

READING SCHOOL DISTRICT

July 11, 2012

Special Meeting July 11, 2012

The special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Reading School District convened at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 800 Washington Street, Reading, PA. Ms. Stroman, president, presided.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE After the Pledge of Allegiance, Ms. Stroman asked for a moment of silence in honor of any member of the Reading School District family who departed since we last met.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT Mr. Cooper, Mr. Denbowski, Mr. Heebner, Mr. Washington, Ms. Stroman

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT Mrs. Acosta, Mrs. McCree, Mr. Storch, Mrs. Torres-Figueroa

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT Dr. Purcell, Mrs. Gokay, Mrs. Greth, Mr. Conn, Mr. Peters

CURRICULUM AND TECHNOLOGY Resolution CUR-87 was introduced. The motion was made by Mr. Heebner, and this was seconded by Mr. Cooper.

Grant Application – PA Partners in the Arts **CUR-87** Ratification of the application to the PA Council on the Arts for a 2012-13 PA Partners in the Arts Project Stream grant in the amount of \$3,000.00.

The vote was 4 yeas; 1 nay.

Yeas: Mr. Cooper, Mr. Denbowski, Mr. Heebner, Ms. Stroman

Nays: Mr. Washington

Due to the fact that there were not 5 affirmative votes, the motion failed. At this time, Mr. Washington made a motion to withdraw his nay vote. The resolution was voted on again, and the vote was 5 yeas; 0 nays. The motion carried.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Washington and seconded by Mr. Cooper, the board considered Resolution CUR-88:

Compensation for Activities

CUR-88 Approval of compensation for activities by professional staff:

Administration Building - Funding Source - General Fund
PSSA Attribution

ADD Paul Droms 54 hours \$27.00/hr. \$1,458.00

The vote was 5 yeas; 0 nays.

Yeas: Mr. Denbowski, Mr. Heebner, Mr. Washington, Mr. Cooper, Ms. Stroman

FINANCE AND LEGAL

Upon a motion made by Mr. Cooper and seconded by Mr. Washington, the board considered Resolution Fin-94.

Independent Contractor Agreement

FIN-94 Engages the services of Linda Greth, independent contractor, to provide assistance in the communications and policy department and general transition support effective July 11, 2012, for a term ending December 31, 2012, not to exceed one hundred twenty per diem days, at the rate of \$250.00 per day, or until a replacement is hired and general transition duties are accomplished.

A discussion ensued with regard to the process the district uses in hiring independent contractors. The question was asked if we have a written policy for hiring an independent contractor - if they need liability insurance; working with children and professional development, etc. We currently do not have a policy.

The vote was 5 yeas; 0 nays.

Yeas: Mr. Heebner, Mr. Washington, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Denbowski, Ms. Stroman

Nays: None. The motion carried.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Cooper and seconded by Mr. Washington, the board considered Resolution FIN-95.

Leader Services Contract Extension

FIN-95 Approval of the extension of the Leader Services SBAP Contract through September 30, 2012, to process access claims for the 2011-12 school year.

The vote was 5 yeas; 0 nays.

Yeas: Mr. Washington, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Denbowski, Mr. Heebner, Ms. Stroman

Nays: None. The motion carried.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Cooper and seconded by Mr. Washington, the board considered Resolution GEN-37.

**Appointment of
Community
Representative to
Reading REC
Commission**

GEN-37 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors appoints Carl Gefken to fill the unexpired term of Marisol Torres as the community representative on the Reading Recreation Commission effective July 11, 2012 through December 31, 2013.

The vote was 5 yeas; 0 nays.

Yeas: Mr. Cooper, Mr. Denbowski, Mr. Heebner, Mr. Washington, Ms. Stroman

Nays: None. The motion carried.

**STUDENT
SERVICES**

Upon a motion made by Mr. Cooper and seconded by Mr. Washington, the board considered Resolution SS-82.

**Payment for Due
Process Hearing
Preparation**

SS-82 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors approves payment to the following School District Staff, at the rate of \$27.00 per hour, for due process hearing preparations for students, as listed:

<u>Student ID#</u>	<u>School District Staff</u>	<u>Prep Date</u>	<u>Due Process Date</u>	<u>Rate</u>
309976	Doris Daughtry	7/25/2012	8/09/ 2012	\$27.00
	Janice Beil			\$27.00
312011	Stacy Leathery	8/1/202	8/13/12, 8/20/ 8/22/12	
\$27.00	David Lombardi			\$27.00
	Kathleen Hannan			\$27.00
	Eileen Rearden			\$27.00
	Elizabeth Bentz			\$27.00
	Stacy Cuddeback			\$27.00
	Gina Colamarino			\$27.00
304664	Tiffani Kinsey	7/29/2012	8/14/2012	\$27.00
	Donna Kase			\$27.00

Kelly Rieck	\$27.00
Meghan King	\$27.00
Traci Tucker	\$27.00
Crystal Rauenzahn	\$27.00
Jane Sprecher	\$27.00

The vote was 5 yeas; 0 nays.

Yeas: Mr. Denbowski, Mr. Heebner, Mr. Washington, Mr. Cooper, Ms. Stroman

Nays: None. The motion carried.

**GENERAL
RESOLUTIONS**

Upon a motion made by Mr. Cooper and seconded by Mr. Washington, the board considered Resolution GEN-38.

**REA - Health
Insurance Coverage
Amendment**

GEN-38 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors amends Resolution Budget-18 from the May 23, 2012 board meeting to read as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, That, in accordance with their collective bargaining agreements, eligible retirees of the Reading Education Association may only purchase medical insurance for themselves and that, **effective August 31, 2012**, eligible retirees will no longer be able to purchase medical insurance for spouse and/or other dependents, **except if eligible under Section 513 of the PA School Code.**

The vote was 5 yeas; 0 nays.

Yeas: Mr. Heebner, Mr. Washington, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Denbowski, Ms. Stroman

Nays: None. The motion carried.

**Health Insurance
Amendment for
Bargaining Units and
Associations**

Upon a motion made by Mr. Cooper and seconded by Mr. Washington, the board considered Resolution GEN-39.

GEN-39 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors amends Resolution Budget-19 from the May 23, 2012 board meeting to read as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Reading School District, **as of August 31, 2012**, will follow the terms of the collective bargaining agreements with AFSCME, Security, Teamsters, RSAA, ND RSSSA, that medical insurance coverage will

no longer be provided to the retirees of the above-stated unions and associations when the retiree and spouse (if the spouse is presently receiving medical insurance coverage) have become Medicare eligible and that, effective **August 31, 2012**, such individuals will no longer be eligible for medical insurance coverage through the Reading School District health insurance plans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That retirees of the Teacher Assistant Union (RESPA) are not eligible under their collective bargaining agreement to purchase medical insurance coverage for themselves and their dependents, and, effective **August 31, 2012**, will no longer be entitled to purchase medical insurance through the Reading School District health insurance plans, **except if eligible under Section 513 of the PA School Code.**

The vote was 5 yeas; 0 nays.

Yeas: Mr. Washington, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Denbowski, Mr. Heebner, Ms. Stroman

Nays: None. The motion carried.

Adjournment

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

*Linda A. Greth
Secretary of the Board*