

**Council Rock School District**  
Bucks County, Pennsylvania

Newtown, Pennsylvania  
Thursday, June 5, 2008

MINUTES – Public Board Meeting

**I. Call to Order** – Richard Abramson, Esquire, President presided over the regular public monthly meeting of the Council Rock Board of School Directors. He convened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Chancellor Center, 30 North Chancellor Street, Newtown, PA. The meeting was broadcast “live” in all municipalities. The following individuals were present:

School Board

Richard Abramson, Esquire - President  
Dr. Paul Anagnostakos, Vice President  
Mr. Christopher Ayoub  
Mr. Robert Donnelly (Absent)  
Mr. Jerold Grupp (9:09 p.m.)  
Mrs. Bernadette Heenan (8:40 p.m.)  
Mr. J. Dennis McMenamin  
Mrs. Patricia Vaccaro-Sexton  
Mrs. Susan Vicedomini (Absent)

Mark J. Klein, Esquire, Superintendent  
Mrs. Charlotte I. Walter, CEOE, Board Secretary  
Mr. Robert Riegel, Board Treasurer & Assistant Business Administrator  
Mr. Robert Cox, Solicitor

Staff:

Mr. Barry Desko, Director of Secondary Education  
Mr. Robert Schoch, Director of Business Administration  
Mr. David M. Bollinger, Director of Human Resources & Staff Development  
Dr. Charles Lambert, Director of Special Services  
Mr. Matthew Frederickson, Director of Information Technology  
Mr. Thomas Schneider, Supervisor of Facilities

**II. Routine Actions**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, Mrs. Walter called the roll call and reported that five board members were in attendance at the start of the meeting. Mrs. Heenan was attending an event at MBIT and entered the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Mr. Grupp was attending a ‘Golden Wings’ event at CRHS-South and entered the meeting at 9:09 p.m. Mr. Donnelly was away on business and Mrs. Vicedomini was away on family business.

Superintendent’s Report- Mr. Klein shared the following:

- Retirement Recognition - 37 staff members were reported as retiring with an accumulation of 920 years of service. A reception was given to the retirees prior to this board meeting. Below is a list of those retirees:

Emily Bilotta  
Karen Campbell-McGinn  
Pat Carney-Dalton  
Tom Cullen  
Fred Feinman  
Joyce Fuller  
Sue Giordano  
Steven Harnish  
Kathleen Howell

Bruce Jacobs  
Lorraine Johnson  
Lynn Kalman-Dixson  
Maryann Kline  
Daniel Koenig  
Sheryl Kreps  
Mimi Kulp  
Andrea Lamberth  
Wayne March  
Gail Mastropietro  
Dennis Matika  
James McMonegal  
Mary Nathewitch  
Gerard O'Brien  
Karen Parnes  
Diane Ridder  
Clifford Robbins  
James Scammell  
Linda Seifried  
Carol Sheehan  
Susan Smith  
Sally Walker  
Margaret Walsh  
Sandie Weber  
Lynn White  
Arlene Williams  
Valerie Woodard

- CREF Awards – Marilyn Scarpa and Jennifer Frawley, Co-Presidents and Mike Kreps, Past President introduced themselves and reported that five (5) grants have recently been awarded. They thanked the community for their dedication to the students and reported that they want to continue to grow and support education.

#### Public Comment

Ray Fergione - addressed the board with concerns over the autistic program.

Marilyn Scarpa – acknowledged the great work of Mr. Schoch and his cooperation with the Council Rock Education Foundation board. She also reported that, with the aide of Citizens for Education members, a total of 316 seniors have been registered to vote. This was accomplished from March through June.

John Rasiej- spoke of his concern over the overburdening fund balance. You have willfully and consciously chosen to raise property taxes more than necessary.

Stephanie Flood – reported of her child's experience over the inequity in sports at CRHS-S. She explained in detail about the unfair and appalling experience to juniors trying out for sports teams.

### **III. Board Presentation**

**SAIL House** (Skills and Assessments for Independent Living) – a collaboration between Council Rock and Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22- Dawn Trautwein gave a presentation, showed a video and introduced a gentleman from Bucks Co. I.U., a student in the program and Kelly Korn, a teacher in the program. Ms. Trautwein explained that 90-100 students have been served this school year. The SAIL House is considered “A Life Skills Home in Council Rock”.

#### IV. Discussion

First Reading Board Policy – These policies are expected to be adopted at the June 19, 2008 meeting.

- Board Policy #903 – Public Participation Public Meetings
- Board Policy #904 – Public Attendance at School Events
- Board Policy #905 – Citizen Advisory Committees

#### V. Items for Board Approval

A). Student Information System – License Agreement

Mrs. Sexton moved, seconded by Dr. Anagnostakos, to approve the **Sungard Student Information System License Agreement** at a cost not to exceed **\$513,303** with payment terms outlined in Appendix 5 as contained in Attachments 5r and 5Ar to this agenda, subject to audit and final solicitor review and approval. After much discussion, it was decided to table this motion with approval of such from the original motion makers (Sexton & Anagnostakos). Further discussion evolved and Mr. McMenammin moved, seconded by Mrs. Heenan to approve the **Sungard Student Information System License Agreement** at a cost not to exceed **\$513,303** with payment terms outlined in Appendix 5 as contained in Attachments 5r and 5Ar to this agenda, subject to audit and final solicitor review and approval. This motion passed with Mr. Ayoub being the sole “nay” vote. The vote tally was 5/1/3.

B). Technology Software Lease 2008-09 School Year

Mrs. Heenan moved, seconded by Dr. Anagnostakos, passed with Mr. Ayoub being the sole “nay” vote, for the approval of the Commerce Bank Lease Agreement for the acquisition of software for Business Solutions and Student Information Systems at a cost not to exceed **\$234,705.00** annually (Principal and interest) over a 4-year term, subject to solicitor’s review of all lease documents, as contained in Attachments 6 and 6A to this agenda, subject to audit.

C). Asbestos Abatement Contracts for Churchville & Holland Elementary Schools – Mr. Ayoub moved, seconded by Mrs. Heenan, passed unanimously with a roll call vote, for the approval of the Churchville Elementary School Asbestos Abatement Contract (Bid #08-20) to **Brownsfields Environmental Services, Inc.** in the amount of **\$120,100** as contained in Attachments 8 and 8A to this agenda, subject to audit, and,

For the approval of the Holland Elementary School Asbestos Abatement Contract (Bid #08-21) to **Alchem Environmental Services, Inc.** in the amount of **\$84,000** as contained in Attachments 9 and 9A to this agenda, subject to audit and solicitor’s review.

D). Bid Approvals (5)

Dr. Anagnostakos moved, seconded by Mrs. Sexton, passed unanimously with a roll call vote, for the approval of the following bid awards (summaries attached), subject to audit.

- Audio Visual/Library Supply Bid #08-17 – it is recommended that the bid be awarded to the vendors listed in the Total Low Acceptable Bid Column as contained in Attachment #10 to this agenda, in an amount not to exceed **\$15,543.48** for the 2008-09 school year, subject to audit.
- Computer Supply Bid #08-16 - it is recommended that the bid be awarded to the vendors listed in the Total Low Acceptable Bid column as contained in Attachment #11 to this agenda in an amount not to exceed **\$25,232.94** for the 2008-09 school year, subject to audit.
- Medical Supplies and Athletic Medical Supplies Bid #08-09 – it is recommended that the bid be awarded to the vendors listed in the Total Low

Acceptable Bid column as contained in Attachment #12 to this agenda in an amount not to exceed **\$53,478.24** for the 2008-09 school year, subject to audit.

- General Supply Bid #08-15- it is recommended that the bid be awarded to the vendors listed in the Total Low Acceptable Bid column as contained in Attachment #13 to this agenda in an amount not to exceed **\$162,458.85** for the school year 2008-09, subject to audit.
- Athletic Uniforms, Supplies/Equipment Bid #08-14 – it is recommended that the bid be awarded to the vendors listed in the Total Low Acceptable Bid column as contained in Attachment #14 of this agenda, in an amount not to exceed **\$173,621.57** for the 2008-09 school year, subject to audit.

E). 2008-09 Final Budget Approval – Following an extensive discussion among the board members, Mrs. Sexton moved, seconded by Dr. Anagnostakos, for the recommendation to approve/adopt the budget and tax resolution as contained in Attachments #4 and 4A to this agenda, subject to audit. The budget proposed is in the amount of \$194,345,332 which represents a real estate tax rate of 105.41 mills or \$10.54 per \$100 of assessed value of all property taxable for school purposes within the district. This motion passed with the following vote tally:

Mr. Abramson	Aye
Dr. Anagnostakos	Aye
Mr. Ayoub	Nay
Mr. Donnelly	Absent
Mr. Grupp	Did not vote (not in attendance for discussion)
Mrs. Heenan	Aye
Mr. McMenamin	Aye
Mrs. Sexton	Aye
Mrs. Vicedomini	Absent

## VI. Committee Reports

- Academic Standards Committee – it was reported that the last meeting was cancelled and the meeting scheduled for June is cancelled.
- Facilities Committee – Mr. Schneider reported on the current status of the swimming pool at CRHS-N; no exterior wall taken down. CRHS-North roof project is well underway. He gave an update on Churchville and Holland Elementary Schools projects. He met with Northampton Township officials and township engineer for the land development process. Now will begin the PlanCon process. Regarding the ‘Energy Management Program’, there has been a 40% reduction.
- Finance Committee – Mr. Ayoub reported that the budget has been the main focus.
- Policy Committee – Mr. Grupp reported that several policies are recommended to be eliminated. Discussion is planned on these policies at the meeting scheduled for July 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.
- MBIT Report Committee – Mrs. Sexton reported that graduation was wonderful. The valedictorian was from CRHS-North.
- BCIU #22 Report – Mrs. Sexton reported that the format was proactive during the legislative session with State Representative Scott Petri when concerns were expressed.

**VII. Public Comment**

Nancy Carroll- congratulated the graduates of 2008. She shared a tribute to all graduates; no matter what their rank is. Graduation is quite an accomplishment. She shared she has been an advocate of education; spending 22 years of attending board meetings.

John Rasiej –announced his disappointment with the budget. In May, you said you could survive with a \$9.2 million dollar budget. The fund balance now is 6.5%. This year the fund balance went up.

**VIII. Board Comments -**

Dr. Anagnostakos reported that Mr. Abramson’s daughter Michelle will be graduating from North this month and Mr. Grupp’s son will be graduating from South.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte I. Walter, CEOE  
Secretary to the Board of School Directors