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 Thursday, May 21, 2009 in the District Administration Office Board Room.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Patterson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE

Assistant Board Secretary Daniel J. Sepesky recorded the following in attendance.

DIRECTORS—(Present): Bialon, Kraft, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (6)

(Absent): Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt (3)

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

STAFF: Stephen V. Russell, Substitute Superintendent
Jennifer F. Godzak, Director of Curriculum & Instruction/Title I Project Director
Eileen M. Navish, Business Manager
Gregory M. Steeber, Technology Coordinator
Gregory J. Zborovancik, High School Principal
Maria C. Weightman, Assistant High School Principal
John E. Grice IV, Bellmar Middle School Principal
Frederick T. Labutta, Rostraver Elementary School Principal
Keith D. McMonagle, Marion Elementary School Principal
David H. Bashada, Director of Transportation
Jason E. Zadrozny, 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
ANNOUNCEMENT RE ADOPTION OF PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR THE 2009-2010 FISCAL YEAR

President Patterson announced that no action to approve the preliminary budget for the 2009-2010 fiscal year would be taken at this meeting, as is listed on the agenda, because a little more review is needed on it. Since several Directors cannot be here until later in the evening, a special meeting is being scheduled for 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2009 in the District Administration Office for general business which will include action on the preliminary budget for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING

The agenda for this meeting was approved on a motion made by Director Puglia, seconded by Director Kraft and carried on a 6-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Kraft, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (6)
NO ................. None (0)
ABSENT....... Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt (3)

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

John Watroba, student representative to the School Board, thanked the Board for supporting him in this position. He also announced that his replacement for the 2009-2010 school year will be Mia Amatangelo.

On behalf of the Board, President Patterson commended John for the excellent coverage he presented to the Board and wished him well in his future endeavors.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the April 15, 2009 agenda meeting were approved on a motion made by Director Bialon, seconded by Director Puglia and carried on a 6-0 vote:

YES ............... Bialon, Kraft, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (6)
NO ................ None  (0)
ABSENT....... Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt  (3)

[ April 22, 2009 – Regular Meeting]

Minutes for the regular meeting held April 22, 2009 were approved on a motion made by
Director Puglia, seconded by Director Kraft and carried on a 6-0 vote

YES .............. Bialon, Kraft, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill  (6)
NO ................ None  (0)
ABSENT....... Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt  (3)

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

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

FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS:
(Exhibits #1 thru #1B)
Homestead-Farmstead Median Value Report for school districts with municipalities in
Fayette County.

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY:
(Exhibits #2 and #2A)
Notification that the Department has approved Belle Vernon Area School District’s
Application for Certification Renewal of our Workplace Safety Committee effective
June 30, 2009, under Section 1002(b) of the Workers’ Compensation Act.

IRA WEISS, ESQ., SOLICITOR:
(Exhibits #3 and #3A)
Legal information regarding student searches and random drug testing.

CAROL FROW AND KAREN GUSEMAN, TEACHERS:
(Exhibits #4 thru #4B)
Report of Bellmar Middle School student poets who have had their poetry selected by
Creative Communications to be published in a spring volume of poets.

A. PEARL MEADE, TEACHER:
(Exhibit #5)
Request to rescind her letter of resignation as health and physical education teacher for personal reasons; she will continue teaching for the 2009-2010 school year.

This was approved on a motion made by Director Puglia, seconded by Director Sepesky and carried on a 5-1 roll call vote:

YES .............. Kraft, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (5)
NO ................. Bialon (1)
ABSENT....... Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt (3)

RONNA RODGERS, TEACHER:
(Exhibit #6)
Notification that she will begin her Family Medical Leave on May 19, 2009; further, that she will return to work at the start of the 2009-2010 school year.

The motion for approval was made by Director Bialon, seconded by Director Sepesky and carried on a 6-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Kraft, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (6)
NO ................. None (0)
ABSENT....... Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt (3)

GEORGETTE McGAVITT, CHILD ACCOUNTING/DATA PROCESSING:
(Exhibit #7)
Request for permission to attend four meetings and a spring conference as vice president of the Attendance/Child Accounting Professional Association at no cost to the School District.

Approval was granted on a motion made by Director Bialon, seconded by Director Puglia and carried on a 6-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Kraft, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (6)
NO ................. None (0)
ABSENT....... Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt (3)

ANNETTE M. CLAY, TEACHER:
(Exhibit #8)
Request for the Board to consider doing a volunteer Relay for Life cancer survivor activity, “Leopards Helping Lick Cancer,” throughout the district during the last few days before seniors graduate.

This was approved on a motion made by Director Sepesky, seconded by Director Puglia and carried on a 6-0 vote:

YES ............. Bialon, Kraft, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill  (6)
NO ............... None  (0)
ABSENT....... Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt  (3)

BELLE VERNON AMERICAN LEGION POST NO. 0659:
(Exhibit #9)
Request for the High School Marching Band to participate in their Memorial Day Parade and services to be held at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, May 25, 2009.

Approval was granted on a motion made by Director Bialon, seconded by Director Kraft and carried on a 6-0 vote:

YES ............. Bialon, Kraft, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill  (6)
NO ............... None  (0)
ABSENT....... Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt  (3)

ROSTRAVER LIONS CLUB:
(Exhibits #10 thru #10B)
Request for use of the student parking lot at the High School, grass area off the parking lot, and rest rooms from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 27, 2009, for a poker run and chicken barbecue, proceeds from which will be used to benefit the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation and Lions’ Diabetes Center.

A motion for approval was made by Director Puglia, seconded by Director Bialon and carried on a 6-0 vote:

YES ............. Bialon, Kraft, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill  (6)
NO ............... None  (0)
ABSENT....... Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt  (3)

BELLE VERNON AREA SWIM CLUB:
(Exhibits #11 thru #11B)
Request for use of the High School gymnasium, cafeteria, one side of the kitchen, and one
classroom from 5:30 a.m. to approximately 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 25, 2009, for a swimming championship meet.

This was approved on a motion made by Director Kraft, seconded by Director Bialon and carried on a 6-0 vote:

YES ............... Bialon, Kraft, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (6)
NO ............... None (0)
ABSENT....... Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt (3)

ROSTRAVER MIDGET FOOTBALL LEAGUE:
(Exhibit #12)
AND
JESSE J. CRAMER, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:
(Exhibits #13 thru #13G): Information regarding fees for use of the James Weir Stadium. This will be reviewed for the June meeting.

(Exhibits #13H thru #13J: Facilities Use Department Monthly Report

JENNIFER F. GODZAK, DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION K-12:
(Exhibits # 14 and #14A) Curriculum and Instruction Monthly Report

GREGORY M. STEEBER, TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR
(Exhibits #15 and #15A:) Technology Department Monthly Report

JESSE J. CRAMER, DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS, FACILITIES AND SECURITY
(Exhibit #16): Special Report Re Possible Solution for Elementary Schools Dismissal Issues
(Exhibits #17 thru #17H): Athletic Department Monthly Report
(Exhibits #18 thru #18D): Security Department Monthly Report

JASON E. ZADROZNY, DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:
(Exhibits #19 and #19A): Buildings and Grounds Department Monthly Report

DAVID H. BASHADA, DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION:
(Exhibits #20 thru #20B): Transportation Department Report

EILEEN M. NAVISH, BUSINESS MANAGER:
(Exhibits #22 thru #22S): Copy of Amended and Restated Agreement, effective July 1, 2009, with the Westmoreland County Public School Healthcare Consortium for School Board review and approval.

Discussion after which Director Patterson stated that in order to give Directors an opportunity to fully review the document, action on the Agreement would not be taken until the June meeting.

[SECRETARY’S NOTE: The No. 23 was inadvertently omitted when preparing exhibits.]

CENTRAL WESTMORELAND CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER:
(Exhibit 24)
Summary of the Board meeting held April 15, 2009.

WESTMORELAND INTERMEDIATE UNIT:
(Exhibits #25 and #26 thru #26M)
Summary of the April 28, 2009 Board meeting and 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 #27 thru #40-B. Director Kraft seconded, and the motion carried on a 6-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Kraft, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (6)
NO ................ None (0)
ABSENT....... Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt (3)

(Exhibits #27 thru #27BB): Interim Financial Statements of the General Fund for the Month of April 2009

(Exhibits #28 thru #28B): Reconciliation Report of the General Fund for the Month of April 2009

(Exhibits #29 thru #29D): Report of Investments for the General Fund For the Month of April 2009

Exhibits #30 thru #30E): Report of Investments for the Capital 37 Construction Fund for the Month of April 2009
(Exhibits #31 thru #31T): Bills Presented for Payment from the General Fund
TOTAL – $484,624.33

(Exhibits #32 thru #32K): Report of Bills Paid from the General Fund
In April 2009 for Fixed Charges
TOTAL – $467,121.02

(Exhibits #33 and #33A): Bills Presented for Payment from the Capital 37 Construction Fund
TOTAL – $6,208.55

(Exhibits #34 and #34A): Report of Bills Paid from the Capital 37 Construction Fund
In April 2009 For Fixed Charges
TOTAL – $10,966.75

(Exhibits #35 thru #35I): Athletic Fund Financial Report
For the Month of April 2009

(Exhibits #36 and #36A): Statistical Reports of Cafeteria Program Operations
For the Month of April 2009

(Exhibits #37 thru #37N): Interim Financial Statement of the Cafeteria Fund
For the Month of April 2009

Student Activity Fund Reconciliations
For the Month of April 2009

(Exhibits #38 thru #38M): Belle Vernon Area High School
(Exhibit #39): Bellmar Middle School
(Exhibits #40 thru #40B): Rostraver Middle School

OVERVIEW OF FINANCES

Nothing to report.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

RECORDING AND/OR AWARDING OF BIDS

Record Bids Received for Construction of: Masonry Walls,
Shower and Towel Room, and Interior Framing and Finishing
(Exhibit #41)

Bids for construction projects at the 274 Finley Road property were submitted as listed:
No. 1—masonry walls; No. 2—shower and towel room; and, No. 3—interior framing and finishing.

Holbein, Inc. .......................... No. 1 – $14,282.40
                No. 2 – No Bid
                No. 3 – No Bid

J. Greenawalt Builders, Inc.  ........ No. 1 – $21,400.00
                                      No. 2 – $11,900.00
                                      No. 3 – $12,375.00

Swede Construction  .................. No. 1 – $40,299.26
                                      No. 2 – $42,863.00
                                      No. 3 – $8,268.03

Wrangler Enterprises, Inc. ............ No. 1 – $34,579.00
                                        No. 2 – $18,889.00
                                        No. 3 – $11,941.00

A motion to accept and record the bids was made by Director Puglia, seconded by Director Bialon and carried on a 6-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Kraft, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill  (6)
NO .............. None   (0)
ABSENT....... Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt  (3)

[Reject Bid for Failure to Submit Bid Bond]
(Exhibit #41-1)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the bid from C. R. Construction be rejected for failure to submit the required bid bond.

Approval was granted on a motion made by Director Sepesky, seconded by Director Bialon and carried on a 6-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Kraft, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill  (6)
NO .............. None   (0)
ABSENT....... Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt  (3)
[Award Bid for Masonry Walls]
(Exhibit #41-2)

The bid for construction of masonry walls at the 274 Finley Road Property was awarded to Holbein, Inc., at the low bid of $14,282.40 on a motion made by Director Sepesky, seconded by Director Puglia and carried on a 6-0 vote:

YES ......... Bialon, Kraft, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (6)
NO ............. None (0)
ABSENT.... Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt (3)

[Award Bid for Shower and Towel Room]
(Exhibit #41-3)

The bid for construction of shower and towel room at the 274 Finley Road Property was awarded to J. Greenawalt Builders, Inc., at the low bid of $11,900.00 on a motion made by Director Puglia, seconded by Director Kraft and carried on a 6-0 vote:

YES ......... Bialon, Kraft, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (6)
NO ............. None (0)
ABSENT.... Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt (3)

[Action to Award Bid for Interior Framing and Finishing]
(Exhibit #41-4)

The bid for construction of interior walls and framing at the 274 Finley Road Property was awarded to Swede Construction at the low bid of $8,268.03 on a motion made by Director Bialon, seconded by Director Puglia and carried on a 6-0 vote:

YES ......... Bialon, Kraft, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (6)
NO ............. None (0)
ABSENT.... Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt (3)

[Award Bids for Supplies and Equipment for 2009-2010 School Year]
(Exhibits #42 thru #62A)

Bids for the purchase of supplies and equipment for the 2009-2010 school year which were tabled at the April 22, 2009 meeting will remain tabled until after adoption of a preliminary budget.
[Rescind Award of Refuse Collection to Agape Trucking]

A motion was made by Director Bialon and seconded by Director Puglia to rescind the action by the Board at the April 22, 2009 meeting to award the refuse collection bid to Agape Trucking, Inc., due to failure to submit the required performance bond. The motion carried on a 6-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Kraft, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (6)
NO ............... None (0)
ABSENT....... Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt (3)

[Refuse Collection Bid]
(Exhibits #63 and #63A)

Assistant Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board award the bid for refuse collection for the period September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2014 be awarded to Big’s Sanitation, per the attached bid tabulation.

This was approved on a motion made by Director Bialon, seconded by Director Sepesky and carried on a 6-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Kraft, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (6)
NO ............... None (0)
ABSENT....... Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt (3)

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. RESIGNATIONS

(Exhibit #64): The retirement resignation of Keith D. McMonagle, Ph.D., as principal of Marion Elementary School effective June 30, 2009 was accepted on a motion made by Director Sepesky, seconded by Director Bialon with regret and carried on a 6-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Kraft, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (6)
NO ............... None (0)
ABSENT....... Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt (3)

(Exhibit #65): The retirement resignation of James Britton after 35 years service as a teacher, effective at the close of the 2008-2009 school year was accepted on a motion made by Director Puglia with regret, seconded by Director Stringhill and carried on a 6-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Kraft, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (6)
NO ............... None (0)
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ABSENT....... Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt    (3)

(Exhibit #66): The retirement resignation of Darlene A. Naylor as Director of Food Services, effective June 30, 2009 after 33 years of service was accepted on a motion made by Director Puglia, seconded by Director Sepesky and carried on a 6-0 vote:

YES ............ Bialon, Kraft, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill   (6)
NO .............. None    (0)
ABSENT....... Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt    (3)

(Exhibit #67): The retirement resignation of Diane Dolfi as head cook in the High School cafeteria, effective June 30, 2009 was accepted on a motion made by Director Puglia, seconded by Director Stringhill and carried on a 6-0 vote:

YES ............ Bialon, Kraft, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill   (6)
NO .............. None    (0)
ABSENT....... Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt    (3)

(Exhibit #68): Resignation of Michelle R. Stockey as head varsity cheer coach was accepted on a motion made by Director Puglia, seconded by Director Kraft and carried on a 6-0 vote:

YES ............ Bialon, Kraft, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill   (6)
NO .............. None    (0)
ABSENT....... Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt    (3)

President Patterson directed the secretary to send a letter to each of the above thanking them for their many years of loyal and dedicated service to the education / support services of the School District and its students.

B. REPORT OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS

(Exhibit #69): Notification that the School District has been approved to operate a Title I School-wide program at Marion Elementary School for the 2009-2010 school year.

Substitute Superintendent Russell thanked Mrs. Jennifer F. Godzak, Director of Curriculum and
Instruction/Title I Project Director for all her hard work in order to bring this to fruition.

C. REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION

[Additions to Substitute Rosters]
(Exhibit #70)

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

Approval was granted on a motion made by Director Puglia, seconded by Director Bialon and carried on a 6-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Kraft, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (6)
NO ................. None (0)
ABSENT....... Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt (3)

[Substitute Rosters for 2009-2010 School Year]
(Exhibits #71 thru #71B)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that substitute rosters for the 2009-2010 school year be approved as listed.

Approval was granted on a motion made by Director Kraft, seconded by Director Bialon and carried on a 6-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Kraft, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (6)
NO ................. None (0)
ABSENT....... Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt (3)

[Graduate Credit Tuition Reimbursement – BVAEA]
(Exhibit #72)

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.

Matthew D. Horzempa.... $1,606.50 – 3 credits earned January thru May 2009
John P. Kerekes............. $1,606.50 – 6 credits earned January thru May 2009
Jamie D. Palenchar........ $1,606.50 – 6 credits earned January thru May 2009
Michael J. Pappas ........... $ 311.25 – 3 credits earned March thru April 2009
Leah M. Sasko................ $1,440.00 – 3 credits earned January thru April 2009
Ryan W. Shetterly......... $1,606.50 – 6 credits earned January thru May 2009
Daniel B. Vekkeli......... $ 682.50 – 3 credits earned January thru May 2009

This was approved on a motion made by Director Puglia, seconded by Director Kraft and carried on a 6-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Kraft, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill   (6)
NO ................ None   (0)
ABSENT....... Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt    (3)

[Job Description for Majorette Instructor]
(Exhibits #73 thru #73B)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board approve the job description for High School Band Majorette Instructor, per the attached.

A motion for approval was made by Director Stringhill and seconded by Director Sepesky. During discussion on the motion, Director Puglia asked that the last sentence be stricken from the job description, inasmuch as dismissal of an employee is solely the right of the Board.

Director Bialon commended Mark Surovchak, Director of Bands, for developing a very thorough job description.

Directors Stringhill and Sepesky amended their motion to approve the job description with the understanding that the last sentence is to be stricken. The motion carried on a 6-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Kraft, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill   (6)
NO ................. None (0)
ABSENT....... Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt    (3)

Comments Re Job Description for Special Education Coordinator for District Personnel

Director Bialon stated that he wants to see as thorough a job description for the Special Education Coordinator for District Personnel as the one previously approved for majorette instructor.
[Resolution Re Tax Collection Committee Representatives]
(Exhibits #74 and #74A)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board approve the attached Resolution appointing School District representatives to the Tax Collection Committee as required by Act 32 §505(b).

The motion for approval was made by Director Puglia, seconded by Director Bialon and carried on a 6-0 vote:

YES ............. Bialon, Kraft, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (6)
NO ............... None (0)
ABSENT....... Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt (3)

D. EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL

[Assistant Track Coach]
(Exhibits #75 thru #75C)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board of Education appoint Stephanie L. Flatt to the position of varsity assistant track coach at the negotiated rate of $2,515.00 for the 2009-2010 school year, as recommended by Head Coach Chris Stasicha, 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 Bialon, seconded by Director Kraft and carried on a 6-0 vote:

YES ............. Bialon, Kraft, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (6)
NO ............... None (0)
ABSENT....... Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt (3)

[Unpaid Volunteer Boys’ Basketball Coach]
(Exhibits #76 thru #76B)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board approve the request from John Dudzinski, boys’ varsity basketball coach, for Bill Hughes to be named an unpaid volunteer boys’ assistant basketball coach for the 2009-2010 season.

The motion for approval was made by Director Bialon, seconded by Director Sepesky and carried
on a 6-0 vote:

   YES ............ Bialon, Kraft, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (6)
   NO .............. None (0)
   ABSENT....... Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt (3)


|Unpaid Parent Volunteers for High School Marching Band|
|(Exhibits #77 and #77A)|

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board approve the request from Mark Surovchak, High School Band Director, for the following to be named unpaid parent volunteers for the Belle Vernon Area Marching Band for the 2009-2010 school year, pending receipt of all required Clearances; they will function in the same capacity as unpaid volunteer athletic coaches.

A motion to table this was made by Director Sepesky, seconded by Director Puglia and carried on a 6-0 vote:

   YES ............ Bialon, Kraft, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (6)
   NO .............. None (0)
   ABSENT....... Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt (3)

E.      OTHER NEW BUSINESS

[Adoption of Preliminary Budget for 2009-2010 Fiscal Year]
|(Exhibit #78)|

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board of Education table adoption of the preliminary General Fund Budget for the 2009-2010 fiscal year and revenues to support the budget (Exhibits #79 and #79A) until the special meeting scheduled for May 26, 2009.

These were tabled on a motion made by Director Puglia, seconded by Director Kraft and carried on a 6-0 vote:

   YES ............ Bialon, Kraft, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (6)
   NO .............. None (0)
   ABSENT....... Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt (3)

F.      COMMITTEE REPORTS

   ATHLETIC COMMITTEE
   (Director Godzak, Chairperson)
Nothing to report.

**BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
*(Director Jackson, Chairperson)*

Nothing to report.

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE**  
*(Director Stringhill, Chairperson)*

Nothing to report.

**EDUCATION AND CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**  
*(Director Kraft, Chairperson)*

Nothing to report.

**POLICY MANUAL COMMITTEE**  
*(Director Puglia, Director Patterson)*

Director Puglia had nothing at this time at this time, but added that a Policy Committee meeting to take a serious look at a number of items will be scheduled after the budget for next year is approved.

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
*(Director Sepesky, Chairperson)*

Nothing to report.

**XI. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**

President Patterson opened the meeting to comments from citizens.

*John Anderson:*  
Expressed his concerns regarding Student Drug and Alcohol Abuse Policy as it relates to both prescription drugs and those obtained illegally.

There was considerable discussion on this during which Drug Task Force co-chairpersons Justin Demko, and Lieutenant John Christner, who is also a member of the Rostraver Township Police
Force, responded at length on many areas related to the use and/or possession of drugs.

**Jodi Mima – Washington Township:**

Thanked the School Directors who attended the WTAE weather team visit to Marion Elementary School.

Stated that she has several options to suggest regarding the safety of students in the elementary schools at dismissal time, but she would prefer to discuss this more parents present. President Patterson assured her that a meeting with parents, PTA representatives, and Mr. Russell will be scheduled closer to the start of school to discuss the safety concerns and come up with a solution, adding that the safety of the children is a primary concern of everyone.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m. on a motion made by Director Puglia, seconded by Director Kraft, and carried 6-0:

- **YES** ............. Bialon, Kraft, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (6)
- **NO** .............. None (0)
- **ABSENT**....... Godzak, Jackson, McKevitt (3)

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Daniel J. Sepesky
Assistant Board Secretary

DJS:fpk