

Call to Order and Roll Call

Directors	Directors Not Present
Ms. Danielle Cairns	
Mr. Gianni Floro	
Ms. Sarah Heres	
Ms. Debbie Miller	
Mr. Jack Norris	
Mr. David Pusateri	Others Present
Mr. Robert Riker	Dr. Joseph Clapper, superintendent
Dr. Kausalai Wijekumar	Dr. Heidi Ondek, assistant superintendent
	Mr. John Sheline, director of finance & operations/school board secretary
	Mr. Patrick J. Clair, solicitor

There being a quorum present, Mr. Norris called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Executive sessions were held on November 16, and December 7, 2010; and January 18, 2011 to discuss legal and personnel issues.
- *The Quaker Valley School Board holds regularly scheduled work sessions for the purpose of examining proposals and recommendations made by the staff, public, legal counsel and the board. These proposals and recommendations are normally accompanied by background material, presentations and/or rationale. This process assures a thorough review of all items prior to being placed on the legislative agenda. The public is encouraged to attend these work sessions. Minutes from the most recent work sessions are available at legislative meetings. Approved minutes only are available on our web site: [www.qvsd.org](http://www.qvsd.org).*

RECOGNITION: Mr. Floro

In order to celebrate the lives of members of the Quaker Valley School District family, the board places memorial books in their honor in the appropriate libraries:

- There were no memorial recipients this month.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November legislative meeting  
 December 7 reorganization meeting  
 December 7 special meeting  
 January committee meetings

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Moved by -	Mr. Pusateri
Seconded by -	Dr. Wijekumar (8-0 voice vote)

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## REPORTS

### Educational Focus: *National School Boards Month Recognition*

Dr. Clapper thanked the school board for the tremendous work they do on behalf of the children in our community. Elementary art teacher Ms. Sopp and students Jerrad Meanor and Molly Henschke presented glass mosaic picture frames made in a pilot after-school art program. Each school board member received a frame.

Ms. Colangelo and student Megan Grant explained the creation of metal "QV" ornaments, which were also given to the school board members. The ornaments were designed by art students, and created by chemistry students.

Postcards of the photo by Jack Westwood, used as this year's holiday card, were also included in the school board gift.

Student Representative to the Board Report: In February Ms. Rollock and Ms. Haybron will present on holiday fundraisers.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Clapper

- Dr. Ondek presented a congratulatory certificate to Mr. Brian Wolovich, recognized by *Pittsburgh* magazine as one of "40 Under 40" - citizens under 40 years of age who have achieved both professionally and in giving back to their community.
- On Thursday, January 27, a video of the Osborne school composting program will be shown as a segment of the television program *Pittsburgh 360* on WQED, at 7:30 PM.
- Dr. Clapper was pleased to report that on the agenda was an item to approve a 4 year contract with the Quaker Valley Education Association. The contract is fair for the teachers, students, and the community. Dr. Clapper is grateful for the cooperation that exists between the board, the administration, and the union.
- A video was shown that illustrated administrator, teacher, and parent reaction to the upcoming move of middle school students to the Anthony Wayne school. Notice of the video will be sent out via eLink.

Solicitor's Report: Mr. Clair had no report.

## OLD BUSINESS

## VISITOR PARTICIPATION

Visitors are invited to address agenda items at the time during which they are under consideration by the board. Personnel items must be submitted in writing to the board president for consideration five days prior to the board meeting.

REPORT ON THE PARKWAY WEST CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER

*There will be no report until a board member is designated to represent Quaker Valley School District.*

REPORT ON THE SEWICKLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY: Mr. Floro reported that the library was successful in operating "under budget." He attributed this to "belt-tightening" measures, and personal donations that were received late in the year.

Library card registration has increased, as has circulation. As the use of technology becomes more prevalent, efforts will be made to meet the needs of the library patron, in print and other available media.

REPORT FROM THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: Dr. Wijekumar

The board approved the high school program of studies, as presented.

The board approved the middle school program of studies, as presented.

The board approved the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade string orchestra trip, as presented.

The board approved the middle school service learning trip, as presented.

Moved by -	Dr. Wijekumar
Seconded by -	Ms. Heres (8-0 voice vote)

REPORT FROM THE POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE: Ms. Miller

These policies were revised:

Policy 020.00 (Draft A) *Public Records*

Policy 203.00 (Draft A) *Admission of Beginners*

Moved by -	Ms. Miller
Seconded by -	Mr. Floro (8-0 voice vote)

REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS / INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: Mr. Floro

Mr. Floro noted that the candidates for the vacant school board position will be interviewed on February 1, 2011 at 7 PM in the Edgeworth Elementary School large group instruction room.

The board approved the 2011-2012 school year calendar, as presented.

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Moved by -	Mr. Floro
Seconded by -	Mr. Riker (8-0 voice vote)

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REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Mr. Riker

The board appointed Catherine Paff as tax collector for Haysville Borough effective December 31, 2010.

The board approved a revised interim tax resolution - numbered 2011-02.

The board approved the bond issue funds, capital projects fund, general fund and cafeteria fund financial statements for the months ending November 30 and December 31, 2010.

The board ratified the general fund invoices for November and December, 2010 in the amount of \$5,668,053.55.

The board approved the general fund invoices for January, 2011 in the amount of \$266,917.75.

The board ratified the food service fund invoices for November, 2010, in the amount of \$147,256.82.

The board approved the administration to pay the food service fund invoices for the month of December, 2010 in the amount of \$28,313.54.

The board ratified the invoices for the December, 2010 capital projects fund in the amount of \$6,063.00.

The board ratified the 2010 bond issue fund invoices for the November and December, 2010 in the amount of \$160,506.98.

The board approved the 2010 bond issue fund invoices for January, 2011 in the amount of \$102,019.98.

The board approved the athletic and activity fund reports for the quarter ending December 31, 2010.

The board approved the budget transfers as provided.

The board approved the 2009-10 audited financial statements as prepared by Maher Duessel, Certified Public Accountants.

The board approved resolution 2011-01 for Act 1 of Special Session 2006 to not increase any school district tax for the 2011-12 school year above the index calculated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education at 1.4%.

The board approved the acquisition of two bank accounts to be used for the procurement card program.

Moved by -	Mr. Riker
Seconded by -	Ms. Miller (8-0 voice vote)

REPORT FROM THE FACILITIES COMMITTEE: Mr. Pusateri

The board authorized Eckles Architecture to prepare the documentation needed for submittal to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the 20-Year Rule Variance and adopt a resolution requesting a variance due to the unusual and unforeseen needs of the middle school.

The board approved the submission of Plan Con parts D & E for the middle school renovation as presented by Eckles. This will include required Act 34 documentation. This will be a part of the architects' normal percentage fee. We will be reimbursing the architect for the UPS charge for submitting these documents as per our contract.

The board authorized the administration to purchase the repair parts for the Edgeworth and Osborne playground equipment. The cost is estimated to be \$5,810 for the Edgeworth equipment and \$4,085 for the Osborne equipment. The cost will be taken from the capital projects fund.

The board authorized the administration to approve Yocca Business Systems, Inc. to do repairs to the Edgeworth and Osborne playground equipment at an estimated cost of \$2,500 and will be taken from the capital projects fund.

Moved by -	Mr. Pusateri
Seconded by -	Mr. Floro (8-0 voice vote)

REPORT FROM THE SUPPORT SERVICES COMMITTEE: Ms. Heres had no report.

REPORT FROM THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Mr. Riker

RESIGNATIONS AND LEAVES

The board accepted the retirement resignation of Jerry Veshio as high school teacher effective June 6, 2011.

The board accepted the retirement resignation of Anna Petrakis as school counselor effective June 6, 2011.

The board accepted the retirement resignation of Catherine Hydzik as academic specialist effective June 6, 2011.

The board accepted the retirement resignation of Kathleen Gray as elementary teacher effective June 6, 2011.

The board accepted the resignation of Danielle Pancari as special education paraprofessional funded by Access School Based Health Related Services effective November 5, 2010.

#### APPOINTMENTS, TENURE, ETC.

The board appointed Cathy Villacis as a full time long term substitute life skills teacher funded by American Recovery and Reinvestment Act effective January 13, 2011.

The board appointed Ralph Ruggerio as 1/7 long term substitute French teacher and 6/7 building substitute at \$110 per day as needed effective January 13, 2011.

The board appointed Kaley Thoma as special education paraprofessional effective November 8, 2010.

The board appointed Michelle Hartley as special education paraprofessional at \$120/day to be funded by the Access School Based Health Related Services effective December 17, 2010.

The board appointed Nadine Toliver as short hour cleaner effective December 6, 2010.

The board approved the addition of Harriet Goerman to the food services support substitutes list effective January 6, 2011.

The board approved a resolution authorizing an Application for Approval of a Curtailment or Alteration of the District's educational program for the 2011-2012 school year completed under Section 1124 of the Public School Code, 24 P.S. 11-1124.

#### NEGOTIATIONS, COMPENSATION, BENEFITS, ETC.

The board ratified the agreement between the Quaker Valley Education Association and the Quaker Valley School District for a term of 4 years, beginning July 1, 2011, and ending on June 30, 2015, as presented.

The board approved the following job descriptions: Elementary Academic Specialist, Secondary Academic Specialist, School Counselor and Assistant to the Director of Pupil Services.

The board adjusted the contract of Jennifer Skirtich, contracted school psychologist from a rate of \$50/hour not to exceed 20 hours per week to a rate of \$50/hour not to exceed 40 hours per week. This position will be funded by Access School Based Health Related Services, effective on January 6, 2011 through June 6, 2011.

Moved by -	Mr. Riker
Seconded by -	Mr. Pusateri (8-0 voice vote)

All committee minutes were made a part of the minutes of this meeting.

Moved by -	Mr. Riker
Seconded by -	Ms. Miller (8-0 voice vote)

#### OTHER BUSINESS

#### VISITOR PARTICIPATION

Visitors may address the board regarding appropriate matters. Personnel comments will be restricted to concerns which have been submitted in writing for consideration by the board president. The request must be received five days in advance of the meeting. Speakers are asked to raise a hand to be recognized and to state their name prior to speaking.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:46 PM

Moved by -	Mr. Pusateri
Seconded by -	Mr. Riker (8-0 voice vote)

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Sheline  
Board Secretary