MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 2008

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Belle Vernon Area School District Board of Education was called to order by Board President Aaron J. Bialon at 8:10 p.m. on Monday, November 17, 2008, in the District Administration Office Board Room.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Bialon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE

Board Assistant Secretary Dale K. Patterson recorded the following in attendance.

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

(Absent): McKevitt (1)

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

STAFF: Robert J. Nagy, Superintendent of Schools
       Eileen M. Navish, Business Manager
       Gregory M. Steeber, Technology Coordinator
       Stephen V. Russell, Bellmar Middle School Principal
       David H. Bashada, Director of Transportation
       Jason E. Zadrozny, Director of Buildings and Grounds
       Jesse J. Cramer, Athletic Director
       Frances P. Kopanic, Board Executive Secretary

MEDIA: Lori Waryanka – Times Sun, West Newton PA
       Jeff Pikulsky – The Valley Independent, Monessen PA

AWARD PRESENTATIONS
Mary Clark, representative from the Homeless Initiative, presented a plaque to Georgette M. McGavitt, child accounting secretary for the School District, recognizing her as the best volunteer in Region IV. She added that Georgette spends countless hours volunteering in all phases of the homeless initiative.

Superintendent Nagy presented a PSBA Certificate of Appreciation to Director Joseph A. Stringhill in recognition of his 20 years of service as a School Director

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING

Amendments to the agenda include:
- Exhibits #22 and #22A – Adjusted total of $88,700.72
- Exhibits #34 thru #34C – Refer to the Solicitor

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

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

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

President Bialon opened the meeting to comments from citizens relative to the agenda of this meeting only.

**Jodi Mima, President of Marion Elementary School PTA:**
On behalf of the PTA, Mrs. Mima presented a $1,000.00 check to Director Patterson for the Drug and Alcohol Task Force which is being initiated in the School District. She added that she hoped other groups would follow this example and make donations.

**REPORT BY STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SCHOOL BOARD**

John Watroba, senior student representative to the School Board reported on the following:
- Recycling Project being headed by The Future Is Mine club
- National Honor Society annual Dodgeball Tournament
- Educational presentation by representatives of the Army, followed by a country music concert by SFC James Buckley
Interact Club is ringing bells at WalMart as a community service project for the Salvation Army
School Spirit Week to encourage student participation in activities
Drugs and Alcohol discussions regarding the newspaper article which many students feel resulted in a negative attitude toward the High School.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[October 20, 2008 – Agenda Meeting]

Minutes for the October 20, 2008 agenda meeting were approved on a motion made by Director Jackson, seconded by Director Puglia and carried on an 8-0 vote:

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

[October 20, 2008 – Regular Meeting]

Minutes for the October 20, 2008 regular meeting were approved on a motion made by Director Godzak, seconded by Director Patterson and carried on an 8-0 vote:

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

[October 29, 2008 – Athletic Committee Meeting]

Minutes for the Athletic Committee meeting held October 29, 2008 were approved on a motion made by Director Godzak, seconded by Director Patterson and carried on an 8-0 vote:

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

[November 3, 2008 – Budget and Finance Committee Meeting]
Minutes for the Budget and Finance Committee meeting held November 3, 2008 were approved on a motion made by Director Jackson, seconded by Director Puglia and carried on an 8-0 vote:

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

[November 5, 2008 – Special Meeting]

Minutes for the November 5, 2008 special meeting were approved on a motion made by Director Kraft, seconded by Director Godzak and carried on an 8-0 vote:

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

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

WESTMORELAND COUNTY BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS:
(Exhibit #1)

In compliance with the Act of Pennsylvania Assembly, certification that the real property assessed value of our political subdivision for the year 2009 is $152,280,020.

President Bialon ordered this filed for the record.

FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS:
(Exhibits #2 and #2A)

Pursuant to Title 72 Purdon’s PA Statutes 5453.703 requirements, certified assessment totals as of November 1, 2008 as follows: Belle Vernon Borough – $22,295,070; Fayette City Borough – $11, 531,640; Washington Township – $123,637,010; for a grand total of $157,463,720.

President Bialon ordered this filed for the record.

PATTY PAVLICK, CAFETERIA WORKER:
(Exhibit #3)
Request for an approximate three-month unpaid leave of absence from her cafeteria worker position beginning November 18, 2008.

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

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

BOROUGH OF BELLE VERNON:
(Exhibit #4)
Request for the School Board to approve an increase of $.50 per hour toward the salary of the two crossing guards for the Borough for 2009; their current wage is $7.00 per hour, and the increase is in line with the minimum wage requirement.

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

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

ERIC WAPIENNIK, BELLE VERNON AREA YOUTH SOCCER CLUB:
(Exhibit #5): Request for use of Room 3C at the High School for a class for referees on Saturday, December 20, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m; all required documents are on file.

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

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

(Exhibit #6): Request for use of a school gymnasium for indoor soccer practice any weekday evening after 6:00 p.m.; all required documents are on file.
Approval was granted on a motion made by Director Jackson, seconded by Director Puglia and carried on an 8-0 vote:

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

JESSE J. CRAMER, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:
(Exhibits #7 thru #7M): Athletic Department monthly report
(Exhibit #8): Facility Usage monthly report

President Bialon ordered the reports filed for the record.

JASON E. ZADROZNY, DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:
(Exhibits #9 thru #9C): Buildings and Grounds Department monthly report
(Exhibits #10 thru #10E): Renovation/Addition Project monthly report

President Bialon ordered the reports filed for the record.

DAVID H. BASHADA, DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION:
(Exhibits #11 thru #11B): Transportation Department monthly report

President Bialon ordered the report filed for the record.

GREGORY M. STEEBER, TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR:
(Exhibit #12): Technology Department monthly report

President Bialon ordered the report filed for the record.

CENTRAL WESTMORELAND CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER:
(Exhibit #13)
Summary of the Board meeting held October 13, 2008.

President Bialon ordered this filed for the record.

WESTMORELAND INTERMEDIATE UNIT:
(Exhibits # 14 and #15 thru #15M)
Summary of the October 13, 2008 Board meeting and the Executive Director’s Report
President Bialon ordered the reports filed for the record.

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 #16 thru #27-B, noting that the adjusted total on Exhibits #22 and #22A is $88,700.22 Director Kraft seconded and the motion carried on an 8-0 vote:

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

(Exhibits #16 thru #16W): Interim Financial Statements of the General Fund
                          for the Month of October 2008

(Exhibits #17 thru #17B): Reconciliation Report of the General Fund
                          for the Month of October 2008

(Exhibits #18 thru #18D): Report of Investments for the General Fund
                          For the Month of October 2008

(Exhibits #19 thru #19Y): Bills Presented for Payment from the General Fund
                          TOTAL — $349,771.16

(Exhibits #20 thru #20K): Report of Bills Paid from the General Fund
                          In October 2008 for Fixed Charges
                          TOTAL — $411,935.40

Exhibits #21 thru #21G): Report of Investments for the Capital 37 Construction Fund
                          for the Month of October 2008

(Exhibits #22 and #22A): Bills Presented for Payment from the
                          Capital 37 Construction Fund
                          TOTAL — $88,700.22

                    In October 2008 For Fixed Charges

For the Month of October 2008

(Exhibits #23 and #23A): Statistical Reports of Cafeteria Program Operations
For the Month of October 2008

(Exhibits #24 thru #24-O): Interim Financial Statement of the Cafeteria Fund
For the Month of October 2008

(Exhibits #25 thru #25K): Student Activity Fund Reconciliations
Belle Vernon Area High School
(Exhibits #26 and #26A): Bellmar Middle School
(Exhibits #27 thru #27B): Rostraver Middle School

OVERVIEW OF FINANCES

Nothing to report.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[Record and Accept Bids Received for Metal Lockers at Marion Elementary School]
(Exhibits #28 thru #28B)

Superintendent Nagy announced that bids for the purchase of metal lockers for Marion Elementary School were received as follows:

- Delaney & Associates – Cranberry Township PA .................. $37,334.00
- Hertz Furniture – Mahuaq NJ ................................. $35,101.90
- Smeltzer Construction – Apollo PA ................................. $48,780.00
- Tri State Lockers – Pittsburgh PA ................................. $28,400.00

A motion to accept and record the bids was made by Director Sepesky, seconded by Director Jackson and carried on an 8-0 vote:

YES .............. Bialon, Godzak, Jackson, Kraft,
Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (8)
NO .............. None (0)
ABSENT ...... McKevitt (1)
[Action on Bid for Metal Lockers at Marion Elementary School]
(Exhibit #29)

Following discussion a motion was made by Director Sepesky to table action on the bids and refer it to the committee for review and recommendation next month. Director Patterson seconded and the motion carried on an 8-0 vote:

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

X.   NEW BUSINESS

A.   RESIGNATIONS

(Exhibit #29-1): The resignation of Von D. Braddock, Jr., as assistant varsity football coach was accepted on a motion made by Director Kraft, seconded by Director Sepesky and carried on an 8-0 vote:

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

(Exhibit #29-2): The resignation of Adam A. Santoro as a football coach was accepted on a motion made by Director Patterson, seconded by Director Sepesky and carried on an 8-0 vote:

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

(Exhibit #29-3): The resignation of James D. Trenk as a football coach was accepted on a motion made by Director Kraft, seconded by Director Puglia and carried on a 6-2 roll call vote:

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

B. REPORT OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS

[Single Audit Report for Year Ended June 30, 2007]
(Exhibit #30)

Notification from the Pennsylvania Department of Education that the District’s Single Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2007 has been reviewed with respect to the federal financial assistance programs funded by the agency and is approved as being substantially in compliance with Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133 and other relevant federal and Commonwealth policy.

C. REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION

[Additions to Substitute Rosters]
(Exhibit #31)

Superintendent Nagy recommended additions be made to 2008-2009 substitute rosters as listed.

Substitute Teacher: Joanne Farrell – family consumer science K-12 / elementary K-6
Stephanie Hilewick – art K-12 / English 7-12 / mid level math 7-9
George Reagan – social studies

Substitute Security Guard: Sylvia Stulock; Justin Lander

Substitute School Bus Driver: Conner Murphy

Substitute Secretarial-Clerical: Linda Baker; Sylvia Stulock

Substitute Cafeteria Worker: Linda Baker; Denise Watroba

Substitute Custodian: Justin Lander

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,
Patterson, Puglia, Sepesky, Stringhill (8)
[Mentor Teachers]
(Exhibit #31-1)

Superintendent Nagy recommended that mentor teachers for the 2008-2009 school year be named as follows at the negotiated rate of $1,150.00.

Belle Vernon Area High School – Spanish (Stephanie Flatt) .... Christine Giannamore
Belle Vernon Area High School – English (Todd Yancey) .... Barbara A. Vandermer

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

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

[Establish Date and Time for Reorganization Meeting]
(Exhibit #32)

A motion to set the reorganization for 6:45 p.m. on Thursday, December 4, 2008, in the District Administration Office was made by Director Sepesky, seconded by Director Jackson and carried on an 8-0 vote:

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

D. EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL

Nothing to report.

E. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

[Change Order No. 006-HVAC – Rostraver Middle School]
(Exhibits #33 thru #33B)
Superintendent Nagy recommended that the Board of Education approve Change Order No. 006, as requested by John Hall, Inc., in the amount of a $1,526.00 increase for HVAC construction work at Rostraver Middle School to supply and install two 3" valves to a new hot water loop in a boiler.

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

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

[Agreement with Franjo Construction Corporation]

Superintendent Nagy submitted for Board action an agreement with Franjo Construction Corporation in settlement of all claims on the construction projects at Rostraver Elementary, Marion Elementary, Rostraver Middle, and Bellmar Middle schools.

After discussion, a motion to table this and refer it to the Solicitor for further review and recommendation for action was made by Director Jackson, seconded by Director Kraft and carried on an 8–0 roll vote:

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

[Appointment of Acting Superintendent]

A motion to appoint Stephen V. Russell to serve as Acting Superintendent of Schools effective November 18, 2008, was made by Director Jackson, seconded by Director Puglia and carried on a 7-1 roll call vote:

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

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE
(Director Godzak, Director Sepesky)

[Open Football Coach Positions]

Director Godzak made a motion to open all football coaching positions within the School District, including Middle School through High School, adding that those currently holding any of these positions may re-apply. Director Jackson seconded and the motion carried on a 5-3 roll call vote:

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

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
(Director McKevitt, Director Jackson)

Director Jackson requested that a full report be prepared for the next regular meeting relative to the balance remaining in the Capital Improvement Fund.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE
(Director Stringhill, Director Jackson)

Nothing new to report; however, Director Jackson reiterated his request for a report on the Capital Improvement Fund balance.

EDUCATION AND CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
(Director Patterson, Director Kraft, Director Puglia)

Director Patterson thanked Mrs. Mima again for the $1,000.00 donation to the Drug and Alcohol Task Force Committee from the Marion Elementary School PTA.

POLICY MANUAL COMMITTEE
(Director Puglia, Director Patterson)

Nothing new to report; however, the committee will be working with the Task Force regarding policies, etc.
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
(Director Sepesky, Director Godzak)

Nothing to report.

XI. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

President Bialon opened the meeting to comments from citizens.

[Comments to Superintendent Nagy Relative to His Retirement]

A number of persons offered personal comments and tributes to Superintendent Nagy thanking for his many years service to the School District and wishing him well in retirement, including Directors Bialon, Patterson, Kraft, Jackson, Puglia and Sepesky; Business Manager Navish; and former business manager Michael Gigliotti.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. on a motion made by Director Kraft, seconded by Director Godzak and carried on an 8-0 vote:

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

James M. McKevitt
Board Secretary

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