

**Hazleton Area School District  
Special School Board Meeting Minutes  
7:00 P.M., Thursday, June 9, 2011  
Large Group Instruction Room of Hazleton Area Career Center**

- A. Call to Order by Board President: **7:16 P.M.**  
 B. Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence  
 C. Attendance Roll Call

School Director	Present	Absent
Bonomo	X	
Childs	X	
Earley	X	
Hahn	X	
John	X	
Mehalick	X	
Platukis	X	
Shema	X	
Yenkevich	X	

Administrator	Present	Absent
Sam Marolo	X	
Francis X. Antonelli	X	
Joseph Andrews	X	
Anthony Ryba	X	
Robert Krizansky	X	
Solicitor Slusser		X

**D. Public Comment & Questions Directed to the Board on Agenda Items Only:**

- Richard Michael commented on Agenda Item #2 (4), (Mr. Stetz being furloughed).
- Dana Kisenwether and Abby Brandtmeier commented on foreign language being cut for upper levels (level 4).
- Hayley Price, President of Class of 2012, commented on Agenda Item #2.
- Vicki Mackin commented on Agenda Item #1 and Agenda Item #6.
- Rose Fox commented on swimming pools being closed.

1 – Recommend Board approve the agreement between HASD and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Labor and Industry, Agreement TAA-0103-11, pending approval by Attorney Slusser. **(APPROVED)**

**The following vote includes agenda item(s): 1**

**Motion:** Hahn  
**Second:** Bonomo  
**Vote:** Voice

School Director	“Yes” Votes	“No” Votes	Abstain	Absent
Bonomo	X			
Childs	X			
Earley	X			
Hahn	X			
John	X			
Mehalick	X			
Platukis	X			
Shema	X			
Yenkevich	X			

2 – Recommend Board approve the following motion – to clarify and/or amend motions approved by the Board of School Directors at its April 14, 2011 Special Meeting. Wherein the Board identified positions for elimination:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, in accordance with Section 1124.2 of the Pennsylvania Public School Code of 1949, as amended, in order to promote a more effective and efficient educational system and/or to conform with standards of reorganization to approve the alteration/curtailment of the educational program and to approve the following personnel actions effective the close of the 2010-2011 school term for the following:

1. Elimination (suspension/furlough) of one (1) full time English certified teaching position. The affected individual is Crystal Lyons. **(APPROVED)**
2. Elimination (suspension/furlough) of one (1) full time Biology certified teaching position. The affected individual is Teresa Marszalek. **(APPROVED)**
3. Elimination (suspension/furlough) of one (1) full time Chemistry certified teaching position. The affected individual is Karen Olin. **(APPROVED)**
4. Elimination (suspension/furlough) of one (1) full time Engineering Technology teaching position. The affected individual is Robert Stetz. **(FAILED)**
5. Elimination (suspension/furlough) of three (3) full time Physical Education and Health certified teaching positions. The affected individuals are Jeffrey Haraschak, Leon George Maue and Joshua Sorber. **(APPROVED)**
6. Elimination (suspension/furlough) of one (1) full time Art certified teaching position. The affected individual is David Elswick. **(APPROVED)**
7. Elimination (suspension/furlough) of two (2) full time certified Guidance Counselors. The affected individuals are Angela Gennaro and Megan Taylor. **(APPROVED)**
8. Elimination (suspension/furlough) of one (1) full time certified practical nursing instructor. The affected individual is Sharon Weaver. **(REMOVED FROM AGENDA)**

**The following vote includes agenda item(s): 2 (Items #1-7)**

**Motion:** Platukis

**Second:** Hahn

**Vote:** Roll Call

<b>School Director</b>	<b>“Yes” Votes</b>	<b>“No” Votes</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Bonomo</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X(#4)</b>		
<b>Childs</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>Earley</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>Hahn</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>John</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Mehalick</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Platukis</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Shema</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X(#4)</b>		
<b>Yenkevich</b>		<b>X</b>		

3 – Recommend Board approve on the recommendation of the Superintendent, for reasons of economy and efficiency at the end of the 2010-2011 school term, to eliminate/abolish the positions and approve the following personnel actions effective the close of the 2010-2011 school term for the following: **(APPROVED)**

1. Renee Stringent, School Nurse Assistant **(APPROVED)**
2. Lisa Gimbi, Adult Education Practical Nursing Assistant **(APPROVED)**
3. Melissa Dietz, Special Education Case Worker **(REMOVED FROM AGENDA)**

**The following vote includes agenda item(s): 3 (Items #1-2)**

**Motion:** Platukis

**Second:** Hahn

**Vote:** Voice

School Director	“Yes” Votes	“No” Votes	Abstain	Absent
Bonomo	X			
Childs		X		
Earley		X		
Hahn		X		
John	X			
Mehalick	X			
Platukis	X			
Shema	X			
Yenkevich		X		

4 – Recommend Board, on the recommendation of the Superintendent, for reasons of economy and efficiency at the end of the 2010-2011 school term, eliminate/abolish one Full Time 12 month position in Security. The effective date of this action is at the end of the 2010-2011 School Term. This position is currently open due to an employee on leave. If this employee returns to work by the beginning of the 2011-2012 School year, the District will determine which employee is furloughed.  
**(APPROVED)**

The following vote includes agenda item(s): 4

**Motion:** Platukis  
**Second:** Mehalick  
**Vote:** Voice

School Director	“Yes” Votes	“No” Votes	Abstain	Absent
Bonomo	X			
Childs		X		
Earley		X		
Hahn		X		
John	X			
Mehalick	X			
Platukis	X			
Shema	X			
Yenkevich		X		

5 – Recommend Board approve MOA for the four day work week for the Teamsters Union and the HAESPA Union. **(APPROVED)**

The following vote includes agenda item(s): 5

**Motion:** Platukis  
**Second:** Mehalick  
**Vote:** Voice

School Director	“Yes” Votes	“No” Votes	Abstain	Absent
Bonomo	X			
Childs		X		
Earley		X		
Hahn		X		
John	X			
Mehalick	X			
Platukis	X			
Shema	X			
Yenkevich	X			

6 – Recommend Board approve the HAEA Retirement MOA for \$62,500.  
**(APPROVED)**

The following vote includes agenda item(s): 6

**Motion:** Platukis  
**Second:** Bonomo  
**Vote:** Voice

School Director	“Yes” Votes	“No” Votes	Abstain	Absent
Bonomo	X			
Childs		X		
Earley		X		
Hahn		X		
John	X			
Mehalick	X			
Platukis	X			
Shema	X			
Yenkevich		X		

7 – Recommend Board approve the HAEA wage proposal. **(APPROVED)**

The following vote includes agenda item(s): 7

**Motion:** Mehalick

**Second:** Platukis

**Vote:** Voice

School Director	“Yes” Votes	“No” Votes	Abstain	Absent
Bonomo	X			
Childs		X		
Earley		X		
Hahn	X			
John	X			
Mehalick	X			
Platukis	X			
Shema	X			
Yenkevich		X		

8 – Recommend Board deny Grievance No. 10-11-04 for the reasons recommended by the Administration. **(APPROVED)**

The following vote includes agenda item(s): 8

**Motion:** Platukis

**Second:** Earley

**Vote:** Voice

School Director	“Yes” Votes	“No” Votes	Abstain	Absent
Bonomo	X			
Childs	X			
Earley	X			
Hahn	X			
John	X			
Mehalick	X			
Platukis	X			
Shema	X			
Yenkevich	X			

9 – Recommend Board award the bid / contract to Hess Corporation as per the KPN (Keystone Purchasing Network) bid for the supply of natural gas to the Hazleton Area School District. This contract is for the period of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2013. The fixed purchase price for this natural gas is:

- NT rate = \$6.795/Dth
- IS rate = \$6.594/Dth
- DS rate = \$6.186/Dth

The following vote includes agenda item(s): 9

**Motion:** Hahn

**Second:** Platukis

**Vote:** Voice

School Director	“Yes” Votes	“No” Votes	Abstain	Absent
Bonomo	X			
Childs	X			
Earley	X			
Hahn	X			
John	X			
Mehalick	X			
Platukis	X			
Shema	X			
Yenkevich	X			

**Public Comment on Any Item**

- Mary Bast commented on furlough of aides.
- Paulette Platukis left at 8:12 P.M.
- John Busher commented on Agenda Items #6 and #7.
- Dana Kisenwether and Abby Brandtmeier commented on foreign languages being cut.
- Paulette Platukis returned at 8:17 P.M.
- John stated that the monthly Board Meeting will be moved from June 23, 2011 to June 28, 2011 and will be held at Hazleton Area Career Center – Large Group Instruction Room (Administration Building Entrance).

**Motion To Adjourn**

- Motion to adjourn (**APPROVED**)

The following vote includes motion to adjourn: (8:20 P.M.)

**Motion:** Bonomo

**Second:** Shema

**Vote:** Voice

School Director	“Yes” Votes	“No” Votes	Abstain	Absent
Bonomo	X			
Childs	X			
Earley	X			
Hahn	X			
John	X			
Mehalick	X			
Platukis	X			
Shema	X			
Yenkevich	X			

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