

Loyalsock Township School District

Meeting of School Directors

October 28, 2009

7:05 p.m.

*Board Conference Room
1720 Sycamore Road
Montoursville, PA 17754*

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order – President**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Administrative Report/Executive Session Purpose – Mr. Eugene Yaw, Solicitor**
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Personnel; Litigation; Negotiations
4. **Roll Call – Mr. Gerald L. McLaughlin, Business Manager/Board Secretary**

MEMBER

X Edward H. Ade, Jr.
X Stephen M. Dewar
X John G. Lamade, Treasurer
X Denise S. Leete
AB Raymond P. McGinnis
X Lenore G. Penfield
*McGinnis, Williams – Personal

MEMBER

X Margaret P. Piper, Vice President
X Jeri S. Sims, President
AB Scott T. Williams
X *Gerald McLaughlin, Acting Superintendent
Business Mgr./Bd.Secretary
X *Eugene Yaw, Solicitor

*(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
X Sherry Griggs, Supervisor of Curriculum & Instruction
AB Dayne Waller, Supervisor of Special Education
X Eric Gee, Director of Technology
X Greg Hayes, *Williamsport Sun-Gazette*

5. **A. Recognition of Guests or Scheduled Speakers/Public Comments**

B. Superintendent's Report/Discussion Items

- Mr. McLaughlin commented on attendance. He expressed his gratitude for everything the school nurses were doing to help.

C. Public Comments Relative to Agenda Items

D. Recommendation and Approval of all Items Listed on the Agenda for Official Action

It is recommended the Board approve all items listed on the agenda (and supplemental agenda) for official action.

Motion: Mr. Lamade

Second: Mrs. Penfield

Yes: Ade, Dewar, Lamade, Leete, Penfield, Piper, Sims

No: None

Absent: McGinnis, Williams

Result: Motion Carried

6. Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes

It is recommended the Board approve the Minutes of the October 14, 2009, Meeting of the Board of School Directors.

Yes: Ade, Dewar, Lamade, Leete, Penfield, Piper, Sims

No: None

Absent: McGinnis, Williams

Result: Motion Carried

7. Finance

A. Approval of Bills

It is recommended the Board approve expenditures from September 1, 2009, through September 30, 2009, in the amount of \$1,485,631.26.

Yes: Ade, Dewar, Lamade, Leete, Penfield, Piper, Sims

No: None

Absent: McGinnis, Williams

Result: Motion Carried

B. Treasurer's Report

It is recommended the Board approve the attached Treasurer's Report for the month of September 2009.

Yes: Ade, Dewar, Lamade, Leete, Penfield, Piper, Sims
No: None
Absent: McGinnis, Williams
Result: Motion Carried

C. Student Activities Fund Quarterly Report

It is recommended the Board approve the attached Student Activities Fund Quarterly Report for the period ended September 2009.

Yes: Ade, Dewar, Lamade, Leete, Penfield, Piper, Sims
No: None
Absent: McGinnis, Williams
Result: Motion Carried

8. Personnel

A. Temporary Part-Time/Substitute Custodial Employees

It is recommended the Board appoint the following individuals as temporary part-time/substitute custodians (0-20 hours per week) pending documentation. Temporary custodians will receive an hourly rate of \$10.50.

- David Wachob, 1501 Maybee Hill Road, Williamsport, PA 17701
- James Foucart, 2013 Blair Street, Williamsport, PA 17701
- William Forse, 68 South Main Street, Apt. 5, Hughesville, PA 17737

Yes: Ade, Dewar, Lamade, Leete, Penfield, Piper, Sims
No: None
Absent: McGinnis, Williams
Result: Motion Carried

B. Substitute Personnel

It is recommended the Board approve the attached list of substitute teachers, guest teachers, secretaries, nurses, aides, etc. for the 2009-2010 school year.

Yes: Ade, Dewar, Lamade, Leete, Penfield, Piper, Sims
No: None
Absent: McGinnis, Williams
Result: Motion Carried

C. Appointment of Athletic Personnel

It is recommended the Board appoint the following athletic personnel for the 2009-2010 sports season pending documentation:

- Varsity Softball Coach – Erica Eisenbise; 0 years
204 Belefonte Avenue, Lock Haven, PA 17745
- Varsity Baseball Coach – Jeremy Eck; 1 year
124 Quaker State Road, Montoursville, PA 17754

Yes: Ade, Dewar, Lamade, Leete, Penfield, Piper, Sims
No: None
Absent: McGinnis, Williams
Result: Motion Carried

9. Policy

A. Policy 425 – Dress & Grooming

It is recommended the Board adopt the following revised policy as attached:

- ◆ Policy No. 425 – Dress & Grooming

It was agreed that the policy should include one additional revision to the proposed policy - Both Female and Male 5. No [insert *casual*] sandals...

Mr. Dewar questioned if sweatshirts or nice denim jeans are permitted. Mrs. Sims responded that sweatshirts and jeans were permitted on dress down days or other days determined by administration.

Yes: Ade, Lamade, Leete, Penfield, Piper, Sims
No: Dewar
Absent: McGinnis, Williams
Result: Motion Carried

10. Other

A. Resolution

It is recommended the Board adopt the attached Resolution relating to IU Mandate Waiver for Quotation and Bidding Thresholds.

Yes: Ade, Dewar, Lamade, Leete, Penfield, Piper, Sims
No: None
Absent: McGinnis, Williams
Result: Motion Carried

11. Information Items/School Reports

A. Dates for Board Members' Calendars

- School Board Meeting – November 11, 2009

B. School Reports

1. Supervisor of Curriculum & Instruction/Federal Programs
2. Donald E. Schick Elementary School
3. Loyalsock Township Middle School
4. Loyalsock Township High School
5. Supervisor of Special Education
6. Director of Technology

C. Board Comments/Reports

1. School District Solicitor Report – Eugene Yaw, Esquire
2. PSBA Representative Report – Mrs. Margaret Piper
3. IU Representative Report – Mr. Raymond McGinnis
4. Loyalsock Township Recreation Board Report – Mr. Edward H. Ade, Jr.
5. Loyalsock Township Tax Review Board – Mr. John Lamade
6. Other

12. Public Comments

- Mrs. Sims – The Board feels compelled to share information in response to a mailing to some taxpayers from LTEA.
- Mr. McLaughlin presented information regarding the information that was sent to taxpayers from LTEA.
- As the presentation started, individuals began to leave. Mrs. Piper questioned why they were leaving. She stated that she was hoping to open the lines of communication.
- Mrs. Vida Saylor stated that they did not receive notice of the presentation and could not respond.
- Mrs. Puderbach, Mrs. Huffman, and Ms. Carner had questions regarding steps and employees that are no longer working for the district. Mr. McLaughlin informed them that a revised proposal was given to their representative that did not include those employees.
- Mrs. Sims thanked those that remained to listen.
- Mr. Ade agreed that the numbers are confusing. He stated that he spent ten hours figuring it out. He is convinced that things are fair.
- Mrs. Penfield – As a member of the negotiating team, the presentation was not meant in any way to inflame the situation. It was to inform the people not getting the information.
- Mrs. Piper – Recommended sitting down together and each side present the information and ask questions.
- Mr. Lamade stated that he has been on the negotiating team for 22 months. Many residents are on a fixed income and need to deal with the cost of the sewer project. He wants to be fair to everyone.
- Ms. Jill Roman asked if the contract was granted, would they raise taxes. Mr. Lamade replied that would not happen this year.

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- Mrs. Sims informed that the Board is unable to negotiate in public unless both sides are in agreement.
- Ms. Alicia Carner asked why notice of the presentation was not given to Kirk Bower. The Board explained that the agenda was sent to members on Friday. The LTEA information was sent to some homes on Saturday. The Board was unaware of the information until they started receiving calls.
- Ms. Renee Smith – Is a senior at LTHS. She sees changes in teachers. She wants things to be the way they used to be. The Board thanked Ms. Smith.
- Mrs. Denise Leete stated that she was shocked that the first proposal was not approved.
- Mr. Lamade extended his thanks for those that stayed and listened.
- Mrs. Kimberly Hoffman stated that there may be some hard feelings because of the last contract.

13. Adjournment @ 8:20 p.m.

Motion: Mr. Lamade
Second: Mrs. Piper

Gerald L. McLaughlin