

MUHLENBERG SCHOOL BOARD
June 2, 2010
Committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda
7:00 p.m. - HS 1st Floor Lecture Hall

I. Roll Call

II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

III. Educational Presentations

- A. Muhl Pin Recognition - Principals
- B. TV Studio Presentation – Mr. Mike Allen
- C. Electrical Energy Report – Mr. Greg Schneider
- D. 2nd Reading of District Policies – Dr. Vlacía Campbell

- 100 Strategic Plan
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- 102 Academic Standards
- 103 Nondiscrimination in School and Classroom Practices
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- 140.1 Extracurricular Participation by Charter/Cyber Charter Students
- 143 Standards for Persistently Dangerous Schools
- 144 Standards for Victims of Violent Crimes
- 146 Student Services

IV. 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.

V. Board Business

A. Personnel – Appointments in accordance with Act 34, Act 151, FBI clearances and I-9.

B. Management

1. Membership to Berks Business Education Coalition for 2010 – fee of \$500.00 (Exhibit B-1)
2. Cancellation of June 16, 2010 Regular Meeting and reschedule Board Meeting for June 24, 2010

C. Physical Plant and Transportation

1. Installation of Accessible Walkways to Bleachers installed at Hockey Field and JV Football Field at a cost of \$12,093 (funding from Capital Reserve) (Exhibit C-1)

D. Budget and Finance

1. Financial Reports

Fund	Treasurer's Report	Financial Report	Bills Paid Month	Investments	Budget Transfers
General	Apr 2010	Apr 2010	May 2010 #	Apr 2010	Apr 2010
Capital Reserve	Apr 2010	Apr 2010		Apr 2010	
1996 Series "A"	Apr 2010	Apr 2010		Apr 2010	
2003 Construction	Apr 2010	Apr 2010	N/A	Apr 2010	
2007 Construction	Apr 2010	Apr 2010	N/A	Apr 2010	
2008 Construction	Apr 2010	Apr 2010		Apr 2010	
Cafeteria	Apr 2010	Apr 2010	May 2010 #	Apr 2010	
Activity Fund	Apr 2010	Apr 2010		Apr 2010	

2. RMCTC Budget for the 2010-11 School Year at the district's share of \$1,407,438.56 (Exhibit D-2)
3. Final Budget for 2010-11 School Year

Resolved, that the Final Budget for the Muhlenberg School District 2010-11 fiscal year, as presented by the Administration, be approved. This is a balanced budget in the amount of \$47,235.731.00

Said budget shall set forth a levy of the following tax structure: a tax of 25.56 mils (\$25.56 per \$1,000.00) of assessed market value of real estate; and the district's share of a realty tax transfer of 1%; an occupational tax of \$10.00 for Laureldale and an emergency management tax of \$52.00 for Muhlenberg Township; a 1% earned income tax; a mercantile tax consisting of one mil on wholesale transactions; and a business privilege tax at the rate of one and one-half mils on the gross volume of business, to provide the necessary revenue for same.

4. 2010-11 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion

RESOLVED, by the Board of School Directors of Muhlenberg School District, that homestead and farmstead exclusion real estate tax assessment reductions are authorized for the school year beginning July 1, 2010, under the provisions of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act (part of Act 50 of 1998) and the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006), as follows:

1. Aggregate amount available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction. The following amounts are available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction for the school year beginning July 1, 2010:

a. **Gambling tax funds.** The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has notified the School District that PDE will pay to the School District during the school year pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.505(b), as a property tax reduction allocation funded by gambling tax funds, the amount of \$_____.

b. **Philadelphia tax credit reimbursement funds.** PDE has notified the School District that PDE will pay to the School District during the school year pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.324(3), as reimbursement for Philadelphia tax credits claimed against the School District earned income tax by School District resident taxpayers, the amount of \$_____.

c. **Aggregate amount available.** Adding these amounts, the aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction is \$_____.

2. Homestead/farmstead numbers. Pursuant to Act 50, 54 Pa. C.S. § 8584(i), and Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.341(g)(3), the County has provided the School District with a certified report listing approved homesteads and farmsteads as follows:

a. **Homestead property number.** The number of approved homesteads within the School District is _____.

b. **Farmstead property number.** The number of approved farmsteads within the School District is _____.

c. **Homestead/farmstead combined number.** Adding these numbers, the aggregate number of approved homesteads and farmsteads is _____.

3. Real estate tax reduction calculation. The school board has decided that the homestead exclusion amount and the farmstead exclusion amount shall be equal. Dividing the paragraph 1(c) aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction of \$_____ by the paragraph 2(c) aggregate number of approved homesteads and farmsteads of _____, the maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is \$_____.

Based on calculations provided by the School District Business Office from the best available information and carefully evaluated by the School Board, considering the assessed value of approved homestead and approve farmsteads having an assessed value below the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate assessed value reduction amount to be established as the homestead exclusion and the farmstead exclusion amount, an additional aggregate amount of \$_____ will be available during the school year for real estate tax reduction applicable to approximately _____ homesteads and farmsteads,

resulting in an additional real estate tax reduction amount available for each homestead and farmstead of \$_____. Adding this additional amount to the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate tax reduction amount of \$_____, the final maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is \$_____.

4. **Homestead exclusion calculation.** Dividing the paragraph 3 maximum real estate tax reduction amount of \$_____ by the School District real estate tax rate of 25.56 mills (.02556), the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a homestead exclusion for each approved homestead is \$_____, and the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a farmstead exclusion for each approved farmstead is \$_____.

Homestead/farmstead exclusion authorization. The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved homestead within the School District shall reflect a homestead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of: (a) the County-established assessed value of the homestead, or (b) the paragraph 4 maximum real estate assessed value reduction of \$_____. The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved farmstead within the School District shall reflect an additional farmstead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of: (a) the County-established assessed value of the farmstead, or (b) the paragraph 4 maximum real estate assessed value reduction of \$_____. The homestead exclusion and farmstead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction will apply only to tax notices issued based on the initial tax duplicate used in issuing initial real estate tax notices for the school year, which will be issued on or promptly after July 1, and will not apply to interim real estate tax bills.

5. School Breakfast and Lunch Prices for the 2010-11 School Year:

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the school breakfast and lunch prices for the 2010-11 school year:

- a) Breakfast
Students - \$1.50 (all buildings)
Adults - \$2.00 (all buildings)

- b) Lunch
Elementary and Intermediate School - \$1.75
Middle School and High School Students - \$2.00
Adults - \$3.00

E. Education

- 1. Music Department Trip for April 15-18, 2011 for Band and Chorus to perform at Busch Gardens and Virginia Beach (Exhibit E-1)
- 2. School-Based Probation Program for High School (Exhibit E-2)
- 3. Receipt of Gifts as in accordance with district Policy 2.1 "Gifts" (Exhibit E-3):
 - a) Follett Educational Services Company amount of \$71.96 to High School for compensation for sale of textbooks

4. Conference Request (Exhibit E-4):
 - a) Mr. Donald B. Raifsnider, Jr. to attend the PSBA Symposium on July 11-12, 2010 in Gettysburg, PA
5. Addendum to Contract between Austill's Rehabilitation Services, Inc. and Muhlenberg School District for Three –Year Agreement effective July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2013 (Exhibit E-5)
6. Agreement with Caron Foundation for Student Assistance Services at the High School and Middle School effective August 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 (Exhibit E-6)
7. Summer Enrichment Contact for Student attending Opportunities School at the fee of \$3,531.60 effective June 28, 2010 to August 5, 2010 (Exhibit E-7)
8. Adopt Textbook/Software Video Listing for the 2010-11 School Year (Exhibit E-8)

F. Student Activities

VI. Minutes

Review minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 5, 2010 and the Regular Meeting of May 12, 2010.

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

IX. 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.

X. Board Visitor of the Month

September – Donald Raifsnider	January – Barbara Nagle
October – Lee Reiniger	February – Otto Voit
November – Rick Hoffmaster	March – Terry Heckman
December – Scott Long	April – John DelCollo
	May – Cindy Mengle

XI. Review of Board Meetings and Calendar of Events

June 2	7:00 p.m.	Committee of the Whole Meeting
June 8	7:00 p.m.	Baccalaureate Service – HS Auditorium
June 9	7:00 p.m.	Graduation – Sovereign Center
June 14	6:30 p.m.	RMCTC Committee & Regular Meetings
June 24	7:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting
July 14	6:30 p.m.	Committee & Regular Meetings
August 11	6:30 p.m.	Committee & Regular Meetings

XII. Adjournment