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:

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
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

Donation for ACOR art contest

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

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._

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Linda A. Greth
Secretary of the Board