

**Reading School District
Board of Directors**

**Special Meeting
May 4, 2011**

*Minutes of the Reading School District Board of Directors Special Meeting held on May 4, 2011
in the Reading School District Administration Building, 800 Washington Street, Reading, PA.*

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Ms. Stroman, president.

Board Present:

Mr. Breton

Mr. Santoro

Mr. Storch

Mr. Washington

Mrs. Leonti

Mr. Stamm

Mrs. Torres-Figueroa

Ms. Stroman, President

Board Absent:

Mrs. McCree

Administrators Present:

Frank J. Vecchio, Acting Superintendent

Joel Brigel, Director of Human Resources

Rose Merrell-James, Director of Student Services

Linda A. Greth, Secretary of the Board

John L. Steffy, Director of Business Affairs

The board went into Executive Session at 6:32, and the meeting reconvened at 7:06 p.m.

Public Speaking:

RHS students addressed the board about having graduation at the Sovereign Center.

Finance and Legal

At this time, the board presented Resolution FIN-121. The motion to reconsider having graduation at the Sovereign Center was made by Mr. Storch, and this was seconded by Mr. Santoro. The motion to reconsider was approved unanimously. The Finance and Legal

Committee then introduced Resolution FIN-121. The motion was made by Mr. Santoro, and this was seconded by Mrs. Torres-Figueroa.

FIN-121 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors enters into an Agreement with the Sovereign Center in the amount of \$9,750.00, to hold to hold the RHS graduation ceremonies on June 9, 2011.

**VOTE ON FIN-121:
8 YEAS; 0 NAYS**

YEAS:	Mrs. Leonti	Mr. Santoro
	Mr. Stamm	Mr. Storch
	Mrs. Torres-Figueroa	Mr. Washington
	Mr. Breton	Ms. Stroman, President

**RESOLUTION FIN-121
WAS APPROVED.**

Student Services

The Student Services Committee presented Resolution SS-53. The motion was made by Mr. Santoro, and this was seconded by Mr. Storch.

SS-53 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors authorizes the Reading School District to pay Twenty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$29,750.00) to Jonathan S. Corchnoy, Esquire, for reimbursement of attorney fees, within 30 days of parties' full execution of this Agreement. The Reading School District also agrees to make an initial deposit of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) within 30 days of the parties' full execution of this Agreement, and an additional Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to be deposited in May 2012 into a Third Party Education Trust held by ABC Community Trust of Pennsylvania, for the sole benefit of Student ID 305323. In addition, the Reading School District will provide One Hundred and Seventy-Five (175) hours of compensatory education to the student, through any appropriately licensed and credentialed individuals and/or licensed facilities at a cost not to exceed \$60.00 per hour. Account 10-2350-000-0-01-19-0-1-330.

**VOTE ON SS-53:
8 YEAS; 0 NAYS**

YEAS:	Mr. Santoro	Mr. Stamm
	Mr. Storch	Mrs. Torres-Figueroa
	Mr. Washington	Mr. Breton

Mrs. Leonti

Ms. Stroman, President

**RESOLUTION SS-53
WAS APPROVED.**

The Student Services Committee presented Resolution SS-54 for consideration. The resolution was to eliminate the Lighthouse Program effective June 30, 2011. A motion to table the resolution was made by Mr. Breton, and this was seconded by Mr. Stamm. The resolution to table was approved by a vote of 5 yeas; 3 nays, with Mr. Santoro, Mr. Stamm and Mr. Storch casting the nay votes.

The Student Services Committee presented Resolution SS-55 for consideration. The resolution was to eliminate the GAP Program effective June 30, 2011. A motion to table was made by Mr. Breton, and this was seconded by Mr. Storch. The resolution to table was approved by a vote of 5 yeas; 3 nays, with Mr. Stamm, Mr. Santoro, and Ms. Stroman casting the nay votes.

Human Resources Educational Personnel:

The Human Resources Committee presented Resolution EP-175 for consideration. The motion was made by Mr. Storch, and this was seconded by Mr. Breton.

EP-175 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Deborah H. Kopetsky be approved for transfer from RSAA Principal at 13th and Green Elementary School to REA Elementary Teacher, Grade 3 at Lauer's Park Elementary School, effective August 15, 2011, at a salary of \$83,669.99, TM15 +24 c.i. of the 2011-12 salary scale.

**VOTE ON EP-175:
8 YEAS; 0 NAYS**

YEAS:
Mr. Storch
Mr. Washington
Mrs. Leonti
Mr. Santoro

Mrs. Torres-Figueroa
Mr. Breton
Mr. Stamm
Ms. Stroman, President

**RESOLUTION EP-175
WAS APPROVED.**

The Human Resources Committee presented Resolution EP-176 for consideration. The motion was made by Mr. Storch, and this was seconded by Mrs. Leonti.

EP-176 BE IT RESOLVED, That Kimberly E. Castello-Stutchbury be approved for transfer from RSAA Principal at 10th and Penn Elementary School to REA Elementary Teacher, Grade 2 at 16th and Haak Elementary School, effective August 15, 2011, at a salary of \$74,678.00, TM14 of the 2011-12 salary scale.

**VOTE ON EP-176:
8 YEAS; 0 NAYS**

YEAS:	Mrs. Torres-Figueroa	Mr. Washington
	Mr. Breton	Mrs. Leonti
	Mr. Stamm	Mr. Storch
	Mr. Santoro	Ms. Stroman, President

**RESOLUTION EP-176
WAS APPROVED.**

Curriculum and Technology:

The Curriculum and Technology Committee presented Resolution CUR-61 for consideration. The motion was made by Mr. Storch, and this was seconded by Mr. Stamm.

CUR-61 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors authorizes the Acting Superintendent of Schools to petition the PA Dept. of Education to eliminate the Alternative Education Program effective June 30, 2011.

**VOTE ON CUR-61:
7 YEAS; 1 NAY**

YEAS:	Mr. Washington	Mr. Breton
	Mrs. Leonti	Mr. Santoro
	Mr. Stamm	Mr. Storch
	Ms. Stroman, President	

NAYS: **Mrs. Torres-Figueroa**

**RESOLUTION CUR-61
WAS APPROVED.**

The Curriculum and Technology Committee presented Resolution CUR-62 for consideration. The motion was made by Mr. Washington, and this was seconded by Mr. Stamm.

