

READING SCHOOL DISTRICT **January 29, 2013**

Special Committee Meeting
January 29, 2013

The special committee meeting of the Board of School Directors was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mr. Heebner, president. The meeting was held in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 800 Washington Street, Reading, PA.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Heebner asked for a moment of silence.
Board Present	Mrs. Acosta, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Denbowski, Mr. Heebner, Mrs. McCree, Mr. Storch, Ms. Stroman, Mrs. Torres-Figueroa, Mr. Washington
Administrators Present	Dr. Purcell, Ms. Boyd, Mrs. Gokay, Mrs. Greth, Mr. Peters
Charter School Hearing	The Charter School Hearing occurred at this time. A full transcript of this hearing is on file in the Superintendent's Office and the Office of the Board Secretary.
Special Meeting	At the conclusion of the hearing, the board was called to order for a special meeting.
FINANCE AND LEGAL	Upon a motion made by Mrs. Torres-Figueroa and seconded by Mr. Storch, the board considered Resolution FIN-2, which was reintroduced from the January regular meeting.
Accelerated Budget Opt Out Resolution	FIN-2 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors makes the following unconditional certifications: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The school district's various tax levies and other revenue sources will be sufficient to balance the school district's budget for the 2013-14 fiscal year based on maintaining current tax rates or increasing tax rates by an amount less than or equal to the Act 1 index applicable to the school district as calculated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. This conclusion is based on the school district preliminary budget or other information available to the

school board.

2. The applicable index for the 2013-14 fiscal year is 2.8% and the school board will not, for the 2013-14 fiscal year increase the rate of its real estate tax, or any other tax for the support of public education by an amount that exceeds the applicable index.
3. The school board has to date and in the future will comply with the rules set forth in School Code 687 for adoption of the school district proposed and final budgets for the next fiscal year.

DULY ADOPTED By the Board of School Directors on this 29th day of January 2013.

The vote was 8 yeas; 1 nays.

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

Nays: Mr. Washington. The motion carried.

Executive Session

The board went into Executive Session for personnel and potential litigation. The time was 7:46 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Denbowski and seconded by Mrs. Acosta, the board considered Finance Resolution FIN-17.

Approval of Sweet, Stevens, Katz and Williams

FIN-17 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors approves Sweet, Stevens, Katz and Williams at a rate of \$185.00 per hour to review and render an opinion regarding legal matters arising from contracts between the Reading School District and Delaware Valley High School, effective January 30, 2013.

The vote was 6 yeas; 3 nays.

Yeas: Mr. Cooper, Mr. Denbowski, Ms. Stroman, Mrs. Torres-Figueroa, Mr. Washington, Mrs. Acosta

Nays: Mrs. McCree, Mr. Storch, Mr. Heebner

The motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS
AND POLICY**

Upon a motion made by Mr. Storch and seconded by Mrs. Acosta, the board considered Communications and Policy Resolution COM-4.

**Donation for ACOR art
contest**

COM-4 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of School Directors authorizes the donation of \$1,500.00 for the ACOR art contest, and directs the administration to investigate areas to fund this donation.

The vote was 8 yeas; 1 nay.

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

Nays: Mr. Heebner. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

These are the Official Proceedings of the Reading School District Board of Directors Special Meeting held on January 29, 2013.

*Linda A. Greth
Secretary of the Board*

