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 8:10 p.m. on Monday, June 29, 2009 in the District Administration Office Board Room.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Patterson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE

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

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

(Absent): Sepesky—available by telephone; entered at 10:00 p.m. (1)

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

STAFF: Stephen V. Russell, Substitute Superintendent
        Eileen M. Navish, Business Manager
        Gregory J. Zborovancik, High School Principal
        John E. Grice IV, Bellmar Middle School Principal
        Gregory M. Steeber, Technology Coordinator
        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
       Jeff Pikulsky, The Valley Independent, Monessen PA

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING
The agenda for this meeting was approved on a motion made by Director Puglia, seconded by Director Godzak and carried on an 8-0 vote:

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

Joe Grata, Washington Township:
asked that the Board address the issues he and Ed Naylor stated in their June 19th letter.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[May 21, 2009 – Agenda Meeting]

Minutes for the May 21, 2009 agenda meeting were approved on a motion made by Director Kraft, seconded by Director Puglia carried on an 8-0 vote:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Director Kraft at 8:15 p.m. to retire to executive session regarding personnel. Director Godzak seconded and the motion carried on an 8-0 vote:

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

When the Board returned to the public forum at 9:08 p.m., a motion to reconvene the regular
meeting was made by Director Kraft, seconded by Director Bialon and carried on an 8-0 vote:

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

[May 21, 2009 – Regular Meeting]

Minutes for the May 21, 2009 regular meeting were approved on a motion made by Director Stringhill, seconded by Director Kraft and carried on an 8-0 vote:

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

[May 26, 2009 – Special Meeting]

Minutes for the May 26, 2009 special meeting were approved on a motion made by Director Jackson, seconded by Director Kraft and carried on an 8-0 vote:

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

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

A. COMMUNICATIONS – INFORMATIONAL

President Patterson ordered Exhibits #1 through #14 filed for the record, inasmuch as they are for informational purposes and no Board action is required.

LAW OFFICES OF IRA WEISS:
(Exhibit #1)

Notification that if the Westmoreland County Airport Authority is granted its request for tax exempt status by the Board of Assessment Appeals on 67 parcels of property being used within the Airport Authority’s authorized governmental purpose, the School District will receive nearly $54,000.00 less per year on real estate taxes for the Rostraver Airport
property.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE TAX EQUALIZATION BOARD:
(Exhibit #2)
Notification that the State Tax Equalization Board has certified to the Secretary of Education, as of June 30, 2009, the School District’s market value of the taxable real property for the year 2008 and the percentage of such market value represented by the assessed valuation for county tax purposes.

FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS:
(Exhibits #3 thru #3G)

JOE GRATA AND EDWARD C. NAYLOR:
(Exhibits #4 and #4A)
Inasmuch as both have been nominated as School Directors in the Primary Election and hope to be confirmed in the General Election, letter expressing concerns and suggestions relative to School Board decisions and policies over the next six months.

CENTRAL WESTMORELAND CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER:
(Exhibits #5 and #6)
Summary of CWCTC Board meeting held May 20, 2009
Summary of CWCTC Board meeting held June 17, 2009

WESTMORELAND INTERMEDIATE UNIT:
(Exhibits #7 and #7A, and #8 thru #8L)
Summary of Board meeting held May 26, 2009
Executive Director’s Report submitted for May 26, 2009 Board meeting

MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:
(Exhibit #9).................................Jennifer F. Godzak – Director of Curriculum & Instruction
(Exhibit s #10 and #10A)............Jesse J. Cramer – Athletic Director’s Report
(Exhibits #11 and #11A).............Jesse J. Cramer – Director of Security Report
(Exhibits #12 thru #12Y).........Jason E. Zadrozny – Director of Buildings & Grounds Report
(Exhibits #13 thru #13B).........David H. Bashada – Director of Transportation Report
(Exhibit #14)...............................Gregory M. Steeber – Technology Coordinator Report
B. COMMUNICATIONS – BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

MELISSA WITHROW, TEACHER:
(Exhibit #15)
Request for a Family Medical Leave beginning after the use of accumulated sick leave days and continuing until her physician’s recommendation that she may return to work.

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

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

WESTMORELAND COUNTY BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS:
(Exhibits #16 and #16A)
Notification that, in accordance with 72 p.s. §5349.3 “Catastrophic Losses,” a real estate tax refund in the amount of $852.00 is due to William and Ruth Ruozzi on property in Rostraver Township identified as Parcel No. 56-06-00-0-262 which was completely destroyed by fire on March 21, 2009.

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

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

AUDRA STABLEIN, TEACHER:
(Exhibits #17 thru #17F)
Request for permission to take a group of Spanish I-V students on a weekend Spanish cultural field trip to Chicago from December 11 thru 13, 2009. The students will miss one school day; and, the only cost to the School District will be that of substitutes for up to four teachers, depending upon the number of students who participate.

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

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

BELLE VERNON AREA MARCHING BAND BOOSTERS, INC.:
(Exhibit #18)

Request to use facilities and conduct activities as has been done in the past, including a
spring trip, details of which will be submitted when finalized.

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

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

ROSTRAVER MIDGET FOOTBALL LEAGUE:
(Exhibits #19 and #19A)

Request for use of James Weir Stadium, including the press box and stadium lights, for
the fall football season home games.

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

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

BELLE VERNON AREA FOOTBALL CHEERLEADER BOOSTER ASSOCIATION:
(Exhibits #20 and #20A)

Request for use of the High School gymnasium, auditorium, and cafeteria–including the
kitchen, oven and refrigerator– from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 11,
2009, for a cheer competition fund-raiser.
Approval was granted on a motion made by Director McKevitt, seconded by Director Puglia and carried on an 8-0 vote:

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

JESSE J. CRAMER, DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS:
(Exhibit #21):

Request for approval of ticket prices at $5.00 for adults and $2.00 for students for all fall and winter varsity sports. This is an increase of $1.00 for all varsity sports with the exception of varsity football which is $4.00 per game for season ticket holders; however, tickets sold at the gate are $5.00.

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

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

Request for approval to introduce a season ticket/pass program—“Fall Sports Pass” at $100.00 per adult and $30.00 for students which would entitle the pass-holder admission to all events at the stadium; there will be no cost to the School District for the credit card sized passes inasmuch as a local business has agreed to purchase them. It is further requested that the same format be followed for a “Winter Sports Pass.”

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

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKevitt, Patterson, Puglia, Stringhill (8)
NO ................ None (0)
ABSENT....... Sepesky (1)
JESSE J. CRAMER, DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES:
(Exhibit #22 and #22A): [NOTE: See Exhibits #59 thru #59F for complete policy]
Request for approval of the new facilities policy, previously submitted, as soon as
possible inasmuch as some requests for the 2009-2010 school year have already been
submitted.

A motion to table this for additional review and discussion with Mr. Cramer was made by
Director Puglia, seconded by Director Godzak and carried on an 8-0 vote:

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

JESSE J. CRAMER, DIRECTOR OF SECURITY:
(Exhibit #23): [NOTE: See Exhibits #58 thru #58UU for complete policy]

A motion to table this for additional review and discussion with Mr. Cramer was made by
Director Puglia, seconded by Director Godzak and carried on an 8-0 vote:

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

JASON E. ZADROZNY, DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:
(Exhibits #24 and #24A)
Report on Capital Projects which will require attention over the next several years.

President Patterson ordered this filed for the record.

VIII. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Director Kraft made a motion to approve collectively and/or for informational purposes only, all
financial reports submitted for this meeting as listed in Exhibits #25 thru #38B. Director
Stringhill seconded, and the motion carried on an 8-0 vote:
YES ............ Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft,
            McKevitt, Patterson, Puglia, Stringhill (8)
NO ............... None (0)
ABSENT....... Sepesky (1)

(Exhibits #25 thru #25T): Interim Financial Statements of the General Fund
For the Month of May 2009

(Exhibits #26 thru #26B): Reconciliation Report of the General Fund
For the Month of May 2009

(Exhibits #27 thru #27D): Report of Investments for the General Fund
For the Month of May 2009

Exhibits #28 thru #28D): Report of Investments for Capital 37 Construction Fund
For the Month of May 2009

(Exhibits #29 thru #29T): Bills Presented for Payment from the General Fund
TOTAL – $434,178.12

(Exhibits #30 thru #30G): Report of Bills Paid from the General Fund
In May 2009 for Fixed Charges
TOTAL – $798,073.59

(Exhibits #31 and #31A): Bills Presented for Payment from the Capital 37 Construction Fund
TOTAL – $3,877.00

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

(Exhibits #33 thru #34A): Statistical Reports of Cafeteria Program Operations
For the Months of May and June 2009

(Exhibits #35 thru #35-O): Interim Financial Statement of the Cafeteria Fund
For the Month of May 2009
Student Activity Fund Reconciliations
For the Month of May 2009

(Exhibits #36 thru #36M): Belle Vernon Area High School
(Exhibits #37 and #37A): Bellmar Middle School
(Exhibits #38 thru #38B): Rostraver Middle School
OVERVIEW OF FINANCES

Business Manager Eileen M. Navish had nothing to report.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[Return from Table – Unpaid Parent Volunteers for High School Band]  
(Exhibit #39)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board return from table at the May 21, 2009 regular meeting the request for approval of unpaid parent volunteers for the High School Marching Band.

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

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

[ Unpaid Parent Volunteers for the High School Band]  
(Exhibit #40)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the following be approved as unpaid parent volunteers for the High School Marching Band for the 2009-2010 school year to function in the same manner as unpaid volunteer athletic coaches do: Terri Jara–Majorettes; Jodi Evans–Dance Team; Cathy Steiner–Color Guard.

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

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

A. **RESIGNATIONS**

A motion to collectively accept all the resignations in Exhibits #41 through #48 was made by Director Jackson, seconded by Director Puglia and carried on an 8-0 vote:

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

**(Exhibit #41):** Retirement resignation of Eugene Belczyk as a physical education teacher effective June 5, 2009.

**(Exhibit #42):** Retirement resignation of Adele M. Fernandez effective June 5, 2009 after forty-two years of teaching English at Bellmar Middle School.

**(Exhibit #43):** Retirement resignation of Lynn Freeman as a business education teacher effective June 5, 2009.

**(Exhibit #44):** Retirement resignation of Gerry Tonarelli as a mathematics teacher and department chairperson effective June 15, 2009 after 35 years of teaching.

**(Exhibit #45):** Resignation of Amber Null and Amy Jennings as co-sponsors of the Junior Class effective June 30, 2009.

**(Exhibit #46):** Resignation of Cynthia Victoria as High School assistant yearbook sponsor effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year.

**(Exhibit #47):** Resignation of April E. Belback as Dance Team Instructor.

**(Exhibit #48):** Resignation of Zachary Keefer as junior high assistant football coach.
B. REPORT OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS

(Exhibit #49): Notification that the Division of Federal Programs has determined that the Belle Vernon Area School District has maintained fiscal effort when comparing the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007 to the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008. Because of this, no action is required, and the School District is eligible for full participation in federal grant funding for the 2009-2010 school year.

President Patterson ordered this filed for the record.

C. REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION

[Payment for Unused Accumulated Sick Leave] (Exhibit #50)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board approve payment to Darlene A. Naylor of $25.00 per day for unused accumulated sick days remaining from the time she was employed under the Act 93 Agreement.

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

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

[Participation in eAcademy] (Exhibit #51)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board of Education approve participation in the eAcademy program sponsored by the Westmoreland Intermediate Unit at a cost of $13,500.00 for the 2009-2010 school year.

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

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKevitt, Patterson, Puglia, Stringhill (8)
NO ............... None (0)
ABSENT....... Sepesky (1)
[Job Description for High School Band Auxiliary Instructors]
(Exhibits #52 thru #52B)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board approve the revised job description for High School Band Auxiliary Instructors – Majorettes, Dance Team, and Color Guard as attached.

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

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

[Job Description for Special Education Coordinator for District Personnel]
(Exhibits #53 thru #53C)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board approve revised job description for Special Education Coordinator for District Personnel as attached.

A motion for approval was made by Director Kraft, seconded by Director Puglia, and after discussion, was carried on a 7-1 roll call vote:

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

[Renewal Agreement with Catapult Learning, LLC]
(Exhibits #54 thru #54F)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board approve an agreement with Catapult Learning, LLC for Title I services at Saint Sebastian School during the 2009-2010 school year.

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

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, McKevitt, Patterson, Puglia, Stringhill (8)
[Renewal Agreement with Adelphoi Village, Inc.]
(Exhibits #55 thru #55K)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board renew the 2009-2010 school year Act 48 Program Agreement with Adelphoi Village, Inc., for alternative education for disruptive youth services as needed at the rate of $66.00 for regular education tuition and $72.60 for special education tuition.

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

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

[Amended Healthcare Consortium Agreement]
(Exhibits #56 thru #56T)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board of Education approve, accept and adopt the amended and restated Agreement of the Westmoreland County Public School Healthcare Consortium which will become effective July 1, 2009, and to authorize and direct the execution of the Agreement by the Board President and Superintendent/Executive Director.

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

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

[Mandatory Enrollment of Students Policy]
(Exhibits #57 thru #57I)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board of Education adopt the Mandatory Enrollment of Students Policy No. 202 as attached.

Approval was granted on a motion made by Director Puglia, seconded by Director McKevitt and carried on an 8-0 vote:
[Security Officers Policy and Procedure Manual]
(Exhibits #58 thru #58UU)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board approve the Security Officers Policy and Procedure Manual as prepared by Jesse J. Cramer, Director of Security.

A motion was made by Director Puglia and seconded by Director Godzak to table this for further review with Mr. Cramer when he returns from vacation, as discussed earlier in the agenda. The motion carried on an 8-0 vote:

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

[Use of Facilities Policy]
(Exhibits #59 thru #59F)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board approve the Use of Facilities Policy as prepared by Jesse J. Cramer, Director of Facilities.

A motion was made by Director Puglia and seconded by Director Godzak to table this for further review with Mr. Cramer when he returns from vacation, as discussed earlier in the agenda. The motion carried on an 8-0 vote:

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

[Agreement with Rostraver Midget Football League]
(Exhibits #60 and #60A)
Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board approve an Agreement with Rostraver Midget Football League for use of facilities as attached.

A motion to approve the agreement was made by Director Puglia and seconded by Director Kraft; however, after discussion the motion was withdrawn.

A motion to table the agreement to coincide with the Facilities Use Policy was made by Director Bialon, seconded by Director McKevitt and, after discussion, was carried on a 6-2 roll call vote:

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

[Graduate Credit Tuition Reimbursements – BVAEA]
(Exhibit #61)

Substitute Superintendent 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.

Lindsey L. Manown........ $1,606.50 – 6 credits earned January thru May 2009
Michael J. Pappas......... $ 368.25 – 4 credits earned March thru May 2009
Jennifer L. Patterson .... $1,606.50 – 6 credits earned January thru May 2009
Sarah E. Yonash.......... $  803.25 – 3 credits earned January thru May 2009

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

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

[Transfer of Funds for Classroom Furniture]
(Exhibit #62)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board of Education approve the transfer of capital funds to the General Fund in the amount of $39,709.26 for the payment of classroom furniture for Marion and Rostraver Elementary Schools.

This was approved on a motion made by Director McKevitt, seconded by Director Bialon and carried on an 8-0 vote:
YES ............ Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft, 
              McKevitt, Patterson, Puglia, Stringhill (8)
NO ............... None (0)
ABSENT....... Sepesky (1)

[Adoption of Resolution No. 09-09]
(Exhibits #63 and #63A)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board approve Resolution No. 09-09 
implementing the Act 1 Homestead and Farmstead exclusion for the 2009-2010 school year.

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

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

[Adoption of Resolution No. 08-09]
(Exhibits #64 and #64A)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board approve Resolution No. 08-09 
levying real estate taxes for the period commencing July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 and 
reenacting other taxes without substantial change.

Discussion, after which a motion for approval was made by Director Puglia, seconded by 
Director Stringhill and carried on a 5-3 roll call vote:

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

[Adoption of General Fund Budget for 2009-2010 Fiscal Year]
(Exhibits #65 and #65A)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board approve the General Fund 
Budget for the 2009-2010 fiscal year reflecting $34,090,974 in revenues and expenditures and 
millage rates of 70.49 for Westmoreland County and 16.38 for Fayette County.
A motion for approval was made by Director Godzak, seconded by Director Puglia. Considerable discussion followed, after which the motion carried on a 5-3 roll call vote:

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

[Contract for Superintendent of Schools]
(Exhibits #66 thru #66C)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board of Education approve a contract for the Superintendent of Schools effective July 1, 2009 and continuing through June 30, 2012.

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

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

D. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

[Assistant Superintendent Position Search]

Director McKevitt suggested that the Board begin a search for an Assistant Superintendent, his rationale being the heavy work load that Mr. Russell is carrying, also, for the long term effect to have someone oversee the budgetary process for when Mr. Russell retires in several years.

[SECRETARY’S NOTE]:  Director Sepesky entered the meeting at 10:00 p.m. Action from this point will reflect nine (9) Directors present.

After a lengthy discussion, a motion to approve the search for an Assistant Superintendent was made by Director McKevitt, seconded by Director Bialon and defeated on a 4-4-1 roll call vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Kraft, McKevitt, Stringhill   (4)
NO ............... Godzak, Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky  (4)
ABSTAIN..... Jackson (1)

E. EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL
[Appoint Head Cook for High School Cafeteria]
(Exhibit #67)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that Michele A. Lorenzo be appointed to the position of head cook at the Belle Vernon Area High School at the established hourly rate for head cooks.

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)

[Appoint Full Time Temporary School Nurse]
(Exhibit #68)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board appoint Margaret D. Thatcher to a full time temporary school nurse position, as needed during the 2009-2010 school year, at the negotiated rate in the current Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective August 26, 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)

[Appoint School Doctor]
(Exhibit #69)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board appoint Marc Cordero, M.D., M.M.S., who has an office in Donora, to the position of school doctor at the rate of $16,000.00 per year effective July 1, 2009.

Approval was granted on a motion made by Director Stringhill, 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)
[Re-Appoint School Dentists]
(Exhibit #70)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board re-appoint Eugene C. Scaramucci, DMD, and Edward L. Baron, DMD, as school dentists for the 2009-2010 school year at the rate of $3.50 per student examined.

This was approved 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)

[Re-Appoint Truant Officer]
(Exhibit #71)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that the Board re-appoint Gavin G. Varley to the position of truant officer for the 2009-2010 school year at the rate of $600.00 per month for nine months—September through May, plus mileage.

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)

[Appoint Varsity Head Cheer Coach]
(Exhibit #72)

Substitute Superintendent Russell recommended that Lauren M. Tomasiak be appointed to the position of varsity head cheer coach at the negotiated rate of $4,801.00 for the 2009-2010 school year.

This was approved on a motion made by Director McKevitt, 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)
[Appoint Art Teacher]
(Exhibit #73)

President Patterson directed that the record reflect that this item was pulled from the agenda.

[Appoint Food Services Director]
(Exhibit #74)

Board appoint Monte T. Maugle to the position of Food Services Director at the salary of $45,000.00 effective July 1, 2009.

This was approved on a motion 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)

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, Chairperson)

**[Anti-Fraud Policy]**

Noting that this is the same policy recently adopted by the Westmoreland Intermediate Unit, Director Puglia made a motion to approve the Anti-Fraud Policy, which the Solicitor feels is very appropriate. The motion was 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)

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

Nothing to report.

XI. **COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**

President Patterson opened the meeting to comments from citizens.

**Kim Dongilli, Rostraver Midget Football League:**

Registered concern over the action to table the Agreement with the Rostraver Midget Football League for use of the stadium, inasmuch all money is used for student purposes.

President Patterson assured him that the Board will move quickly on this in order that it is in place for the start of the 2009 season.

XII. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m. on a motion made by 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)

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James M. McKevitt
Board Secretary

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