Minutes from the Reading School District Board of Directors Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting held in the Administration Building, 800 Washington Street, Reading, PA. Voting occurred at this meeting.

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<th>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</th>
<th>Mr. Cooper, Mr. Heebner, Mrs. McCree, Mr. Storch, Mrs. Torres-Figueroa, Mr. Washington, Ms. Stroman</th>
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<td>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</td>
<td>Mrs. Acosta, Mr. Denbowski</td>
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<td>ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT</td>
<td>Dr. Purcell, Mrs. Gokay, Mr. Peters, Mr. Conn, Mrs. Greth</td>
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<td>FINANCE AND LEGAL REVIEW AND DISCUSSION</td>
<td>The resolutions were reviewed with the board by Mr. Washington.</td>
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Bellairs Appraisal Retainer

Mr. Bradley gave a review of what Mr. Bellairs does each year for the district. The district has retained the services of Mr. Bellairs and receives a total of $12,000 per year for 120 hours of work. If they go over that, they bill the district. Mr. Haring no longer wants to do it. Mr. Bellairs is still doing it at the same retainer. When the district receives the assessment notices, they get them directly. Mr. Bellairs has always been able to go out and do a drive by and a written condition of property. He also attends the hearings. Mr. Bellairs has helped us a great deal with assessment appeals. If the board wants his work log, he can do that.

Mr. Washington shared that all our retainers need to be looked at. He does not know if the work’s being logged. Do we have to retain him for 10 hours a month?

Mr. Bradley shared that we are now in the process of assessment appeals.

Mr. Washington said that he doesn’t know if we can settle this today, but how would it be if he did 8 hours of work instead of
Ms. Stroman asked if the work log is attached to the invoice.

Mr. Bradley shared that he can get that. Also, Mr. Peters has not paid him for July or August.

Mr. Heebner shared that it's been $12,000 for 10 years.

**RFP for Line of Credit Discussion**

FIN-119 - The board asked how many banks received the RFP. Mr. Peters shared that at least a dozen banks received it.

**Discussion regarding utilizing services for business department**

FIN-123-125 - These are resolutions that utilize the services of three individuals to assist in the business department. Mr. Peters said that we can no longer do business the way we have done in the past. These individuals are proven professionals and he has no relationship with them except for the work they are able to do. Mr. Peters provided attachments showing the type of work they do.

Mr. Cooper asked why we did not look locally. Mr. Peters said he did not because he knows what these people will do; because he has worked with them in the past and knows their skill sets. Mr. Cooper then stated – so this is based on your comfort level. Mr. Peters then said that he has a discomfort level as far as what the district's needs are. He is comfortable that these individuals will get us down the road.

Mr. Storch asked if it is advisable to have a forensic audit. He wants to know what happened to the money in the district. Mr. Peters answered that when it reaches that point, he would make recommendations to have it. His comment is that the district is not missing money. Our reports did not reflect correct information and decisions were based on that.

Mrs. McCree shared that in looking at Mr. Manzi, he has experience in technology. Mr. Peters said he has a very strong business background and IT as well.

**Builder's Risk Insurance Comment**

Mr. Peters then went on to let the board know that we must vote on the Builders' Risk resolution - Resolution FIN-126, tonight.

The meeting must be called to order first.
Mr. Storch asked if this would come out of the money that we gave for the job? No, this is not related to the architectural services.

**DVHS Discussion**  
Mr. Storch asked if we had a conference with them yet. He knows we are putting them at Thomas Ford. The rumor is that they will bring in their own custodians. We reinstituted the pre-k classes. Mr. Storch thinks we should take over the alt ed program. He believes that DVHS has been lying and cheating on us. We didn’t get any satisfaction yet.

Dr. Purcell said that Mr. Peters has taken the lead on this; they are doing walkthroughs, and they should be finalized next week. Mr. Peters shared that to date, we are in complete compliance. It is our intent to open the building August 27. They have had early access to the building and toured, identified things to be done, and so steps that are being taken, such as Comcast coming in, Mr. Franco will be doing a walkthrough with DVHS. Photos will be taken of the building and content will be inventoried. We will remove whatever doesn’t belong in there. Food service has been arranged; bus routing as well. There are a few items to be worked out, like who cuts the grass and maintains the building. Can they have signs on and what about students from other districts?

**FACILITIES**  
**AGENDA REVIEW**

The Facilities Resolutions were reviewed with the board by Mr. Washington.

**Kautter and Kelley Update**

Mike Kautter from Kautter and Kelley Architects were on hand. Mrs. Torres-Figueroa and Mrs. McCree toured Amanda Stout on Monday with the city codes officials. The moves at Amanda Stout were done in a timely manner and with no overtime. Thanks to the Teamsters.

**Windsor and Ritter Discussion**

Mrs. McCree asked if we ever completed the cleanup at Windsor and Ritter. Mr. Washington said that Mr. Brubaker stopped the project. Mr. Kostival was the architect. Spotts, Stevens and McCoy for the remediation. We were going to do the minimum cleanup. We voted for that to move forward. Why didn’t we do the work? Mr. Brubaker stopped it as part of the budget process. It was Mrs. McCree’s thought that we HAD to clean it up. Mr. Washington said that we took money
from the bond to deal with the cash flow for 11-12. Mrs. McCree asked when Mr. Washington became aware of this. He said that he knew when they were putting the budget together. Mrs. McCree said that it's disturbing that the action was never carried out. It was long before Mr. Brubaker moved into the position. Mr. Stamm was still on the board. It went for bid during the time of Mr. Miles' administration. Mr. Cooper wondered what we do now. There is a resolution that needs to be carried out. The board responded over a year ago for a job to be done. It was a mandate in order to comply. What is the district's liability since we didn't do what we were supposed to do. Mr. Guida said that it could be $250,000. There is some potential for liability. Mr. Storch said that we were supposed to put gates up, also. Mr. Conn has all the information. Mr. Guida wants to see the DEP mandate.

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<th>District Feasibility Study Discussion</th>
<th>Mr. Kautter brought up the feasibility study and where we go from here. The board decided that the first Wednesday in September will be devoted to the feasibility study.</th>
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<td>Extracurricular Agenda Review</td>
<td>The Extracurricular Resolutions were reviewed with the board by Mr. Heebner.</td>
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<td>Cheerleaders Question</td>
<td>Mr. Heebner had a question about the cheerleaders - do we have a count? Mr. McCloud said that we have about 30.</td>
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<td>Nepotism Policy and Extracurricular Activities</td>
<td>Mrs. McCree had a general question. It came up some years ago. We have a nepotism policy, but it doesn't matter when it comes to extracurricular. When we have a head coach who employs the assistant, etc. The administration needs to take a look at this. The list the board is reviewing tonight is for the upcoming school year.</td>
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<td>Boys and Girls Basketball</td>
<td>Mr. Heebner said that for boys' and girls' basketball, they split the money in the pot so they can have more people.</td>
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<td>School Choice Question</td>
<td>The board then asked the superintendent about the requirement for school choice. Where are we? Dr. Purcell will get information to the board in the Friday packet.</td>
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<td>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER</td>
<td>The meeting was called to order by Ms. Stroman, president. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Roll Call was taken.</td>
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Mr. Cooper, Mr. Heebner, Mrs. McCree, Mr. Storch, Mrs. Torres-Figueroa, Mr. Washington, Ms. Stroman

Board Members Absent
Mrs. Acosta, Mr. Denkowski

Line of Credit Resolution
Upon a motion made by Mr. Storch and seconded by Mrs. Torres-Figueroa, the board considered Resolution FIN-119:

FIN-119 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors authorized the administration, in concert with Concord Public Finance, to secure bids for a line of credit of Revenue Anticipation Notes (RAN) or Tax Anticipation Notes (TAN) not to exceed $12 million for general operating cash flow purposes.

The vote was 7 yeas; 0 nays.

Yeas: Mr. Cooper, Mr. Heebner, Mrs. McCree, Mr. Storch, Mrs. Torres-Figueroa, Mr. Washington, Ms. Stroman

Nays: None. The motion carried.

Builder's Risk Insurance Resolution
Upon a motion made by Mr. Storch and seconded by Mrs. Torres-Figueroa, the board considered Resolution FIN-126:

FIN-126 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors approves the payment of $19,416.00 to the Rigg Darlington Group for Builder’s Risk Insurance for the Amanda Stout Construction Project with payment from the 2008 General Obligation Bond Fund.

The vote was 7 yeas; 0 nays.

Yeas: Mr. Heebner, Mrs. McCree, Mr. Storch, Mrs. Torres-Figueroa, Mr. Washington, Mr. Cooper, Ms. Stroman

Nays: None. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

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Linda A. Greth, Secretary of the Board