

# *Loyalsock Township School District*

## Work Session

*October 13, 2010*

*6:00 p.m.*

*Donald E. Schick Elementary School  
Multi-Purpose Room  
2800 Four Mile Drive  
Montoursville, PA 17754*

## **MINUTES**

- 1. Call to Order – Vice President**
- 2. Roll Call – Mr. Gerald L. McLaughlin, Business Manager/Board Secretary**

### MEMBER

X Edward H. Ade, Jr., Vice President  
ab Maureen Carey  
X William P. Carlucci  
ab Stephen M. Dewar, Treasurer  
X Denise S. Leete  
X Raymond P. McGinnis

### MEMBER

ab Margaret P. Piper, President  
X John B. Raymond  
X Sheila J. Yates  
ex \*Eugene Yaw, Solicitor  
X \*Robert W. Grantier, Superintendent  
X \*Gerald McLaughlin, Business Mgr./Bd. Secretary

\*Carey, Piper – PSBA Conference; Dewar – Family; Attorney Yaw – Excused \*(Non-Voting Member)

### OTHERS

X Matthew Reitz, Loyalsock Township High School Principal  
X Jeffrey Hartmann, Assistant High School Principal  
X Robert Gaetano, Middle School Principal  
X John Rhoads, Donald E. Schick Elementary School Principal  
X Charles Greevy, IV, Assistant Elementary School Principal  
ab Sherry Griggs, Supervisor of Curriculum & Instruction  
X Dayne Waller, Supervisor of Special Education  
ab Eric Gee, Director of Technology  
X Christina Herman, Director of Student Services & Career Development  
X Amanda Alexander, *Williamsport Sun-Gazette*

- 3. Donald E. Schick Elementary School Presentation** – Elementary school counselors, Jennifer Cooley and Allison Morehart, discussed the counseling programs available at the elementary school. A list of services is attached.  
**Fifth Quarter Presentation** – Rebecca Leid presented information regarding a “Fifth Quarter” celebration scheduled for November 5, 2010. Fifth Quarter is a supervised program that will occur after a football game. This program gives students a venue to get together in a safe environment.

Light refreshments and music are provided. Also, she was seeking donations from area businesses to help support the program.

#### 4. Discussion Items

- Staffing
  - Spanish – Dr. Reitz presented information relative to expanding the 2/3 Spanish position to a full-time position. Mr. Gaetano stated that he would like to offer Spanish to students in grade 8. We will continue to gather information and determine the need of additional staffing for the 2010-2011 school year and beyond.
  - Special Education – Mrs. Waller provided an update to the Board. Currently, she feels our number of students identified does not support the need for additional staffing. However, she feels the numbers will increase throughout the school year as the evaluation process continues. She will continue to update the Board regarding staffing needs.
- Policy
  - Acceptable Use of Internet, Networks & Technology Resources  
Mr. Grantier stated that he was working with Mr. Bower regarding the policy.
- Buildings & Grounds Update – Mr. McGinnis provided an update from a previous facilities meeting. He stated that plans were moving forward for the construction of a new multi-purpose facility to be located at the high school near the Kenneth Robbins Stadium. Additionally, he discussed the art room plans and gave a timeline for completion. It is scheduled to be completed by January 2011.
- Foundation Committee Update – Mr. Carlucci commented that the committee met to discuss and review the first draft of the bylaws. Further, he recommended renaming the existing Lancer Foundation.
- Paraprofessional Evaluation Tool – A draft of the form to evaluate paraprofessionals was discussed. There were many comments from the Board. It was decided to use the form for the current school year. Mrs. Waller will review the form and make suggestions as needed.
- Bond Refinancing (Plan Con K) (*tentative approval on October 27, 2010*) – Mr. McLaughlin presented information regarding Plan Con K. This must be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education as notification of the district's bond refinancing.

#### 5. Board Committee Updates/Reports

- Student Activities/Athletics Committee – Mrs. Yates provided an update regarding random drug testing. The committee met on October 7, 2010. She stated that progress is being made, but another month or two is needed to work on the details.
- Facilities – There was continued discussion regarding the traffic issues at the high school. Mr. Grantier stated that he and Mr. McLaughlin will meet with the PA State Police to review alternatives.
- Other – Mr. Grantier announced that four teachers were participating in an American History Grant through BLaST IU 17. Mrs. Leete commented that there was a PSBA Fall Legislative Meeting in Canton on October 28, 2010.

**6. Calendar**

- October 27, 2010 – School Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- November 17, 2010 (High School Library)
  - Work Session at 6:00 p.m.
  - Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**7. Public Comments**

**8. Adjournment @ 8:30 p.m.**

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**Gerald L. McLaughlin**