

Call to Order and Roll Call

Directors	Directors Not Present
Ms. Danielle Burnette	Dr. Wijekumar
Mr. Gianni Floro	
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, Mr. Norris called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- An executive session was held on June 14 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 are no memorial recipients this month.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May legislative meeting minutes  
 June committee minutes

There was a motion to approve, as amended.

Moved by -	Ms. Burnette
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## REPORTS

Educational Focus: Parkway West Career and Technology Center teacher Mr. Niedbala accepted recognition on behalf of recent graduate Aireal McCullough, who was part of the grand champion team at the 2011 Pittsburgh Public Schools IT Competition.

Representative to the Board Report: No report until September

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Clapper gave a presentation outlining the challenges in preparing the 2011-12 budget. Drastic cuts in state education funding have adversely affected school districts all throughout the commonwealth. Additionally, the 2012-13 budget will likely be even more challenging. Salaries, health insurance, fuel, PSERs, textbooks, supplies, special education and technology are all of future concern.

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: Mr. Rodgers had no report.

REPORT ON THE SEWICKLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY: Mr. Floro briefly reported - the library board discussed the annual report, and the EI network will be expanded.

REPORT FROM THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: Ms. Heres

The board adopted the list of tests and survey instruments recommended for routine use for the 2011/2012 school year.

The board approved the adoption of new textbooks and materials for the 2011/2012 school year.

The board approved the 2011-12 elementary and secondary student/parent handbooks, including the codes of conduct, as presented.

The board approved the payment of fees for all students who desire to take the PSAT exam in their junior year.

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

REPORT FROM THE POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE: Ms. Burnette

No item

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

Rather than issuing a resolution against SB 1, board members agreed to the compromise of a letter being written to legislators, and signed by the board president. The letter will state that the board is concerned about the bill in its current form.

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

The board reaffirmed the adoption, in principle, of the *PSBA Standards for Effective School Governance* and the *Code of Conduct for Members of Pennsylvania School Boards*, originally adopted November 14, 2006.

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

REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Mr. Riker

The board appointed the real estate tax collectors to collect per capita tax for the 2011-2012 school year.

The board approved the financial statements ending May 31, 2011.

The board approved the general fund invoices for May and June, 2011, in the amount of \$2,905,746.70.

The board approved the budget transfers as listed and all necessary transfers for the end of the year audit.

The board authorized the administration to pay May, 2011, food service invoices in the amount of \$135,820.27.

The board approved the invoices for the capital projects account in the amount of \$200.00.

The board approved the invoices for the 2010 bond issue fund in the amount of \$13,944.00.

The board authorized the administration to pay food service, 2010 bond issue and capital projects fund invoices for June, July and August, to be ratified in September, as the board does not have a scheduled meeting in July and August.

The board authorized the administration to pay June, July and August payroll and general fund invoices, to be ratified in September, as the board does not have a scheduled meeting in July and August.

The board approved the resolution in compliance with GASB 54 for fund balance assignments and commitments.

The board approved the Allegheny Intermediate Unit joint purchasing bids for paper and general supplies in the amount of \$33,481.24.

The board accepted the proposal for worker's compensation insurance for the 2011-2012 school year from the PSBA Insurance Trust at a cost of \$125,610.

The board approved the 2010-2011 financial audit with Maher Duessel CPAs at a cost of \$20,000.

The board authorized the administration to pursue a three to five-year market value lease to provide 11 copiers to the district at an annual cost not to exceed \$70,000.

The board approved the resolution for the 2011 Homestead exclusion of \$9,070.00 of assessment or \$190 for each approved homestead taxpayer.

Moved by -	Mr. Riker - all items with the exception of item O, which was the real estate tax levy motion.
Seconded by -	Mr. Floro (8-0 voice vote)

With a separate vote, the board approved the 2011-2012 budget resolution fixing the real estate tax levy at 20.95 mils. *This appeared as item O of the Finance Committee report.*

Moved by -	Mr. Riker
Seconded by -	Mr. Floro (7-1 voice vote - Ms. Burnette voting nay.)

REPORT FROM THE FACILITIES & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE: Mr. Pusateri

The board authorized the administration to enter into proper intergovernmental agreements with the Borough of Leetsdale, whereby the borough will install a storm sewer along Route 65 behind the Knox Field grandstand. The district's direct contribution to the borough is estimated a cost not-to-exceed \$56,550, and the agreement will include the grant of appropriate construction, use, and maintenance easements in favor of the borough to facilitate the borough's construction, use and ongoing maintenance of said storm water sewer.

Costs, agreements, easement documents, specifications, etc. are to be reviewed by and acceptable to the solicitor and then approved by the school board president, facilities chair, superintendent, and the director of administrative services. This action will be ratified by the school board in September, 2011.

The board authorized the administration to sign the memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the following police departments that service the school district municipalities: Bell Acres Borough, Edgeworth Borough, Leet Township, Leetsdale Borough, Ohio Township, Sewickley Borough, and Sewickley Heights.

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

REPORT FROM THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Ms. Miller

RESIGNATIONS AND LEAVES

The board accepted the resignation of Erin Scott as part time special education teacher, effective August 19, 2011.

The board accepted the retirement resignation of Robert Marek as mechanic effective June 24, 2011.

APPOINTMENTS, TENURE, ETC.

The board approved Carolyn Slusser as high school social studies teacher effective August 17, 2011 at bachelors step 1.

The board approved Matthew Parrish as middle school counselor effective August 17, 2011 at masters step 2.

The board approved Martha Witman as high school French teacher effective August 17, 2011 at masters + 15, step 1. 5.

The board authorized the administration to hire staff as necessary after June 21, 2011 to be ratified September 20, 2011.

The board approved the following for tenure: Dana Pecanis, Jenielle Johnson, Laura McDaniel, Annette Matthews, Vicki Shaughnessy, Tom Forrest.

NEGOTIATIONS, COMPENSATION, BENEFITS, ETC.

The board accepted the recommendation for salaries for Act 93 and other management employees for the 2011/2012 school year.

The board eliminated the position of custodial supervisor and to authorize the superintendent to give notice of layoff to the affected employee.

The board approved the addendum to the current contract with Monark Student Transportation Corporation, as presented; and also approved a five-year contract extension, as presented.

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

#### New Business

The board approved a one-year agreement with Mahoney Cleaning Services to provide supervision of the cleaners for all buildings in the district.

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

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

Moved by -	Ms. Burnette
Seconded by -	Ms. Heres (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.

Ms. Marianne Wagner of Glen Osborne asked questions about staff pay freezes, and "pay to play."

THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED LEGISLATIVE MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2011 AT 7:00 PM IN THE EDGEWORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LARGE GROUP INSTRUCTION ROOM.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:56 PM

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

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Sheline  
Board Secretary