



APOLLO-RIDGE SCHOOL BOARD LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Apollo-Ridge High School Community Room

Monday, November 24, 2014, 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

I. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Board Vice President, Mr. Forrest Schultz, at 6:45 p.m. Mrs. Mrs. Jennie Ivory, Board Secretary, was requested to conduct the roll call and following same, declared a quorum present.

II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

III. Roll Call

Board Members Present: Mr. Jim Ferguson, Mr. Rick Fetterman, Mrs. Sharon Jaworskyj, Mr. Dan Obriot, Mr. Forrest Schultz, Mrs. Susan Wenckowski

Board Members Absent: Mr. Gregory Primm, Mr. Dominick Duso, Mr. Paul King

Administrators Present: Dr. Matthew Curci

Administrators Absent: Not required to attend

Guests: Mrs. Sandra Cecchini, A-REA Representative
Mr. Andrew Jones – Student Council Sponsor
Mrs. Cris Kostiuik – Administrative Assistant
Mr. Braden Ashe – Valley News Dispatch
Mrs. Sarah Backus – Nutrition Group
Ms. Paxton Fetterman, Student Council
Mr. Jared Primm, Student Council
Mrs. Virginia Madison
Mrs. JoAnn Milanak
The Schall Family
Mr. John Kinnamen
Mrs. Barbara Hancock
Mr. Travis Kelley
Mr. Aaron Broman
Mrs. Gretchen Blystone

Solicitor: Mr. David Mongillo, Esq.

IV. Approval of Legislative Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, October 28, 2014

Be it resolved that the Apollo-Ridge Board approves the minutes of the Tuesday, October 28, 2014 Legislative Meeting.

Motion: Mr. Rick Fetterman Second: Mr. Dan Obriot

Voice Vote: 6 AYE 0 NAY

V. Meetings from the Previous Month

Committee Meeting	Monday, October 20, 2014 (6:40 p.m. – 7:35 p.m.)
Executive Session	Monday, October 20, 2014 (7:39 p.m. – 7:53 p.m.)
Personnel/Legal	
Legislative Meeting	Tuesday, October 28, 2014 (6:34 p.m. – 7:04 p.m.)
Executive Session	Tuesday, October 28, 2014 (7:10 p.m. – 7:40p.m.)
Personnel / Legal	

VI. Board and Superintendent Reports

A. Lenape Vocational-Technical School

Mrs. Jaworskyj reported that the November 20 JOC meeting opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony at the new Adult Education Building.

- Regular business was conducted.
- Donations were accepted from Fuzion Technologies Inc. and The Purple Pinkie
- Accepted several grants totaling over \$180,000 from PDE, F&M Bank and Perkins Secondary

B. ARIN Intermediate Unit #28

Mrs. Wenckowski reported on the November 18 Board of Directors meeting.

- Regular business was conducted.
- Personnel: 7 new hires; one leave of absence; four resignations; and two internships were acted upon
- Approved several contracts including one with Source4Teachers to provide substitute teachers and paraprofessionals.

C. Legislation

No report given

D. Apollo-Ridge Education Foundation (Mrs. Sharon Jaworskyj)

- PRESENTATION: \$12,000 gift to the Apollo-Ridge School District
- PRESENTATION: 8th Annual Holiday Card Design Contest Winner

E. Superintendent Report (Dr. Matthew Curci)

- Middle School Career Day
- Strategic Planning Update
- Fall Play Kudos
- Congratulations to Football Team
- Veterans Day Assembly
- Draft of Board Meeting Dates for 2015
- Recap & Upcoming Events
 - November 18 - MS PTA Meeting @ 6:30 PM
 - November 20 - ES Books to Go
 - November 20 - Financial Aid Night @ 6:30 PM
 - November 21 - MS Dance @ 7 PM
 - November 21 - Annual Powder Puff Game
 - November 24 - Middle School Career Day
 - November 27 - Thanksgiving Break through December 1 -Students return on the 2nd
 - December 3 - ES Tentative Santa's Workshop
 - December 6 - HS Chorus Concert @ 1:00 PM
 - December 12 - HS Blood Drive starting @ 8:00 AM

F. Student Council

Paxton Fetterman announced that the HS Blood Drive is open to students and staff. There will be a spring Blood Drive that will be open to the community. The Senior Citizens lunch is scheduled for December 18.

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. Finance

Resolution A-1

Be it resolved that the Apollo-Ridge Board approves payment of District Bills for the period October 24, 2014, through November 19, 2014 in the amount of \$ 706,148.57, and the Treasurer's Report for October 2014.

Resolution A-2

Be it resolved that the Apollo-Ridge Board approves the rate adjustments proposed by Tucker Arensberg, P.C. for solicitorship services at an hourly rate of \$110 and a monthly retainer fee of \$400 effective January 1, 2015.

Resolution A-3

Be it resolved that the Apollo-Ridge Board adopts Resolution A-3 indicating that it will not raise the rate of any tax for the support of its public schools for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year by more than the index established by the Department of Education for the District of 2.8% as per Exhibit A-3.

Resolution A-4

Be it resolved that the Apollo-Ridge Board authorizes the administration to pay December bills and those which would accrue finance charges/interest or would result in a discount if paid prior to the next scheduled meeting on January 26, 2015; and be it further resolved that the documentation listing all bills paid will be presented to the Board at its meeting on January 26, 2015.

Be it resolved that the Apollo-Ridge Board approves Finance resolutions A-1 through A-4.

A-1 Payment of Bills and Treasurer's Report
 A-2 Solicitor Rates
 A-3 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Taxes
 A-4 Payment of District Bills Through January 26, 2015

Motion: Mr. Obriot Second: Mr. Fetterman

Roll Call: 6 Aye 0 Nay

Motion Approved

B. Personnel

Resolution B-1

Be it resolved that the Apollo-Ridge Board approves professional and non-instructional substitutes for the 2014-2015 school year, as marked Exhibit B-1.

Resolution B-2

Be it resolved that the Apollo-Ridge Board approves requests for unpaid leave as marked Exhibit B-2.

Resolution B-3

Be it resolved that the Apollo-Ridge Board approves Ms. Julie Balog, Apollo, as a part-time (4-hour) custodian, effective November 25, 2014, with salary and benefits per the SEIU 32BJ Agreement, pending receipt of Act 34, 114, and 151 clearances.

Resolution B-4

Be it resolved that the Apollo-Ridge Board approves supplemental contract positions as marked Exhibit B-4.

Resolution B-5

Be it resolved that the Apollo-Ridge Board accepts the resignation of Ms. Desiree Fuqua, Middle School Science Teacher, effective December 19, 2014.

Resolution B-6

Be it resolved that the Apollo-Ridge Board approves student teachers for the second semester as marked Exhibit B-6.

Be it resolved that the Apollo-Ridge Board approves Personnel resolutions B-1 through B-6.

- B-1 2014-2015 Substitute Approval
- B-2 Unpaid Leave Requests
- B-3 Custodial New Hire – Balog
- B-4 Supplemental Contract Positions
- B-5 Resignation – Fuqua
- B-6 Student Teachers

Motion: Mr. Ferguson Second: Mrs. Wenckowski

Roll Call: 6 Aye 0 Nay

Motion Approved

C. Curriculum

Resolution C-1

Be it resolved that the Apollo-Ridge Board approves conference attendance as marked Exhibit C-1.

Be it resolved that the Apollo-Ridge Board approves Curriculum resolution C-1.

C-1 Conference Attendance

Motion: Mrs. Jaworskyj Second: Mr. Obriot

Roll Call: 6 Aye 0 Nay

Motion Approved

D. Student Activities

Resolution D-1

Be it resolved that the Apollo-Ridge Board approves student field trips, as marked Exhibit D-1.

Be it resolved that the Apollo-Ridge Board approves Student Activities resolution D-1.

D-1 Field Trips

Motion: Mrs. Wenckowski Second: Mr. Fetterman

Roll Call: 6 Aye 0 Nay

Motion Approved

E. Student Transportation

Resolution E-1

Be it resolved that the Apollo-Ridge Board approves bus drivers as presented by STA, Inc. as marked Exhibit E-1.

Be it resolved that the Apollo-Ridge Board approves Student Transportation resolution E-1.

E-1 Bus Driver New Hires

Motion: Mr. Fetterman Second: Mrs. Jaworskyj

Roll Call: 6 Aye 0 Nay

Motion Approved

F. Facilities and Property Services

G. Food and Nutrition Services

H. Legislation – Board Policy

Resolution H-1

Be it resolved that the Apollo-Ridge Board approves the Student Disciplinary Agreement for Student A as presented.

Be it resolved that the Apollo-Ridge Board approves Legislative-Board Policy resolution H-1.

H-1 Student Disciplinary Agreement – Student A

Motion: Mrs. Jaworskyj Second: Mrs. Wenckowski

Roll Call: 6 Aye 0 Nay

Motion Approved

VIII. Hearing of the General Public

IX. Old Business

X. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn

Motion: Mr. Fetterman Second: Mr. Ferguson

Voice Vote: 6 AYE 0 NAY

Time: 7:10 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Start: _____ End: _____

NEXT MEETING DATES:

Reorganization – Tuesday, December 2, 2014

EXHIBIT A-3

RESOLUTION – ACT 1

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors of the Apollo-Ridge School District has determined that there will be no increase in the rate of any tax for the support of its public schools for the 2015-2016 fiscal year by more than the Adjusted Index established by the Department of Education (Department) for the district;

WHEREAS, the Adjusted Index for the District is 2.8%;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Apollo-Ridge School District does hereby certify that the District will comply with the procedures as set forth in Section 687 of the Public School Code as it relates to the annual budget for the adoption of its proposed and final budgets;

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors certifies that increasing any tax at a rate less than or equal to the established index will be sufficient to balance its final budget;

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors certify that the District will submit information on a proposed increase in the rate of a tax levied for the support of the public schools to the Department on a uniform form prepared by the Department no later than five (5) days after the adoption of this resolution;

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors certify that a copy of this resolution adopted pursuant to Section 311 of the Taxpayer Relief Act of Special Session No. 1 of 2005 will be sent to the Department no later than five (5) days after the adoption of this resolution;

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors recognize that the District shall not be eligible to seek referendum exceptions under Section 333 (f) of the Taxpayer Relief Act; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors recognize that the Department shall compare the proposed percentage increase in the rate of the tax with the index; within ten (10) days of the receipt of the information as required, the Department shall inform the District whether the proposed tax rate increase is less than or equal to the index.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of School Directors of the Apollo-Ridge School District, as follows:

The Board of School Directors adopts this RESOLUTION on the 24th day of November 2014, indicating that it will not raise the rate of any tax for the support of its public schools for the 2015-2016 fiscal year by more than the index established by the Department of Education for the district of 2.8%.

DULY ADOPTED, by the Board of School Directors of this School District, this 24th day of November 2014.

APOLLO-RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Spring Church, Pennsylvania

By: _____

President

ATTEST:

Secretary

(SEAL)

EXHIBIT B-1

2014-2015 SUBSTITUTE APPROVAL

NAME	ADDRESS	CERTIFICATION
Susan Weston	Apollo	Non-Instructional
Nicole Chiado	Freeport	Early Childhood PK-4 Special Education PK-8
David Calderone	Apollo	Non-Instructional
Cory Walker*	Avonmore	Early Childhood PK-4 Special Education PK-8
Arielle Skwirut	Vandergrift	Non-Instructional
Zachary Montgomery*		H/PE

Pending receipt of Acts 34, 114, 151 Clearances

***Pending receipt of teaching certificate**

EXHIBIT B-2

UNPAID LEAVE REQUESTS

LEAVE #	DATES	REASON
UNP111314	November 13-26, 2014	Medical

EXHIBIT B-4

2014-2015 SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACT POSITIONS

NAME	ADDRESS	POSITION
John Kinnamon*	Vandergrift	Head Girls Softball Coach
August Manifest	Apollo	First Assistant Track Coach – Girls
Isaiah Webb*	Vandergrift	Boys Basketball – 7 th Grade Asst. Coach

*Pending receipt of Acts 34, 114, 151 Clearances

EXHIBIT B-6

Student Teachers

Second Semester 2014-2015

Name	Cooperating Teacher	Source	Dates
Shelby Mostoller	Jen Barton	IUP	1/20-3/13/15
Breanna Wilson	Kathy Flick	IUP	1/20-3/13/15

EXHIBIT C-1

CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE REQUESTS

Employee	Title of Activity / Sponsor / Location	Dates	Sub	Cost
Jennie Ivory	PASBO Annual Conference PASBO Hershey	March 11-13, 2015	0	\$869.00

EXHIBIT D-1

FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

<u>DATES</u>	<u>GRADE/GROUP/TEACHER(S) /CURRICULUM</u>	<u>DESTINATION</u>	<u># STUDENTS</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>SUB</u>
11/12/14	High School Athletes Bartha/Skiba Sportsmanship	Heinz History Museum Pittsburgh	6	\$360 HS BUDGET	0
11/18-19/14	High School Chorus Duff Vocal Performance	County Chorus Kittanning High School Kittanning	19	\$1080 HS BUDGET	2
12/9/14	High School Quiz Bowl Team Thomas Academic Trivia	Quiz Bowl Competition Burrell High School Lower Burrell	15	\$235 GIFTED BUDGET	1
1/13-14/15	High School Band Virag Instrumental Performance	County Band West Shamokin High School Rural Valley	TBA	\$670 HS BUDGET	2
3/10/15	High School Quiz Bowl Team Thomas Academic Trivia	Quiz Bowl Competition Penn State New Kensington	15	\$235 GIFTED BUDGET	1
1/13/15	High School Quiz Bowl Team Thomas Academic Trivia	Quiz Bowl Competition Kiski Area High School Leechburg	15	\$215 GIFTED BUDGET	1
12/18/14	Grades 7-12 Band Virag Instrumental Music Performance	AJ Palumbo Center Pittsburgh	35	\$225 BOOSTERS	0
2/05/15	Junior Class Lukehart/Thomas College Fair	David Lawrence Convention Ctr Pittsburgh	91	\$645 HS BUDGET	0

Costs include transportation, substitutes, and registration/entry fees

EXHIBIT E-1

Bus Drivers as Presented by STA, Inc.

NAME	ADDRESS	STATUS
William Aikens	Spring Church	Permanent Full-Time

Pending receipt of Acts 34, 114, and 151 Clearances