

Council Rock School District
Bucks County, Pennsylvania

Newtown, Pennsylvania
Thursday, May 15, 2008

MINUTES – Public Board Meeting

Prior to convening the meeting, at 7:10 p.m., Mr. Klein spoke of Council Rock School District being nominated by the Pennsylvania School Boards Association for the 2008 School of Excellence in Technology Award. Council Rock hosted representatives from the state as well as other school districts today as a showcase for our technology program. He introduced Pamela Price, Director of Board Development Services at PSBA who congratulated the district and presented Mr. Klein with a plaque. Council Rock is one of five school districts so honored this year by PSBA. It is a tribute to the work that Mr. Frederickson has done with technology, to the work done in our schools to promote an integration of technology in our classrooms and to the good work done by Larry Kling and Suzanne Loftus in preparing our application to the state. Mr. Frederickson introduced several of his department members who were involved in this venture. Those individuals were: Denise Brown, Joanne Catto, Terry Frank, Megan Cooper, Rob Dolan, John White and Ric Cargas. The district will have the opportunity to showcase our efforts at the PSBA Leadership Conference this Fall .

I. Call to Order – Mr. Richard Abramson, President presided over the regular public monthly meeting of the Council Rock Board of School Directors. He convened the meeting at 7:34 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
Mr. Jerold Grupp
Mrs. Bernadette Heenan
Mr. J. Dennis McMenamin
Mrs. Patricia Vaccaro-Sexton
Mrs. Susan Vicedomini (Absent)

Mark J. Klein, Esquire, Superintendent
Mrs. Charlotte I. Walter, Secretary
Mr. Robert Riegel, Asst. Business Administrator & Board Treasurer
Mr. Derek Reid, Esquire, Solicitor

Staff:

Mr. Barry Desko, Director of Secondary Education
Mrs. Joy McClendon, Director of Elementary 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 Operational Services
Mr. William Reick, Security Manager

II. Routine Actions

The Holland Elementary School’s choral group called “Uptempo” sang the National Anthem and another lively ensemble. They were directed by Mrs. Nanette Lutz. Kudos for a job well done.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, Mrs. Walter called the roll call and reported that all board members were in attendance with the exception of Mrs. Vicedomini who was absent due to family business.

Mr. Funk, Principal of CRHS-South introduced the representatives from the Student Advisory Board. They brought the board up-to-date with events, happenings, and sports standings etc. from their respective school. The following representatives made reports: Christopher Gill (12th); Madison Hurwitz (11th); Ashlie Eisler (10th); Taylor Hurwitz (9th); and Mark Bachman (12th – MBIT). The representatives were congratulated for their efforts this year since this will be their last update for this school year.

Superintendent's Report - Mr. Klein reported that before we get to the two elements of the Superintendent's report tonight that appear on the agenda, I want to take just a moment to update the board on an event I attended yesterday. Council Rock's Coalition for Healthy Youth held a recognition breakfast for members of the community that help to promote the Coalitions efforts to provide programs for students and parents in our community. Council Rock was recognized by the Coalition for the work we do together to help promote healthy kids and families. Mrs. Heenan and Mr. Abramson were also present along with members of our school teams to receive this award. I personally want to thank Debbie Moskowitz and members of the Board of the CHY for their tireless work each year to benefit our school district and this community.

Mr. Klein introduced Ed McCall from CRHS-North who spoke about the details of their recent China choir trip. Following his talk, the choir members presented themselves and sang "One World; One Dream"; a spectacular performance. It was noted that this piece of music was written by a Newtown resident.

Public Comment

Susan LoSardo & Ron DiMarino – from Northampton Hunt development explained that their children attend Maureen Welch Elementary. They will be losing their bus transportation service next year. Our development will be considered a walking neighborhood. They urged the board to reconsider this issue and offer bus transportation. We want our children to arrive to school safely.

Bob Hickey, Barrie Franklin, Eric Goldberg, Marilyn Scarpa, Denise Brooks, Terri Peck, Dianne Prker, Hal Ganzman, Nancy Patterson, Joanne Sutherland, Bob Scanlan, Maureen Petrie, Anya Assous, Renee Kilgarriff, and Debbie Zibelman all addressed the board with concerns over the Richboro Middle School Sending Area (split) situation. The following comments were offered:

1. 80% of the growth is in the northern end of the district.
2. Richboro Middle School kids should be given the same opportunity to be educated with their peers.
3. Keep all the students at one high school.
4. This decision involves adding 114 additional students to CRHS-South
5. A public forum should be conducted for all household members affected.
6. I'm worried about the children at risk. What safety nets will be provided to these children?
7. The State supports keeping children together.
8. The current 8th grade class is in a turmoil over this item.
9. Data supports keeping the children together
10. The objective here should be to give kids the best chance to succeed
11. You are severely underestimating friendship and the lack of sense of socialization
12. This has become an emotional issue; there is no identity at Richboro Middle School.
13. Keep all the students together.
14. We hope to correct the imbalance placed on the Richboro community; this has become an emotional strain.
15. This should not be a choice without bus transportation. Do it for two years with transportation.

John Rasiej from Wrightstown Township spoke about the transportation issue with Richboro Middle School. Parents need to compromise; taxpayers should not be held responsible for this.

An extensive discussion continued among the board members on the issue of Richboro Middle School attendance area situation.

At 10:03 p.m., the board recessed for an executive session. The meeting was reconvened at 10:17 p.m.

III. Discussion Item – Transportation Efficiency Study - Maureen E. Welch and Hillcrest Elementary Schools Walking Patterns – Mr. Jack Pinheiro addressed the board relative to this issue.

IV. Consent Agenda

Mr. Ayoub moved, seconded by Mrs. Heenan, passed with a roll call vote for the approval of the following consent agenda items A-H, subject to audit: *(It was noted that Mr. Grupp was the sole “nay” vote and Mr. Abramson abstained from voting on Item IV-B)*

A). Minutes – Approval was granted for approval of the minutes from April 3, 2008 meeting. *(Attachment #1)* The minutes of April 17th were held for later approval.

B). Waiver of Expulsion Hearing Agreement – *(Attachment 3r)* - Approval was granted by the majority. Mr. Abramson abstained from voting on this item

C). Independent Contractor Agreement - *(Attachment 4)* – Approval was granted for this independent contractor agreement.

D). Treasurer’s Report – *(Attachment #5, 5A, 5B)* - Approval was granted for approval of the Treasurer’s report reflecting a balance as of April 30, 2008 of \$4,226,938.74, subject to audit.

E). Approval was granted for the following:

▪ General Fund Bills.....	\$6,382,891.76
▪ General Fund Payroll.....	\$8,327,391.25
▪ Athletic Fund Bills.....	\$ 63,152.48
▪ Athletic Fund Payroll.....	\$ 16,538.19
▪ Capital Reserve – Bond Issue.....	\$ 269,935.11
▪ Capital Reserve – Technology	\$ 1,713.00
▪ Construction- CRHS-South.....	\$ 55,051.00
▪ Construction – Holland Elementary Renovations.....	\$ 32,597.00
▪ Student Activities.....	\$ 261,400.18

F). Tax Duplicates – Approval was granted for the following adjustments and refunds to various tax duplicates as listed, subject to audit: Adjustments: Occupation Tax: (-)\$39,940.00; Personal Per Capita Tax: (-)\$3,490.00; Refunds: Occupation Tax: \$274.40.

G). Budgetary Transfers – Approval was granted to make budgetary transfers within the 2007-08 school year budget in the amount of \$128,119.81, subject to audit.

H). Budget Amendment – Approval was granted to amend the 2007-08 adopted budget to include the carryover of \$5,735.89 from the 2006-07 ‘Getting to One Grant’, subject to audit.

V. Items for Board Approval

A). Appointments of Special Education Supervisors

Mrs. Sexton moved, seconded by Mrs. Heenan, passed unanimously with a roll call vote, for the approval of the appointment of **David Heiser** as a Special Education Supervisor at a starting salary of \$105,000.00 effective August 1, 2008 and,

Mrs. Sexton moved, seconded by Mrs. Heenan, passed unanimously with a roll call vote, for the approval of the appointment of **Mark McIntyre** as a Special Education Supervisor at a starting salary of \$106,000.00, effective July 1, 2008.

See details below:

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

A. Appointments

- 1. Name: **Mark McIntyre**
 Education: Cedarville University, BA
 Kent State University, OH, M.Ed
 Kent State University, OH Ed.S.
 Experience: Director of Special Education, Reading School District, July 2007 – present
 School Psychologist, Reading School District July 2006 – July 2007
 Position: Supervisor of Special Education
 Compensation: \$106,000 per year
 Reason: To replace a staff member who is retiring (L. Johnson).
 Effective: July 1, 2008

- 2. Name: **David S. Heiser**
 Education: East Stroudsburg University, B.S. Secondary Ed & Social Sciences
 Lehigh University, M.A. Social Restoration
 Experience: Supervisor of Special Education, Methacton School District, October 2007 – present
 Supervisor of Special Education, Reading School District, October 2005 – October 2007
 Position: Supervisor of Special Education
 Compensation: \$105,000 per year
 Reason: To replace a staff member who is retiring (J. Fuller).
 Effective: August 1, 2008

B). Personnel Actions - Mr. Grupp moved, seconded by Dr. Anagnostakos, passed unanimously with a roll call vote, for the approval of the following personnel actions and additions to our substitute lists:

II. ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

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| A. Resignations | No Actions Recommended |
| B. Retirements | “ |
| C. Sabbatical Leave of Absence | “ |
| D. Unpaid Leave of Absence | |

1. Name: **Patrice Pladsen**
 Position: Principal, Sol Feinstone Elementary School
 Reason: Unpaid leave of absence due to family/medical reasons.
 Effective: July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

E. Assignment/Classification Change No Actions Recommended

F. Appointments

1. Name: **John Harlan**
 Position: Substitute Elementary Principal
 Location: Sol Feinstone Elementary School
 Compensation: \$101,000 per year
 Reason: To replace a staff member on leave of absence (P. Pladsen).
 Effective: July 1, 2008

III. PROFESSIONAL STAFF

A. Resignations

1. Name: **Joanne Cloak**
 Position: Physical Education Teacher, Hillcrest Elementary
 Effective: June 17, 2008

B. Retirements

1. Name: **Thomas Cullen, III**
 Position: English Teacher, CRHS – North
 Effective: June 17, 2008
2. Name: **Stephan Harnish**
 Position: Health/Phys Ed Teacher, CRHS – North
 Effective: June 17, 2008
3. Name: **Sheryl Kreps**
 Position: RELA Supervisor, English Teacher, CRHS-South
 Effective: July 25, 2008
4. Name: **Mildred Kulp**
 Position: Math Teacher, CRHS – South
 Effective: June 17, 2008
5. Name: **Susan Smith**
 Position: Elementary Teacher, Rolling Hills Elementary
 Effective: June 17, 2008
6. Name: **Sandie Weber**
 Position: Elementary Teacher, Churchville Elementary
 Effective: June 17, 2008
7. Name: **Arlene Williams**
 Position: Librarian, Holland Elementary
 Effective: June 17, 2008

C. Sabbatical Leave of Absence No Action Recommended

D. Termination

1. Name: **Patrick Walsh**
Position: Math Teacher, CRHS – South
Effective: June 30, 2008

E. Unpaid Leave of Absence

1. Name: **Hilary Adams**
Position: Librarian, Rolling Hills Elementary
Reason: Unpaid leave of absence due to family/medical reasons.
Effective: August 26, 2008 – January 30, 2009 (1st semester)
2. Name: **Carolyn Fleckser**
Position: Math Teacher, Holland Middle School
Reason: Extension of unpaid leave of absence due to family/medical reasons.
Effective: August 26, 2008 – June 30, 2009
3. Name: **Shannon Gainsley**
Position: Elementary Teacher, Holland Elementary
Reason: Unpaid leave of absence due to family/medical reasons.
Effective: October 8, 2008 – November 21, 2008
4. Name: **Kathleen Harlan**
Position: Elementary Teacher, Sol Feinstone Elementary
Reason: Extension of unpaid leave of absence due to family/medical reasons.
Effective: August 26, 2008 – June 30, 2009
5. Name: **Katherine Hoyt**
Position: Special Ed Teacher, CRHS – South
Reason: Extension of unpaid leave of absence due to family/medical reasons.
Effective: May 27, 2008 – June 17, 2008
6. Name: **Amy Incudine**
Position: Special Ed Teacher, CRHS – North
Reason: Extension of unpaid leave of absence due to family/medical reasons.
Effective: August 26, 2008 – January 30, 2009 (1st semester)
7. Name: **Colleen Kaiser**
Position: Elementary Teacher, Sol Feinstone Elementary
Reason: Extension of unpaid leave of absence due to family/medical reasons.
Effective: August 26, 2008 – June 30, 2009
8. Name: **Karen Loeschner**
Position: English Teacher, CRHS – South
Reason: Extension of unpaid leave of absence due to family/medical reasons.
Effective: August 26, 2008 – June 30, 2009

9. Name: **Heather McGarvey**
 Position: Elementary Teacher, Hillcrest Elementary
 Reason: Unpaid leave of absence due to family/medical reasons.
 Effective: August 26, 2008 – June 30, 2009
10. Name: **Andrea Rhodes**
 Position: Special Ed Teacher, CRHS – North
 Reason: Extension of unpaid leave of absence due to family/medical reasons.
 Effective: August 26, 2008 – January 30, 2009 (1st semester)
11. Name: **Dana Rosenberg**
 Position: Special Ed Social Studies Teacher, Richboro Middle School
 Reason: Unpaid leave of absence due to family/medical reasons.
 Effective: June 11, 2008 – October 17, 2008
12. Name: **Jacquelyn Schepise**
 Position: Special Ed Teacher, CRHS – North
 Reason: Extension of unpaid leave of absence due to family/medical reasons.
 Effective: August 26, 2008 – June 30, 2009
13. Name: **Emily Strauss**
 Position: Special Ed Teacher, Richboro Middle School
 Reason: Extension of unpaid leave of absence due to family/medical reasons.
 Effective: August 26, 2008 – June 30, 2009
14. Name: **Julie Wetherill**
 Position: Elementary Teacher, Holland Elementary
 Reason: Unpaid leave of absence due to family/medical reasons.
 Effective: August 26, 2008 – June 30, 2010
15. Name: **Carolyn Woloshyn**
 Position: Health/Phys Ed Teacher, Holland Middle School
 Reason: Extension of unpaid leave of absence due to family/medical reasons.
 Effective: August 26, 2008 – January 30, 2009 (1st semester)
16. Name: **Suzanne Yorgey**
 Position: Gifted Ed Teacher, Hillcrest Elementary
 Reason: Extension of unpaid leave of absence due to family/medical reasons.
 Effective: August 26, 2008 – January 30, 2009 (1st semester)

F. Compensated Leave of Absence

1. Name: **Kristin Gudusky**
 Position: Elementary Teacher, Newtown Elementary
 Reason: Preparation and improvement in her area of certification.
 Compensation: \$49,528.50 (1/2 pay) for year

(continued Kristen Gudusky)
Effective: August 26, 2008 – June 30, 2009

G. Assignment/Classification Change **No Actions Recommended**
H. Assignment Ended “ “
I. Appointments **No Actions Recommended**

IV. SUPPORT STAFF

A. Resignations

1. Name: **Donna Byers**
Position: ELL Teacher Assistant/Itinerant
Effective: June 13, 2008
2. Name: **Marci Risch**
Position: Hall Monitor, CRHS – North
Effective: April 21, 2008

B. Retirements

1. Name: **Wayne March**
Position: Maintenance Specialist, Chancellor Center
Effective: August 29, 2008

C. Unpaid Leave of Absence **No Actions Recommended**

D. Assignment Ended

1. Name: **Jenna Firth**
Position: Teacher Assistant, Churchville Elementary
Effective: April 25, 2008

E. Assignment/Classification Change **No Actions Recommended**

F. Appointments

1. Name: **Christopher Ferris**
Position: Computer Support Technician
Location: Sloan School/Chancellor Center
Compensation: \$45,000 per year
Reason: New Position (Board approved March 27, 2008)
Effective: To Be Determined
2. Name: **Patricia D. Markham**
Position: Hall/Cafeteria Monitor
Location: CRHS – North
Compensation: \$13.92 per hr./2.5 hrs. per day/177 days per year
Reason: To replace a staff member who resigned
(C. Henderson).
Effective: April 14, 2008

3. Name: **Gina Pacitti**
 Position: Teacher Assistant
 Location: Churchville Elementary School
 Compensation: \$18.24 per hr. 7 hrs. per day/182 days per year
 Reason: New Position (Board approved March 27, 2008)
 Effective: October 15, 2007

V. EDRPP

1. Name: **Doug Bocchino**
 Position: Assistant Men's Lacrosse Coach
 Location: CRHS – South
 Stipend: \$2041.00
 Effective: Spring 2008
2. Name: **Jeff Bruemmer**
 Position: Assistant Men's Lacrosse Coach
 Location: CRHS – South
 Stipend: \$2041.00
 Effective: Spring 2008
3. Name: **Joe Wiegner**
 Position: Assistant Men's Track Coach
 Location: CRHS – South
 Stipend: \$3702.27
 Effective: Spring 2008

VI. NEW PROFESSIONAL GUEST TEACHERS

Armour	Jonathan	605 Fonthill Dr.	Doylestown	PA	18901
Boggs	Beth	40 Sunrise Ct.	Holland	PA	18966
Breznitsky	Lauren	24 Timber Lane	Levittown	PA	19054
Colacicco	Crystal	3479 Bristol Pike	Bensalem	PA	19020
Dicks	Amanda	340 Rocksville Rd.	Holland	PA	18966
DiMeglio	Alyssa	150 Wrights Rd.	Newtown	PA	18940
Fajge	Erica	50 Legacy Oaks Dr.	Richboro	PA	18954
Krysa	Stephanie	191 Burgundy Lane	Newtown	PA	18940
Mangiarelli	Juliane	63 Waln Lane	Langhorne	PA	19047
Powers	Kristina	4529 Barnsleigh Dr.	Bensalem	PA	19020
Yerkes	Lindsay	19 Howard Rd.	Richboro	PA	18954

VII. NEW SUPPORT STAFF GUEST EMPLOYEES

Cocco	Barbara	15 William Way	Churchville	PA	18966
Dombrowski	Lori	208 Windsor Dr.	Churchville	PA	18966
Eisenberg	Harriet	209 Yardley Commons	Yardley	PA	19067
Eisner	Marcia	24 Sparrow Walk	Newtown	PA	18940
Graff	Caroline	58 Briarwood Dr.	Holland	PA	18966
Madduri	Padmavathi	3 Mount Airy Dr.	Morrisville	PA	19067
Pontarelli	Irene	99 Heather Rd.	Churchville	PA	18966
Schaeffer	Marcy	26 Crestview Dr.	Holland	PA	18966
Tomaro	Jacqueline	24 Tree Line Dr.	Holland	PA	18966
Welch	Lois	605 Lauren Circle	Yardley	PA	18966

- C). Student Information System License Agreement (Attachment #9 and #9A)
 Dr. Anagnostakos moved, seconded by Mrs. Heenan, for the approval of the **Sungard Student Information System** for the 2008-09 school year at a cost not to exceed **\$449,425** year one and **\$63,878** year two, subject to audit and solicitor's final review. Following much discussion, Mr. Grupp moved, seconded by Mrs. Heenan, passed with a voice vote, to **table this motion** at this time.
- D). Technology Leases for 2008-09 school year (Attachment #10 + #10A + #11)
 Mrs. Heenan moved, seconded by Mr. Grupp, passed unanimously with a roll call vote, for the approval of the authorization for the execution and delivery of the **Municipal Capital Corporation Lease Equipment Schedule #4** in the form provided in the packet of transaction documents attached as Attachment #11, Exhibit A for the acquisition of desktops, laptops, servers and multimedia equipment at a cost not to exceed **\$200,000.00** annually (principle and interest) over a four-year term, subject to solicitor's review of all lease documents and subject to audit.
- E). Depositories of Record 2008-09 school year (Attachment #13)
 Mrs. Sexton moved, seconded by Mrs. Heenan, passed unanimously with a roll call vote, for the approval of the Depositories of Record for the 2008-09 school year, as contained in the attachment, subject to audit. The School Code requires approval of the banking and investment depositories.
- F). Reappointment of Board Treasurer
 Mrs. Sexton moved, seconded by Mrs. Heenan, passed unanimously with a roll call vote, for the approval of the reappointment of **Robert Riegel** as Board Treasurer at a stipend of **\$2,500.00** for the period from July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009, subject to audit. This is consistent with Board Policy 005 – The Board of School Directors shall annually, during the month of May, elect a treasurer who shall serve for one-year beginning the first day of July after such election.
- G). Appraisal Company (Attachment #14)
 Mr. Grupp moved, seconded by Dr. Anagnostakos, passed unanimously with a roll call vote, for the approval of **Independent Appraisal Company** for the 2008-09 school year, at a cost not to exceed **\$36,215.00**, subject to audit. This company will create a complete inventory of fixed assets for Council Rock School District.
- H). Canine Service Agreement (Attachment #15 + #15A)
 Mr. McMenamain moved, seconded by Mrs. Heenan, passed unanimously with a roll call vote, for the approval of the 2008-09 service agreement between **Interquest Detection Canines of Eastern PA** and Council Rock School District in an amount not to exceed **\$3,328.00**, subject to audit. The motion includes the possibility of spending an additional \$1,000.00, if needed.
- I). Attendance Area Choice of Richboro Middle School (Attachment #16)
 Mr. Donnelly moved, seconded by Mrs. Heenan, for the approval of the Richboro Middle School Attendance Area Choice as contained in Attachment #16 to this agenda. Much discussion developed. Mr. Grupp moved, seconded by Mr. Abramson, to **table** the original motion. The motion to table passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

Mr. Donnelly moved, seconded by Mrs. Heenan, to delete item #4 of attachment #16 and add an irrevocable clause and transportation will be at the discretion of administration to those who elect the school choice program. This motion failed with the following vote tally (4/4):

<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mr. Donnelly	Mr. Abramson
Mrs. Heenan	Dr. Anagnostakos
Mr. McMenamain	Mr. Ayoub
Mrs. Sexton	Mr. Grupp

Mr. Ayoub moved, seconded by Dr. Anagnostakos, passed with Mr. Abramson abstaining and Mr. Grupp voting “nay”, for the approval of the Richboro Middle School Attendance Area Choice as contained in Attachment #16, to this agenda and noting that this decision is irrevocable.

VI. Committee Reports

Due to the lateness of the meeting, it was decided that the committee reports would be held for a future meeting.

Mrs. Sexton reported that a legislative meeting will be held at the Bucks County I.U. #22 on May 29th. She said this is a good opportunity to meet and discuss issues with our legislators.

VII. Solicitors Report

Mr. Reid announced that an executive session was held during this meeting for discussion of a potential litigation matter.

VIII. Public Comment

Nancy Carroll – from Newtown Borough expressed her confusion with several items discussed this evening ie. transportation routes, Richboro Middle School Area Choice, school capacity numbers etc. She suggested the board look at data from the students at Richboro Middle School and possibly they would be best served going to CRHS-North. Parents should have access to data/projections from North and South class sizes and this should be put on the web for their perusal.

John Rasiej from Wrightstown spoke of the ‘Pirates of Penzance’ performance by the Sock ‘n Buskin Club at CRHS-North and reported it was an excellent performance. The Newtown Arts Company will be performing ‘Cheaper by the Dozen’ this summer and they will be auditioning now.

VIII. Board Comments (None due to the late hour)

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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