

# Quaker Valley School District

## EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 6, 2011

Committee Members Present	Directors Present
Dr. Kay Wijekumar	Mr. Gianni Floro
Ms. Danielle Burnette	Ms. Debbie Miller
Ms. Sarah Heres	Mr. Jack Norris
Mr. Robert Riker	Mr. Dave Pusateri
	Mr. Mark Rodgers
Dr. Heidi Ondek, administrative liaison	
Dr. Jillian Bichsel, administrative liaison	
Others Present	
Dr. Joseph H. Clapper	Ms. Martha Smith
Mr. Karlton Chapman	Dr. Joseph Marrone
Ms. Christine Kardong	

### 1.0 EDUCATIONAL FOCUS

1.1 *Courage... rising to the challenge* is the guiding principle for the 2011-2012 school year. Dr. Clapper provided an abbreviated version of his opening day presentation.

### 2.0 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

2.1 Ms. Corbett and Mr. Comerchi provided a PowerPoint report about “back to school” happenings throughout the school district.

### 3.0 EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

3.1 A report about last school year’s trip to Peru was provided by Senor Haboush and approximately one-half of the students who made the journey. Each student shared a brief highlight of their experience.

3.2 Dr. Bichsel reviewed the summer educational offerings in the Quaker Valley area. Approximately 187 students participated in some summer program.

3.3 Implementation of the Common Core Standards in Pennsylvania must be completed by 2013-2014.

- 3.4 The 3<sup>rd</sup> day enrollment reports were briefly reviewed.
- 3.5 The STEAM education grant was renewed and will support the after school arts studio and robotics program.
- 3.6 A Club 5210 evaluation report will be provided later in the school year.
- 4.0 STRATEGIC PLAN & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
  - 4.1 Concentrated work on the strategic plan took place over 3-days during the summer recess. The plan is due to the state department of education at the end of the school year.
- 5.0 CO-CURRICULAR LEADERSHIP
  - 5.1 Mr. Mastroianni is pleased with how the fall high school athletics and activities have begun.
  - 5.2 Mr. Mastroianni also updated the school board on how the middle school activities and athletics are and will be accommodated throughout this school year. This mainly entails the scheduling of bus transportation. Some students have found other means of transportation to after-school events, and very few problems have been encountered.
  - 5.3 2011 homecoming events are being planned.
  - 5.4 A request was made to approve the proposed high school trip to Spain on March 29 - April 7, 2012 at no cost to the district
  - 5.5 A request was made to approve the proposed high school trip to Cuba on June 11 - June 19, 2012 at no cost to the district.
- 6.0 EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT & CONSORTIUMS
  - 6.1 Parkway Career and Technology Center participation is quite high this school year.
  - 6.2 The school district, with special effort from Mr. Mariano, provided the Sewickley Community Center with two wireless internet locations.
  - 6.3 Dr. Ondek has been chosen to participate in the 2011-2012 U. S. - China Administrator Shadowing Project.

6.4 Dr. Clapper has been appointed the superintendent of record and hearing officer for the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years effective August 2, 2011 for the Parkway West Career and Technology Center.

6.5 Dr. Clapper has been named to the Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators, Board of Governors.

7.0 PUPIL SERVICES

7.1 An extended school year report was attached to the agenda.

8.0 TECHNOLOGY

8.1 The monthly technology report was attached to the agenda.

Dr. Wijekumar moved that items 5.4 and 5.5 be placed on the legislative agenda for action. Ms. Heres seconded the motion.

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## POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

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Ms. Debbie Miller	Mr. David Pusateri
Dr. Kay Wijekumar	Mr. Robert Riker
Dr. Joseph Clapper, administrative liaison	Mr. Mark Rodgers
<b>Others Present</b>	
Dr. Heidi Ondek	Mr. Karlton Chapman
Dr. Jillian Bichsel	Ms. Christine Kardong
Ms. Martha Smith	Dr. Joseph Marrone

1.0 FOR DISCUSSION

No item

2.0 FOR REVIEW/REVISION

231.01 *Bullying* (this policy is to be reviewed every 3 years. It was last reviewed in November, 2008). The board recommended that the district solicitor review the policy and offer any appropriate updates or changes.

110.00 *School Volunteers* (Draft A) was reviewed, and with minor corrections is ready for a revision vote.

3.0 FOR FIRST READING

No item

4.0 FOR ADOPTION

No item

5.0 FOR ELIMINATION

No item

Ms. Burnette moved that policy 110.00 be placed on the legislative agenda for revision. Mr. Floro seconded the motion.

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## COMMUNITY RELATIONS/INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES

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1.0 COMMUNITY RELATIONS

1.1 There were no memorial book recipients this month.

2.0 INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

No item

3.0 INFORMATION/OTHER

3.1 Homecoming plans were reviewed.

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## FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 13, 2011

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Mr. Rob Riker	Ms. Danielle Burnette
Mr. David Pusateri	Mr. Gianni Floro
Ms. Debbie Miller	Ms. Sarah Heres
Mr. John Sheline, administrative liaison	Mr. Jack Norris
Others Present	
Dr. Joseph Clapper	Ms. Martha Smith
Dr. Joseph Marrone	Ms. Christine Kardong
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Dr. Jillian Bichsel	

### GENERAL BUSINESS

- 1.1 It was requested that the board transfer \$1,250 from the general fund to the capital projects fund.
- 1.2 It was requested that the board authorize the administration to receive proposals for the investment of 2011A bond proceeds which will be presented to the board at the legislative meeting on September 20, 2011.
- 1.3 It was requested that the board approve a three-year extension of the current agreement with Hess Energy which will cover the period September 1, 2012, through August 31, 2015, with a base price of \$0.453 Dth. This is a reduction from the current price of \$0.98.

### TAX COLLECTION

- 2.1 The real estate and earned income tax collection reports for August, 2011 were presented.

### FINANCIAL REPORTS

- 3.1 It was requested that the board approve the bond issue funds, capital projects fund, general fund and cafeteria fund financial statements ending July 31 and August 31, 2011.

- 3.2 It was requested that the board ratify the general fund June, July and August, 2011, invoices and payroll in the amount of \$6,577,454.09.
- 3.3 It was requested that the board approve general fund invoices for September, 2011, in the amount of \$3,084,937.52.
- 3.4 It was requested that the board ratify the capital projects fund invoices in the amount of \$291,164.67.
- 3.5 It was requested that the board approve the capital projects fund invoices in the amount of \$17,529.64.
- 3.6 It was requested that the board ratify the June and July, 2011, cafeteria invoices in the amount of \$4,805.39.
- 3.7 It was requested that the board approve August, 2011, cafeteria invoices in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.
- 3.8 It was requested that the board ratify the 2010 bond issue fund invoices in the amount of \$1,268,384.93.
- 3.9 It was requested that the board approve the 2010 bond issue fund invoices in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

#### INFORMATION

- 4.1 A five year history of earned income was provided.
- 4.2 A projected borrowing base was provided for availability of future debt.
- 4.3 The district received net proceeds of \$12,519.42 from the online auction on July 18, 2011, for various old equipment and supplies not need by the district.

#### DONATIONS

<b>Date</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Reason</b>
06-08-2011	The Pittsburgh Foundation	\$1,370.00	Robert Hartley Scholarship
06-08-2011	Union Aid Society	500.00	Community Youth Worker
06-23-2011	Child Health Association	4,000.00	Grant to purchase AEDs for elementary buildings
06-29-2011	Mr. David Nimick	3,000.00	General operations
07-01-2011	Dr. Joseph Clapper	1,250.00	Donation to capital projects fund



07-29-2011	Penny Bobincheck Northwood Realty Services	500.00	Sponsoring/printing of school calendars
08-26-2011	Gen Youth Foundation	3,000.00	Donation to middle school
<b>Total Donations Received: June, July &amp; August 2011</b>		<b>\$13,620.00</b>	

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## FACILITIES & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES

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1. Middle School

1.1 Update on middle school project.

Mr. Pusateri and Mr. Riker reiterated the board's commitment to have the building ready for occupation at the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year. Construction manager Mr. Smith noted that while it is far too early to be definite, every sub-contractor involved knows that the timeline is important. Right now the project is almost right-on-time. Weather and unknown circumstances could affect the schedule as the project continues.

1.2 It was requested that the board ratify the change order for elimination of the middle school insulation for a credit of \$63,000. Dr. Marrone explained the circumstances which enabled this change order to be made.

2. Anthony Wayne

2.1 Dr. Marrone showed photographs illustrating the grade 7 & 8 move to the Anthony Wayne building in Ambridge.

3. High School

3.1 The board discussed the ongoing negotiation with the Borough of Leetsdale, regarding a problematic storm sewer along Rt. 65 behind the Knox Field grandstand. Board members requested more specific information about the pricing estimate that was presented.

3.2 Dr. Marrone briefly outlined the new method for the approval of school volunteers. This method should prove to be easier, faster, and less expensive than the one previously used.

4. Bell Acres

4.1 Prior to the work session, members of the feasibilities committee met with the QVRA board. Mr. Norris expressed his opinion that with one good growing season, some of the Bell Acres field issues may be ameliorated.

5. Facilities/Operations

5.1 Facilities/Operations Report.

6. Transportation

6.1 Update

Mr. Pusateri moved that item 1.2 be placed on the legislative agenda for action.  
Mr. Floro seconded the motion.