Hollywood, Temporary Professional Employee, Elementary Teacher, effective March 25, 2008, at a salary of \$36,086.00 prorated, TB17 of the 2007-08 salary scale.
- Res. 4 Linda A. Miller, PT EAP Tutor, after school, maximum 24 hours per week, effective date pending paperwork, at an hourly rate of \$21.00.
- Res. 5 Mark S. Sewell, Long-Term Substitute – Social Studies Teacher, effective March 31, 2008 through the end of the day June 5, 2008, at a salary of \$36,725.00 prorated, TB16 of the 2007-08 salary scale.
- Res. 6 Deborah A. Waples, PT EAP Tutor – Grades 1-3, during school, maximum 24 hours per week, effective date pending paperwork, at an hourly rate of \$21.00.
- Res. 7 Cindy L. Zach, Long-Term Substitute – Math Teacher, effective March 17, 2008 through the end of the day June 5, 2008, at a salary of \$38,486.00 prorated, TM17 of the 2007-08 salary scale.

Res. 8 Amends Res. 30 of the August 22, 2008 of the HR Board Agenda which read Kathleen A. Githens, Professional Employee, School Psychologist, effective August 21, 2007, at a salary of \$49,350.00, TM7+24 c.i. of the 2007-08 salary scale to **Kathleen A. Githens, Professional Employee, School Psychologist, effective August 21, 2007, at a salary of \$49,350.00 +\$200.00 stipend, TspM7+24 c.i. of the 2007-08 salary scale.**

Support Staff

- Res. 9 Tiffany L. Altamirane, FT (1289.25 hours) MDS Assistant, One-on-One, at Northwest Middle School, effective March 10, 2008, at an hourly rate of \$9.30.
- Res. 10 Darisa M. Cespedes, PT (720 hours) Lunch Aide at Glenside Elementary School, effective date pending paperwork, at an hourly rate of \$7.15.
- Res. 11 Yajaira Colon, PT (720 hours) Lunch Aide at 10th & Green Elementary School, effective March 11, 2008, at an hourly rate of \$9.30.
- Res. 12 Clark R. Copeland, PT (1040 hours) 2nd Shift Custodian, District Wide, effective date pending paperwork, at an hourly rate of \$11.10.
- Res. 13 Geraldine H. Davis, PT (720 hours) Lunch Aide at Riverside Elementary School, effective March 10, 2008, at an hourly rate of \$7.15.
- Res. 14 Yolanda Donato, FT (1241.5 hours) ELA Assistant at 10th & Green Elementary School, effective date pending paperwork, at an hourly rate of \$9.30.
- Res. 15 Daniel Garcia, FT (2080 hours) 2nd Shift Custodian at Reading High School, effective March 24, 2008, at an hourly rate of \$11.10.
- Res. 16 Kathy A. Gonzalez, PT (720 hours) Lunch Aide at Riverside Elementary School, effective date pending paperwork, at an hourly rate of \$7.15.
- Res. 17 Maria I. Guerrero, FT (765 hours) Lunch Aide at Lauer's Park Elementary School, effective date pending paperwork, at an hourly rate of \$7.15.
- Res. 18 Juan D. Mancebo, FT (2080 hours) 2nd Shift Custodian at Southern Middle School, effective March 11, 2008, at an hourly rate of \$11.10.
- Res. 19 Sondria C. Merriweather, FT (1289.25 hours) AS Assistant at 13th & Union Elementary School, effective date pending paperwork, at an hourly rate of \$9.30.
- Res. 20 Chrysoula J. Phyrillas, PT (748 hours) AS Assistant, One-on-One, at 13th & Union Elementary School, effective March 17, 2008, at an hourly rate of \$9.30.
- Res. 21 Juan A. Rondon, Jr., PT (1040 hours) 2nd Shift Custodian, District Wide, effective date pending paperwork, at an hourly rate of \$11.10.

- Res. 22 Mark D. Stout, FT (1289.25 hours) MDS Assistant, One-on-One, at Southern Middle School, effective date pending paperwork, at an hourly rate of \$9.30.
- Res. 23 Cheryl L. Vaccaro, FT (2080 hours) 2nd Shift Custodian at Northwest Middle School, effective date pending paperwork, at an hourly rate of \$11.10.
- Res. 24 Yluminada Veloz, PT (855 hours) Lunch Aide at Northwest Area Elementary School, effective date pending paperwork, at an hourly rate of \$7.15.
- Res. 25 Irene E. Yoh, PT (720 hours) Lunch Aide at 16th & Haak Elementary School, effective date pending paperwork, at an hourly rate of \$7.15.
- Res. 26 Rescinds Res. 26 of the February 27, 2008 HR Board Agenda which read Matthew P. Davis, FT (1289.25 hours) Special Education Floater, effective date pending paperwork, at an hourly rate of \$9.30.
- Res. 27 Rescinds Res. 169 of the January 30, 2008 HR Board Agenda which read Sonia Pena, FT (1241.5 hours) ELA Assistant at Riverside Elementary School, effective date pending paperwork, at an hourly rate of \$9.30.
- Res. 28 Rescinds Res. 36 of the February 27, 2008 HR Board Agenda which read Yvette A. Roberts, FT (1289.25 hours) ES Assistant at Glenside Elementary School, effective date pending paperwork, at an hourly rate of \$9.30.

Resignations/Terminations (Approvals/Ratifications)

Instructional

- Res. 29 Sherlene A. Evans, Elementary Teacher – Grade 2 at 13th & Union Elementary School, retirement with regrets effective at the end of the day June 5, 2008.
- Res. 30 Lynda M. Gobright, Guidance Counselor at 16th & Haak Elementary School, retirement with regrets effective at the end of the day June 13, 2008.
- Res. 31 Mary L. Naugle, Special Education/LS Math Teacher at Northwest Middle School, retirement with regrets effective at the end of the day July 12, 2008.
- Res. 32 Marcia N. Rogala, Elementary Teacher – Grade 5 at 10th & Penn Elementary School, retirement with regrets effective at the end of the day June 5, 2008.
- Res. 33 Sandra R. Schweikart, Elementary Teacher – Grade 4 at 16th & Haak Elementary School, retirement with regrets effective at the end of the day June 5, 2008.

Support Staff

- Res. 34 Kathleen L. Bechtel, FT Cafeteria Worker at Reading High School, retirement with regrets effective at the end of the day May 2, 2008.

- Res. 35 Barbara A. Erb, PT Lunch Aide at Northwest Elementary School, resignation with regrets effective at the end of the day February 22, 2008.
- Res. 36 Amy L. Figard, PT Lunch Aide at 13th & Green Elementary School, resignation with regrets effective at the end of the day February 28, 2008.
- Res. 37 Maria J. Hernandez, PT Lunch Aide at Lauer's Park Elementary School, resignation with regrets effective at the end of the day March 7, 2008.
- Res. 38 Janis S. Hyneman, PT Substitute Lunch Aide at 13th & Union Elementary School, resignation with regrets effective at the end of the day March 27, 2008.
- Res. 39 Edwin J. Musser, FT Head Custodian at Northwest Area Elementary School, retirement with regrets effective at the end of the day August 26, 2008.
- Res. 40 Abraham Robles III, FT MDS One-on-One Assistant at Reading High School, resignation with regrets effective at the end of the day March 4, 2008.
- Res. 41 Michael A. Ward, FT AS Assistant at 13th & Union Elementary School, resignation with regrets effective at the end of the day March 12, 2008.
- Res. 42 Elaine M. Zahariadis, FT LS Assistant, One-on-One, at Riverside Elementary School, resignation with regrets effective at the end of the day March 13, 2008.

Additions to Approved Substitute List

Res. 43 Approves the following Daily Substitutes:

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| Reba E. Hopko | Elementary |
| Danielle Mehlman | Elementary |
| Benjamin A. Reifsnyder | Elementary / Secondary |
| Robert W. Smith | Elementary / Secondary |
| Richard P. Staudt | Secondary |
| Seldon A. Towles | Elementary / Secondary |

Leaves of Absence (Approvals/Ratifications)

Instructional

- Res. 44 Angela DeNunzio, Special Education/LS English Teacher – Grade 10 at Reading High School, Child Rearing Leave of Absence effective May 19, 2008 through the end of the day October 1, 2008.
- Res. 45 Patricia I. Schodowski, Special Education/LS Math Teacher – Grade 7 at Southwest Middle School, Child Rearing Leave of Absence effective August 16, 2008 through the end of the day January 6, 2009.

- Res. 46 Nicole B. Sherman, Kindergarten Teacher at 13th & Union Elementary School, Child Rearing Leave of Absence effective August 4, 2008 through the end of the day January 1, 2009.
- Res. 47 Amends Res. 97 of the October 24, 2007 HR Board Agenda which read Adrienne M. Derrer, Elementary Teacher – Gr. 2 at 10th & Green Elementary School, Child Rearing Leave of Absence effective March 18, 2008 through the end of the day September 18, 2008 to **Adrienne M. Derrer, Elementary Teacher – Gr. 2 at 10th & Green Elementary School, Child Rearing Leave of Absence effective March 4, 2008 through the end of the day September 3, 2008.**
- Res. 48 Amends Res. 108 of the September 25, 2007 HR Board Agenda which read Andrea M. Eriksen, Full-Day Kindergarten Teacher at Glenside Elementary School, Child Rearing Leave of Absence effective February 22, 2008 through the end of the day April 21, 2008 to **Andrea M. Eriksen, Full-Day Kindergarten Teacher at Glenside Elementary School, Child Rearing Leave of Absence effective February 21, 2008 through the end of the day April 27, 2008.**
- Res. 49 Amends Res. 128 of the January 30, 2008 HR Board Agenda which read Emily L. Prescott, Science Teacher – Grade 7 at Northwest Middle School, Child Rearing Leave of Absence effective March 11, 2008 through the end of the day August 17, 2008 to **Emily L. Prescott, Science Teacher – Grade 7 at Northwest Middle School, Child Rearing Leave of Absence effective March 5, 2008 through the end of the day June 5, 2008.**
- Res. 50 Amends Res. 88 of the November 28, 2007 HR Board Agenda which read Lori A. Shuart, Special Education/LS Teacher – Grade 3 at 13th & Union Elementary School, Child Rearing Leave of Absence effective February 8, 2008 through the end of the day March 25, 2008 to **Lori A. Shuart, Special Education/LS Teacher – Grade 3 at 13th & Union Elementary School, Child Rearing Leave of Absence effective January 30, 2008 through the end of the day March 24, 2008.**

Return From Leaves of Absence (Approvals/Ratifications)

Instructional

- Res. 51 Andrea M. Eriksen, Full-Day Kindergarten Teacher at Glenside Elementary School, return from Child Rearing Leave of Absence effective April 28, 2008.
- Res. 52 Sharon L. Hand, Pre-Kindergarten Teacher at Lauer’s Park Elementary School return from Disability Leave of Absence effective March 24, 2008.
- Res. 53 Jessica A. Nye, Special Education/LS Teacher at Riverside Elementary School, return from Child Rearing Leave of Absence effective March 5, 2008.

**VOTE ON HUMAN RESOURCES
RESOLUTIONS 2-53:
9 YEAS; 0 NAYS**

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| YEAS: | Mr. Santoro Mr. Storch Ms. Wertz Mr. Cinfici Mrs. McCree, President | Mr. Stamm Ms. Stroman Mr. Breton Mr. Cooper |
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**HUMAN RESOURCES RESOLUTIONS 2-53
WERE APPROVED.**

At this time, Human Resources resolutions 54, 55, and 57 were considered. The motion was made by Mr. Storch, and this was seconded by Mr. Santoro.

- Res. 54** Creates one new AFSCME FT Special Education IEP Clerk 4 (12-month) position in the Special Education Department.

- Res. 55** Creates one new AFSCME FT Special Education IEP Clerk 4 (12-month) position at Reading High School.

- Res. 56** **This resolution was voted on separately.**

- Res. 57** Creates a FT (12-month) Security Guard position at the Administration Building and eliminates the current FT (10-month) Security Guard position at the Administration Building.

- Res. 58** **This resolution was voted on separately.**

**VOTE ON HUMAN RESOURCES RESOLUTIONS 54, 55, AND 57:
9 YEAS; 0 NAYS**

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| YEAS: | Mr. Stamm Ms. Stroman Mr. Breton Mr. Cooper Mrs. McCree, President | Mr. Storch Ms. Wertz Mr. Cinfici Mr. Santoro |
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**HUMAN RESOURCES RESOLUTIONS 54, 55 AND 57
WERE APPROVED.**

Mr. Santoro made a motion to consider Human Resources resolution 56, and this was seconded by Mr. Cooper.

- Res. 56** Creates one new AFSCME Athletic Office Secretary (12 month) position at Reading High School.

**VOTE ON HUMAN RESOURCES
RESOLUTION 56:
7 YEAS; 2 NAYS**

YEAS: Mr. Storch Ms. Stroman
Ms. Wertz Mr. Breton
Mr. Cooper Mr. Santoro
Mrs. McCree, President

NAYS: Mr. Cinfici Mr. Stamm

HUMAN RESOURCES RESOLUTION 56
WAS APPROVED.

Mr. Storch made a motion to consider Human Resources resolution 58, and this was seconded by Mr. Santoro.

Res. 58 Creates one new RSSSA Level IV FT 12-month Media/Publications Specialist position in the Community Relations Department.

VOTE ON HUMAN RESOURCES RESOLUTION 58:
7 YEAS; 2 NAYS

YEAS: Ms. Stroman Ms. Wertz
Mr. Breton Mr. Cooper
Mr. Santoro Mr. Storch
Mrs. McCree, President

NAYS: Mr. Cinfici Mr. Stamm

HUMAN RESOURCES RESOLUTION 58
WAS APPROVED.

Curriculum and Technology

The Curriculum and Technology Committee presented a total of 12 resolutions for consideration. Resolutions 1-5 and 7-12 were voted on together. The motion was made by Mr. Santoro, and this was seconded by Ms. Stroman.

Res. 1 Approves a Category 3 field trip for 1 RHS student to attend PMEA Region 5 Chorus Festival at the Lititz Christian School from March 27-29, 2008. Funds to be provided through Reading High School music budget.

A-Res. 1

Res. 2 Ratifies a Category 2 field trip for 1 RHS student to attend Regional Orchestra at Williamsport High School, Williamsport, PA from March 5-8, 2008. Funds to be provided through RHS music budget.

A-Res. 2

Res. 3 Rescinds Res. 1 from the October 24, 2007 Curriculum agenda approving a Category 2 field trip to Ohio for RHS German Club students from May 2-4, 2008.

Res. 4 Approves a Category 2 field trip for 20 RHS German Club students to Washington DC, from May 3-4, 2008 to visit the Smithsonian and Kings' Dominion Park. Cost of trip will be paid through fund raising.

A-Res. 4

Res. 5 Authorizes the Administration to submit an application for continuation funding of the Classrooms for the Future Grant program.

Res. 6 This is a separate vote.

Res. 7 Pearson's 2008 Spring Users' Conference "Taking Root in Education" in Atlanta, GA, from April 8-12, 2008, funded 100% by Pearson Learning:

Robert McDonald

A-Res. 7

Res. 8 Amends Resolution 9 of the January 30, 2008 Curriculum and Technology Board Agenda to (changes in bold type): Success for All Foundation Experienced Sites Conference in Baltimore MD from April 15-18, 2008 will be funded through Success for All and Title 1:

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| Lisa Ayala | Cynthia Ann LaSota |
| Kathleen Blaum | Robin Laysears-Smith |
| Joel Brigel | Tara Levanti |
| Barbara Chambers | Lisa Ann Meredith |
| Jennifer Dean | Jennifer Murray |
| Kim Ann. N. Epler | Debbie Stairiker |
| Tamara Himmelberger | Michelle Wiley |
| Lisa Comly (replaced Jennifer Dean) | |
| Leo Hanley | |
| Lisa Reber | |

A-Res. 8

Res. 9 Approves a textbook adoption for the RHS U.S. History curriculum entitled UNITED STATES HISTORY MODERN AMERICA, at a cost of \$100,000.00, funded through the 2008-09 General fund budget.

A-Res. 9

Res. 10 Authorizes the Administration to provide \$16,400.00 for programs to encourage RHS students to score higher grades on PSSA tests.

Res. 11 Thinking for Intelligence Conference, "Thinking Deeply About Mathematics," Albany, NY, March 28-30, 2008, funded 100% through Math Study Group funds:

William Tobin

A-Res. 11

Res. 12 Authorizes the Administration to make arrangements to have the 2008-09 Reading School District Art Show at the Reading Public Museum and Art Gallery.

**VOTE ON CURRICULUM AND TECHNOLOGY
RESOLUTIONS 1-5 AND 7-12:
9 YEAS; 0 NAYS**

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| YEAS: | Ms. Wertz | Mr. Breton |
| | Mr. Cinfici | Mr. Cooper |
| | Mr. Santoro | Mr. Stamm |
| | Mr. Storch | Ms. Stroman |
| | Mrs. McCree, President | |

**CURRICULUM AND TECHNOLOGY RESOLUTIONS 1-5 AND 7-12
WERE APPROVED.**

The Curriculum and Technology Committee presented resolution 6 for consideration. The motion was made by Mr. Storch, and this was seconded by Mr. Breton.

Res. 6 Northeast Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages in New York City, NY from March 27-28, 2008, 100% funded by Title III:

Carolina Perez Kristel L. Riegel-Martinez

A-Res. 6

**VOTE ON CURRICULUM AND TECHNOLOGY
RESOLUTION 6:
2 YEAS; 7 NAYS**

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

**CURRICULUM AND TECHNOLOGY
RESOLUTION 6
WAS NOT APPROVED.**

Finance and Legal

The Finance and Legal Committee presented a total of 20 resolutions for consideration. Resolutions 1-6 and 8-17 were voted on together. The motion was made by Mr. Santoro, and this was seconded by Ms. Wertz.

Approval of bills/financial reports:

- Res. 1 Approves/ratifies the bill list for the General Fund for the month of February 2008 in the amount of \$5,840,353.25, as attached. **A-Res. 1**
- Res. 2 Approves/ratifies the bill list for Trust and Agency for the month of February 2008 in the amount of \$29,683.18, as attached. **A-Res. 2**
- Res. 3 Approves the bill list for the 2003 G.O. Bond Fund for the month of March 2008 in the amount of \$362,447.04, as attached. **A-Res. 3**
- Res. 4 Approves the 2003 Bond Fund Financial Report as of February 29, 2008. **A-Res. 4**
- Res. 5 Approves the bill list for the 2005 G.O. Bond Fund for the month of March 2008 in the amount \$2,749,483.75 as attached. **A-Res. 5**
- Res. 6 Approves the 2005 Bond Fund Financial Report as of February 29, 2008, as attached. **A-Res. 6**
- Res. 7 Approves Treasurer's Report for the period ending February 29, 2008, as attached.
This item was pulled at Committee-of-the Whole. February and March Reports will be available at the April Committee Meeting.
- Res. 8 Accepts Investment Report as of February 29, 2008, as attached. **A-Res. 8**
- Res. 9 Approves budget transfers in the amount of \$41,115.25, as attached. **A-Res. 9**

Approval of Athletic Items:

- Res. 10 Approves the Athletic Budget Report for the period ending February 29, 2008, as attached. **A-Res. 10**
- Res. 11 Approves the Trust and Agency Bank Reconciliation for the month of February 2008, as attached. **A-Res. 11**
- Res. 12 Approves the Officials Fund Bank Reconciliation for the month of February 2008, as attached. **A-Res. 12**

Approval of Food Service Items:

- Res. 13 Approves/ratifies the February 2008 check register in the amount of \$1,123,932.61, as attached. **A-Res. 13**
- Res. 14 Approves the Food Services Financial Report for January 2008, as attached. **A-Res. 14**
- Res. 15 Approves Food Services Incomes/Expenditures Report for the month ending January 31, 2008, as attached. **A-Res. 15**

Approval of School Real Estate Tax Refunds:

- Res. 16 Approves the refund of school real estate taxes as a result of overpayments to the Reading School District in the amount of \$2,804.03, as attached. **A-Res. 16**
- Res. 17 Approves the refund of school real estate taxes as a result of assessment reduction to the Reading School District in the amount of \$2,419.38, as attached. **A-Res. 17**

**VOTE ON FINANCE AND LEGAL
RESOLUTIONS 1-6 AND 8-17:
9 YEAS; 0 NAYS**

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

**FINANCE AND LEGAL RESOLUTIONS 1-6 AND 8-17
WERE APPROVED.**

The Finance and Legal Committee presented resolution 18, the BCIU Budget, for consideration. The board voted on this resolution twice - the board vote, and the individual vote. Mr. Santoro made a motion to consider resolution 18 - the board vote, and this was seconded by Ms. Wertz.

- Res. 18 Approves the 2008-09 Berks County Intermediate Unit Budget. The Reading School District's contribution is \$46,872.02. **A-Res. 16**

**VOTE ON FINANCE AND LEGAL
RESOLUTION 18 - BOARD VOTE:
7 YEAS; 2 NAYS**

YEAS: Mr. Santoro Mr. Stamm
Mr. Storch Ms. Stroman
Ms. Wertz Mr. Breton
Mrs. McCree, President

NAYS: Mr. Cinfici Mr. Cooper

The board now took the individual votes for resolution 18, the BCIU Budget. The vote was 7 yeas; 2 nays.

YEAS: Mr. Stamm Mr. Storch
Ms. Stroman Ms. Wertz
Mr. Breton Mr. Santoro
Mrs. McCree, President

NAYS: Mr. Cinfici Mr. Cooper

**FINANCE AND LEGAL RESOLUTION 18
WAS APPROVED.**

The Finance and Legal Committee presented resolution 19 for consideration. The motion was made by Mr. Cinfici, and this was seconded by Mr. Santoro.

Res. 19 Authorizes the County of Berks to collect 2007 and prior delinquent school taxes, subject to receipt of accounting summary for the period April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009.

**VOTE ON FINANCE AND LEGAL RESOLUTION 19:
9 YEAS; 0 NAYS**

YEAS: Mr. Cooper Mr. Santoro
Mr. Stamm Mr. Storch
Ms. Stroman Ms. Wertz
Mr. Breton Mr. Cinfici
Mrs. McCree

**FINANCE AND LEGAL RESOLUTION 19
WAS APPROVED.**

The Finance and Legal Committee presented resolution 20 for consideration. The motion was made by Mr. Santoro, and this was seconded by Ms. Stroman.

Res. 20 Authorizes submission of PlanCon Part H for the Citadel Project.

A-Res. 20

**VOTE ON FINANCE AND LEGAL RESOLUTION 20:
8 YEAS; 1 NAY**

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

NAYS: Mr. Storch

**FINANCE AND LEGAL RESOLUTION 20
WAS APPROVED.**

Facilities and Security

The Facilities and Security Committee presented a total of 12 resolutions this month. Resolutions 1-4 were voted on together. The motion was made by Mr. Cooper, and this was seconded by Ms. Wertz.

Res. 1 Approves Change Order for **Contract C100, Approval Letter C100-39, Change Order Number C-03**, to Drum Construction Company in the amount of \$8,259.00, for additional concrete removal. **Citadel Project** **A-Res. 1**

Res. 2 Approves Change Order for **Contract C200, Approval Letter C200-44, Change Order Number 03**, to Perrotto Builders, LTD., in the amount of \$11,837.53, for repairs to Building B elevator. **Citadel Project** **A-Res. 2**

Res. 3 Approves Change Order for **Contract C200, Approval Letter C200-45, Change Order Number 04**, to Perrotto Builders, LTD., in the amount of \$2,238.00, for temporary enclosures for the existing chapel. **Citadel Project** **A-Res. 3**

Res. 4 Approves Change Order for **Contract C200, Approval Letter C200-47, Change Order Number 06**, to Perrotto Builders, LTD., in the amount of \$9,638.00, For demolition work at Building A and B intersection. **Citadel Project** **A-Res. 4**

**VOTE ON FACILITIES AND SECURITY
RESOLUTIONS 1-4:
8 YEAS; 1 NAY**

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

NAYS: Mr. Storch

**FACILITIES AND SECURITY RESOLUTIONS 1-4
WERE APPROVED.**

The Facilities and Security Committee presented resolutions 6, 7, and 9-12 for consideration. The motion was made by Mr. Cooper, and this was seconded by Mr. Storch.

Res. 6 Approves Change Order for **Contract M200, Approval Letter M200-040, Change Order Number 05**, to Wohlsen Construction Company, in the amount of \$2,625.00, for adding tapered roof insulation. **Millmont Project**

A-Res. 6

Res. 7 Approves Change Order for **Contract M200, Approval Letter M200-041, Change Order Number 06**, to Wohlsen Construction Company, in the amount of \$5,789.00, to address sink holes as clarified in the attachment. **Millmont Project**

A-Res. 7

Res. 9 Approves Change Order for **Contract M200, Approval Letter M200-043, Change Order Number 08**, to Wohlsen Construction Company, in the amount of \$51,610.00, to revise site civil work in accordance with revised sketches CSK P1 and P2. **Millmont Project**

A-Res. 9

Res. 10 Authorizes Superintendent Dr. Thomas Chapman **and the Facilities Chairperson** to approve and execute, on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Reading School District, change orders to construction contracts in connection with the construction of the Citadel and Millmont Projects; provided, however, that the amount of each such change order shall not exceed \$10,000.00; and further provided that:

1. the form and content of the change orders be satisfactory to the District's special construction counsel, and
2. the approval and execution of such change orders be promptly reported to the Board of Directors.

RES. 11 Authorizes the closing down of Reading High School from Monday, June 9, 2008 through Friday, August 8, 2008, to complete renovations and preparation for the 2008-09 school year.

Res. 12 Authorizes the following renovation projects to be completed at Reading High School during the summer of 2008, at a total cost of \$650,000.00, **plus a \$50,000.00 Contingency Fee, for a total of \$700,000.00** to be taken from the 2003 Bond Fund:

- Ceiling replacement and painting of the Geigle lobby \$20,000
- Installation of a new gymnasium divider curtain \$20,000
- Relining and refinishing of the gymnasium floor \$35,000
- Paint walls and install new stair treads in stairwells \$225,000
- Remove carpeting, asbestos floor material and Installation of new vinyl composition tile \$250,000
- Choral Room, Electronic Music Room and Gown Storage Room HVAC System \$100,000

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| TOTAL RENOVATIONS | \$650,000 |
| Contingency Fee | <u>\$ 50,000</u> |
| Grand Total | \$700,000 |

A-Res. 12

VOTE ON FACILITIES AND SECURITY
RESOLUTIONS 6, 7, AND 9-12:
9 YEAS; 0 NAYS

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| YEAS: | Ms. Wertz | Mr. Breton |
| | Mr. Cinfici | Mr. Cooper |
| | Mr. Santoro | Mr. Stamm |
| | Mr. Storch | Ms. Stroman |
| | Mrs. McCree, President | |

FACILITIES AND SECURITY RESOLUTIONS 6, 7, AND 9-12
WERE APPROVED.

The Facilities and Security Committee presented resolution 5 for consideration. The motion was made by Mr. Storch, and this was seconded by Ms. Stroman.

Res. 5 Approves Change Order for **Contract M200, Approval Letter M200-038, Change Order Number 04**, to Wohlsen Construction Company, in the amount of \$12,336.00, for plumbing chase walls in modular units. **Millmont Project**
A-Res. 5

VOTE ON FACILITIES AND SECURITY RESOLUTION 5:
9 YEAS; 0 NAYS

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| YEAS: | Mr. Breton | Mr. Cinfici |
| | Mr. Cooper | Mr. Santoro |
| | Mr. Stamm | Mr. Storch |
| | Ms. Stroman | Ms. Wertz |
| | Mrs. McCree, President | |

FACILITIES AND SECURITY RESOLUTION 5
WAS APPROVED.

The Facilities and Security Committee presented resolution 8 for consideration. The motion was made by Mr. Storch, and this was seconded by Mr. Breton.

Res. 8 Approves Change Order for **Contract M200, Approval Letter M200-042, Change Order Number 07**, to Wohlsen Construction Company, in the amount of \$7,209.00, for additional studs and DensGlass exterior sheathing on the modular classrooms. **Millmont Project**
A-Res. 8

VOTE ON FACILITIES AND SECURITY RESOLUTION 8:

9 YEAS; 0 NAYS

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| YEAS: | Mr. Cinfici | Mr. Cooper |
| | Mr. Santoro | Mr. Stamm |
| | Mr. Storch | Ms. Stroman |
| | Ms. Wertz | Mr. Breton |
| | Mrs. McCree, President | |

FACILITIES AND SECURITY RESOLUTION 8
WAS APPROVED.

Student Services

The Student Services Committee presented two resolutions this month. The motion was made by Mr. Storch, and this was seconded by Ms. Stroman.

Res. 1 Authorizes the Administration to approve an Agreement between the Reading School District and the Northwestern Human Services of Pennsylvania for the education of school age children with autism residing within the school district at a rate of \$138.89 per day/\$25,000.20 per year for tuition. **A-Res.1**

Res. 2 Authorizes the attendance of Waldo V. Alvarado to attend the American School Counselor’s Association 2008 Annual Conference as a presenter and attendee. Presenter topic: “The Latino Tsunami: Providing Culturally Competent Services.” Conference will be held June 28-July 1, 2008 in Atlanta, Georgia (at a cost not to exceed \$1470.00 general fund). **A-Res.2**

VOTE ON STUDENT SERVICES
RESOLUTIONS 1 AND 2:
9 YEAS; 0 NAYS

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| YEAS: | Mr. Cooper | Mr. Santoro |
| | Mr. Stamm | Mr. Storch |
| | Ms. Stroman | Ms. Wertz |
| | Mr. Breton | Mr. Cinfici |
| | Mrs. McCree, President | |

STUDENT SERVICES RESOLUTIONS 1 AND 2
WERE APPROVED.

Community Relations and Policy

The Community Relations and Policy Committee presented a total of four resolutions this month. The motion was made by Mr. Cooper, and this was seconded by Mr. Storch.

Res. 1 Approves the second reading of the 2008-09 Reading School District calendar. **A-Res. 1**

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| Res. 2 | Approves the first reading of new policy - Whistleblower. | A-Res. 2 |
| Res. 3 | Approves the first reading of new policy - Conflict of Interest. | A-Res. 3 |
| Res. 4 | Approves the first reading of new policy - Antifraud. | A-Res. 4 |

**VOTE ON COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND POLICY
RESOLUTIONS 1-4:
9 YEAS; 0 NAYS**

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| YEAS: | Mr. Santoro Mr. Storch Ms. Wertz Mr. Cinfici Mrs. McCree, President | Mr. Stamm Ms. Stroman Mr. Breton Mr. Cooper |
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**COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND POLICY
RESOLUTIONS 1-4
WERE APPROVED.**

Extracurricular Activities

The Extracurricular Activities Committee presented a total of five resolutions for consideration. The motion was made by Mr. Cooper, and this was seconded by Mr. Cinfici.

Res. 1 Ratifies the Spring game worker changes/additions for the 2007/2008 school year:

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| HS Boys Baseball Ticket/Taker Seller | Rick Stafford replaces TBA | 10 games @ \$20=\$200.00 |
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| HS Boys Volleyball Ticket/Taker Seller | Sandy Zambito replaces TBA | 11 games @ \$20=\$220.00 |
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| HS Girls Soccer Ticket/Taker Seller | Marybeth Jenkins replaces TBA | 7 games @ \$20=\$140.00 |
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Res. 2 Approves the Spring game worker addition for the 2007-2008 school year:

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| HS Girls Softball Scoreboard Operator | Paige Sechler | 19 games @ \$20=\$380.00 |
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Res. 3 Ratifies the Spring Coaching position changes/additions for the 2007-2008 school year:

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| HS Spring Soccer/ Asst. Coach | Courtney Barth replaces TBA | \$3,328.00 |
| Boys' Assistant Tennis Coach | Larry Zerbe | Auxiliary volunteer |
| Boy's Assistant High School Baseball Coach | Eric Storch | Auxiliary volunteer |

Res. 4 Authorizes the purchase of additional middle school track uniforms at a cost not to exceed \$4,000.00, to be paid from the 2008-09 General Fund budget.

Res.5 Authorizes transportation for the middle school boys volleyball club at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.00, to be paid from the 2008-09 General Fund budget.

**VOTE ON EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
RESOLUTIONS 1-5:
9 YEAS; 0 NAYS**

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| YEAS: | Mr. Stamm | Mr. Storch |
| | Ms. Stroman | Ms. Wertz |
| | Mr. Breton | Mr. Cinfici |
| | Mr. Cooper | Mr. Santoro |
| | Mrs. McCree, President | |

**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES RESOLUTIONS 1-5
WERE APPROVED.**

General Resolutions

There were four General Resolutions this month. Ms. Stroman made a motion to consider resolution 1, and this was seconded by Ms. Wertz.

Res. 1 WHEREAS, a Committee of the Board of Directors of the Reading School District held a hearing on Thursday, February 21, 2008 at 9:00 A.M. at the recommendation of the school administration for the expulsion of a Gateway school student; and

WHEREAS, after hearing thereon, the Committee has reached a decision and recommendation on the requested expulsion.

NOW THEREFORE, be it Resolved that Student No. 116410 is expelled from the Reading School District for the remainder of the 2007-08 school year subject to review by administration of Student's academic progress and discipline at alternative education; preparing and delivering a letter to Principal Murray at the

Gateway School as to what student has learned from this disciplinary procedure and participating in intervention counseling for possible readmission to the Gateway School for the start of the fourth marking period of the 2007-08 school year.

A copy of the findings of fact and conclusions are adopted by the Board of Directors but shall be confidential unless the student appeals this expulsion at which time the findings and conclusions shall be filed with the Court.

**VOTE ON GENERAL RESOLUTION 1:
9 YEAS; 0 NAYS**

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| YEAS: | Mr. Storch | Ms. Stroman |
| | Ms. Wertz | Mr. Breton |
| | Mr. Cinfici | Mr. Cooper |
| | Mr. Santoro | Mr. Stamm |
| | Mrs. McCree, President | |

**GENERAL RESOLUTION 1
WAS APPROVED.**

Ms. Wertz made a motion to consider General Resolution 2, and this was seconded by Mr. Storch.

Res. 2 WHEREAS, a Committee of the Board of Directors of the Reading School District held a hearing on Thursday, February 21, 2008 at 9:45 A.M. at the recommendation of the school administration for the expulsion of a middle school student; and

WHEREAS, after hearing thereon, the Committee has reached a decision and recommendation on the requested expulsion.

NOW THEREFORE, be it Resolved that Student No. 125802 is expelled from the Reading School District for the remainder of the 2007-08 school year and the first semester of the 2008-09 school year.

A copy of the findings of fact and conclusions are adopted by the Board of Directors but shall be confidential unless the student appeals this expulsion at which time the findings and conclusions shall be filed with the Court.

**VOTE ON GENERAL RESOLUTION 2:
9 YEAS; 0 NAYS**

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| YEAS: | Ms. Stroman | Ms. Wertz |
| | Mr. Breton | Mr. Cinfici |
| | Mr. Cooper | Mr. Santoro |
| | Mr. Stamm | Mr. Storch |
| | Mrs. McCree, President | |

**GENERAL RESOLUTION 2
WAS APPROVED.**

Mr. Storch made a motion to consider General Resolution 3, and this was seconded by Ms. Wertz.

Res. 3

WHEREAS, a Committee of the Board of Directors of the Reading School District held a hearing on Thursday, February 21, 2008 at 11:15 A.M. at the recommendation of the school administration for the expulsion of a high school student; and

WHEREAS, after hearing thereon, the Committee has reached a decision and recommendation on the requested expulsion.

NOW THEREFORE, be it Resolved that Student No. 023751 is expelled from the Reading School District for the remainder of the 2007-08 school year and the first semester of the 2008-09 school year; however Student may return to Reading Senior High School for the start of the fourth marking period of the 2007-08 school year conditioned upon Student being involved in intervention counseling and continuing with intervention counseling until released.

Any act of defiance or violation of school rules by Student No. 023751 shall result in Student serving out the entire expulsion.

A copy of the findings of fact and conclusions are adopted by the Board of Directors but shall be confidential unless the student appeals this expulsion at which time the findings and conclusions shall be filed with the Court.

**VOTE ON GENERAL RESOLUTION 3:
9 YEAS; 0 NAYS**

YEAS:

**Ms. Wertz
Mr. Cinfici
Mr. Santoro
Mr. Storch
Mrs. McCree, President**

**Mr. Breton
Mr. Cooper
Mr. Stamm
Ms. Stroman**

**GENERAL RESOLUTION 3
WAS APPROVED.**

Mr. Storch made a motion to consider General Resolution 4, and this was seconded by Ms. Wertz.

Res. 4

WHEREAS, a Committee of the Board of Directors of the Reading School District held a hearing on Thursday, February 21, 2008 at 10:30 A.M. at the recommendation of the school administration for the expulsion of a middle school student; and

WHEREAS, after hearing thereon, the Committee has reached a decision and recommendation on the requested expulsion.

NOW THEREFORE, be it Resolved that Student No. 100856 is expelled from the Reading School District for the remainder of the 2007-08 school year subject to review by Administration at the end of the 2007-08 school year for the Student's grades, attendance, discipline and participation in intervention counseling in alternative education for possible reinstatement for the start of the 2008-09 school year.

A copy of the findings of fact and conclusions are adopted by the Board of Directors but shall be confidential unless the student appeals this expulsion at which time the findings and conclusions shall be filed with the Court.

VOTE ON GENERAL RESOLUTION 4:
9 YEAS; 0 NAYS

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| YEAS: | Mr. Breton | Mr. Cinfici |
| | Mr. Cooper | Mr. Santoro |
| | Mr. Stamm | Mr. Storch |
| | Ms. Stroman | Ms. Wertz |
| | Mrs. McCree, President | |

GENERAL RESOLUTION 4
WAS APPROVED.

Mr. Santoro made a motion to adjourn, and this was seconded by Mr. Cooper. The meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

These are the Official Proceedings of the Reading School District Board of Directors Regular Meeting held on March 19, 2008.

President of the Board *Date*

Secretary of the Board *Date*

