

**MUHLENBERG SCHOOL BOARD**  
**Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes – July 14, 2010**  
**Muhlenberg High School First Floor Lecture Hall**

**Call to Order**

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District was called to order on Wednesday, July 14, 2010 at 6:31 p.m. by Board President, Mr. Donald B. Raifsnider, Jr. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Members Present**

President – Donald B. Raifsnider, Jr.  
Vice President – Terry L. Heckman  
Secretary – K. Scott Long  
Treasurer – Richard E. Hoffmaster  
Assistant Secretary – Cindy L. Mengle  
Member – Barbara A. Nagle  
Member – Lee R. Reiniger  
Member – Otto W. Voit, III (arrived 6:45 p.m.)  
Solicitor – James M. Lillis, Esq.  
Recording Secretary – Brenda A. Stein

**Members Absent**

Member – John A. DelCollo (vacation)

**Administration Present**

Superintendent – Dr. Theresa D. Haught  
Assistant Superintendent – Dr. Vlacia Z. Campbell  
High School Principal – Michael Mish  
Middle School Principal – Donna Albright  
Cole Intermediate School Principal – Dr. Ryan Giffing  
Elementary Center Principal – Steven Baylor  
Elementary Center Assistant Principal – Tim Moyer  
Supervisor of Special Education – Michael Barr  
Buildings/Grounds/Transportation Coordinator – Greg Schneider

**Visitors**

Colleen Russo  
Stephanie Landis  
Nick Srack  
Vicki Seidel  
Greg Eddinger

**Executive Session**

The Board recessed for an Executive Session at 6:32 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

President Raifsnider resumed the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

## Education Presentation

### A. Electrical Energy Report

Mr. Schneider reported the current electric costs are increasing until the new energy contract goes into effect in January 2011. The district will curtail power in all buildings for cost savings this summer.

**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.

## Board Business

**A. Personnel** – Board members reviewed personnel items in Executive Session.

**B. Management**

**C. Physical Plant and Transportation**

1. Sunday Facility Use Request for Boys' Volleyball Club for use of Outfield #4 on July 18, August 1, and August 15, 2010 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
2. Replacement of Water Heater at Middle School

### Discussion

Dr. Haught explained that the repair to the current water heater would be at a cost of \$8,000.00 versus the replacement of a new unit at \$24,000.00.

*Mr. Voit questioned the life expectancy of the repair and the estimated cost savings for new unit?*

Mr. Schneider stated the tank is in good condition, but could not indicate the duration of the repair. Mr. Schneider indicated a savings of 25-30% in gas usage to operate the water heater.

*Mr. Raifsnider commented that the instantaneous water heater will increase the efficiency of hot water and that older equipment is subject to additional repairs.*

Mr. Schneider concurred that the current 1000 gal tank is operating at 80% efficiency and the new unit will be 90-95% efficient.

Continued Discussion

*Mr. Raifsnider polled the board members as to their decision for the formal vote on the agenda:*

Voit – repair  
 Mengle – replacement  
 Nagle – replacement  
 Heckman – replacement

Raifsnider - replacement  
 Reiniger - repair  
 Hoffmaster – repair  
 Long - replacement

**D. Budget and Finance**

1. Approval of Financial Reports

Fund	Treasurer's Report	Financial Report	Bills Paid Month	Investments	Budget Transfers
General	May 2010	May 2010	June 2010 #24295-24612	May 2010	May 2010
Capital Reserve	May 2010	May 2010	June 2010 #504-511	May 2010	
1996 Series "A"	May 2010	May 2010	N/A	May 2010	
2003 Construction	May 2010	May 2010	N/A	May 2010	
2007 Construction	May 2010	May 2010	N/A	May 2010	
2008 Construction	May 2010	May 2010	June 2010 #257-261	May 2010	
Cafeteria	May 2010	May 2010	June 2010 #1657-1682	May 2010	
Activity Fund	May 2010	May 2010		May 2010	

**E. Education**

1. Receipt of Gifts:

a) Mr. Scott Schwenk – donation of engineering and architectural drafting textbooks for the High School Technology Education Department at a value of \$200.00

2. Contracted Special Education Services with Berks County Intermediate Unit for the 2010-11 School Year

3. Dual Enrollment Agreement with Reading Area Community College for the 2010-11 School Year

**F. Student Activities**

### **Additional Business Items**

1. Settlement of Assessment Appeal for Zenith Properties, L.P.

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District hereby authorizes the Solicitor to settle the assessment appeal filed by Zenith Properties, L.P., related to property located at 1005 Patriot Parkway, Muhlenberg Township, in the amount of Four Million Two Hundred Sixty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$4,260,000.00) for tax year commencing July 1, 2009.

2. Membership to University of Pennsylvania Center for School Study Council

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the district's membership to the University of Pennsylvania Center for School Study Council for the 2010-11 school year in the amount of \$2,900.00.

### **Minutes**

Board members reviewed minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 2, 2010 and the Regular Meeting of June 24, 2010.

### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

### **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	January – Otto Voit
October – Barb Nagle	February – John DelCollo
November – Rick Hoffmaster	March – Terry Heckman
December – Lee Reiniger	April – Scott Long
	May – Cindy Mengle

### **Review of Board Meetings and Calendar of Events**

July 14	6:30 p.m.	Committee & Regular Meetings
August 2	6:30 p.m.	RMCTC Committee & Regular Meetings
August 11	6:30 p.m.	Committee & Regular Meetings

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Attest:

K. Scott Long  
Board Secretary