Reading School District BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Regular Board Meeting March 23, 2011

Minutes of the Reading School District Board of Directors Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, March 23, 2011, 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 Ms. Stroman, president.

Board Members Present:

Mr. Breton Mrs. McCree
Mr. Santoro Mr. Stamm

Mr. Storch Mrs. Torres-Figueroa Mr. Washington Ms. Stroman, President

Administrators Present:

Frank Vecchio, Acting Superintendent Joel Brigel, Director of Human Resources Linda A. Greth, Secretary of the Board Eric Turman, Director of Elementary Education Rose Merrell-James, Director of Student Services John Steffy, Director of Business Affairs Barry Suski, Director of Construction

Presentation: Poetry Out Loud students and staff

Minutes

Mr. Storch made a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 26, 2011 and February 23, 2011 regular meetings, and the March 2, 2011 and March 9, 2011 special meetings, and this was seconded by Mr. Breton. The Minutes were approved unanimously.

Human Resources - Educational Personnel

The Human Resources Committee presented Resolutions EP-111 – 145 for consideration. The board voted on EP-111 separately. The motion was made by Mrs. McCree, and this was seconded by Mr. Storch.

Administrative Appointments

EP-111 That Jason L. Robinson be approved for a transfer from (RSAA) Principal at Excel to (RSAA) Vice Principal at Northwest Middle School, effective January 31, 2011. Salary will remain the same. **Ratification**

T. Webb promotion

VOTE ON EP-111: 7 YEAS; 1 NAY

YEAS: Mr. Breton Mrs. McCree Mr. Santoro Mr. Stamm

Mr. Storch Mrs. Torres-Figueroa

Mr. Washington

NAYS: Ms. Stroman, President

RESOLUTION EP-111 WAS APPROVED.

The Human Resources Committee presented Resolutions EP-112 – 119 for consideration. The motion was made by Mr. Storch, and this was seconded by Mrs. Torres-Figueroa.

Instructional Appointments

EP-112 That Christina E. Braun be appointed as a long-term substitute, Special Education Teacher at Southern Middle School effective March 14, 2011 through the end of the day June 13, 2011, at a salary of \$39,000.00 prorated, TB1 of the 2010-2011 salary scale. **Ratification**

N. Lavia leave

EP-113 That Andrea L. Cusimano be appointed as a long-term substitute, Kindergarten Teacher at 16th & Haak Elementary School, effective March 23, 2011 through the end of the day June 13, 2011, at a salary of \$40,000.00 prorated, TB2 of the 2010-2011 salary scale. **Ratification**C. Hettinger-Lasota leave

EP-114 That Brandi L. Fick be appointed as a long-term substitute, Elementary Teacher – Grade 1 at Northwest Elementary School, effective March 24, 2011 through the end of the day June 13, 2011, at a salary of \$39,000.00 prorated, TB1 of the 2010-2011 salary scale.

M. Reber leave

EP-115 That Jessica L. Heintzman be approved for a change of status from PT EAP Tutor at 10th & Green Elementary School to long-term substitute, Kindergarten Teacher at 10th & Penn Elementary School, effective February 23, 2011 through the end of the day May 5, 2011, at a salary of \$39,000.00 prorated, TB1 of the 2010-2011 salary scale. **Ratification**

A. Brossman leave

EP-116 That Kelly L. McCool be appointed as a long-term substitute, Elementary Teacher – Grade 5 at 16th & Haak Elementary School, effective March 23, 2011 through the end of the day June 13, 2011, at a salary of \$39,000.00 prorated, TB1 of the 2010-2011 salary scale. **Ratification**

D. Symonds resignation

EP-117 That the Board of Directors amends Resolution EP-298 of the June 28, 2010 Human Resources agenda which read:

That Tammy D. Spaid be appointed as a long-term substitute, Elementary Teacher – Grade 1 & 2 at Glenside Elementary School, **effective December 22, 2010 through the end of the day May 27, 2011**, at a salary of \$40,000.00 prorated, TB2 of the 2010-2011 salary scale.

EP-118 That the Board of Directors amends Resolution EP-630 of the November 23, 2010 Human Resources agenda which read:

That Christine M. Weingrad be appointed as a long-term substitute, English Teacher at Reading Intermediate High School, **effective August 26, 2010 through the end of the day April 29, 2011**, at a salary of \$40,000.00 prorated, TB2 of the 2010-2011 salary scale.

EP-119 That the Board of Directors amends Resolution EP-628 of the November 23, 2010 Human Resources agenda which read:

That Katie E. Witsoe be appointed as a long-term substitute, Elementary Teacher – Grade 6 at the Gateway School for Performing Arts, **effective November 24, 2010 through the end of the day June 13, 2011**, at a salary of \$41,000.00 prorated, TB3 of the 2010-2011 salary scale.

VOTE ON RESOLUTIONS EP-112 - 119: 8 YEAS; 0 NAYS

YEAS: Mrs. McCree Mr. Santoro Mr. Stamm Mr. Storch

Mrs. Torres-Figueroa Mr. Washington

Mr. Breton Ms. Stroman, President

RESOLUTIONS EP-112 - 119 WERE APPROVED.

The Human Resources Committee presented Resolutions EP-120 – 145 for consideration. The motion was made by Mr. Breton, and this was seconded by Mr. Storch.

Instructional Resignation/Terminations/Retirements

EP-120 That the retirement/resignation of Debra A. Royles, Elementary Teacher – Grade 2 at 16th & Haak Elementary School be accepted effective at the end of the day June 13, 2011.

EP-121 That the retirement/resignation of Patricia M. Strunk, Elementary Teacher – Grade 2 at 16th & Haak Elementary School be accepted effective at the end of the day June 13, 2011.

EP-122 That the resignation of Douglas M. Symonds, Elementary Teacher – Grade 5 at 16th & Haak Elementary School be accepted effective at the end of the day March 25, 2011. Not holding 60 days.

Instructional Leaves of Absence Requests

EP-123 That a child rearing leave of absence be granted for Bonnie L. Fox, Librarian at Riverside Elementary School, effective September 24, 2011 through the end of the day November 28, 2011. **EP-124** That a child rearing leave of absence be granted for Stephanie Gilmer, Elementary Teacher – Grade 3 at 12th & Marion Elementary School, effective June 17, 2011 through the end of the day December 20, 2011.

EP-125 That a disability leave of absence be granted for Katie Herbein, Elementary Teacher – Grade 1 at 10th & Penn Elementary School, effective March 15, 2011 through the end of the day April 22, 2011.

EP-126 That a child rearing leave of absence be granted for Jessica M. Ortiz, Kindergarten Teacher at Glenside Elementary School, effective June 21, 2011 through the end of the day December 21, 2011.

EP-127 That the Board of Directors amends Resolution EP-579 of the October 27, 2010 Human Resources agenda which read:

That the request for a child rearing leave of absence be granted for Amie L. Brossman, Kindergarten Teacher at 10th & Penn Elementary School, **effective February 24, 2011 through the end of the day May 1, 2011.**

EP-128 That the Board of Directors amends Resolution EP-643 of the November 23, 2010 Human Resources agenda which read:

That the request for a child rearing leave of absence be granted for Noelle Cataldi-Fick, Elementary Teacher – Grade 1 at Glenside Elementary School, **effective December 21, 2010 through the end of the day April 3, 2011.**

EP-129 That the Board of Directors amends Resolution EP-83 of the February 23, 2011 Human Resources agenda which read:

That a child rearing leave of absence be granted to Brooke A. Dower, Elementary Teacher – Grade 2 at 13th & Union Elementary School, **effective March 16, 2011 through the end of the day May 25, 2011.**

EP-130 That the Board of Directors amends Resolution EP-85 of the February 23, 2011 Human Resources agenda which read:

That a disability leave of absence be granted to Shelly Kroenig, Special Education Teacher at the Gateway School for Agriculture, Science and Ecology, **effective January 21, 2011 through the end of the day March 18, 2011.**

EP-131 That the Board of Directors amends Resolution EP-35 of the January 31, 2011 Human Resources agenda which read:

That a disability/child rearing leave of absence be granted for Nicole M. Lavia, Special Education Teacher at Southern Middle School, **effective February 28, 2011 through the end of the day May 22, 2011.**

EP-132 That the Board of Directors amends Resolution EP-531 of the September 22, 2010 Human Resources agenda which read:

That a child rearing leave of absence be granted for Mitizene Lindo-Blake, English Teacher at Reading Intermediate High School, **effective February 7, 2011 through the end of the day April 25, 2011.**

EP-133 That the Board of Directors amends Resolution EP-38 of the January 31, 2011 Human Resources agenda which read:

That a child rearing leave of absence be granted to Jessica M. O'Rourke, School Counselor at 16th & Haak Elementary School, **effective March 14, 2011 through the end of the day May 9, 2011.**

Instructional Return from Leaves of Absence

EP-134 That Noelle Cataldi-Fick, Elementary Teacher – Grade 1 at Glenside Elementary School return to duty from a child rearing leave of absence effective April 4, 2011.

EP-135 That Alia A. Emery, Art Teacher at Riverside Elementary School return to duty from a child rearing leave of absence effective May 2, 2011.

EP-136 That Leslie A. Esterly, Special Education/MDS Teacher at Lauer's Park Elementary School return to duty from a child rearing leave of absence effective March 29, 2011.

EP-137 That Shelley Kroenig, Special Education Teacher at the Gateway School for Agriculture, Science and Ecology return to duty from a disability leave of absence effective March 21, 2011.

EP-138 That Mitizene Lindo-Blake, English Teacher at Reading Intermediate High School, return to duty from a child rearing leave of absence effective April 26, 2011.

Other

EP-139 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors awards a Professional Employee Contract to Brenda Cole, employee number 6853, who was hired on March 3, 2008, tenured March 2011, and performed on a satisfactory basis for three years.

EP-140 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors awards a Professional Employee Contract to Megan Binasiewicz, employee number 6852, who was hired on March 3, 2008, tenured March 2011, and performed on a satisfactory basis for three years.

EP-141 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors awards a Professional Employee Contract to Tammy Janelle, employee number 6666, who was hired on February 25, 2008, tenured March 2011, and performed on a satisfactory basis for three years.

EP-142 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors awards a Professional Employee Contract to Ethan Polczynski, employee number 6851, who was hired on March 3, 2008, tenured March 2011, and performed on a satisfactory basis for three years.

EP-143 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors approves the creation of one RSSSA 260 day Tax Department Supervisor position.

FIN-51A - APPROVED 2/23/11

EP-144 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors approves the creation of one RSSA 260 day Assistant Tax Department Supervisor position.

FIN-51A - APPROVED 2/23/11

EP-145 BE IT RESOLVED that the Solicitor for the Reading School District is hereby authorized to file the appropriate petition(s) with The Court of Common Pleas of Berks County, Pennsylvania, pursuant to 24 P.S. 7-778, to designate Russell DelRosario and Scott Anuszewski as School Police Officers, with the authority to issue summary citations and to detain students until the arrival of local law enforcement. This Resolution does not authorized these officers to act under 24 P.S 7-778(c)(2) nor does it authorize them to carry firearms while performing their duties.

A-EP-145

VOTE ON EP-120 - 145: 8 YEAS; 0 NAYS

YEAS: Mr. Santoro Mr. Stamm

Mr. Storch Mrs. Torres-Figueroa

Mr. Washington Mr. Breton

Mrs. McCree Ms. Stroman, President

RESOLUTIONS EP-120 - 145 WERE APPROVED.

Human Resources - Support Staff Personnel

The Human Resources Committee presented resolutions SSP-95 – 121 for consideration. Resolutions SSP-95 – 117 were voted on together. The motion was made by Mr. Storch, and this was seconded by Mr. Breton.

Appointments

SSP-95 That Matthew R. Bailey be appointed as a full-time Special Education Assistant, One-on-One, at Reading Intermediate High School, effective March 28, 2011 at an hourly rate of \$9.80.

Newly Created - Board Approved 2/23/11 SSP-94

SSP-96 That Michael T. Cahn be appointed as a full-time OHI Assistant, One-on-One at Northeast Middle School, effective March 28, 2011 at an hourly rate of \$9.80.

Newly Created – Board Approved 1/26/11 SSP-68

SSP-97 That Alexis C. Campbell be appointed as a full-time AS Assistant, One-on-One at Tyson Schoener Elementary School, effective March 28, 2011 at an hourly rate of \$9.80.

P. Fontanez transfer

SSP-98 That Marybeth Jenkins be appointed as a part-time (720 hours) Lunch Aide at 13th & Green Elementary School, effective March 28, 2011, at an hourly rate of \$8.25.

N. DeJesus transfer

SSP-99 That Amber R. Miller be appointed as a full-time LS Assistant, One-on-One, at 10th & Penn Elementary School, effective March 28, 2011, at an hourly rate of \$9.80.

E. Spengler transfer

Resignations/Terminations/Retirements

SSP-100 That the resignation of Tiffany L. Altamirano, full-time ES Assistant at 10th & Green Elementary School, be accepted effective at the end of the day March 16, 2011.

SSP-101 That the resignation of Egris E. Batista, full-time ELA Assistant at Glenside Elementary School, be accepted effective at the end of the day March 29, 2011.

SSP-102 That the resignation of Chavonna Cooper, full-time 10-month Security Guard at Northwest Elementary School be accepted effective at the end of the day March 15, 2011.

SSP-103 That the resignation of Junias Dorestan, part-time Lunch Aide at Riverside Elementary School, be accepted effective at the end of the day March 7, 2011.

SSP-104 That the resignation of Urceline Halsey, part-time Lunch Aide at Riverside Elementary School, be accepted effective March 2, 2011.

SSP-105 That the resignation of Nelis Jendrus, part-time Lunch Aide at Tyson Schoener Elementary School, be accepted effective at the end of the day March 3, 2011.

SSP-106 That the resignation of Diliaelyz Norat, part-time Lunch Aide at St. Joseph Cottage, be accepted effective at the end of the day March 3, 2011.

- SSP-107 That the resignation of Cynthia Ortiz-Ramos, part-time Lunch Aide at the Gateway School for International Business and World Language, be accepted effective at the end of the day February 17, 2011.
- SSP-108 That the resignation of Alice Price, part-time Lunch Aide at 13th & Union Elementary School, be accepted effective at the end of the day February 17, 2011.
- SSP-109 That the resignation of Carmen Ruiz, full-time Guidance Clerk 3 at Reading Intermediate High School, be accepted effective at the end of the day April 1, 2011.
- SSP-110 That the retirement/resignation of Stephen T. Szajek, full-time Outside Maintenance at Reading High School, be accepted effective at the end of the day July 8, 2011.
- SSP-111 That the resignation of Rochelle E. Ulrich, full-time LS Assistant at Riverside Elementary School, be accepted effective at the end of the day March 8, 2011.

Leaves of Absence

- SSP-112 That the request for a disability leave of absence be granted for Isabel M. Carrero, ELA Assistant at Northwest Middle School, effective February 16, 2011 through the end of the day February 16, 2012.
- SSP-113 That the request for a family medical leave of absence, on an as needed basis, be granted for Alicia D. McCracken, HR Floater Clerk 1, District Wide, effective March 24, 2011.
- SSP-114 That the request for a disability leave of absence be granted for Bambi Swartzel, Food Service Worker at Reading High School, effective March 10, 2011 through the end of the day June 30, 2011.
- SSP-115 That the Board of Directors amends Resolution SSP-39 of the January 31, 2011 Human Resources agenda which read:

That a disability / child rearing leave of absence be granted for Aisha L. Adams, Guidance Clerk at the Gateway School for Performing Arts and the Gateway School for Agriculture, Science & Ecology, effective March 7, 2011 through the end of the day September 17, 2011.

SSP-116 That the Board of Directors amends Resolution SSP-341 of the September 22, 2010 Human Resources agenda which read:

That the request for a disability/child rearing leave of absence be granted for Erika Tarnoski, 12-month Clerk at Reading High School, **effective March 1, 2011 through the end of the day June 14, 2011.**

Return From Leaves of Absence

SSP-117 That Wilmon Giddens, Truck Driver, District Wide, return to duty from a disability leave of absence effective March 14, 2011.

VOTE ON SSP RESOLUTIONS AS LISTED: 8 YEAS; 0 NAYS

YEAS: Mr. Stamm Mr. Storch

Mrs. Torres-Figueroa Mr. Washington
Mr. Breton Mrs. McCree

Mr. Santoro Ms. Stroman, President

THE SSP RESOLUTIONS AS LISTED WERE APPROVED.

Mr. Storch made a motion to consider Resolutions SSP-118 – 121, and this was seconded by Mr. Breton.

Other

SSP-118 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors approves the elimination of on MDS Assistant, One-on-One position at Northwest Middle School. Per student's IEP.

SSP-119 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors approves the elimination of a previously approved one-on-one Para-Educator position, as requested on the November, 2010 Board Agenda, for a special education support student, ID# 126568, at 10th and Penn Elementary School, per student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP) as the child has left the Reading School District. (Account# 10-1200-890-0-00-19-0-0-330)

SSP-120 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors approves the elimination of a previously approved one-on-one Para-Education position, for a special education support student, ID# 102043, at Reading High School, per student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP) as the child has left the Reading School District. (Account# 10-1200-890-0-00-19-0-0-330)

SSP-121 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors approves the elimination of a previously approved one-on-one position, at Northwest Middle School student, ID# 121906,

per student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP) as the student no longer needs related services.

VOTE ON SSP-118 – 121: 8 YEAS; 0 NAYS

YEAS: Mr. Storch Mrs. Torres-Figueroa

Mr. Washington Mr. Breton
Mrs. McCree Mr. Santoro

Mr. Stamm Ms. Stroman, President

RESOLUTIONS SSP-118 – 121 WERE APPROVED.

Curriculum and Technology

The Curriculum and Technology Committee presented Resolutions CUR-39 – 52. All resolutions were voted on together. The motion was made by Mr. Santoro, and this was seconded by Mr. Breton.

CUR-39 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors approves the partnership between the Reading School District and the following University for the purpose of student teaching:

Kutztown University

CUR-39-A

CUR-40 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors approves the partnership between the Reading School District and the following University for the purpose of student teaching:

West Chester University

CUR-40-A

CUR-41 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors authorizes the Administration to renew the Disaster Relocation Agreement between BCIU and the Reading School District to provide temporary shelter at 10th & Penn Elementary School for Early Intervention, Head Start and Pre-K students.

CUR-41-A

CUR-42 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors authorizes the Administration to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement between the United States Marine Corps and the Reading School District, pending review by the Reading School District solicitor.

CUR-42-A

CUR-43 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors approves the submission of the AMAO School Improvement Plan for the ELA Department to the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

CUR-44 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors authorizes the Administration to submit an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for a 2010-11 State School Improvement Grant.

CUR-45 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors authorizes the Administration to submit an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for continuation of the Act 143 Family Literacy program for 2011-12.

CUR-46 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors authorizes the Administration to submit an application for the following school-based grant program: Jenny's Heroes for Community Building.

CUR-47 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors approves a Category 3 field trip to Paris, France, from June 16-23, 2011. Seven RHS students, under the direction of Antia Goodwin and Beatrice Crespo, will attend. The cost is not to exceed \$21,000.00, funded by the Baba Na Kaka International Club and parent contributions.

CUR-47-A

CUR-48 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors approves a Category 2 field trip to the South Mountain YMCA in Wernersville, PA, from May 17-19, 2011, for the purpose of leadership camp. Forty-five JROTC students and six (6) chaperones under the direction of Sgt. Major Wright will attend. Transportation is provided by the United States Marine Corp. There is no cost to the district.

CUR-48-A

CUR-49 BE IT RESOLVED, That the following named personnel be granted permission to be absent from duty, with no deduction in salary, to attend NISL PIL Unit 7 Leadership for

Excellence in Science Conference in New Oxford, PA, from August 8-9, 2011. The cost is not to exceed \$171.40, funded by (General Fund Account # 10-1100-000-1-32-00-00-580).

Janet C. Heilman

CUR-49-A

CUR-50 BE IT RESOLVED, That the following named personnel be granted permission to be absent from duty, with no deduction in salary, to attend Scaling School Improvement Conference in Boca Raton, FL, from April 11-13, 2011. The cost is not to exceed \$181.91, funded by (General Fund Account # 10-2271-000-3-73-00-00-580).

Wanda I. Gonzalez-Crespo Jennifer Murray Eric Turman Cheryl McCann

CUR-50-A

CUR-51 BE IT RESOLVED, That the following named personnel be granted permission to be absent from duty, with no deduction in salary, to attend the Poetry Out Loud National Contest in Washington, D.C., from April 27-29, 2011. Cost to the district will reflect the cost of a substitute teacher.

Geraldine Korenda Paige Sechler Janet King

CUR-51-A

CUR-52 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors approves a Category 1 field trip to the Poetry Out Loud National Contest in Washington, D.C., on April 28, 2011. Forty RHS students and four (4) chaperones, under the direction of Wynton Butler will attend. The cost is not to exceed \$1,454.25, funded by (General Fund Account #10-2120-000-0-81-46-0-0-580).

CUR-52-A

VOTE ON CUR-39 – 52: 8 YEAS; 0 NAYS

YEAS: Mrs. Torres-Figueroa Mr. Washington

Mr. Breton Mrs. McCree
Mr. Santoro Mr. Stamm

Mr. Storch Ms. Stroman, President

RESOLUTIONS CUR-39 – 52

WERE APPROVED.

Finance and Legal

The Finance and Legal Committee presented Resolutions FIN-57 - 82. Resolutions 57 - 69 were voted on together. The motion was made by Mr. Breton, and this was seconded by Mr. Washington.

FIN-57 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors approves/ratifies the bill list of payments for the General Fund for the month of January 2011 in the amount of \$3,986,477.33, as attached.

FIN-57A

FIN-58 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors approves/ratifies the bill list for the Cafeteria Fund for the month of January 2011 in the amount of \$358,750.56, as attached.

FIN-58A

FIN-59 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors approves/ratifies the bill list for the Trust & Agency Fund for the month of January 2011 in the amount of \$24,161.52, as attached.

FIN-59A

FIN-60 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors ratifies the bill list for the 2001 G.O. Bond Fund for the month of March 2011 in the amount of \$8,273.30, as attached.

FIN-60A

FIN-61 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors approves the 2001 Bond Fund Financial Report as of January 31, 2011.

FIN-61A

FIN-62 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors ratifies the bill list for the 2005 G.O. Bond Fund for the month of March 2011 in the amount \$114,997.58, as attached.

FIN-62A

FIN-63 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors approves the 2005 Bond Fund Financial Report as of January 31, 2011.

FIN-63-A

FIN-64 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors ratifies the bill list for the 2008 G.O. Bond Fund for the month of March 2011 in the amount \$66,674.62, as attached.

FIN-64A

FIN-65 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors approves the 2008 Bond Fund Financial Report as of January 31, 2011.

FIN-65A

FIN-66 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors approves the Treasurer's Report for the period ending January 31, 2011, as attached.

FIN-66A

FIN-67 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors approves the Investment Report as of January 31, 2011, as attached.

FIN-67A

FIN-68 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors accepts the Revenues and Expenditures Status Reports for all District Funds for the month ending January 31, 2011.

FIN-68A

FIN-69 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors approves 2010-2011 budget transfers as attached.

FIN-69A

VOTE ON RESOLUTIONS FIN-57 – 69: 8 YEAS; 0 NAYS

YEAS: Mr. Washington Mr. Breton

Mrs. McCree Mr. Santoro
Mr. Stamm Mr. Storch

Mrs. Torres-Figueroa Ms. Stroman, President

RESOLUTIONS FIN-57 – 69 WERE APPROVED. Mr. Breton made a motion to consider Resolutions FIN-71, 73, 75 AND 76, and this was seconded by Mr. Stamm.

FIN-71 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors approves the refunds of school real estate taxes in the amount of \$8,622.83, as attached.

FIN-71A

FIN-73 BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Directors of the Reading School District appoints Barry Isett & Associates Inc. for engineering services for installation of Somat Pulper at Reading High School Cafeteria at a cost not to exceed \$11,750.00.

FIN-73A

FIN-75 BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Directors of the Reading School District approves submission of PlanCon Part D for the Amanda Stout/Benner's Court Project.

FIN-75A

FIN-76 BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Directors of the Reading School District approves submission of PlanCon Part E for the Amanda Stout/Benner's Court Project.

FIN-76A

VOTE ON FIN-71, 73, 75 AND 76: 8 YEAS; 0 NAYS

YEAS: Mr. Breton Mrs. McCree

Mr. Santoro Mr. Stamm

Mr. Storch Mrs. Torres-Figueroa
Mr. Washington Ms. Stroman, President

THE FINANCE RESOLUTIONS AS LISTED WERE APPRAOVED.

Mr. Storch made a motion to consider Resolutions FIN-78 – 80 AND 82, and this was seconded by Mr. Breton.

FIN-78 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors appoints Rigg Darlington as Insurance Broker for the District at a cost not to exceed \$98,000.00.

FIN-79 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors appoints Barbacane Thornton Co. to perform Auditing Services for the 2009-2010 school year at a cost not to exceed \$37,000.00.

FIN-80 BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Directors of the Reading School District authorizes the Administration to negotiate a lease with Metro PCS for rental space at Northwest Middle School, subject to review and approval of the District Solicitor.

FIN-82 BE IT RESOLVED, that John C. Bradley, Jr., Esquire and Richard L. Guida, Esquire are hereby authorized to retain the services of Coyle Lynch & Co. to act as the School District's appraiser and expert witness in the Carpenter Technology Corporation Assessment Appeals indexed to No. 10-21821 and No. 10-22173 at a cost not exceeding \$55,000 with the City of Reading and the County of Berks being responsible for paying their respective pro rata share, calculated on a millage basis, of the costs of the services of Coyle Lynch & Co.

VOTE ON FIN-78 – 80 AND 82: 8 YEAS; 0 NAYS

YEAS: Mrs. McCree Mr. Santoro

Mr. Stamm Mr. Storch

Mrs. Torres-Figueroa Mr. Washington

Mr. Breton Ms. Stroman, President

RESOLUTIONS FIN-78 – 80 AND 82 WERE APPROVED.

Mr. Santoro made a motion to consider Resolution FIN-70, and this was seconded by Mr. Breton.

FIN-70 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors approves the 2010-2011 ARRA/IDEA budget transfers as attached.

FIN-70A

VOTE ON RESOLUTION FIN-70: 6 YEAS; 2 NAYS

YEAS: Mr. Santoro Mrs. Torres-Figueroa

Mr. Washington Mr. Breton

Mrs. McCree Ms. Stroman, President

NAYS: Mr. Stamm Mr. Storch

RESOLUTION FIN-70 WAS APPROVED.

Mr. Stamm made a motion to consider Resolution FIN-72, and this was seconded by Mr. Breton.

FIN-72 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors authorizes the Administration to place for auction surplus phones and equipment as described on the attached list. The absence of a bid for the purchase of the phones and equipment, as attached hereto, the Administration is authorized to sell for salvage and/or scrap.

FIN-72A

VOTE ON FIN-72: 8 YEAS; 0 NAYS

YEAS: Mr. Stamm Mr. Storch

Mrs. Torres-Figueroa Mr. Washington
Mr. Breton Mr. Santoro

Mrs. McCree Ms. Stroman, President

FIN-74 This Resolution was voted on and approved at Committee of the Whole on Wednesday, March 16, 20011.

Mr. Breton made a motion to consider Resolution FIN-77, and this was seconded by Mr. Santoro.

FIN-77 BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Directors of the Reading School District authorizes the Administration to open five new bank accounts with Fulton Bank as follows:

- (1) Special Revenue Checking
- (2) 2001 Construction Fund Money Market
- (3) 2008 Construction Fund Money Market
- (4) Capital Reserve Money Market
- (5) General Fund Investment Money Market

Corporate resolutions for these accounts are being reviewed, revised and approved by our School District Solicitor.

VOTE ON FIN-77: 6 YEAS; 2 NAYS

YEAS: Mrs. Torres-Figueroa Mr. Washington

Mr. Breton Mrs. McCree

Mr. Santoro Ms. Stroman, President

NAYS: Mr. Storch Mr. Stamm

RESOLUTION FIN-77 WAS APPROVED.

Mr. Washington made a motion to consider Resolution FIN-81, and this was seconded by Mr. Breton.

FIN-81 BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Directors of the Reading School District authorizes the Director of Business Affairs to enter into agreements and or contracts with vendors for lines of credit not to exceed a credit limit of \$10,000.00. This authorization shall remain in full force and effect until further action by the Board of Directors.

VOTE ON FIN-81: 7 YEAS; 1 NAY

YEAS: Mr. Washington Mr. Breton

Mrs. McCree Mr. Santoro

Mr. Stamm Mrs. Torres-Figueroa

Ms. Stroman, President

NAYS: Mr. Storch

RESOLUTION FIN-81 WAS APPROVED.

Student Services

The Student Services Committee presented Resolutions SS-32 – 42. All resolutions were voted on together. The motion was made by Mrs. Torres-Figueroa, and this was seconded by Mr. Breton.

SS-32 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors ratifies the continuation of an Agreement between the Reading School District and KidsPeace Children's Hospital, Inc.., County of Lehigh, Pennsylvania to provide tutorial education services for students listed below, placed in the Acute Partial Hospital Program referred by the parent/guardian. Services will be provided by KidsPeace National Centers, Inc., at the tutorial rate of \$26.00 per hour, five (5) hours per week, at a cost not to exceed **\$4,212.00**. (General Fund Account # 10-1430-000-0-00-00-00-00-0-0-320 and General Fund - Special Education Account # 10-1240-000-0-00-19-0-0-563)

Std ID#	<u>Duration</u>	Cost / Std
115034 (Special Education)	Feb.11, 2011 thru Mar. 1, 2011	\$338.00
114314 (Regular Education)	Feb.16, 2011 thru Feb. 24, 2011	\$182.00
111568 (Regular Education)	Feb.22, 2011 thru Mar. 1, 2011	\$156.00
107976 (Special Education)	Feb.23, 2011 thru Mar. 7, 2011	\$234.00
111617 (Special Education)	Feb.24, 2011 thru June 10, 2011 or earlier	\$1,820.00
122715 (Regular Education	Mar.15, 2011 thru June 10, 2011 or earlier	\$1,482.00
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SS-33 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors ratifies the Agreement between Education Inc. and the Reading School District for educational tutoring services for students, listed below, placed in the Brooke Glen Behavioral Hospital, located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, by his or her parent(s). Services will be provided at the tutorial rate of \$44.00 per hour, 10 hours per week, plus a .33% administration charge per hour, for a cost not to exceed \$2,223.76 (General Fund – Special Education Account # 10-1240-000-0-00-19-0-0563)

Student ID#	<u>Duration</u>	Education & Administrative Cost
111146	Feb. 16, 2011 thru Feb.23, 2011	
(Special Education)	(4 days – 2 hrs per day)	\$468.16
107649	Sept. 26, 2010 thru Oct. 2, 2010	
(Special Education)	(5 days – 2 hrs per day)	\$585.20
028828	Jan. 26, 2011 thru Feb. 2, 2011	
(Special Education)	(5 days – 2 hrs per day)	\$585.20
313049	Mar. 12, 2011 thru Mar. 19, 2011	
(Special Education)	(5 days – 2 hrs per day)	\$585.20
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SS-33-A

SS-34 BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of School Directors approves the Affiliation Agreement between East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania and the Reading School District to provide an educational experience to the University's students in the area of Health Education. The term of this Agreement shall be one year from the date of execution and may not exceed a period of five years. Pending review by the Reading School District Solicitor

SS-34-A

SS-35 Resolution pulled at the Committee-of-the-Whole

SS-36 BE IT RESOLVED, That Board of School Directors amends Resolution SS-14 from the January 26, 2011 Board Meeting Agenda to read as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors approves continuation of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Reading School District and the Food Trust (FT) organization. The Food Trust organization provides nutrition education programs, supports teachers in integrating and documenting nutrition education in their curriculum, and provides information to parents and guardians of students in the program. Current elementary schools involved in the program include: 12th and Marion, Amanda Stout, Northwest Elementary School, Tyson Schoener, Glenside, 13th and Union, Thomas Ford, Riverside, 16th and Haak, 13th and Green, and 10th and Green. Quarterly progress reports will be submitted to the Reading School District for review. Grant supported program for a total of \$457,019.00 (Grant funded by the United States Department of Agriculture).

SS-36-A

SS-37 Resolution pulled at the Committee-of-the-Whole

SS-38 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors ratifies an Agreement for an Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE), at district expense, between Kara Schmidt, School Psychologist and the Reading School District for student, ID# 312011, at a cost not to exceed \$3,400.00. (IDEA Fund)

SS-38-A

SS-39 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors approves an Agreement for an Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE), at district expense, between Association Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired, School Psychologist and the Reading School District for student, ID# 310079, at a cost not to exceed \$450.00. (IDEA Fund)

SS-39-A

SS-40 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors approves an Agreement for an Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE), at district expense, between Dr. Lisa Hain, Certified School Psychologist and the Reading School District for Student, ID# 307290, at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.00. Pending review by the Reading School District Solicitor (IDEA Fund)

SS-40-A

SS-41 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors amends resolution SS-75 on the June 28, 2010 Board Meeting Agenda to read as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the School Board of Directors approves an Independent Contractor Agreement, Billings Bilingual, LLC, to provide English as a Second Language Services (ESL) for written translation of documents for Individual Educational Plans (IEP) and all other documents pertaining to a child's academic needs, at a rate of \$45.00 per hour. Total cost not to exceed \$8,000.00. (ARRA Account # 10-1290-981-0-00-19-5-9-330)

SS-42 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors amends resolution SS-83 on the June 28, 2010 Board Meeting Agenda to read as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors approves an Independent Contractor Agreement, between Karyn L. Cirulli Med- Rdg Specialist/Wilson certified, and the Reading School District, to provide Wilson Reading Instruction for three (3) elementary students and two (2) secondary students, (ID# 305859, 119836, 023134, 100980, 119470) based on their Individual Education Plan (IEP) for 6 weeks, 12 hours per week, at a rate of \$100.00 per hour for a total cost not to exceed \$7,200.00. Pending review of the Reading School District Solicitor (ARRA Account # 10-2271-981-0-00-19-6-0-324)

VOTE ON STUDENT SERVICES RESOLUTIONS AS LISTED: 8 YEAS; 0 NAYS

YEAS: Mr. Washington Mr. Breton

Mrs. McCree Mr. Santoro Mr. Stamm Mr. Storch

Mrs. Torres-Figueroa Ms. Stroman, President

THE STUDENT SERVICES RESOLUTIONS AS LISTED WERE APPROVED.

Community Relations and Policy

The Community Relations and Policy Committee presented Resolutions CRP-4 and 5. They were voted on together. The motion was made by Mr. Breton, and this was seconded by Mr. Washington.

CRP-4 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors approves the second reading of the 2011-2012 Reading School District Calendar.

CRP-4-A

CRP-5 BE IT RESOLVED, that the board of School Directors ratifies board member Harry P. Storch to attend the PSBA Spring Legal Roundup on March 22, 2011 at the BCIU in Reading, PA, at a cost for registration of \$129.00.

CRP-5-A

VOTE ON CRP-4 – 5: 8 YEAS; 0 NAYS

YEAS: Mr. Breton Mrs. McCree

Mr. Santoro Mr. Stamm

Mr. Storch Mrs. Torres-Figueroa
Mr. Washington Ms. Stroman, President

RESOLUTIONS CRP-4 AND 5 WERE APPROVED.

Extracurricular Activities

The Extracurricular Activities Committee presented Resolutions EX-13 – 15 for consideration. Mr. Breton made a motion to consider Resolutions EX-13 and 14, and this was seconded by Mr. Santoro.

EX-13 BE IT RESOLVED, That Resolution 36 adopted by the Board of School Directors on August 25, 2010, listing individuals and compensation for Spring coaching positions extracurricular assignments for the 2010-2011 school year be amended as follows:

Reading High School Boys & Girls Track Asst. Coach

Add	Anthony Greene	\$2,053.00
Remove	TBA	\$2,053.00
Add	Toni Crater	\$2,053.00
Remove	George Bolton	\$2,053.00

Middle School Boys & Girls Track Asst. Coach

Add Matt Heaney (Pending CL.) \$1,080.00 Remove TBA \$1,080.00

EX-14 BE IT RESOLVED, That Resolution 50 adopted by the Board of Directors on September 22, 2010, listing individuals and compensation for the non-athletic extracurricular assignments for the 2010-2011 school year be amended as follows:

Middle School Music District Wide Jazz Band

Add	Andrew Keller	\$700.00
Remove	Dave Himes	\$700.00

Reading Intermediate High School e-Chalk Manager

Add	Elizabeth Ogle	\$500.00
Remove	Waldo Alvarado	\$500.00

Reading Intermediate High School Detention

Add Eric Storch \$300.00

VOTE ON EX-13 AND 14: 8 YEAS; 0 NAYS

YEAS: Mrs. McCree Mr. Santoro

Mr. Stamm Mr. Storch

Mrs. Torres-Figueroa Mr. Washington

Mr. Breton Ms. Stroman, President

RESOLUTIONS EX-13 AND 14 WERE APPROVED.

Resolution EX-15 had to do with a Release from Liability for use of a district facility. Mr. Breton made a motion to table Resolution EX-15, and this was seconded by Mr. Storch. The board voted to table the resolution unanimously.

General Resolutions

The board president introduced Resolutions GEN-17 – 21 for consideration. Each was voted on separately. A motion to consider GEN-17 was made by Mr. Santoro, and this was seconded by Mr. Breton.

GEN-17 WHEREAS, a Committee of the Board of Directors of the Reading School District held an expulsion hearing on Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 1:50 P.M. at the recommendation of the school administration of Gateway School for Agriculture and Science; 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. 128647 be expelled from the Reading School District for the remainder of the 2010-11 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.

GEN-17-A

THE BOARD APPROVED RES. GEN-17 UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Breton made a motion to consider GEN-18, and this was seconded by Mr. Santoro.

GEN-18 WHEREAS, a Committee of the Board of Directors of the Reading School District held an expulsion hearing on Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 2:30 P.M. at the recommendation of the school administration of a Gateway School of Agriculture, Science and Ecology 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. 305198 be expelled from the Reading School District for the remainder of the 2010-11 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.

GEN-18-A

THE BOARD APPROVED RES. GEN-18 UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Santoro made a motion to consider GEN-19, and this was seconded by Mr. Breton.

GEN-19 WHEREAS, a Committee of the Board of Directors of the Reading School District held an expulsion hearing on Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 12:20 P.M. at the recommendation of the school administration of a Reading Senior 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. 101357 be expelled from the Reading School District for the remainder of the 2010-11 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.

GEN-19-A

THE BOARD APPROVED RES. GEN-19 UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Santoro made a motion to consider GEN-20, and this was seconded by Mr. Breton.

GEN-20 WHEREAS, a Committee of the Board of Directors of the Reading School District held an expulsion hearing on Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 1:10 P.M. at the recommendation of the school administration of a Reading Senior 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. 120852 be expelled from the Reading School District until the end of the third marking period of the 2010-11 school year subject to Student being subject to random searches for drugs by administration and subject to no disciplinary problems until the end of the school year. If during search, drugs are found or Student has any disciplinary referrals, he shall be returned to alternative education for the remainder of the year. Student shall also be a speaker at the Northeast Middle School Youth Law Forum on June 2, 2011.

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.

GEN-20-A

THE BOARD APPROVED RES. GEN-20 UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Breton made a motion to consider GEN-21, and this was seconded by Mr. Santoro.

GEN-21 WHEREAS, a Committee of the Board of Directors of the Reading School District held an expulsion hearing on Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 3:00 P.M. at the recommendation of the school administration of a Gateway Agriculture, Science and Ecology 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. 121862 be expelled from the Reading School District for the remainder of the 2010-11 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.

THE BOARD APPROVED RES. GEN-21 UNANIMOUSLY.

At this time, the board went into Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. for personnel issues. The meeting reconvened at 8:25.

At this time, Mr. Santoro made a motion to reconsider Resolution EP-111, and this was seconded by Mrs. McCree. The board voted to reconsider unanimously. Mr. Santoro then made a motion to consider EP-111, and this was seconded by Mr. Breton.

Administrative Appointments

EP-111 That Jason L. Robinson be approved for a transfer from (RSAA) Principal at Excel to (RSAA) Vice Principal at Northwest Middle School, effective January 31, 2011. Salary will remain the same. **Ratification**

T. Webb promotion

VOTE ON EP-111: 6 YEAS; 2 NAYS

YEAS: Mr. Santoro Mr. Stamm

Mrs. Torres-Figueroa Mr. Washington

Mr. Breton Ms. Stroman, President

NAYS: Mr. Storch Mrs. McCree

RESOLUTION EP-111 WAS APPROVED.

General Resolutions

At this time, Mr. Santoro made a motion to consider GEN-22, and this was seconded by Mrs. McCree.

GEN-22 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors appoints Stella I. Leonti to fill the unexpired term on the board of Jaime L. Wertz, until the reorganization of December 2011.

VOTE ON GEN-22: 6 YEAS; 2 NAYS

YEAS: Mr. Storch Mr. Washington

Mr. Breton Mrs. McCree

Mr. Santoro Ms. Stroman, President

NAYS: Mr. Stamm Mrs. Torres-Figueroa

RESOLUTION GEN-22 WAS APPROVED.

Mr. Breton made a motion to adjourn,	, and this was seconded by Mr. Santoro.	The meeting
adjourned at 9:45 p.m.		
These are the Official Proceedings of t	he Reading School District Board of Direc	ctors Regular
Meeting of March 23, 2011.		
Linda A. Greth	Date	
Secretary of the Board		