

Call to Order and Roll Call

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

There being a quorum present, Ms. Heres called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

An executive session was held on September 17 to discuss legal and personnel matters.

- *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.qvgsd.org.*

RECOGNITION Mr. Floro

In order to celebrate the lives of the following members of the Quaker Valley School District family, it was requested that the board place a memorial book in their honor in the appropriate library:

- Garnet Richard “Rich” Rotz, father-in-law of Dianne Rotz
- Zachary O’Neill, graduate
- Janet Senock, mother of John Senock
- Charles Kipilo, father of Chuck Kipilo
- Trevor Fluharty, graduate

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June legislative meeting minutes
September committee minutes

Moved by -	Dr. Wijekumar
Seconded by -	Mr. Rodgers (unanimous voice vote)

REPORTS

EDUCATIONAL FOCUS: Parkway West Career & Technology Center

Dr. Darby Copeland, executive director of Parkway Career and Technology Center, and Mr. Brock Snedeker, the supervisor/principal of the center, provided information about the current status of the school. Enrollment has increased 11% in one year, and the attendance rate is 92%. The school's graduation rate is 99.2%. In their area of training, students have a pass rate of 87% on the corresponding National Occupational Competency Testing Institute examination.

Quaker Valley School District currently has 16 students enrolled. Sixty-two "portable industry certifications" (nationally accepted) were earned by our students in the 2012-2013 school year.

The center is working with the Community College of Allegheny County to provide college-credit courses to Parkway students, at no per-credit charge. In this way, students may earn as many as 17 credits while at still enrolled in high school.

Mr. Rodgers expressed his satisfaction in the increase in communication between the director, principal, and participating school districts. There has been a very positive change in attitude.

Dr. Copeland distributed boxes of cookies made for the school board members by culinary arts students.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD REPORT: Mr. Luton and Miss Steliotes

Mr. Luton and Miss Steliotes briefly summarized their report of student summer traveling experiences.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Clapper

Dr. Clapper described difficulties in the state reporting of "school performance profiles," - which the state has noted will be incomplete and in some areas, incorrect.

AP scholars set a district record in 2012 - 2013. Quaker Valley has a pass rate of 93%, when nationwide the average pass rate is in the 50%-range.

Education forums on different topics will be offered in November, February, and April.
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. Visitors are asked to stand, and to state their name and residency before speaking. 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: Mr. Rodgers

Mr. Rodgers had no report, other than mentioning the new veterinary technician and electrical construction programs being offered.

REPORT ON THE SEWICKLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY: Mr. Floro

In response to recent thefts, the library board is considering the use of security video cameras.

“Planned giving” will be available and encouraged for the library.

The economic downturn has brought an increase in patronage to the library. During the last month, visitors from 143 municipalities were documented. Mr. Floro asked that the public contact their legislators and express support for the arts and services such as public libraries.

The library fundraiser “Savoring Sewickley” will take place on October 6.

The board accepted, with regret, the resignation of Jack Norris from the Quaker Valley Board of School Directors. Mr. Norris is relocating out of state.

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

REPORT FROM THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: Dr. Wijekumar

The board approved the proposed student council trip to the Pennsylvania Association of Student Councils State Leadership Conference in Boyertown, PA from November 14 - 16, 2013, at the limited cost of two substitute teachers for two days.

The board approved the proposed trip to Italy from June 16 – 26, 2014 at no cost to the school district.

Moved by -	Dr. Wijekumar
Seconded by -	Mr. Riker (unanimous voice vote)

REPORT FROM THE POLICY COMMITTEE: Ms. Miller

There were no items for the agenda.

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

The board authorized the school board secretary to represent the Quaker Valley Board of School Directors, and vote on its behalf, in the annual election of PSBA officers as follows:

President: William LaCoff
Vice-President: Larry Breech
Treasurer: Otto Voit
At-Large Member: Daniel O'Keefe

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

REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Mr. Riker

The board approved the bond issue funds, capital projects fund, general fund and grant fund financial statements ending July 31 and August 31, 2013.

The board approved a petty cash account in the amount of \$200 for the food service department.

The board ratified the general fund June, July and August, 2013, invoices and payroll in the amount of \$10,244,687.86.

The board approved general fund invoices for September, 2013, in the amount of \$186,126.28.

The board ratified the capital projects fund invoices in the amount of \$202,074.68.

The board approved the capital projects fund invoices in the amount of \$39,085.73.

The board ratified the June and July, 2013, cafeteria invoices in the amount of \$167,419.62.

The board approved August, 2013, cafeteria invoices in the amount of \$23,933.26

The board ratified the 2011A bond issue fund invoices in the amount of \$22,298.00.

The board ratified the grant fund invoices in the amount of \$11,621.11.

The board approved the grant fund invoices in the amount of \$163.92.

The board approved the required response to the Auditor General's Local Educational Agency Performance Audit.

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

REPORT FROM THE FACILITIES & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE: Mr. Pusateri

The board ratified Guys Mechanical to provide labor, materials and equipment required to revise the piping to the grease trap as defined by the code enforcement plumbing inspector at a cost of \$3,238 to be taken from the bond fund.

The board ratified Guys Mechanical to provide labor, materials and equipment required to revise the TMV-1 to a tempering valve in the boiler room as defined in Eckles Architectures review of RFI PC-035 at a cost of \$2,490 to be taken from the bond fund.

The board ratified Guys Mechanical to provide labor, materials and equipment required to add an additional trap for condensate drain lines in the locker room area. No drains existed near this area at a cost of \$1,505 to be taken from the bond fund.

The board ratified the contract with Garvin, Bower and Beitko for exploratory geotechnical services at the high school at a cost of \$22,810 to be taken from the capital projects fund.

The board authorized the administration to enter into an agreement with Atlantic Engineering Services (AES) for preparing the drawings and bid documents for the removal and reconstruction of the existing exist stairs off the high school auditorium, fix the front office floor sag, walls on the first and second floor and for the removal of 70 feet of masonry above the cafeteria at a cost of \$24,500 plus expenses to be taken from capital projects fund.

The board authorized the administration to renew the lease with the Northway Christian Community Church to use the Osborne Elementary School Cafeteria, LGI, Lobby, Gym/Auditorium, Volunteer Room and parking lot from 7:30 am to 1:30 pm every Sunday with set up Saturday evening. The rental fee will be \$2,000 every Sunday.

The board authorized the administration to enter into an agreement with Reclamere, Inc., a PEPPM contract, in their FreeCycling Program for proper disposal of electronic equipment.

The board ratified the Palombo change order for Legacy Fields at a cost of \$6,565 to be taken from the general fund.

The board approved the auction of bus 6 and bus 30 at the 422 Sales in Butler.

The board approved the R.A. Glancy change order to provide labor, materials and equipment required to raise the brick columns and fence near the middle school auditorium approximately 6” to meet code at a cost of \$18,541.95, which will be reimbursed to the school district by Eckles Architecture. This is at no cost to the school district.

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

REPORT FROM THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Ms. Miller

RESIGNATIONS AND LEAVES

Administrative

The board accepted the request of Susan Gentile for an educational sabbatical, effective on or about January 1, 2014, through June 15, 2014.

Support personnel:

The board accepted the resignation of Kaitlyn Garrett as educational paraprofessional effective on or about August 7, 2013.

The board accepted the resignation of Lauren Wilmus as educational paraprofessional effective on or about August 7, 2013.

The board accepted the resignation of Gail Steinberg as administrative assistant effective on or about September 13, 2013.

The board accepted the retirement resignation of Lynn Mutz as middle school kitchen coordinator effective on or about June 17, 2013.

APPOINTMENTS, TENURE, ETC.

Administrative:

The board approved the temporary administrative reorganization for the second semester as presented.

Professional:

The board appointed Brandon Banfield as special education teacher effective on or about August 12, 2013.

The board appointed Heather Friedland as special education teacher effective on or about August 12, 2013.

The board appointed Ryan Kennedy as elementary teacher effective on or about August 12, 2013.

The board appointed Samantha Schenk as English teacher effective on or about August 12, 2013.

The board appointed Danielle Schultz as middle school counselor effective on or about August 12, 2013.

Long-Term substitutes:

The board appointed Charles Bauer as $\frac{1}{4}$ long term substitute German teacher and $\frac{3}{4}$ building substitute effective on or about August 12, 2013.

The board appointed Amanda DeRuyter as long term substitute elementary teacher effective on or about August 12, 2013.

The board appointed Katherine Flaherty as long term substitute academic specialist effective on or about August 12, 2013.

The board appointed Lixia Kang as $\frac{1}{3}$ long term substitute Chinese teacher effective on or about August 12, 2013.

The board appointed Julie Lebovitz as $\frac{1}{2}$ long term substitute special education teacher and $\frac{1}{2}$ building substitute effective on or about August 12, 2013.

The board appointed Courtney Lope as long term substitute elementary teacher effective on or about August 12, 2013.

The board appointed Michael Marsh as long term substitute science teacher effective on or about August 12, 2013.

The board appointed Michael Simon as long term substitute elementary teacher effective on or about August 12, 2013.

The board appointed Theresa Thompson as long-term substitute elementary education teacher effective on or about August 12, 2013.

The board appointed Jerry Veshio, Jr. as long-term substitute physical education teacher effective on or about August 12, 2013.

The board appointed Angelo Zlokas (Borrello) as long term substitute resource/media center coordinator effective on or about August 12, 2013.

Class size reduction teachers:

The board appointed the following as class size reduction teachers for 2013-2014 school year at a salary of \$20,000: Denise Ferguson and Kristen McKnight.

Support personnel:

The board appointed Cathy Bradovich as cafeteria technical worker effective on or about August 26, 2013.

The board appointed Amanda Gilmore as assistant nurse effective August 26, 2013.

The board appointed Sarah Homyk as educational paraprofessional effective on or about August 26, 2013.

The board appointed Sarah Herr as educational paraprofessional effective on or about August 26, 2013.

The board appointed Megan Kelley as educational paraprofessional effective on or about August 26, 2013.

The board appointed Lisa Friedich as educational paraprofessional effective on or about August 26, 2013.

The board appointed Matt Wagner as educational paraprofessional effective on or about September 3, 2013.

The board appointed the following as Access teachers effective for the 2013-2014 school year only at \$125/day to be funded by the Access School Based Health Related Services: Yvonne Abakah, Kaitlyn Cerilli, Kelly Fernandez, Stephanie Ganick, Kristen Helf, Stacie Reuss, Samantha Self.

Other:

The board approved the substitute teacher list as presented.

The board approved the support services substitutes list as attached to the agenda.

The board approved the list of tutors for the 2013/2014 school year.

NEGOTIATIONS, COMPENSATION, BENEFITS, ETC

The board appointed Dr. David Hennessey as school physician for the 2013-2014 school year at a fee of \$5,000 for the year.

The board appointed Jennifer Skirtich as a contracted part time school psychologist for the 2013-2014 school year at a rate of \$50/hour not to exceed 20 hours per week to be funded by the Access School Based Health Related Services.

The board approved Kate Evans as job coach for the Pupil Service Department for the 2013-2014 school year at a rate of \$20/hour plus mileage to be funded by the Access School Based Health Related Services.

The board approved June Resetarits as dental hygienist for the 2013-2014 school year at a rate of \$1400/month for four months to be partially funded by the Access School Based Health Related Services.

The board approved Jill Inscho as hearing impaired for the 2013-2014 school year at a rate of \$20/hour plus mileage to be funded by the Access School Based Health Related Services.

The board approved Danielle May as psychology intern for the 2013-2014 school year at a rate of \$15,000 for the year to be funded by the Access School Based Health Related Services.

The board approved Molly Scott Anthony as psychology intern for the 2013-2014 school year at a rate of \$12,000 for the year to be funded by the Access School Based Health Related Services.

The board approved the amended Superintendent contract as presented.

The board appointed Elizabeth Klasnick as temporary replacement for Jennifer Reiser, food service director, at the per diem rate of \$200.

Moved by -	Ms. Miller
Seconded by -	Mr. Pusateri (unanimous voice vote)

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

Moved by -	Ms. Miller
Seconded by -	Mr. Rodgers (unanimous 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; to stand, and to state their name and residency prior to speaking.

The district is accepting letters of interest from registered voters in Region III who would like to be considered to serve on the school board. Letters of interest must be received by Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2013. The board intends to take action to fill the seat during its legislative meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2013.

UPCOMING MEETINGS OF THE QUAKER VALLEY BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS:

OCTOBER 8: WORK SESSION

OCTOBER 15: WORK SESSION

OCTOBER 22: LEGISLATIVE MEETING – QUAKER VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

MEETINGS BEGIN AT 7:00 PM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, AND ARE SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN THE EDGEWORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LARGE GROUP INSTRUCTION ROOM.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND ALL MEETINGS. HOWEVER, THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:15 PM

Moved by -	Mr. Pusateri
Seconded by -	Mr. Rodgers (unanimous voice vote)

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Sheline
Board Secretary