BELLE VERNON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 16, 2009

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 8:25 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2009, in the Bellmar Middle School cafeteria.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Patterson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE

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

DIRECTORS—(Present): Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKeveit, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (9)

(Absent): None (0)

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

STAFF: Stephen V. Russell, Substitute Superintendent/Bellmar Middle School Principal  
Jennifer F. Godzak, Director of Curriculum and Instruction  
Eileen M. Navish, Business Manager  
Gregory J. Zborovancik, High School Principal  
Maria C. Weightman, Assistant High School Principal  
Frederick T. Labutta, Rostraver Elementary School Principal  
Keith D. McMonagle, Marion Elementary School Principal  
David H. Bashada, Director of Transportation  
Jason E. Zdrozny, Director of Buildings and Grounds  
Jesse J. Cramer, Director of Athletics, Facilities and Security  
Frances P. Kopanic, Board Executive Secretary

MEDIA: Lori Waryanka, Times Sun, West Newton PA  
Jeff Pikulsky, The Valley Independent, Monessen PA
IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING

A motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Director Puglia and seconded by Director Stringhill. After discussion on Director Bialon’s comments registering displeasure with hiring principals who have no prior administrative experience, the motion carried on a 9-0 vote:

YES ............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKevitt, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (9)
NO ............... None (0)

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.

Jodi Mima, Washington Township:
Asked if the lockers for Marion Elementary School are in next year’s budget.

President Patterson responded that this is still under consideration and that the budget has not yet been finalized.

REPORT BY STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SCHOOL BOARD

John Watroba and Mia Amatangelo, student representatives to the School Board reported on the following:
- National Honor Society Induction
- PSSA testing begins tomorrow
- ASPCA Animal Shelter
- Prom Fashion Show
- MIC/SADD Blood Drive scheduled for April 1, 2009
- High School Musical

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[February 16, 2009 – Agenda Meeting]

Minutes for the February 16, 2009 agenda meeting were approved on a motion made by Director Kraft, seconded by Director Stringhill and carried on a 9-0 vote:

YES ............... Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKevitt,
Minutes for the regular meeting held February 16, 2009 were approved on a motion made by Director Godzak, seconded by Director Sepesky and carried on a 9-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKevitt, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (9)
NO ................. None (0)

Minutes for the special meeting held March 6, 2009 were approved on a motion made by Director Jackson, seconded by Director Puglia and carried on a 9-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKevitt, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (9)
NO ................. None (0)

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

[SECRETARY’S NOTE]: Action taken on communications requiring same is recorded; however, communications not requiring official action were acknowledged by President Patterson as being informational.

MARIA C. WEIGHTMAN, ASSISTANT HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL:
(Exhibit #1)
Notification that the MIC/SADD club has been awarded a $2,000.00 Lookin’ Out grant through the efforts of sponsor Vickie McCullough. This will be used to cover costs for the DUI Simulator and the Prom Looking Out Disaster Drill this spring to educate the students regarding the consequences of destructive decisions.

President Patterson directed the secretary to send a letter to Mrs. McCullough commending her efforts to attain this grant.

CAROL ATEN FROW, FACULTY SPONOSOR—
BELLMAR MIDDLE SCHOOL LITERARY MAGAZINE:
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(Exhibit #2)
Letter advising that the National Council of Teachers of English Program to Recognize Excellence in Student Publications has awarded a high ranking to the Bellmar Middle School literary magazine, Tales from the Leopard’s Den, for the tenth consecutive year. Editors for Volume Ten of the magazine were the following students: Rebecca Buza, Emily Fordyce, Brianna Frederick, Francesca Fronzaglio, Elizabeth Gerda, Cori Krepasky, Lyndsay Kutska, Anna Lemley, Heather Lutes, Taylor Maldonado, Stephanie Morgan, Victoria Petrosky, Megan Planey, Sheldan Rainey, Lauren Rodgers, Mary Kathryn Schickel, Emily Scott, Nesa Smith, and Kelcie Sztroin.

President Patterson directed the secretary to send a letter of commendation to Mrs. Frow and her students.

CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA:
(Exhibit #3)
Letter of gratitude for the District’s support of their recent 2009 Primary Source History program sponsored by the Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources.

DENNIS AND JODY GROVE, PARENTS:
(Exhibits #4 and #4A)
Request for an attendance waiver for their daughter, Mary Jo Grove, from April 30 through May 3, 2009 so that she can participate in a mission trip to New York City where she will be working with the homeless and doing service work for non-profit organizations.

This was approved on a motion made by Director Bialon, seconded by Director Godzak and carried on a 9-0 vote:

YES ............ Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKevitt, Patterson, Puglia, Sepsky, Stringhill (9)
NO ............... None (0)

DANEE R. WATSON, GIFTED TEACHER:
(Exhibits #5 thru #5B)
Request for authorization to take gifted class students on a field trip to Philadelphia on April 9, 2009 to visit the Chronicles of Narnia: The Exhibition and Galileo, The Medici and the Age of Astronomy. The only cost to the School District will be for the teacher chaperones—Ian Finn, Barbara Mentzer and Mrs. Watson. All other chaperones will have the appropriate clearances on file.
Approval was granted on a motion made by Director Jackson, seconded by Director Bialon and carried on a 9-0 vote:

YES ......... Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKevitt, 
            Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (9)
NO ............. None (0)

**CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA:**
(Exhibits #6 thru #6D)

Request for use of the Rostraver Elementary School to conduct Camp Intervention, a
summer science enrichment camp for students entering Grades 3, 4 and 5 for the
2009-2010 school year as has been done in the past. They will need 6 classrooms, the
gymnasium, the cafeteria, and the outside area for 6-1/2 hours per day from Monday,
June 15 through Friday, June 19; certified teachers will be paid by the University.

A motion for approval was made by Director Jackson, seconded by Director Bialon and carried
on a 9-0 vote:

YES ......... Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKevitt, 
            Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (9)
NO ............. None (0)

**GENEVIEVE BRIDGE, CAFETERIA WORKER:**
(Exhibit #7)

Request for an unpaid medical leave from February 23 through June 1, 2009.

This was approved on a motion made by Director Puglia, seconded by Director Sepesky and carried
on a 9-0 vote:

YES .......... Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKevitt, 
            Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (9)
NO ............. None (0)

**EUGENE GILLOCK, SR., SCHOOL BUS DRIVER:**
(Exhibit #8)

Request for a Family Medical Leave beginning the first day after he uses his last
accumulated sick leave day.

A motion for approval was made by Director Jackson, seconded by Director Bialon and carried
on a 9-0 vote:
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YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKevitt,
Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill  (9)
NO ................. None  (0)

RONNA L. RODGERS, TEACHER:
(Exhibit #9)
Request for a Family Medical Leave for approximately twenty days after she utilizes her
accumulated sick leave; she tentatively plans to return to work at the start of the 2009-
2010 school year.

This was approved on a motion made by Director Puglia, seconded by Director Godzak and
carried on a 9-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKevitt,
Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill  (9)
NO ................. None  (0)

MICHAEL W. ROZELL, TEACHER:
(Exhibit #10)
Request for permission to accept the vice-president position of the Pennsylvania Music
Educators Association, if elected to the position. This would require him to miss
approximately eight (8) work days each year to assist in leading this group which
provides invaluable experiences for students.

This was approved on a motion made by Director Puglia, seconded by Director Jackson and
carried on a 9-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKevitt,
Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill  (9)
NO ................. None  (0)

MIKE BREWER:
(Exhibit #11)
Request to be placed on the agenda of this meeting to discuss a request for a Belle
Vernon Area Running Track  (NOTE:  See Athletic Director’s supplemental report
in Exhibits #11 thru 11-1F.)

JESSE J. CRAMER, DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS, FACILITIES AND SECURITY:
(Exhibits #11-1 thru #11-1F)
Supplemental Athletic Director report requesting the Board to appoint a committee to
conduct research and a feasibility study to construct a track complex and report all
findings to the Board of Education for review and consideration.

During the discussion on formation of a community-based committee, several persons volunteered their services, including: Directors Sepesky and Godzak – School Board; Jesse J. Cramer – School District; Brian Sokol – Rostraver Township Board of Commissioners; Joseph Grata, former school director and citizen representative of Washington Township; and Mike and Judy Brewer – citizen representatives of Rostraver Township. Additional municipal and civic groups are welcome to have representation.

A motion was made by Director Kraft to permit the committee to conduct research and a feasibility study, then report all findings back to the School Board. Director Jackson seconded and the motion carried on a 9-0 vote:

YES ................ Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKeivitt, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (9)
NO ................ None (0)

MARK S. GALPER, ATTORNEY AT LAW:
(Exhibit #12)
Request for the School District to exonerate delinquent real estate taxes on property in Belle Vernon Borough identified as Parcel No. 01-02-0012, if the Borough is successful in its attempt to obtain the title to the property which has been abandoned for at least a few years.

The motion for approval was made by Director Kraft, seconded by Director Jackson and carried on a 9-0 vote:

YES ................ Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKeivitt, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (9)
NO ................ None (0)

J. F. SHEA CONSTRUCTION, INC.:
(Exhibits #13 and #13A)
Written notification providing notice that work on the Donora/Monessen Bridge will begin approximately February 24, 2009.

JENNIFER F. GODZAK, DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION K-12:
(Exhibits #14 and #14A): Curriculum and Instruction Report for March 2009

JESSE J. CRAMER, DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS, FACILITIES AND SECURITY
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(Exhibits #15 thru #15C): Athletic Department Report for March 2009
(Exhibit #16): Facilities Usage Report for March 2009
(Exhibits #17 thru #17M): Security Report for the March 2009

JASON E. ZADROZNY, DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:
(Exhibits #18 thru #18D): Buildings and Grounds Department Report for March 2009

DAVID H. BASHADA, DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION:
(Exhibits #19 thru #19B): Transportation Department Report for March 2009

GREGORY M. STEEBER, TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR:
(Exhibit #20): Technology Department Report for March 2009

CENTRAL WESTMORELAND CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER:
(Exhibit #21):
Summary of the Board meeting held February 18, 2009

WESTMORELAND INTERMEDIATE UNIT:
(Exhibits #22 and #23 thru #23-O)
Summary of the February 24, 2009 Board meeting and the Executive Director’s Report for same.

VIII. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Director Stringhill made a motion to approve collectively and/or for informational purposes only, all financial reports submitted for this meeting as listed in Exhibits #24 thru #34-3B. Director Sepesky seconded, and the motion carried on a 9-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKevitt, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (9)
NO ............... None (0)

(Exhibits #24 thru #24T): Interim Financial Statements of the General Fund for the Month of February 2009
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(Exhibits #26 thru #26D): Report of Investments for the General Fund
For the Month of February 2009

(Exhibits #27 thru #27Q): Bills Presented for Payment from the General Fund
TOTAL – $736,734.19

(Exhibits #28 thru #28I): Report of Bills Paid from the General Fund
In February 2009 for Fixed Charges
TOTAL – $855,617.05

Exhibits #29 thru #29C): Report of Investments for the Capital 37 Construction Fund
for the Month of February 2009

(Exhibits #30 and #30A): Bills Presented for Payment from the
Capital 37 Construction Fund
TOTAL – $45,796.00

(Exhibits #31 and #31A): Report of Bills Paid from the Capital 37 Construction Fund
In February 2009 For Fixed Charges
TOTAL – $983,430.13

(Exhibits #32 thru #32I): Athletic Fund Financial Report
For the Month of February 2009

(Exhibits #33 and #33A): Statistical Reports of Cafeteria Program Operations
For the Month of February 2009

(Exhibits #34 thru #34N): Interim Financial Statement of the Cafeteria Fund
For the Month of February 2009

Student Activity Fund Reconciliations
For the Month of February 2009

(Exhibits #34-1 thru #34-1M): Belle Vernon Area High School
(Exhibit #34-2): Bellmar Middle School
(Exhibits #34-3 thru #34-3B): Rostraver Middle School

OVERVIEW OF FINANCES

Business Manager Eileen M. Navish, Belle Vernon Area trustee on the Westmoreland County
Health Consortium, had no report inasmuch as the committee will not meet until next Thursday.
IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[Accept and Record Bids for 2009-2010 School Year Supplies]
(Exhibit #35)

Substitute Superintendent Stephen V. Russell recommended that the Board accept and record the bids received for supplies and equipment for the 2009-2010 school year in the categories listed in Exhibits #36 through #54, and refer them to the administration for tabulation, review and recommendation for award to the lowest responsible bidder(s).

A motion for approval was made by Director Kraft, seconded by Director McKeveitt and carried on a 9-0 vote:

YES ..............Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKeveitt, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (9)
NO ................None (0)

Art Supply Bid (Exhibit #36)
Home Economics Bid (Exhibit #37)
Audio Visual Bid (Exhibits #38 and #38A)
Athletic Bid (Exhibits #39 and #39A)
General Teaching (Exhibit #40)
Industrial Arts Bid (Exhibit #41)
Janitorial Bid (Exhibits #42 and #42A)
Medical Supply Bid (Exhibit #43)
Music Supply Bid (Exhibit #44)
Office Supply Bid (Exhibit #45)
Physical Education Bid (Exhibit #46)
Elementary & Secondary Science Bid (Exhibit #47)
Computer Supply Bid (Exhibit #48)
Bus Supplies and Parts (Exhibit #49)

#2 Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel & Lubricant (Exhibit #50)

Milk for the Cafeteria Program (Exhibit #51)

Paint & Paint Supplies Bid (Exhibit #52)

72-Passenger School Buses (Exhibit #53)

Tires and Recaps (Exhibit #54)

[Return of Bid] (Exhibit #55)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the following bid be rejected and returned for the reason stated:

NEMC Did not follow bid specifications

Approval was granted on a motion made by Director Kraft, seconded by Director Jackson and carried on a 9-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKevitt, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (9)
NO ................ None (0)

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. RESIGNATIONS

(Exhibit #56): The resignation of Chad Waszo as Bellmar Middle School Principal was accepted on a motion made by Director Godzak, seconded by Director Sepesky and carried on a 7-2 roll call vote:

YES .............. Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (7)
NO ................ Bialon, McKevitt (2)

(Exhibit #57): The retirement resignation of Frederick T. Labutta from the position of
Rostraver Elementary School Principal effective Friday, June 26, 2009, after 31 years of service to the School District and its students was accepted on a motion made by Director Kraft, seconded by Director Puglia and carried on a 9-0 vote:

YES ..............Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKevitt, Patterson, Puglia , Sepesky, Stringhill   (9)
NO ...............None   (0)

President Patterson thanked Mr. Labutta for his dedicated service, loyalty and friendship to the District and its students in his service as a guidance counselor, school psychologist and principal. Mr. Labutta, in turn, thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve.

(Exhibit #58): The retirement resignation of Nancy J. Berna from the position of art teacher effective at the conclusion of the 2008-2009 school year, after 36 years of service to the School District and its students, was accepted on a motion made by Director Kraft, seconded by Director Jackson and carried on a 9-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKevitt, Patterson, Puglia , Sepesky, Stringhill   (9)
NO ............... None  (0)

Directors Bialon and Jackson, both of whom were former students of Mrs. Berna, commended her for her methods of conveying her art talent to the students.

B. REPORT OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS

Nothing to report.

C. REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION

[Additions to Substitute Rosters]
(Exhibit #59)

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

Substitute Teachers: Jonathan M. Shaffer – mathematics
Abby R. Santoro – elementary

Substitute Custodians: Kenneth Jones
Eugene L. Streets

Substitute Security Guards: Ronald S. Vanscyok
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Troy D. Rice  
Justin M. Jennings  
Shannon L. Jacobs  

This was approved on a motion made by Director Bialon, seconded by Director Sepesky and carried on a 9-0 vote:  

YES ............ Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKeivitt, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (9)  
NO ............... None (0)  

[Graduate Credit Tuition Reimbursement – BVAEA]  
(Exhibit #60)  

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board of Education authorize payment of graduate credit tuition reimbursement to the following member of the professional staff in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement.  

Michael J. Pappas .........$ 217.50 – 2 credits earned 11/08 thru 02/09  

Approval was granted on a motion made by Director Godzak, seconded by Director McKeivitt and carried on a 9-0 vote:  

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKeivitt, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (9)  
NO ............... None (0)  

[2009-2010 High School Course of Study Selection Manual]  
(Exhibit #61)  

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board of Education approve the High School Course of Study Selection Manual for the 2009-2010 school year, copy of which was provided to each Director prior to this meeting. This was approved on a motion made by Director Sepesky, seconded by Director Godzak and carried on a 9-0 vote:  

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKeivitt, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (9)  
NO ............... None (0)
[Substitute Rate for School Nurse Room Assistants]
(Exhibit #62)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board approve the substitute rate for School Nurse Room Assistants at $80.00 per day effective October 15, 2008.

Approval was granted on a motion made by Director Kraft, seconded by Director Puglia and carried on a 9-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKeivitt, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (9)
NO .............. None (0)

[Tentative Calendar for 2009-2010 School Year]
(Exhibits #63 and #63A)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board approve a tentative calendar for the 2009-2010 school year as follows – make-up days, if necessary, are identified with a *:

August 26, 2009 ..........Teacher In-Service
August 27, 2009 ..........Teacher In-Service
August 28, 2009 ..........Teacher In-Service
August 31, 2009 ..........First Day of Instruction
September 7, 2009 .........Labor Day  (No School)
September 23, 2009 ........½ Act 80 Day  (½ Day of School for Students)
October 9, 2009 ..........Act 80 Day--Senior Projects  (No School for Students)
November 11, 2009 ........Veterans Day  (No School)
November 12, 2009 ........Parent-Teacher Conferences  (No School for Students)
November 26, 2009 ........Fall Recess   (No School)
November 27, 2009 ........Fall Recess   (No School)
November 30, 2009 ........Fall Recess   (No School)
December 16, 2009 ..........½ Act 80 Day  (½ Day of School for Students)
December 23, 2009 ........Last Day Before Winter Recess
January 4, 2010 ............Classes Resume
January 18, 2010 ..........Martin Luther King Day  (No School)
* February 15, 2010 ..........Presidents Day   (No School)
February 24, 2010 ..........½ Act 80 Day  (½ Day of School for Students)
March 15, 2010 ............Parent-Teacher Conferences  (No School for Students)
March 24, 2010 ..........½ Act 80 Day  (½ Day of School for Students)
* April 1, 2010 ............Snow Day   (No School)
April 2, 2010 ............Spring Recess   (No School)
A motion for approval was made by director Puglia, seconded by Director Sepesky and carried on a 9-0 vote:

YES .......... Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKevitt, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (9)
NO ............. None (0)

**[Revised Hiring Policy for Professional Personnel]**
(Exhibits #64 thru #64G)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board of Education adopt the revised Hiring Policy for Professional Personnel, per the attached.

A motion for approval was made by Director Puglia and seconded by Director Sepesky. Discussion followed regarding the minimum 3.0 GPA required by the policy for an applicant to qualify for an interview. Director Bialon expressed opposition to this requirement; however, President Patterson noted that a 3.0 GPA for undergraduate work is required for admission to a teaching program in any Pennsylvania college. Following the discussion the policy was approved on a 6-3 roll call vote:

YES ............ Godzak, Jackson, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (6)
NO .............. Bialon, Kraft, McKevitt (3)

**[Legal Ad for Refuse Collection Services]**
(Exhibit #65)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board authorize the Secretary to advertise for sealed bids on refuse collection for a three-year period covering the 2009-2010, 2010-2011, and 2011-2012 school years.

This was approved on a motion made by Director Puglia, seconded by Director Bialon and carried on a 9-0 vote:
[Legal Ad for Purchase of Bus Lift, Rolling Jacks and Air Line Kit]

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board authorize the Secretary to advertise for sealed bids on the purchase of a bus lift, rolling jacks and air line kit.

The motion for approval was made by Director Puglia, seconded by Director Sepesky and carried on a 9-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKeveitt, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (9)
NO ............... None (0)

D. EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL

[Appointment of Middle School Principal]
(Exhibit #66)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board of Education appoint John E. Grice IV to the position of Bellmar Middle School Principal, effective immediately, at the salary of $75,500.00 pro-rated from the first day of work for Belle Vernon Area School District in the 2008-2009 school year.

A motion for approval was made by Director Puglia, seconded by Director Sepesky and carried on a 6-3 roll call vote:

YES .............. Godzak, Jackson, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (6)
NO ............... Bialon, Kraft, McKeveitt (3)

[Appointment of Elementary School Principal/Special Education Coordinator for District Personnel]
(Exhibit #67)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board of Education appoint Amy B. Baumgart to the position of Rostraver Elementary School Principal/Special Education
Coordinator for District Personnel at the salary of $81,500.00 effective July 1, 2009.

A motion for approval was made by Director Puglia and seconded by Director Sepesky.

Discussion followed relative to the duties of the Special Education Coordinator portion of the position. President Patterson explained that the District has 5 or 6 special education teachers who are Belle Vernon Area School District employees and they currently have no supervisor. Director Bialon asked Substitute Superintendent Russell if this is the beginning of a transfer of entities plan, to which Mr. Russell responded, “Not at this time”.

At the request of Director Jackson, Director Puglia and Director Sepesky agreed to amend the motion for the salary to be Rostraver Elementary School Principal at $78,500.00 and an additional $3,000.00 for Special Education Coordinator for District Personnel. This motion carried on a 9-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKevitt, 
Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (9)  
NO ............... None (0)

A motion was made by Director Puglia to name Amy B. Baumgart to the position of Rostraver Elementary School Principal / Special Education Coordinator for District Personnel at the total salary of $81,500.00 – $78,500.00 for Rostraver Elementary School Principal and an additional $3,000.00 for Special Education Coordinator for District Personnel – effective July 1, 2009. Director Sepesky seconded, and the motion carried on a 6-3 roll call vote:

YES .............. Godzak, Jackson, Patterson 
Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (6)  
NO ............... Bialon, Kraft, McKevitt (3)

[Job Description for Special Education Coordinator for District Personnel]

A motion was made by Director Sepesky to approve the job description for the Special Education Coordinator for District Personnel. Director Puglia seconded, and the motion carried on a 7-2 roll call vote:

YES .............. Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, Patterson 
Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (7)  
NO ............... Bialon, McKevitt (2)

[Appointment of Assistant Football Coaches]
(Exhibits #68 and #68A)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board accept the recommendation of Aaron Krepps, varsity head football coach, to appoint the following as assistant football coaches at the negotiated salary for the 2009-2010 season, based upon the understanding and contingency that this is subject to continued financing and furtherance of the program by the Board of Education.

**Varsity Staff** .......... Brian Dawson, Erik Gill, Steve Scott, Brett Berish  
**Junior High Staff** ...... Ron Krepps, Mike Fields, Larry Callaway, Zack Keefer

This was approved on a motion made by Director Jackson, seconded by Director McKevitt and carried on a 9-0 vote:

- **YES** .......... Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKevitt, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (9)  
- **NO** .............. None (0)

[Unpaid Volunteer Soccer Coach]  
(Exhibits #69 and #69A)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board approve the request from Chris Stasicha, boys’ varsity soccer coach, for Scott Page to be named an unpaid volunteer assistant coach for the junior high soccer team.

Approval was granted on a motion made by Director Sepesky, seconded by Director Puglia and carried on a 9-0 vote:

- **YES** .......... Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKevitt, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (9)  
- **NO** .............. None (0)

[Unpaid Volunteer Softball Coaches]  
(Exhibits #70 thru #70C)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board accept the recommendation of Tom Rodriguez, girls’ varsity softball coach, to have Matt Washowich and Brian Gilchrist serve as unpaid volunteer coaches for the middle school softball team, pending receipt of all required clearances.
This was approved on a motion made by Director Bialon, seconded by Director McKevitt and carried on a 9-0 vote:

YES ............ Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKevitt, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (9)
NO .............. None (0)

E. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE
(Director Godzak, Chairperson)

Nothing to report

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
(Director Jackson, Chairperson)

Director Jackson had nothing at this time; he said he will have a report for the next meeting.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE
(Director Stringhill, Chairperson)

Director Stringhill reported that applications have been made to the Department of Labor and Industry for permits to begin work at the 84 Lumber building.

EDUCATION AND CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
(Director Kraft, Chairperson)

Director Kraft commended Mrs. Godzak, Curriculum Coordinator for her report.
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POLICY MANUAL COMMITTEE
(Director Puglia, Chairperson)

Chairperson Puglia had no report at this time.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
(Director Sepesky, Chairperson)

Transportation Director Dave Bashada will attend a workshop on April 16 which will feature information important to cost-savings for student transportation programs.

XI. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

President Patterson opened the meeting to comments from citizens. There was no response from the audience.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Director Jackson at 10:05 p.m. for an executive session regarding clarification on an issue. Director Puglia seconded, and the motion carried on a 9-0 vote:

    YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKevitt, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (9)
    NO .............. None (0)

When the Board returned at 10:30 p.m. a motion to reconvene the regular meeting was made by Director Kraft, seconded by Director Bialon and carried on a 9-0 vote:

    YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKevitt, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (9)
    NO .............. None (0)

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m. on a motion made by Director Kraft, seconded by Director Bialon and carried on a 9-0 vote:

    YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKevitt,
Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (9)
NO .............. None (0)

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James M. McKeVitt
Board Secretary

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