

MUHLENBERG SCHOOL BOARD
Regular Meeting Minutes – August 13, 2008
Muhlenberg High School First Floor Lecture Hall

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District was called to order on Wednesday, August 13, 2008 at 7:44 p.m. by Board Vice President, Lee R. Reiniger, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Members Present

Vice President – Lee R. Reiniger
Treasurer – Richard E. Hoffmaster
Secretary – K. Scott Long
Member – Cindy L. Mengle
Member – Donald B. Raifsnider, Jr.
Legal Counsel – Chad Lubas
Recording Secretary – Brenda A. Stein

Member – Via Telephone Conference

President – Otto W. Voit

Members Absent

Assistant Secretary – Terry L. Heckman (vacation)
Member – Barbara A. Nagle (vacation)

Administration Present

Superintendent – Dr. Theresa D. Haught
Assistant Superintendent – Dr. Vlacia Z. Campbell
Business Manager – Michael Azzara
High School Principal – Scott Schwenk
High School Assistant Principal – Kevin Vanino
Middle School Principal – Donna Albright
Elementary Center Principal – Barbara Moyer
Elementary Center Assistant Principal – Tim Moyer
Cole Intermediate School Principal – Ryan Giffing
Supervisor of Special Education – Michael D. Barr
Technology Director – Daniel Houck
Buildings/Grounds/Transportation Coordinator – Greg Schneider

Visitors

Nick Morrissey
Louise Ludwig
Colleen Russo
Felicia Gonzalez
Greta Cuyler, *Reading Eagle News Reporter*

Educational Presentation

(No presentation.)

Hearing of Visitors - Muhlenberg School District taxpayers and residents have an opportunity, at this time, to comment on matters of concern, official action, or deliberation which are or may be before the Muhlenberg School Board. The Board retains the option to accept all public comment at this time. Presentations should be limited to two minutes per person. In the event that the Board determines that there is not sufficient time for residents or taxpayers of the School District to comment, the Board may defer the comment period to the next regular meeting.

No public comment at this time.

Committee Reports

- A. Berks County Intermediate Unit Donald B. Raifsnider, Jr.

Mr. Raifsnider reported there was no meeting in July. The next meeting will be Thursday, August 21.

- B. Reading Muhlenberg CTC Donald B. Raifsnider, Jr.

Mr. Raifsnider reported on the meeting held on August 4. The building trades course of study will now be able to certify students in their specialized trade area.

- C. Berks Earned Income Tax Bureau

No report.

- D. PSBA Liaison Donald B. Raifsnider, Jr.

Mr. Raifsnider reported on the PSBA Symposium he attended in July. The topic of the Graduation Competency Assessments (GCA) proposal was discussed in that the Governor is supporting the GCA and has appointed a board of seven to review the program. The state legislation as placed the GCA on hold. The state board has encouraged school districts to submit letters supporting local assessments to be used for GCA.

- E. Muhlenberg Community Library Terry L. Heckman

Absent, no report.

- F. Educational Programs Dr. Vlacía Z. Campbell

Dr. Campbell reported the Classrooms for the Future Grant was approved by the State in the amount of \$158,935 which will fund six classrooms with smartboards and laptops. A grant for Urban Development is included on the agenda to provide funding for services for the student assistance program at the High School. Dr. Campbell provided a summary to the board of the PSSA test results (Exhibit A). A detailed report will be presented at next month's meeting.

Solicitor's Comments

No comment at this time.

Superintendent's Comments

Dr. Haught reported the district will begin the school year on Monday, August 25. The C. E. Cole Intermediate School will open on time. She encouraged residents to come and support the schools this year.

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No public comment at this time.

Board Business

Personnel – Resolution No. 20

Moved by Hoffmaster and Raifsnider that the Board of Education approve the Personnel Resolution Nos. 20A through 20X in its entirety.

Yeas: Hoffmaster, Long, Mengle, Raifsnider, Reiniger (abstain #20F and #20G), Voit.
Motion carried unanimously.

20A Administrative Appointments

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the following administrative appointments:

- a) Mrs. Pamela Wolff, Reading/Language Arts Supervisor (S. Davies), effective August 19, 2008 at the salary of \$75,000.00, prorated for days served in the 2008-09 school year, and a per diem rate for days worked prior to the employment date
- b) *Transfer* of Mr. Timothy M. Moyer from Middle School Assistant Principal to the Elementary Center Assistant Principal effective beginning the 2008-09 school year
- c) Dr. George J. Giovanis, Interim Middle School Assistant Principal, effective August 21, 2008 at the per diem rate of \$350.00 per day up to five days per week (no benefits, sick days, vacation, or personal days)

20B Professional Appointments

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the following professional appointments:

- a) Ms. Karen M. Raudenbush, Special Education Teacher at Middle School (J. Hannan), effective beginning the 2008-09 school year at the salary of \$47,268 (MS, Step 1)
- b) Mrs. Deidre Cooper-Boyce, Reading Specialist at High School (new-ACT funding), effective beginning the 2008-09 school year the salary of \$47,268 (MS, Step 1)
- c) Ms. Jennifer M. Vicari, ESL Teacher at Middle School (H. Goeltz's transfer to Cole), effective beginning the 2008-09 school year at the salary of \$40,206 (B+6, Step 1)
- d) Mr. Nicholas R. Morrissey, Social Studies Teacher at High School (new-ACT funding), effective beginning the 2008-09 school year at the salary of \$40,206 (BS, Step 1) (pending receipt of PA certification)
- e) Mrs. Beverly MacGregor, long term substitute Computer Teacher at Elementary Center (D. Stumpf), effective August 21, 2008 through January 14, 2009 at the salary of \$40,206 (BS, Step 1) prorated for days served in the 2008-09 school year
- f) Mrs. Alicia M. Houser, Special Education Teacher for Autistic/Life Skills Support at Cole Intermediate School, effective beginning the 2008-09 school at the salary of \$40,206 (BS, Step 1)
- g) Mrs. Patricia Brenner, *transfer* from IST/SAP position to the Middle School Guidance Counselor position (A. Avila) effective beginning the 2008-09 school year
- h) Ms. Katrina M. Peters, Social Studies Teacher at High School (R. Boland), effective beginning the 2008-09 school year at the salary of \$40,206 (BS, Step 1) (pending receipt of PA certification)
- i) Ms. Felicia Gonzalez, Special Education Teacher at Cole Intermediate School for Learning/Emotional Support (D. Harris), effective beginning the 2008-09 school year at the salary of \$40,206 (BS, Step 1)
- j) Mrs. Susan Turczynski, Kindergarten teacher, long term substitute (D. Barnshaw), effective the 2008-09 school year (August 21, 2008 to June 4, 2009) at the salary of \$40,206 (BS, Step 1)

20C Classified Appointments

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the following classified appointments:

- a) *Transfer* of Mrs. Jolyn Casper from Class A Secretary at the High School to the Class A Secretary at the Elementary Center (J. Davies' transfer), effective August 14, 2008, salary remains the same
- b) Ms. Tammy N. Stettner, Instructional Assistant for ELL Program at Elementary Center (K. Suero), effective beginning the 2008-09 school year at the pay rate of \$12.69 per hour (subject to change with negotiated MESPA contract)
- c) Mrs. Suzanne Wetzel, Food Service Clerical Assistant (I. Schlott), effective beginning the 2008-09 school year, pay rate of \$12.46 per hour, 6.5 hours per day
- d) General Cafeteria Workers for Cole Intermediate School:
 - 1) *Transfer* of Ms. Patricia Greene from 4 hour MEC café to 4 hour Cole General Cafeteria Worker – Lunch, pay rate remains the same, effective beginning the 2008-09 school year
 - 2) *Transfer* of Ms. Patricia Smith from 4 hour MEC café to 4 hour Cole General Cafeteria Worker – Lunch, pay rate remains the same, effective beginning the 2008-09 school year
 - 3) *Transfer* of Ms. Nina Stahl from 3.5 hour at MHS café to 4 hour Cole General Cafeteria Worker – Lunch, pay rate remains the same, effective beginning the 2008-09 school year
- e) *Transfer* of Ms. Lindsay Frymoyer from Title I assistant (part time) at MEC to the Clerical Assistant at High School Library (P. Kline's transfer), effective August 25, 2008 at the pay rate of \$12.46 per hour for 7 hours per day
- f) *Transfer* of Ms. Carol Santo Domingo from Special Education Instructional Assistant at Elementary Center to the Class A Secretary at High School (J. Casper's transfer), effective August 14, 2008 at the salary of \$35,478 prorated for days served in the 2008-09 school year
- g) Ms. Maria I. DeLima, 2nd shift Custodian at Elementary Center (K. Boyer), effective August 29, 2008, salary of \$34,178 prorated for days served in the 2008-09 school year
- h) *Transfer* of Mr. Michael Bussell from 2nd shift Custodian at Middle School to Floater Custodian (C. Tirado's transfer to Cole), effective August 29, 2008, salary remains the same
- i) Mr. Carlos I. David, 2nd Shift Custodian at Middle School (M. Bussell), effective August 29, 2008, salary of \$34,178 prorated for days served in the 2008-09 school year
- j) Mr. Michael C. Berry, 2nd shift Custodian at Middle School, long term substitute (L. Gross), effective August 29, 2008, salary of \$34,178 prorated for days served in the 2008-09 school year

20D Resignations

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District accept the following resignations:

- a) Mrs. Rose Jeffers, Art Teacher at Middle School, effective July 15, 2008
- b) Ms. Dawn Harris, Special Education Teacher, effective July 18, 2008
- c) Ms. Andrea Avila, Guidance Counselor at Middle School, effective July 15, 2008
- d) Mrs. Sandra A. Rumble, Business Operations Coordinator, resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective July 29, 2008
- e) Ms. Amy Youse, Breakfast Cafeteria Worker, effective August 1, 2008
- f) Ms. Rebecca Boland, Social Studies Teacher at High School, effective July 30, 2008
- g) Ms. Kimberley Shultz, Special Education Instructional Assistant, effective August 11, 2008

20E Award Professional Employee Contract for Tenured Employees

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District that in accordance with Section 1121 of the Pennsylvania School Code of 1949 (as amended) and Act 66 of 1996, the administration be authorized to award a Professional Employee Contract to the following teachers who have performed on a satisfactory basis for three years:

- a) Ms. Sara Brendle
- b) Ms. Marci Butterweck
- c) Ms. Tori Galluccio
- d) Ms. Julie Kemmerer
- e) Mr. Dennis Kurtz
- f) Mr. Joshua Messner
- g) Mr. Robert Walters

20F Mentor Assignments for the 2008-09 School Year

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the following mentor assignments for the 2008-09 school year at the pay rate of \$22/hour:

- a) Mr. Matthew Coldren for Ms. Shannon Painter – 30 hours
- b) Mrs. Theresa Diaz for Ms. Beverly MacGregor – 30 hours
- c) Mrs. Katie Derr Foltz for Ms. Jillian Snyder – 30 hours
- d) Mrs. Nancy Faust for Ms. Leslie Boyer – 30 hours
- e) Ms. Marci Moser for Ms. Kristina Antonellos – 30 hours
- f) Ms. Stacey Raudabaugh for Mr. Charles Payne – 30 hours
- g) Mrs. Melissa Reiniger for Ms. Tara Nelson – 60 hours
- h) Mrs. Patricia Morse for Mr. Nicholas Morrissey – 60 hours
- i) Mr. Michael Anthony for Ms. Mackenzie Bricker – 60 hours
- j) Mr. Stephen Fisher for Mr. Jason Robinson – 60 hours
- k) Mrs. Marina Spatz for Ms. Katrina Peters – 60 hours
- l) Mrs. Louise Ludwig & Mrs. Heather Goeltz for Ms. Jennifer Vicari – 30 hours (shared)
- m) Mrs. Marge Miller for Ms. Felicia Gonzalez – 60 hours
- n) Ms. Jennifer Hausman for Ms. Alicia M. Houser – 30 hours
- o) Mrs. Laurie Smith for Mrs. Susan Turczynski – 30 hours
- p) Mrs. Holly Lorchack for Ms. Deidre Cooper-Boyce – 30 hours
- q) Mrs. Judy Becker for Ms. Kim Deibert – 30 hours

20G Professional Salaries for the 2008-09 School Year

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the professional salaries for the 2008-09 school year as in accordance with the agreement between the Muhlenberg Education Association and Muhlenberg School District (Exhibit #16).

20H Grade Level Coordinators

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the following Grade Level Coordinators for the 2008-09 school year:

- a) Ms. Marci Butterweck, Kindergarten assignment for the period of 8/21/08 through 11/25/08 - \$432.00
- b) Ms. Jacyn Bellanca, Kindergarten assignment for the period of 11/26/08 through 6/4/09 - \$768.00
- c) Mrs. Jennifer Anton for Grade 6 - \$1,200

20I Sabbatical Leave of Absence Request for Mrs. Debra J. Barnshaw

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District that in accordance with the Pennsylvania School code of 1949, as amended, Section 1166, and Act 66 of 1996, the administration is authorized to grant a sabbatical leave of absence request for Mrs. Debra J. Barnshaw for the 2008-09 school year for health restoration.

20J Extended School Year Assignment

Resolved, that the board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the assignment of Ms. Gina Bongiovanni as an ESY teacher for summer 2008 for High School Emotional Support/Autistic Support effective retroactive to July 15, 2008 at the pay rate of \$22.00 per hour.

20K Substitutes for the 2008-09 School Year

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the listing of substitutes for the 2008-09 school year (Exhibit #17).

20L Guest Teachers for the 2008-09 School Year

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the listing of guest teachers for the 2008-09 school year (Exhibit #18).

20M Aquatics Personnel for the 2008-09 School Year – Resolution No. 20M

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the listing of Aquatics Personnel for the 2008-09 School Year (Exhibit #19).

20N Substitute Pay Rates for the 2008-09 School Year

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the following substitute rates for the 2008-09 school year:

- a) Teachers for non-consecutive days: \$88 (0-20 days), \$93 (21-40 days), \$98 (41-60 days), and \$103 (61+ days)
- b) Teachers for consecutive days: \$93 (1-15 days), \$98 (16-45 days), per diem rate for 46+ days
- c) Cafeteria, Secretary, and Teacher Assistants - \$8.25 per hour
- d) Custodians - \$10.25 per hour
- e) Crossing Guard - \$7.75 per hour

20O Job Description

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the following job description (Exhibit #20):

- a) Mathematics Coach

20P Health Services for the 2008-09 School Year

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the following health services for the 2008-09 school year:

- a) Reading Hospital Occupational Health Services, pre-employment status
- b) Dr. William Santoro, student physicals, \$21.00 per examination
- c) Dr. Keith Kiefer, school dentist, fee of \$5.00 per examination

20Q Probation/Truant Officers for the 2008-09 School Year

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the services of the probation/truant officers for the 2008-09 school year at the professional rate of \$22.00 per hour:

- a) Mrs. Donna Tothero
- b) Mr. Joel Marino

20R Co/Extra-Curricular Assignments for the 2008-09 School Year

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the following co/extra-curricular assignments for the 2008-09 school year:

- a) Ms. Cindy Long, Varsity Field Hockey Head Coach - \$3,675 (Year 1)
- b) Ms. Janel Lane, volunteer Field Hockey Assistant Coach
- c) Mrs. Erika Sager, volunteer Field Hockey Assistant Coach
- d) Ms. Brittany Hassler, Assistant Marching Band Percussion Advisor - \$2,389 (Year 1)
- e) Ms. Katie Pawlewicz, volunteer Field Hockey Assistant Coach

20S Supplemental Assignments for the 2008-09 School Year

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the following supplemental assignments for the 2008-09 school year:

Sports Monitors – pay rate of \$10.50 per hour

- a) Hallie Vaughan
- b) Robert Entler
- c) Barbara Spatz
- d) Kathy Reed
- e) Ed Lloyd
- f) Jack Steiner
- g) John Alfero
- h) Donna Matten

20T Bus Drivers and Aides for the 2008-09 School Year

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the listing of contracted bus drivers and aides for the 2008-09 school year as per the Transportation Contract Agreement with the Berks County Intermediate Unit (Exhibit #21).

20U Completion of Probation for Classified Employee

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the completion of probation for Mr. Steven Krick effective July 1, 2008.

20V Educational Consultant

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the services of Mr. John Alfero as an educational consultant at the rate of \$50.00 per hour not to exceed 10 hours.

20W Additional Classroom Teacher for Grade 4

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the addition of one classroom teacher for Grade 4 for the 2008-09 school year to reduce class size in that grade to 25 to 26 students per classroom.

20X Bus Monitors for the 2008-09 School Year

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the following bus monitors for the 2008-09 school year:

C. E. Cole Intermediate School

1st Semester: Diane Shalter
Lori Rubert
Karen Snyder
Lois Dieterly

2nd Semester: Jennifer Anton
Katie Gassert
Amy Chiarelli
Alison Wallace

Management

21 Act 80 Day Exception for the 2008-09 School Year

Moved by Raifsnider and Mengle that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District authorize the submission of the district's Act 80 Day Exception for the 2008-09 School year to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (Exhibit #22).

Yeas: Hoffmaster, Long, Mengle, Raifsnider, Reiniger.
Motion carried unanimously.

Physical Plant and Transportation

22 Construction Change Orders for C. E. Cole Intermediate School

Moved by Hoffmaster and Raifsnider that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the following construction change orders for the C. E. Cole Intermediate School (2007 Construction Fund) (Exhibit #23):

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| a) Cole #22, E. R. Stuebner, Inc. #01-15, to adjust media center changes | CREDIT | (\$3,501.52) |
| b) Cole #22, E. R. Stuebner, Inc. #01-16, for hardware schedule change in mechanical rooms | | \$3,641.95 |
| c) Cole #23, E. R. Stuebner, Inc., #01-17, add double tier lockers, Room E131 | | \$5,644.22 |
| d) Cole #24, The Warko Group, #03-02, credit for unused allowance for 50 yards trench rock excavation | CREDIT | (\$11,000.00) |

Yeas: Long, Mengle, Raifsnider, Reiniger, Hoffmaster.
Motion carried unanimously.

23 Purchase of Grounds Mower for Athletic Fields

Moved by Hoffmaster and Raifsnider that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the purchase of a grounds mower for the athletic fields at the state contract pricing at estimated cost of \$18,000 (5-year plan, funding from Capital Reserve) (Exhibit #24).

Yeas: Long, Mengle, Raifsnider, Reiniger, Hoffmaster.
Motion carried unanimously.

24 Amend Resolution No. 214 of March 12, 2008

Moved by Hoffmaster and Raifsnider that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District amend Resolution No. 214 of March 12, 2008 to adjust the total cost of the ramp alterations at the High School in the amount of \$22,190 (5-year plan, funding from Capital Reserve) (Exhibit #25).

Yeas: Mengle, Reiniger, Hoffmaster, Long.
 Nay: Raifsnider.
 Motion failed.

Budget and Finance

25 Approval of Financial Reports

Moved by Raifsnider and Mengle that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the following financial reports and that they become part of the permanent record of the meeting.

Fund	Treasurer's Report	Financial Report	Bills Paid Month	Investments	Budget Transfers
General	June 08		July 08 #94891-95192	June 08	June 08
Capital Reserve	June 08	June 08	July-Aug 08 372-377	June 08	
1996 Series "A"	June 08	June 08	N/A	June 08	
2003 Construction	June 08	June 08	N/A	June 08	
2007 Construction	June 08	June 08	July-Aug 08 #251-281	June 08	
Cafeteria	June 08	June 08	N/A	June 08	
Activity Fund	June 08			June 08	

Yeas: Raifsnider, Reiniger, Hoffmaster, Long, Mengle.
 Motion carried unanimously.

26 Lease Agreement for Administration Building Copier/Printer

Moved by Long and Raifsnider that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the lease agreement with Edwards Business Systems for the Konica Minolta K600 black and white digital printer/copier/scanner for \$191 per month for 63 months plus a one-time documentation fee of \$67, a full service maintenance and supply agreement for \$0.005 per copy during the term of the lease agreement and a \$1 purchase option at the end of the lease term (Exhibit #26).

Yeas: Raifsnider, Reiniger, Hoffmaster, Long, Mengle.
 Motion carried unanimously.

27 Disposal of District Financial Records

Moved by Hoffmaster and Mengle that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District that in accordance with Policy No. 2.6, "Disposal of District Financial Records", the administration is authorized to dispose of financial records as listed in Exhibit #27.

Yeas: Reiniger, Hoffmaster, Long, Mengle, Raifsnider.
Motion carried unanimously.

Education

28 Tuition Contract Agreements with Opportunities School

Moved by Raifsnider and Hoffmaster that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the Tuition Contract Agreements with Opportunities School for Summer 2008 and the 2008-09 School Year for a Muhlenberg student receiving educational services at the rate of \$3,428.64 (summer 2008) and \$26,000.00 (08-09 school year) (Exhibit #28).

Yeas: Hoffmaster, Long, Mengle, Raifsnider, Reiniger.
Motion carried unanimously.

29 Tuition Contract Agreement between Muhlenberg School District and Schuylkill Valley School District

Moved by Hoffmaster and Raifsnider that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the Tuition Contract Agreement between Muhlenberg School District and Schuylkill Valley School District for providing special education services for a Schuylkill Valley High School student for the 2008-09 school year and the 2009 extended school year at a tuition fee of \$10,504.00 (Exhibit #29).

Yeas: Hoffmaster, Long, Mengle, Raifsnider, Reiniger.
Motion carried unanimously.

30 Sale of Used Textbooks

Moved by Hoffmaster and Raifsnider that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the sale of the following used textbooks (Exhibit #30):

- a) High School Mathematics textbooks, declared surplus, purchased by Follett Educational Services in the amount of \$449.00
- b) High School Mathematics textbooks, declared surplus, purchased by Textbook Warehouse LLC of Alpharetta, GA in the amount of \$100.00

Yeas: Hoffmaster, Long, Mengle, Raifsnider, Reiniger.
Motion carried unanimously.

31 Conference Requests

Moved by Hoffmaster and Mengle that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the following conference request (Exhibit #31):

- a) Mr. Donald B. Raifsnider, Jr., PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference at Hershey, PA, on October 14-17, 2008 at an estimated cost of \$750.00

Yeas: Long, Mengle, Raifsnider, Reiniger, Hoffmaster.
Motion carried unanimously.

32 Agreement with The Reading Hospital Center for Mental Health for Student Assistance Program for 2008-09 School Year

Moved by Raifsnider and Hoffmaster that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the Agreement with The Reading Hospital Center for Mental Health for Student Assistance Program and related services for the Elementary and Middle Schools for the 2008-09 school year at the rate of \$200 per day for two days per week (Exhibit #32).

Yeas: Long, Mengle, Raifsnider, Reiniger, Hoffmaster.
Motion carried unanimously.

Student Activities

33 Establishment of Student Scholarships

Moved by Raifsnider and Hoffmaster that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the establishment of student scholarships (Exhibit #33):

- a) R. Daniel Krize Scholarship Fund
- b) Ethel H. Knutson Scholarship Fund

Yeas: Mengle, Raifsnider, Reiniger, Hoffmaster, Long.
Motion carried unanimously.

Additional Business

34 Award Bid for High School Yearbook Contract

Moved by Raifsnider and Hoffmaster that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District accept the lowest responsible bid from Taylor Publishing for the High School yearbook for a three-year contract (2009-2011) with option to extend the contract for two (2) additional years (Exhibit #34).

Yeas: Raifsnider, Reiniger, Hoffmaster, Long, Mengle.
Motion carried unanimously.

35 Contract for Urban Development Program

Moved by Raifsnider and Long that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District authorize the administration to submit the Contract for Urban Development Program to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for a grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 (Exhibit #35).

Yeas: Raifsnider, Reiniger, Hoffmaster, Long, Mengle.
Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

36 Approval of Minutes

Moved by Hoffmaster and Raifsnider that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting and Regular Meeting of July 9, 2008 be approved as submitted.

Yeas: Reiniger, Hoffmaster, Long, Mengle, Raifsnider.
Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

New Business

37 Memoriam of Mrs. Rosalee Marie Shober

Moved by Raifsnider and Hoffmaster that we remember the passing of Mrs. Rosalee Marie Shober, who served as a Teacher Assistant and Clerical Assistant in the Muhlenberg High School for nine years (1992 - 2001), and that we honor her memory for her dedicated service to the school district and community.

Be it further resolved that we convey through this resolution our deepest sympathy to her family, and that this resolution be made part of the permanent record in the minutes of the Muhlenberg School District.

Yeas: Hoffmaster, Long, Mengle, Raifsnider, Reiniger.
Motion carried unanimously.

38 Memoriam of Mr. R. Daniel Krize

Moved by Raifsnider and Hoffmaster that we remember the passing of Mr. R. Daniel Krize, who served as a Social Studies Teacher at Middle School for thirty-five years (1969-2004), a Muhlenberg School Director for three and one-half years (2005 to present), and Vice Chairman of the Board at the Reading-Muhlenberg Career & Technology Center (2007 to present), and that we honor his memory for his dedicated service to the school district and community.

Be it further resolved that we convey through this resolution our deepest sympathy to his family, and that this resolution be made part of the permanent record in the minutes of the Muhlenberg School District.

Yeas: Hoffmaster, Long, Mengle, Raifsnider, Reiniger.
Motion carried unanimously.

39 Appointment of School Director

Moved by Raifsnider and Hoffmaster that Chris Okonski be appointed as School Director of the Muhlenberg School District effective immediately through the completion of the 4-year term ending December 2009.

Roll Call Vote by Name

Hoffmaster – Chris Okonski
Long – Chris Okonski
Mengle – Chris Okonski
Raifsnider – Chris Okonski
Reiniger – Chris Okonski

Motion carried unanimously.

40 Appointment of RMCTC Representative

Moved by Raifsnider and Hoffmaster that Lee Reiniger be appointed as Representative of the Reading-Muhlenberg Career & Technology Center Board effective immediately through completion of the 3-year term ending December 2009.

Roll Call Vote by Name

Long – Lee R. Reiniger
Mengle – Lee R. Reiniger
Raifsnider – Lee R. Reiniger
Reiniger – Lee R. Reiniger
Hoffmaster – Lee R. Reiniger

Motion carried unanimously.

41 Appeal of Mandate Waiver to PDE

Moved by Raifsnider and Hoffmaster that the Solicitor is authorized to 1) revise and resubmit the Mandate Waiver application requesting a waiver of the multiple prime contractor requirements of Section 751 of the PA School Code; 2) appeal the denial of the initial mandate waiver application to the Secretary of Education; and 3) appeal the denial of the initial waiver application to the PA Commonwealth Court.

Yeas: Long, Mengle, Raifsnider, Reiniger, Hoffmaster.
Motion carried unanimously.

Hearing of Visitors

Presentation is limited to approximately two minutes per person. Should any citizen require more than the two minutes allocated, please contact the Superintendent prior to the meeting. She will coordinate such requests for the Board. Citizens addressing the Board should be aware that the meeting is being taped.

No public comment at this time.

Board Visitor of the Month

September – Don Raifsnider
October – Barbara Nagle
November – Scott Long
December – Rick Hoffmaster

January – Cindy Mengle
February –
March – Terry Heckman
April – Lee Reiniger
May – Otto Voit

Review of Board Meetings and Calendar of Events

August 13	6:30 p.m.	Committee of the Whole Meeting
	7:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting
September 3	7:30 p.m.	Committee of the Whole Meeting
September 8	6:30 p.m.	RMCTC Committee and Regular Meetings
September 10	7:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting

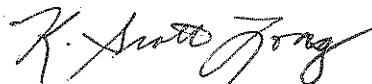
Adjournment

42 Adjourn Meeting

Moved by Hoffmaster and Raifsnider that there being no further business to come before the Board the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Yeas: Mengle, Raifsnider, Reiniger, Hoffmaster, Long.
Motion carried unanimously.

Attest:



K. Scott Long
Board Secretary