I.  CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Belle Vernon Area School District Board of Education was called to order by Board President Dale K. Patterson at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, February 16, 2009, in the District Administration Office Board Room.

II.  PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Patterson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III.  RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE

Board Secretary James M. McKevitt recorded the following in attendance.

DIRECTORS—(Present): Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (8)

(Absent): Kraft—surgery (1)

SOLICITOR: M. Janet Burkardt, Esq. – Law Offices of Ira Weiss

STAFF: Stephen V. Russell, Substitute Superintendent
Eileen M. Navish, Business Manager
Gregory M. Steeber, Technology Coordinator
Gregory J. Zborovancik, High School Principal
Maria C. Weightman, Assistant High School Principal
J. K. Folmar, Jr., Rostraver Middle School Principal
Keith D. McMonagle, Marion Elementary School Principal
David H. Bashada, Director of Transportation
Jason E. Zadrozný, Director of Buildings and Grounds
Jesse J. Cramer, Athletic Director
Frances P. Kopanic, Board Executive Secretary

MEDIA: Lori Waryanka – Times Sun, West Newton PA
PRESENTATION BY CYPER & CYPER ACCOUNTANTS
2007-2008 Audit Report

Mr. Steven Cypher and Mr. Charles Rupert, partners of Cypher & Cypher Accountants, presented the School District’s 2007-2008 fiscal year audit report, complete copies of which were mailed to all Directors prior to this meeting. They commended the Administration for the fine job done in monitoring expenses and maintaining a sizeable fund balance. A complete copy of the audit report will be on file in the official record of this meeting.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING

The agenda for this meeting was approved on a motion made by Director McKevitt, seconded by Director Godzak and carried on an 8-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (8)
NO ................. None (0)
ABSENT ...... Kraft (1)

V. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS RELATIVE TO THE AGENDA OF THIS MEETING ONLY

President Patterson opened the meeting to comments from citizens relative to the agenda of this meeting only. There was no response from the audience.

REPORT BY STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SCHOOL BOARD

Mia Amatangelo reported on the following for John Watroba as student representative to the School Board.

- PMEA Region Chorus – 6 students advanced from the District Chorus
- PMEA District I Band – held in late January; 2 students advanced to the regionals
- Interact Club – worked at the Pancake Festival held at St. Sebastian Social Hall
- The Future Is Mine – they are accepting cell phones and afghan blankets to send to the troops in Iraq and Afghanistan
- Recycling Program – cancelled due to the economy
- National Honor Society – took down the Christmas lights at Overly’s
- Forensic Team – will compete for state qualifiers on February 21 at Trinity High School

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
[December 8, 2008 – Education and Curriculum Committee Meeting]

Minutes for the December 8, 2008 Education and Curriculum meeting were approved on a motion made by Director Godzak, seconded by Director McKevitt and carried on an 8-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt,  
           Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (8)
NO .............. None (0)
ABSENT ...... Kraft (1)

[January 15, 2009 – Budget and Finance Committee Meeting]

Minutes for the Budget and Finance Committee meeting held January 15, 2009 were approved on a motion made by Director Puglia, seconded by Director McKevitt and carried on an 8-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt,  
           Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (8)
NO .............. None (0)
ABSENT ...... Kraft (1)

[January 19, 2009 – Agenda Meeting]

Minutes for January 19, 2009 agenda meeting were approved on a motion made by Director Godzak, seconded by Director McKevitt and carried on an 8-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt,  
           Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (8)
NO .............. None (0)
ABSENT ...... Kraft (1)

[January 19, 2009 – Regular Meeting]

Minutes for the January 19, 2009 regular meeting were approved on a motion made by Director McKevitt, seconded by Director Godzak and carried on an 8-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt,  
           Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (8)
NO .............. None (0)
ABSENT ...... Kraft (1)

VII. COMMUNICATIONS
PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION–
BUREAU OF BUDGET AND FISCAL MANAGEMENT:
(Exhibit #1)
Letter stating that the department has reviewed the resolution and proposed tax rates for the 2009-2010 school year submitted by Belle Vernon Area School District pursuant to Section 311(d) of Special Session Act 1 of 2006; and, in accordance with Section 311(d)(4), this letter is official notification that the rate of increase for all proposed tax rates is less than or equal to the school district’s index.

Pursuant to the resolution passed by the school board, Belle Vernon Area School District may not increase any tax rate by more than its index when preparing the final budget required by Section 687 of the School Code; in addition, the school district may not submit referendum exceptions for 2009-2010 nor ask voters in April 2009 to increase tax rates in excess of the school district’s index.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE TAX EQUALIZATION BOARD:
(Exhibits #2 and #2A)
2008 county assessed valuation of taxable real property in Belle Vernon Area School District for municipalities located in Fayette County: Belle Vernon Borough–$22,369,140; Fayette City Borough–$11,531,640; Washington Township–$124,156,670. Values for Rostraver Township and North Belle Vernon Borough will be issued by the Westmoreland County assessor.

ROSTRAVER TOWNSHIP ZONING HEARING BOARD:
(Exhibit #3)
Official notice that effective January 14, 2009, the Rostraver Township Zoning Hearing Board has approved the District’s request for a Special Exception, Use Variance, and Yard Variance for a recreation facility to be used for practice only or non-profit.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY REAL ESTATE TAX OFFICE:
(Exhibits #4 thru #4B)
Request for real estate tax refund in the amount of $148.25 to George Ondra for property in Rostraver Township identified as Map No. 56-08-03-0-42 which was completely destroyed by fire on November 13, 2008.

A motion for approval was made by Director Godzak, seconded by Director McKevitt and carried on an 8-0 vote:
WESTMORELAND COUNTY REAL ESTATE TAX OFFICE:
(Exhibit #5)
Notice that an offer has been made to the Tax Claim Bureau of Westmoreland County to purchase at the PRIVATE SALE certain property owned by Jean Miller and John H. Miller and designated on the Official Tax Map of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, as Map Number 26-02-05-0-149 for the sum of $7,136.05. This is pursuant to Section 613 of the Real Estate Tax Sale Law, Act 1947, P.L. 1368, No. 542 as amended. This sale shall be approved unless owners of the premises, the corporate authorities of the Taxing Districts, or a person interested in purchasing the property petition the Court of Common Pleas of Westmoreland County within forty-five days of the receipt of this notice—(received January 30, 2009).

ROXANNE CHEROKI-KEFFEL, TEACHER:
(Exhibit #6)
Letter thanking the Board for permitting her to attend the Cal-Nat Writing Retreat in Jumonville, which she found to be a very worthwhile experience.

JOSEPH SEMANCIK, CUSTODIAN:
(Exhibit #7)
Request for a sixty-day Family Medical Leave beginning on the expiration of his vacation leave.

Approval was granted on a motion made by Director Sepesky, seconded by Director Puglia and carried on an 8-0 vote:

YES ............ Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill  (8)
NO .............. None  (0)
ABSENT ...... Kraft  (1)

JULIE A. GOUKER, FORENSICS TEAM SPONSOR:
(Exhibit #8)
Request for authorization to take two speech students (selection will be announced after
the district qualifiers) to the state tournament at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, PA, from March 26 thru 28, at an estimated overall cost of $1,250.00.

This was approved on a motion made by Director McKevitt, seconded by Director Jackson and carried on an 8-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (8)
NO ............... None (0)
ABSENT ...... Kraft (1)

WESTMORELAND COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE:
(Exhibit #9)
Request for use of the High School facilities to conduct a junior/senior high summer school program, as has been done in the past. These are 60-hour make-up classes for students who have failed courses taken during the normal school year. Two 20-day class sessions will be scheduled to begin on or about Tuesday, June 23, and will continue through Tuesday, July 21, 2009. The morning session will meet from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., and the afternoon session will meet from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays – no classes will be scheduled for Friday, July 3. They plan to use 8 classrooms for the morning session and 5 for the afternoon session. The program will continue to be under the supervision of Mr. Robert Pabis, a BVA teacher, who will serve as summer school principal. The college will pay the School District $3.00 per hour per classroom USED.

This was approved on a motion made by Director Puglia, seconded by Director Sepesky and carried on an 8-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (8)
NO ............... None (0)
ABSENT ...... Kraft (1)

CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY WOMEN’S RUGBY:
(Exhibits #10 thru #10D)
Request for use of a gymnasium on February 21 and 22, 2009; all required documents have been submitted.
Approval was granted on a motion made by Director Jackson, seconded by Director Puglia and carried on an 8-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt,
BLUECOATS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS, INC.
(Exhibits #11 thru #11B)
Request for use of James Weir Stadium and the Rostraver Middle School gymnasium and cafeteria from 2:00 a.m. to midnight on July 31, 2009; all required documents have been submitted.

[NOTE: Facilities Usage Coordinator Jesse Cramer has suggested that if a waiver of charges is granted as has been done in the past, it should be for the use of facilities only and not for overtime for custodians.]

A motion was made by Director Jackson to authorize use of the facilities and approve the waiver on same, however, the group is to billed for custodian overtime services. Director Puglia seconded and the motion carried on an 8-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, McKeveitt,
Patterson, Puglia , Sepesky, Stringhill   (8)
NO ............... None   (0)
ABSENT ...... Kraft   (1)

FOOT HILLS SOCCER – GIRLS:
(Exhibits #12 and #12A)
Request for use of the James Weir Stadium on Saturday, March 7, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for soccer games; all required forms are on file.

This was approved on a motion made by Director Jackson, seconded by Director McKevitt and carried on an 8-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, McKeveitt,
Patterson, Puglia , Sepesky, Stringhill   (8)
NO ............... None   (0)
ABSENT ...... Kraft   (1)

BVA GIRLS SOCCER BOOSTERS:
(Exhibits #13 and #13A)
Request for use of the High School cafeteria on April 4, 2009 for a craft show; all required forms are on file.
Approval was granted on a motion made by Director Puglia, seconded by Director McKevitt and carried on an 8-0 vote:

YES ............ Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (8)
NO ................ None (0)
ABSENT ...... Kraft (1)

BELLE VERNON AREA SWIM CLUB:
(Exhibit #13-1)
Request for use of the pool for a swim clinic on March 31 thru April 2, 2009, and April 6 thru April 8, 2009 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.; all required forms are on file.

Approval was granted on a motion made by Director Jackson, seconded by Director Puglia and carried on an 8-0 vote:

YES ............ Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (8)
NO ................ None (0)
ABSENT ...... Kraft (1)

BELLE VERNON AREA SWIM CLUB:
(Exhibit #13-2)
Request for use of the pool for learn to swim nights on April 20, 23, 27, and 30, 2009 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.; all required forms are on file.

This was approved on a motion made by Director Puglia, seconded by Director Jackson and carried on an 8-0 vote:

YES ............ Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (8)
NO ................ None (0)
ABSENT ...... Kraft (1)

BVA BASEBALL BOOSTERS:
(Exhibit #13-3)
Request for use of the High School gymnasium for a fund-raiser “Guitar Hero” Saturday and Sunday, March 7 and 8, 2009, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; all forms are on file except the insurance paperwork.
Approval was granted on a motion made by Director Puglia, seconded by Director Sepesky and carried on an 8-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (8)
NO ............... None (0)
ABSENT ...... Kraft (1)

**TOM WILSON – BOY SCOUTS:**
(Exhibit #14)
Request for use of the swimming pool from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. on March 31, 2009 for a swim meet; all required forms are on file.

The motion for approval was made by Director Puglia, seconded by Director Jackson and carried on an 8-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (8)
NO ............... None (0)
ABSENT ...... Kraft (1)

**JENNIFER F. GODZAK, DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION K-12:**
(Exhibits #15 and #15A): Curriculum and Instruction Report for February 2009

**JESSE J. CRAMER, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:**
(Exhibits #16 thru #16G): Athletic Department Report for February 2009
(Exhibits #17 thru #17B): Facilities Usage Report for February 2009

**JASON E. ZADROZNY, DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:**
(Exhibits #18 and #18A): Buildings and Grounds Department Report for February 2009

**DAVID H. BASHADA, DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION:**
(Exhibits #19 and #19A): Transportation Department Report for February 2009

**GREGORY M. STEEBER, TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR:**
(Exhibit #20): Technology Department Report for February 2009
CENTRAL WESTMORELAND CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER:

(Exhibit #21): Summary of the Board meeting held January 21, 2009

(Exhibit #22) Report on the SkillsUSA District 9 Competition held January 20, 2009. Belle Vernon Area students who won awards are as follows:

- Advertising Design – Liz Panzo, Grade 11 (Bronze)
- Auto Service Spec/P – Joey Knause, Grade 11 (Honorable Mention)
- Cosmetology – Tracy Bruce, Grade 12 (Bronze)
- Esthetics – Cassie Dziemiera, Grade 12 (Bronze)
- Esthetics – Alyssa Kardos, Grade 12 (Gold)
- First Aid/CPR – Adam Weaver, Grade 9 (Silver)
- Job Skill Demo A – Shane Gauden, Grade 12 (Gold)
- Related Tech Math – Jessica Leadbitter, Grade 11 (Gold)
- Sheet Metal – Mario Carcella, Grade 12 (Gold)

President Patterson extended congratulations to all the students on their achievements.

WESTMORELAND INTERMEDIATE UNIT:

(Exhibit #23): Cover letter with the 2009-2010 General Operating Budget, copy of which was given to each Director. It is requested that action on the budget be taken by each School District at its March or April Board meeting. **ROLL CALL VOTE IS REQUIRED.**

The motion for approval was made by Director Bialon, seconded by Director McKevitt and carried on an 8-0 roll call vote:

- YES ............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhll (8)
- NO .............. None (0)
- ABSENT ..... Kraft (1)


VIII. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Director Sepesky made a motion to approve collectively and/or for informational purposes only,
all financial reports submitted for this meeting as listed in Exhibits #26 thru #40C. Director Jackson seconded, and the motion carried on an 8-0 vote:

YES ............ Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, McKeivitt, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill   (8)
NO ............... None   (0)
ABSENT ...... Kraft   (1)

(Exhibits #26 thru #26T): Interim Financial Statements of the General Fund for the Month of January 2009
(Exhibits #28 thru #28C): Report of Investments for the General Fund For the Month of January 2009
(Exhibits #29 thru #29P): Bills Presented for Payment from the General Fund TOTAL – $352,178.59
(Exhibits #30 thru #30L): Report of Bills Paid from the General Fund In January 2009 for Fixed Charges TOTAL – $479,073.82
(Exhibits #31 thru #31B): Report of Investments for the Capital 37 Construction Fund for the Month of January 2009
(Exhibits #32 and #32A): Bills Presented for Payment from the Capital 37 Construction Fund TOTAL – $225,088.62
(Exhibits #33 and #33A): Report of Bills Paid from the Capital 37 Construction Fund In January 2009 For Fixed Charges TOTAL – $3,845.00
(Exhibits #34 thru #34J): Athletic Fund Financial Report For the Month of December 2008
(Exhibits #35 and #35A): Statistical Reports of Cafeteria Program Operations For the Month of January 2009
OVERVIEW OF FINANCES

Business Manager Eileen M. Navish reported that Title I funding, IDEA funds, the PA Accountability Grant and Basic Education Subsidy and the stimulus package. Director Bialon asked that Mrs. Navish send letters to all local legislators requesting their full support of the stimulus.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. RESIGNATIONS

(Exhibit #40-1): The resignation of Burt Hutsenpillar as security guard effective February 13, 2009, was accepted on a motion made by Director Jackson, seconded by Director Godzak and carried on an 8-0- vote:

    YES ............ Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt,
    Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (8)
    NO .............. None (0)
    ABSENT ...... Kraft (1)

B. REPORT OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS

Nothing to report.
C. REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION

[Additions to Substitute Rosters] (Exhibit #41)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that additions be made to 2008-2009 substitute rosters as listed.

Substitute Teachers:  Kari Ann Horrell – social studies
                      Heather Momich – art K-12
                      Kristen Ritchie – art K-12

Substitute Custodian: James Rossell; David Tiernan

Approval was granted on a motion made by Director Jackson, seconded by Director Godzak and carried on an 8-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt,
                  Patterson, Puglia , Sepesky, Stringhill    (8)
NO ................ None    (0)
ABSENT ...... Kraft    (1)

[Graduate Credit Tuition Reimbursement – Act 93 Unit] (Exhibit #42)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board of Education authorize payment of graduate credit tuition reimbursement to Gregory J. Zborovancik in the amount of $1,812.00 (100% of the tuition reimbursement) in accordance with the current Act 93 Unit Agreement for three credits earned from May through June 2008.

This was approved on a motion made by Director Jackson, seconded by Director McKevitt seconded by Director McKevitt and carried on an 8-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt,
                  Patterson, Puglia , Sepesky, Stringhill    (8)
NO ................ None    (0)
ABSENT ...... Kraft    (1)
[Modification to 2008-2009 School Year Calendar]
(Exhibit #43)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board modify the 2008-2009 school year calendar as follows:

- Tuesday, April 14, 2009 ..... Make-up Day for January 27, 2009
- Thursday, April 9, 2009 ..... Make-up Day for January 28, 2009

This was approved on a motion made by Director Puglia, seconded by Director Godzak and carried on an 8-0 vote:

YES ............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (8)
NO .............. None (0)
ABSENT ...... Kraft (1)

[Legal Ad Re Purchase of Supplies for 2009-2010 School Year]
(Exhibit #44)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board authorize the Secretary to advertise for sealed bids on the following categories of supplies and equipment for the 2009-2010 school year: (1) art; (2) office; (3) general teaching; (4) computer supplies; (5) janitorial; (6) medical; (7) audio visual; (8) home economics; (9) industrial arts; (10) music; (11) physical education; (12) science; (13) athletics; (14) milk for the cafeteria program; (15) gasoline, motor oil and diesel fuel; (16) bus supplies and parts; (17) 72-passenger buses; (18) paint and paint supplies; and (19) tires and recaps.

Approval was granted on a motion made by Director Sepesky, seconded by Director Puglia and carried on an 8-0 vote:

YES ............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (8)
NO .............. None (0)
ABSENT ...... Kraft (1)

[Letter of Collaborative Agreement with NHS Human Services]
(Exhibits #45 thru #45B)
Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board of Education approve a Letter of Collaborative Agreement with NHS Human Services, Woodland Center.

A motion for approval was made by Director Puglia, seconded by Director Jackson and carried on an 8-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, McKeivitt, 
Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (8)

NO ............... None (0)

ABSENT ...... Kraft (1)

[Letter of Agreement with Pressley Ridge]
(Exhibits #46 thru #46C)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board approve a Letter of Agreement with Pressley Ridge for student services as needed during the 2008-2009 school year.

Approval was granted on a motion made by Director Sepesky, seconded by Director Puglia and carried on an 8-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, McKeivitt, 
Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (8)

NO ............... None (0)

ABSENT ...... Kraft (1)

[Dual Enrollment Agreement–California University of Pennsylvania]
(Exhibits #47 thru #47C)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board of Education accept verification that the existing Dual Enrollment Agreement with California University of Pennsylvania dated July 13, 2006 is current and active for the 2009-2010 academic year.

A motion for approval was made by Director Jackson, seconded by Director McKevitt and carried on an 8-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, McKeivitt, 
Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (8)

NO ............... None (0)

ABSENT ...... Kraft (1)

[Concurrent Enrollment Agreement–Penn State Fayette]
Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board of Education approve a Concurrent Enrollment Agreement between the Belle Vernon Area School District and Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus, covering the period August 15, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

Approval was granted on a motion made by Director Puglia, seconded by Director McKevitt and carried on an 8-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (8)
NO ............... None (0)
ABSENT ........ Kraft (1)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board of Education enter into a Dual Enrollment Program Agreement with the University of Pittsburgh which sets out the terms and conditions of the dual enrollment program offered by these two institutions in accordance with Article XVI of the Public School Code. The term of the agreement shall be from August 15, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

The motion for approval was made by Director Puglia, seconded by Director McKevitt and carried on an 8-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (8)
NO ............... None (0)
ABSENT ........ Kraft (1)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board of Education enter into a Dual Enrollment Program Agreement with Westmoreland County Community College which sets out the terms and conditions of the dual enrollment program offered by these two institutions in accordance with Article XVI of the Public School Code. The term of the agreement shall be from August 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

Approval was granted on a motion made by Director McKevitt, seconded by Director Puglia and carried on an 8-0 vote:
[Modify Agreement with BVAEA Re Day-to-Day Substitute Grievance]

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board modify the agreement with the Belle Vernon Area Education regarding the day-to-day substitute grievance to include one (1) additional teacher. The agreement was approved at the December 15, 2008 regular meeting.

This was approved on a motion made by Director Puglia, seconded by Director Godzak and carried on a 7-1 roll call vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, McKevitt, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (8)
NO ................ None (0)
ABSENT ...... Kraft (1)

D. EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL

[Appoint Spring Musical Producer – Rostraver Middle School] (Exhibits #51 and #51A)

Substitute Superintendent Stephen V. Russell recommended that Brandon Zanardelli be appointed to the position of Rostraver Middle School spring musical producer at the negotiated rate of $3,033.00, based upon the understanding and contingency that this is subject to continued financing and furtherance of the program by the Board of Education.

This was approved on a motion made by Director Puglia, seconded by Director Sepesky and carried on an 8-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (8)
NO ................ None (0)
ABSENT ...... Kraft (1)

[Appointment of Middle School Principal] (Exhibit #52)
Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that Chad M. Waszo be appointed to the position of Bellmar Middle School Principal at a salary of $78,500.00, effective immediately, pro-rated from the first day of work at Belle Vernon Area School District.

The motion for approval was made by Director Godzak, seconded by Director Sepesky and carried on a 6-2 roll call vote:

- YES ............... Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky (6)
- NO ............... Bialon, Stringhill (2)
- ABSENT ...... Kraft (1)

Director Bialon qualified his vote saying that none of the final candidates had any administrative experience.

Director Stringhill said he voted no for the same reason as Mr. Bialon.

[Appoint Athletic Director/Facilities Coordinator/Security Director]
(Exhibit #53)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that Jesse J. Cramer, in addition to Athletic Director, be appointed to the following positions—Facilities Coordinator, and Security Director—effective immediately, at an additional compensation of $10,000.00 pro-rated from February 16, 2009.

The motion for approval was made by Director Puglia, seconded by Director Sepesky and carried on an 8-0 vote:

- YES ............... Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (8)
- NO ............... None (0)
- ABSENT ...... Kraft (1)

Substitute Superintendent Russell commended Mr. Cramer for all the work the did in these positions for quite some time without additional pay. Board discussion on this followed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
A motion was made by Director McKevitt at 8:55 p.m. to adjourn to executive session for personnel. Director Jackson seconded, and the motion carried on an 7-1 roll call vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt, Patterson, Puglia , Stringhill  (7)
NO ............... Sepesky   (1)
ABSENT ...... Kraft    (1)

The Board reconvened the regular meeting at 9:03 p.m. on a motion made by Director Jackson, seconded by Director McKevitt and carried on an 8-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt, Patterson, Puglia , Sepesky, Stringhill  (8)
NO ................ None   (0)
ABSENT ...... Kraft    (1)

[Retroactive Salary Adjustment for Jesse J. Cramer]

A motion to pay Mr. Cramer an additional $10,00.00 retroactive to the date he assumed the additional duties beyond Athletic Director was made by Director Jackson, seconded by Director McKevitt and carried on an 8-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt, Patterson, Puglia , Sepesky, Stringhill  (8)
NO ................ None   (0)
ABSENT ...... Kraft    (1)

[Re-Alignment of Baseball Coaching Duties]
(Exhibits #54 and #54A)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board approve the request from Head Baseball Coach Dan Palm to re-align the duties of the assistant coaches as follows: Steve Scott to coach the junior varsity team, and Scott Adams to coach the freshman team—both are already on the coaching staff; all of which is based upon the understanding and contingency that this is subject to continued financing and furtherance of the program by the Board of Education.

Approval was granted on a motion made by Director Godzak, seconded by Director Stringhill and carried on an 8-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt, Patterson, Puglia , Sepesky, Stringhill  (8)
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NO ................ None    (0)
ABSENT ...... Kraft   (1)

[Appoint Girls’ Middle School Assistant Softball Coach]
(Exhibits #55 thru #55C)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board of Education appoint David H. Bashada to the position of girls’ assistant middle school softball coach at the negotiated rate of $1,122.00 for the 2008-2009 school year, as recommended by Head Coach Tom Rodriguez, based upon the understanding and contingency that this is subject to continued financing and furtherance of the program by the Board of Education.

This was approved on a motion made by Director Puglia, seconded by Director Sepesky and carried on an 8-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt,
Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill    (8)
NO ................ None    (0)
ABSENT ...... Kraft   (1)

[Unpaid Volunteer Boys’ Volleyball Coach]

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended approval of a request from Christy Lewis, boys’ volleyball coach, to appoint Todd Yancey as an unpaid volunteer volleyball coach. Approval was granted on a motion made by Director Sepesky, seconded by Director Jackson and carried on an 8-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt,
Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill    (8)
NO ................ None    (0)
ABSENT ...... Kraft   (1)

E.  OTHER NEW BUSINESS

[Westmoreland County Health Consortium]

There was discussion relative to the Westmoreland County Public Health Care Consortium policy of holding each District’s fund balance.
A motion was made by Director McKevitt and seconded by Director Jackson to direct the District’s trustee, Eileen M. Navish, to report back to the Board on what transpires at the monthly meetings of the Consortium in order that we can decide whether to request that Belle Vernon Area’s share be returned or request a rate holiday. The motion carried on an 8-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill    (8)
NO ............... None   (0)
ABSENT ...... Kraft    (1)

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE  
(Director Godzak, Chairperson)

Director Godzak reported on the boys’ basketball playoff game in Ambridge and thanked everyone for their support of the athletic programs.

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE  
(Director Jackson, Chairperson)

Director Jackson asked that all administrators, supervisors, department heads, etc., have their 2009-2010 budget revisions submitted to Mr. Russell by the second week of March. A Finance Committee meeting will be scheduled in late March to review the entire budget. Director Bialon requested that copies of the full budget be distributed to everyone prior to that meeting.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE  
(Director Stringhill, Chairperson)

Director Stringhill announced that the closing on the 84 Lumber property is scheduled for Tuesday, February 17, at 1:30 p.m. in the Administration Office. He also asked that the building be painted gold and white.

EDUCATION AND CURRICULUM COMMITTEE  
(Director Kraft, Chairperson)

In the absence of Director Kraft, President Patterson reported on several educational activities held recently including the Make It and Take It program which was very nicely done by Mrs. Susan Neuman’s class at Marion Elementary School.
POLICY MANUAL COMMITTEE
(Director Puglia, Chairperson)

Director Puglia reported that she is gathering information and reviewing policies to be revised and the need for new policies in some areas. She intends to have this done prior to the start of the 2009-2010 school year.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
(Director Sepesky, Chairperson)

Nothing to report.

XI. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

President Patterson opened the meeting to comments from citizens

Tom Manderino – Rostraver Township:
Expressed dissatisfaction with the girls’ basketball program.

This being a personnel issue, Director Patterson asked Mr. Manderino to reserve his comments for an executive session at a later date.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further to be brought before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m. on a motion made by Director Jackson, seconded by Mr. McKevitt and carried on an 8-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt,
Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (8)
NO ............... None (0)
ABSENT ...... Kraft (1)
James M. McKevitt
Board Secretary

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