BELLE VERNON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING
April 22, 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 7:25 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22, 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, Kraft, McKevitt, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (8)

(Absent): Jackson—absent roll call, entered at 8:25 p.m. (1)

SOLICITOR: Ira Weiss, 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 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
Frederick T. Labutta, Rostraver Elementary School Principal
Keith D. McMonagle, Marion Elementary School Principal
David H. Bashada, Director of Transportation
Jesse J. Cramer, Director of Athletics, Facilities and Security
Frances P. Kopanic, Board Executive Secretary

MEDIA: Lori Waryanka, Times Sun, West Newton PA 15089
IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING

The following items were added to the agenda on a motion made by Director Kraft, seconded by Director Godzak.

Exhibit #16-2 – Central Westmoreland Career and Technology Center
  Tax Anticipation Note for the 2009-2010 fiscal year

Exhibit #73-2 – Agreement with National Gas Consortium Re Rate Decrease

Exhibit #76-1 – Employment of Security Guard

The motion carried on an 8-0 vote:

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

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

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

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[March 16, 2009 – Agenda Meeting]

Minutes for the agenda meeting held March 16, 2009, were approved on a motion made by Director Kraft, seconded by Director McKevitt and carried on an 8-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Kraft, McKevitt,
    Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (8)
NO ............... None (0)
Minutes for the regular meeting held March 16, 2009, were approved on a motion made by Director McKevitt, seconded by Director Bialon and carried on an 8-0 vote:

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

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 and requiring no action.

CONGRESSMAN JOHN P. MURTHA:
(Exhibits #1 and #1A)
Notification that his office is hosting a Recovery and Reinvestment Act Summit at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 24, 2009 at the Penn State Eberly Campus Community Center in Uniontown to assist School Districts with understanding the funding available via formula grants and the Stabilization Fund.

WESTMORELAND INTERMEDIATE UNIT 7
(Exhibit #2)
Announcement of the PVAAS (Pennsylvania Value Added Assessment System) Workshop scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6 at the I. U. Offices. It is recommended that all Board members make every effort to attend this workshop to gain background knowledge about the PVAAS data tool which offers a precise way to measure student progress and to plan for continuous school improvement. There is no charge; however registration is mandatory by May 1, 2009.

THE PUBLIC CONSORTIUM FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION:
(Exhibit #3)
Notification that Jody Grove, a teacher at Rostraver Elementary School was awarded a $4,080.61 Great Idea Grant, Don’t Stop Learning.
President Patterson directed the Secretary to send a letter commending Mrs. Grove

**AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION:**
(Exhibit #4)
Letter extending congratulations to Paige Honeywell, physical education teacher, and the Rostraver Elementary School students who raised $13,893.97 in the 2008-2009 Jump Rope for Heart and/or Hoops Programs.

President Patterson directed the Secretary to send a letter commending Ms. Paige and the students.

**PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:**
(Exhibits #5 thru #5B)
Press Release announcing winning entries in “Drive Safe PA” Radio Contest. Rebecca Coulson, a Belle Vernon Area High School Student, was named the District 12 winner.

President Patterson directed the Secretary to send a letter congratulating Ms. Coulson.

**BELLE VERNON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT MUSIC DEPARTMENT:**
(Exhibit #6)
Invitation for all Directors, employees and the general public to attend the Faculty Recital scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on May 5, 2009 in the High School auditorium; proceeds benefit the Jared C. Giarrusso Memorial Scholarship.

**JENNIFER F. GODZAK, DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION K-12:**
(Exhibits # 7 and #7A) Curriculum and Instruction Report – April 2009

**BELLE VERNON AREA FOOTBALL CHEERLEADER BOOSTER ASSOCIATION:**
(Exhibits #7-1 and #7-1A)
Request for use of the High School cafeteria for a fund-raiser on Friday, May 1, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., and on Saturday, May 2, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

This was approved, pending resolution of a scheduling conflict by Jesse Cramer, on a motion made by Director Puglia, seconded by Director Godzak and carried on an 8-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Kraft, McKevitt, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (8)
NO ................ None (0)
ABSENT....... Jackson (1)
BELLE VERNON AREA YOUTH WRESTLING:
(Exhibit #7-2)
Request for use of the High School cafeteria on Friday, May 1, 2009, from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for a wrestling banquet.

This was approved, pending resolution of a scheduling conflict by Jesse Cramer, on a motion made by Director McKevitt, seconded by Director Sepesky and carried on an 8-0 vote:

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

JESSE J. CRAMER, DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS, FACILITIES AND SECURITY
(Exhibits #8 thru #8G): Athletic Department Report – April 2009
(Exhibit #9): Facility Usage Report – April 2009
(Exhibits #10 thru #10C): Security Report – April 2009

JASON E. ZADROZNY, DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:
(Exhibits #11 thru #11B): Buildings and Grounds Department Report – April 2009

DAVID H. BASHADA, DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION:
(Exhibits 12 thru #12C): Transportation Department Report – April 2009

GREGORY M. STEEBER, TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR
(Exhibit #13): Technology Department Report – April 2009

CENTRAL WESTMORELAND CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER:
(Exhibit #14): Summary of the Board meeting held March 18, 2009

(Exhibits #15 thru #15C): February 4, 2009 Professional Advisory Council Meeting Summary

(Exhibit #16): Summary of the March 25, 2009 Professional Advisory Meeting

(Exhibit #16-1): The Central Westmoreland Career and Technology Center General Operating Budget for 2009-2010 School Year was approved on a motion made by Director Bialon, seconded by Director Kraft and carried on an 8-0 roll call vote:
YES ............ Bialon, Godzak, Kraft, McKevitt,
Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill    (8)
NO ............... None   (0)
ABSENT....... Jackson    (1)

EXHIBIT #16-2: The Central Westmoreland Career and Technology Center Revenue Anticipa-
tion for the 2009-2010 fiscal year was approved on a motion made by Director Bialon, seconded
by Director Puglia and carried on an 8-0 roll call vote:

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

WESTMORELAND INTERMEDIATE UNIT:
EXHIBITS #17 and #17A: Results of the election of Westmoreland Intermediate Unit Board
Members.

EXHIBITS #18 and #18A and #19 thru #19-0: Summary of the March 24, 2009 Board
meeting and the Executive Director’s Report for same.

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 #20 thru #30B. Director
Kraft seconded, and the motion carried on an 8-0 vote:

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

EXHIBITS #20 thru #20N: Interim Financial Statements of the General Fund
for the Month of March 2009

EXHIBITS #21 thru #21B: Reconciliation Report of the General Fund
for the Month of March 2009

EXHIBITS #22 thru #22D: Report of Investments for the General Fund
For the Month of March 2009
(Exhibits #22-1 thru #22-1F): Report of Investments for the Capital 37 Construction Fund for the Month of March 2009

Exhibits #23 thru #23U): Bills Presented for Payment from the General Fund TOTAL – $622,273.91

(Exhibits #24 thru #24I): Report of Bills Paid from the General Fund In March 2009 for Fixed Charges TOTAL – $635,376.38

(Exhibits #25 thru #25G): Athletic Fund Financial Report For the Month of March 2009

(Exhibits #26 and #26A): Statistical Reports of Cafeteria Program Operations For the Month of March 2009

(Exhibits #27 thru #27M): Interim Financial Statement of the Cafeteria Fund For the Month of March 2009 Student Activity Fund Reconciliations For the Month of March 2009

(Exhibits #28 thru #28-O): Belle Vernon Area High School
(Exhibits #29 thru #29C): Bellmar Middle School
(Exhibits #30 thru #30B): Rostraver Middle School

OVERVIEW OF FINANCES

Business Manager Eileen M. Navish had nothing to report.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. RECORDING OF BIDS

[Record Bids Received for Refuse Collection] (Exhibit #31)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board record and accept bids received for refuse collection; further, that they be referred to the administration for tabulation, review, and recommendation for award.
Approval was granted on a motion made by Director Puglia, seconded by Director Bialon and carried on an 8-0 vote:

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

[Record Bids Received for Bus Lift, Rolling Jacks and Air Line Kit]
(Exhibit #32)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board record and accept bids received for purchase of a bus lift, rolling racks and air line kit; further, that they be referred to the administration for tabulation, review, and recommendation for award.

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

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

B.  AWARDING OF BIDS

[Westmoreland Intermediate Unit Joint Purchasing Board]
(Exhibit #33)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board of Education authorize the Westmoreland Intermediate Unit Joint Purchasing Board for Materials and Supplies to award bids for the purchase of materials and supplies to the parties whom the Joint Purchasing Board has recommended as the lowest responsible bidder(s) meeting specifications.

A motion for approval was made by Director Kraft, seconded by Director Godzak and carried on an 8-0 roll call vote:

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

[Supplies and Equipment for the 2009-2010 School Year]
Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board of Education collectively award bids for the purchase of supplies and/or equipment for the 2009-2010 school year to the responsible bidder(s) in each category as identified in Exhibits #34 thru #54A; low bid rejection data where applicable is included for the official record.

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Exhibits #53 and #53A: Tires and Recaps

Exhibits #54 and #54A: #2 Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel and Lubricants

After discussion, a motion to table awarding of these bids until the 2009-2010 budget is near completion was made by Director Puglia, seconded by Director Stringhill and carried on a 7-1 roll call vote:

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

Director Godzak qualified his vote stating that the last item he will cut from the budget is supplies for the students.

|Purchase of Three School Buses|
|(Exhibits #55 and #55A)|

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board award the bid for purchase of three 72-passenger school buses to Wolfington Body Company at the low bid price of $71,293.00 net each.

Following discussion, this was approved on a motion made by Director Sepesky, seconded by Director Godzak and carried on a 7-1 roll call vote:

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

|Refuse Collection|
|(Exhibits #56 and #56A)|

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board award the bid for refuse collection for the five-year period beginning September 1, 2009 and ending August 31, 2014 to Agape Trucking, Inc., the lowest bidder at the following rates, contingent upon submission to the School District by April 29, 2009, a written confirmation from a surety company that a Performance Bond can be secured by Agape Trucking, Inc.
Year 1  –  $13,200.00  
Year 2  –  $13,200.00  
Year 3  –  $13,200.00  
Year 4  –  $14,400.00  
Year 5  –  $14,400.00  

After discussion, this was approved on a motion made by Director Puglia, seconded by Director Stringhill and carried on a 7-1 roll call vote:  

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

[Bus Lift, Rolling Jacks and Air Line Kit]  
(Exhibits #57 thru #57B)  

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the bid for the purchase and delivery of a bus lift, rolling jacks and air line kit be awarded to Stallion Automotive at the low bid price of $15,165.00.  

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

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

X. NEW BUSINESS  
A. RESIGNATIONS  

(Exhibit #58): The retirement resignation of A. Pearl Meade after thirty years of services as a physical education teacher, effective June 4, 2009, was accepted on a motion made by Director Godzak, seconded by Director Puglia and carried on an 8-0 vote:  

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

(Exhibit #59):  The retirement resignation of Leonard J. Volpi after thirty-five years of service as a social studies teacher, effective at the end of the current school year, was accepted on a motion made by Director Godzak, seconded by Director Sepesky and carried on an 8-0 vote:

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

(Exhibit #60):  The retirement resignation of Joseph A. Semancik as a custodian, effective May 31, 2009, was accepted on a motion made by Director Kraft, seconded by Director McKevitt and carried on an 8-0 vote:

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

(Exhibit #61):  The retirement resignation of Eugene Gillock as a school bus driver at the end of the current school year was accepted on a motion made by Director Bialon, seconded by Director Godzak and carried on an 8-0 vote:

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

(Exhibit #62):  The resignation of Patricia R. Pavlick as a cafeteria worker, effective March 31, 2009, was accepted on a motion made by Director Puglia, seconded by Director McKevitt and carried on an 8-0 vote:

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

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:
(Exhibit #63)
Notification that the School District’s 2008-2009 Amended Consolidated Application – Project RA-999-09-0024A has been approved in the amount of $816,815.00, effective January 21, 2009; funds must be obligated by September 30, 2009.

President Patterson ordered this filed for the record.

C. REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION

[Additions to Substitute Rosters]
(Exhibit #64)
Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that additions be made to 2008-2009 substitute rosters as listed.

Substitute Teachers: Theresa Gruber – mathematics K-6
Christopher Guerra – art K-12
Autumn Kosanko – elementary K-6/special education K-12
Krista Krosoff – elementary K-6
Laurie Lynn Malik – health/physical education K-12
Michael Medved – social studies
Carmon Pomaibo – family consumer science K-12/elementary K-6
Lynn Southern – elementary K-6

Substitute Custodian: Melvin Gray

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

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

[Graduate Credit Tuition Reimbursement – BVAEA]
(Exhibit #65)
Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board of Education authorize payment of graduate credit tuition reimbursement to the following members of the professional staff in
accordance with the current *Collective Bargaining Agreement*.

- Michael J. Pappas............ $ 191.25  –  2 credits earned 01/09 thru 03/09
- Todd M. Vaccaro............. $1,606.50  –  6 credits earned 08/08 thru 12/08
- Sarah E. Yonash.............. $1,606.50  –  6 credits earned 01/09 thru 03/09

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

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YES ............ Bialon, Godzak, Kraft, McKevitt,
Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill  (8)
NO .............. None   (0)
ABSENT....... Jackson    (1)
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**[Issuance of a Permanent Professional Contract]**

*(Exhibit #66)*

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board of Education authorize the issuance of a Permanent Professional Contract to Jennifer L. Martin, who has completed three years of successful experience as a school nurse with the Belle Vernon Area School District.

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

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YES ............ Bialon, Godzak, Kraft, McKevitt,
Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill  (8)
NO .............. None   (0)
ABSENT....... Jackson    (1)
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**[School District Organizational Chart]**

*(Exhibits #67 and #67A)*

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board of Education adopt an Organizational Chart for the Belle Vernon Area School District, as per the attached, copy of which will be made a part of the permanent record of this meeting.

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

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

[Fourth Grade Departmentalization]
(Exhibit #68)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board authorize the Administration to departmentalize teaching for the fourth grade students.

[SECRETARY’S NOTE: Director Jackson entered the meeting at 8:00 p.m. and explained that it was necessary to attend another meeting prior to this one. Action from this point forward will reflect 9 Directors present: Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKevitt, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill]

[Additional Fourth Grade Teacher for Marion Elementary School]
(Exhibit #69)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board authorize an additional fourth grade teacher for the Marion Elementary School.

A motion for approval was made by Director Puglia, seconded by Director Godzak. Following considerable discussion with Mrs. Jennifer F. Godzak, Director of Curriculum, regarding this item and several additional items which follow regarding staff and/or curriculum, the motion carried on a 9-0 vote:

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

[School-Wide Title I Program for Marion Elementary School]
(Exhibit #70)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board of Education authorize a School-Wide Title I Program for the Marion Elementary School.

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

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKevitt, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill   (9)
NO ................. None   (0)
[Agreement with Keystone Education Consulting Group]
(Exhibit #70A)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board of Education approve an agreement with Keystone Educational Consulting Group to provide training to elementary teachers in differentiated instruction at a cost of $16,600.00.

A motion for approval was made by Director McKevitt, 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)

[Additional Title I Teacher for Marion Elementary School]
(Exhibit #70B)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board of Education grant approval for an additional Title I teacher for the Marion Elementary School.

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)

[Kindergarten Standards-Based Report Card]
(Exhibits #71 thru #71B)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board of Education authorize the use of a standards-based report card designed for use in kindergarten.

This was approved on a motion made by Director Puglia, seconded by Director Sepesky, and carried on a 9-0 vote after Mrs. Godzak’s explanation regarding the need for this:

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKevitt, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (9)
NO ................. None (0)
[Agreement with Westmoreland County Student Assistance Program]  
(Exhibits #72 thru #72C)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board renew the agreement with Westmoreland County Student Assistance Program for student services as needed during the 2009-2010 school year.

[Software Maintenance Agreement – 2009-2010]  
(Exhibits #73 thru #73D)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board renew the standard Software Maintenance Agreement with ProSoft Technologies, Inc., for the period beginning July 1, 2009, and continuing through June 30, 2010.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Director Bialon and seconded by Director McKevitt to table this until Business Manager Navish returned with an annual cost. Vote on the motion was 9-0:

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

A motion to return this exhibit from table was made by Director Bialon, 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)

A motion was then made by Director McKevitt to approve the agreement with the understanding that the annual cost is not to exceed $18,768.00. Director Bialon seconded and the motion carried on a 9-0 vote:

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

[Legal Ad Re Masonry Walls, Shower and Towel Room, and Interior Framing and Sheathing for 274 Finley Road Building]  
(Exhibit #73-1)
Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board authorize the secretary to advertise for sealed bids for Masonry Walls, Shower and Towel Room, and Interior Framing and Sheathing for the 274 Finley Road Building.

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)

[Hess Corporation Natural Gas Agreement Extension] (Exhibits #73-2 thru #73-2B)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board approve an Agreement Extension with Hess Corporation, as recommended by the Western Pennsylvania Natural Gas Consortium Committee, to cover the period of September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2012, which will decrease the current rate of $1.20/DTH to $0.98 on the Dominion system.

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)

D. EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL

[Appointment of Temporary School Nurse Department Head] (Exhibits #74 and #74A)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that Vickie McCullough be appointed to the position of temporary school nurse department head at the negotiated rate of $1,638.00 pro-rated effective December 16, 2008 for the 2008-2009 school year.

A motion to table this until after an executive session was 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)
[Employment of Cafeteria Worker]  
(Exhibit #75)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board employ Tracy L. Cathers as a cafeteria worker for four (4) hours or less per day at the negotiated rate of $9.25 per hour, effective April 23, 2009.

Approval was granted on a motion made by Director Puglia, 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)

[Appointment of Band Majorette Instructor]  
(Exhibits #76 and #76A)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Mark A. Surovchak, Director of Bands, to appoint Kristen Leigh Soutter to the position of high school band majorette instructor for the 2009-2010 school year at the negotiated rate of $2,543.00 as listed in the new Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Belle Vernon Area Education Association, based upon the understanding and contingency that this is subject to continued financing and furtherance of the program by the Board of Education.

A motion to table this until after executive session was made by Director Bialon, 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)

[Employment of Security Guard]  
(Exhibit #76-1)

The recommendation from Substitute Superintendent Russell to employ Mark E. Cook as a security guard at the current established rate was tabled until after executive session 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

[Payment for Guide Rails on Crest Avenue]
(Exhibits #77 thru #77C)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board authorize payment of $8,137.75 to Interstate Enterprises, Inc. for guide rails installed on Crest Avenue near the High School.

Approval was granted 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, Sepesky, Stringhill (9)
NO ............... None (0)

[Revised Homebound Policy No. 117]
(Exhibits #78 thru #78D)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board of Education adopt the revised Homebound Policy No. 117, as per the attached.
A motion for approval was made by Director Puglia, seconded by Director Kraft and carried on a 9-0 vote:

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

[Ratify Student Discipline Adjudications]
(Solicitor Ira Weiss)
A motion was made by Director Bialon to take action on three student discipline issues after an executive session. Director Godzak seconded and the motion and carried on a 9-0 vote:

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

[Visual Observation and Discussion Re Lockers at Marion Elementary School]
(Exhibits #79 and #79A)
The Maintenance Department submitted a written report on a visual observation regarding lockers for Marion Elementary School.

After considerable discussion motions were made as follows.

A motion to continue with the project only if lockers are also installed at Rostraver Elementary School was made by Director Puglia and seconded by Director Sepesky. During the discussion, both Directors Puglia and Sepesky withdrew this motion.

Director Sepesky moved that the issue of purchasing lockers be dropped. 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)

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE
(Director Godzak, Chairperson)

[Post High School Boys’ Assistant Varsity Track Coach Position]

Director Godzak moved that the position of High School boys’ assistant varsity track coach be posted for the possibility of making an appointment for the 2009-2010 school year, inasmuch as this position is contained in the current Collective Bargaining Agreement, but has never been filled. The motion was seconded by Director Kraft and carried on a 9-0 vote:

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

[Paid Varsity Assistant Coach]

A motion to appoint Michael Steeber to the last paid varsity assistant football coach position was made by Director Godzak and seconded by Director Jackson, pending submission of all required clearances and based upon the understanding and contingency that this is subject to continued financing and furtherance of the program by the Board of Education; motion carried 9-0:

YES ............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKeivitt, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (9)
NO ............... None (0)
[Unpaid Volunteer Varsity Assistant Football Coaches]

Director Godzak made a motion to accept Frank Panepinto, Matt Cyktor, and Ron Skiles as unpaid volunteer varsity assistant football coaches, pending submission of all required clearances. Director Kraft seconded and the motion carried on a 9-0 vote:

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

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
(Director Jackson, Chairperson)

Director Jackson asked that all Directors review the 2009-2010 budget and refer all questions to him for review and he will present everything to the Directors at a Budget and Finance Committee meeting he will schedule in about two weeks.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE
(Director Stringhill, Chairperson)

Director Stringhill announced that everything is on schedule at the 274 Finley Road site.

EDUCATION AND CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
(Director Kraft, Chairperson)

President Patterson reported that he and Substitute Superintendent Russell attended a ceremony in Harrisburg to honor all National Board Certified Teachers, adding that Belle Vernon Area has 4 of a total of 400 throughout the state.

POLICY MANUAL COMMITTEE
(Director Puglia, Chairperson)

[Student Driving Policy]

Director Puglia made a motion that the Student Driving Policy be revised to reflect a $20.00 charge for student driving permits effective with the 2009-2010 school year. Director McKevitt seconded and the motion carried on a 9-0 vote:

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

[Discussion Re Development of a Fraud Policy]
Director Puglia announced that this will be postponed until next month.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
(Director Sepesky, Chairperson)
Nothing to report.

PRESENTATION TO BELLE VERNON AREA TASK FORCE
Mrs. Heather Russell, vice president of the Rostraver Elementary School PTO, presented a $1,000.00 check to Jason Demko, chairman of the Belle Vernon Area Task Force.

Mr. Demko thanked Mrs. Russell and assured all present that it would be put to good use. He added that the Task force is receiving tips that they have already been able to use; he attributed this to the fact that tips can be reported anonymously to him or to Rostraver Police Chief Resetar.

XI. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS
President Patterson opened the meeting to comments from citizens. There was no response from the audience.

[EXECUTIVE SESSION]
A motion to retire to executive session regarding personnel matters was made at 9:45 p.m. by Director Godzak, 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)

A motion to reconvene the meeting at 10:15 p.m. was made by Director Puglia, seconded by Director Sepesky and carried on a 9-0 vote:
[Ratify Discipline Agreement Re Student No. 05-0809]

A motion to ratify the discipline agreement in lieu of expulsion for Student No. 05-0809 was made by Director McKevitt, 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)

[Ratify Discipline Adjudication Re Student No. 06-0809]

A motion to ratify the discipline adjudication for Student No. 06-0809 was made by Director McKevitt, 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)

[Ratify Discipline Adjudication Re Student No. 07-0809]

A motion to ratify the discipline adjudication as determined at a hearing held March 24, 2009, was made by Director Sepesky, seconded by Director McKevitt and carried on an 8-1 roll call vote:

YES ............. Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKevitt, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill  (8)
NO ............... Bialon  (1)

[Employment of Security Guard]
(Exhibit #76-1)

A motion to return from table earlier in this meeting Exhibit #76-1–Employment of Security Guard–was made by Director Godzak, seconded by Director Bialon and carried on a 9-0 vote:

YES ............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKevitt,
A motion to employ Mark E. Cook as a security guard at the current established rate was made by Director Godzak, 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)

[Appointment of Band Majorette Instructor]
(Exhibits #76 and #76A)

A motion to return from table earlier in this meeting Exhibits #76 and #76A–Appointment of Band Majorette Instructor–was made by Director Bialon, 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)

Director Bialon moved to accept the recommendation of Mark A. Surovchak, Director of Bands, to appoint Kristen Leigh Soutter to the position of high school band majorette instructor for the 2009-2010 school year at the negotiated rate of $2,543.00 as listed in the new Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Belle Vernon Area Education Association, based upon the understanding and contingency that this is subject to continued financing and furtherance of the program by the Board of Education, and submission of a job description for the position. The motion was 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)

[Appointment of Temporary School Nurse Department Head]
(Exhibits #74 and #74A)

A motion to return from table earlier in this meeting Exhibits #74 and #74A–Appointment of Temporary School Nurse was made by Director Bialon, seconded by Director Sepesky and carried on a 9-0 vote:
Vickie McCullough was appointed to the position of temporary school nurse department head at the negotiated rate of $1,638.00 pro-rated effective December 16, 2008 for the 2008-2009 school year 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)

[RE-SCHEDULE MAY AGENDA AND REGULAR MEETINGS]

It was agreed by consensus that the May agenda and regular meetings would be scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2009, in the Administration Building, inasmuch as the regular meeting night is the evening before the primary election.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m. on a motion made by Director Jackson, seconded by Director Kraft 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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