

St. Marys Area School District  
Board of School Directors  
Regular Meeting  
May 10, 2012, 7:00 P.M.  
Library, St. Marys Area High School

Minutes

- I. The St. Marys Area Board of School Directors held their regular meeting May 10, 2012, at 7:00 P.M. in the Library of the St. Marys Area High School. The meeting was called to order by board president Robert Luchini.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Directors Present: Stephen Aul, James Baumgratz, Bryan Chiappelli, James Herzing, Charles Liptak, Robert Luchini, John Mulcahy, Patricia Rezmerski. Members Absent: John Healy.  
  
Others Present: Anna Kearney, Cynthia M. FinGado, Joseph Collins, Robin Johnson, Josh Williams, Joe Schlimm, James Wortman, Robert Grumley, Christine Kuhar, Terry Straub, Mark Romain, Patrick Kennedy, a representative from *The Daily Press*, and nine (9) visitors.
- IV. Comments from visitors including comments on federal programs.
- V. Presentation  
  
Kate McGonnell (parents and students) – Wallops Island Trip
- VI. Superintendent's Comments
- VII. Minutes were approved from the workshop meeting held on April 5, 2012 and the regular meeting held on April 9, 2012.  
  
Motion by James Herzing, seconded by James Baumgratz – motion carried by a voice vote of all members present.
- VIII. Approved the treasurer's report and cafeteria report for March 2012.  
  
Motion by Bryan Chiappelli, seconded by James Herzing – motion carried by a voice vote of all members present.
- IX. Approved Payment of Bills  
  

General Fund	May 2012 and office checks for April 2012
Payroll Fund	April 2012
Cafeteria Fund	March 2012

  
Motion by John Mulcahy, seconded by James Baumgratz; voting yes: Stephen Aul, James Baumgratz, Bryan Chiappelli, James Herzing, Charles Liptak, Robert Luchini, John Mulcahy, Patricia Rezmerski – motion carried.
- X. Board Procedures
  - A. Board Policy  
  
Approved revisions to Policy #815, Acceptable Use of Internet, Computers and Network Resources. (Attachment N. 1).  
  
Motion by John Mulcahy, seconded by Bryan Chiappelli; voting yes: Stephen Aul, James Baumgratz, Bryan Chiappelli, James Herzing, Charles Liptak, Robert Luchini, John Mulcahy,

Certification: Elementary  
University: Elizabethtown College  
Experience Present: Northampton Public Schools - teacher  
Experience: 1 Year: Camp Sunshine, YMCA-counselor, sports counselor  
Building: All

Name: Benita Taylor  
Address: St. Marys, Pennsylvania  
Position: Substitute Teacher  
Effective: March 28, 2012  
Degree: BS – Education  
Certification: Elementary, Mental/Phys. Handicap, General Science  
University: Lock Haven  
Experience Present: St. Marys Area School District - teacher  
Building: All

H. Hire, Homebound Teachers, 2011-2012 – Contract Pay Rate

Name: Stephanie Schneider  
Address: St. Marys, Pennsylvania  
Effective: March 19, 2012  
Degree: BS – Education  
Certification: Secondary Mathematics  
University: SUNY – Plattsburg, NY  
Experience Present: St. Marys Area School District - facilitator

Motion by James Baumgratz, seconded by James Herzing; voting yes: Stephen Aul, James Baumgratz, Bryan Chiappelli, John Healy, James Herzing, Charles Liptak, Robert Luchini, Patricia Rezmerski – motion carried.

I. Tenure (For Information Only)

Matthew Frank

XIV. Board Discussion

An executive session to discuss personnel, student discipline and pending litigation was held immediately following adjournment.

XV. Adjournment

Motion by James Herzing, seconded by Patricia Rezmerski -- meeting adjourned 7:12 P.M.

  
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Board President, Robert Luchini

  
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Board Secretary, Cynthia M. FinGado

Patricia Rezmerski – motion carried.

**B. Resolutions**

Approved the following resolutions:

- Resolution Supporting House Bill 855 (Attachment No. 2)
- Resolution Supporting Prevailing Wage Reform (Attachment No. 3)
- Resolution Supporting Pension Reform (Attachment No. 4)
- Resolution Supporting Increased State Funding (Attachment No. 5)

Motion by Bryan Chiappelli, seconded by James Baumgratz; voting yes: Stephen Aul, James Baumgratz, Bryan Chiappelli, James Herzing, Charles Liptak, Robert Luchini, John Mulcahy, Patricia Rezmerski – motion carried.

**C. Appointment of Assistant Board Secretary**

As per Section 434 of the Public School Code, approved appointment of Mrs. Ginger Williams as Assistant Board Secretary for one year beginning July 1, 2012.

Motion by Patricia Rezmerski, seconded by James Herzing; voting yes: Stephen Aul, James Baumgratz, Bryan Chiappelli, James Herzing, Charles Liptak, Robert Luchini, John Mulcahy, Patricia Rezmerski – motion carried.

**D. Election of Board Treasurer**

As per Section 404 of the Public School Code, approved the election of Patricia Rezmerski as board treasurer for one year beginning July 1, 2012. Compensation to be set at the budgeted amount of \$150.00.

Motion by Patricia Rezmerski, seconded by James Herzing; voting yes: Stephen Aul, James Baumgratz, Bryan Chiappelli, James Herzing, Charles Liptak, Robert Luchini, John Mulcahy. Patricia Rezmerski abstained from voting – motion carried.

**XI. Business Affairs**

**A. Proposed 2012-2013 General Fund Budget**

The proposed general fund budget for the 2012-2013 school year with expenditures in the amount of \$24,339,949.00 was approved.

Motion by Patricia Rezmerski, seconded by James Baumgratz; voting yes: Stephen Aul, James Baumgratz, Bryan Chiappelli, James Herzing, Charles Liptak, Robert Luchini, John Mulcahy, Patricia Rezmerski – motion carried.

**B. Bids for Ceiling Replacement at High School and Fox Township Elementary**

The low bid from J.C. Orr & Son, Inc., Altoona, PA, for the ceiling replacement at the high school and Fox Township Elementary schools was approved. Cost for the high school will be \$84,849 (base bid) and \$18,622 for Fox Township (Alt. 1). (Attachment No. 6)

Motion by James Herzing, seconded by Patricia Rezmerski; voting yes: Stephen Aul, James Baumgratz, Bryan Chiappelli, James Herzing, Charles Liptak, Robert Luchini, John Mulcahy, Patricia Rezmerski – motion carried.

**C. Dental Service Providers**

Approved a fifty cent (\$.50) per student increase in the dental exam rate each year for the next three school years beginning with the 2012-2013 school year. The current rate is \$7.50 per exam.

Motion by James Herzing, seconded by James Baumgratz; voting yes: Stephen Aul, James

Baumgratz, Bryan Chiappelli, James Herzing, Charles Liptak, Robert Luchini, John Mulcahy, Patricia Rezmerski – motion carried.

XII. General School Affairs

A. School Calendar

Approved the revision in the order of the use of make-up days in the 2012-2013 school calendar as follows: 1-4/5/13, 2-4/4/13, 3-4/3/13, 4-4/2/13, and 5-5/24/13. (Attachment No. 7)

Motion by Bryan Chiappelli, seconded by James Herzing; voting yes: Stephen Aul, James Baumgratz, Bryan Chiappelli, James Herzing, Charles Liptak, Robert Luchini, John Mulcahy, Patricia Rezmerski – motion carried.

B. Support Organization (For Information Only)

The following support organization has submitted necessary information for the 2011-2012 school year as required under Policy No. 915.

St. Marys Area Softball Boosters (Attachment No. 8)

C. The Guidance Center ELECT Program

The St. Marys Area High School was approved to participate in the Guidance Center's ELECT (Education Leading to Employment and Career Training) program. (Attachment No. 9)

Motion by Patricia Rezmerski, seconded by James Baumgratz; voting yes: Stephen Aul, James Baumgratz, Bryan Chiappelli, James Herzing, Charles Liptak, Robert Luchini, John Mulcahy, Patricia Rezmerski – motion carried.

XIII. Transportation

A. Right-of-Way Agreement

Approved a right-of-way agreement to use Elcam, Incorporated's driveway/parking lot located at 189 West Creek Road, St. Marys, Pennsylvania as a bus stop. (Attachment No. 10)

Motion by James Herzing, seconded by Patricia Rezmerski; voting yes: Stephen Aul, James Baumgratz, Bryan Chiappelli, James Herzing, Charles Liptak, Robert Luchini, John Mulcahy, Patricia Rezmerski – motion carried.

B. Bus Stops

Approved the following bus stops:

1075 South Michael Road, St. Marys  
189 West Creek Road, St. Marys

Motion by Bryan Chiappelli, seconded by James Herzing; voting yes: Stephen Aul, James Baumgratz, Bryan Chiappelli, James Herzing, Charles Liptak, Robert Luchini, John Mulcahy, Patricia Rezmerski – motion carried.

XIV. Student Activities

A. Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport

The Resolution to Modify a Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport was approved.

Motion by Patricia Rezmerski, seconded by John Mulcahy; voting yes: Stephen Aul, James Baumgratz, Bryan Chiappelli, James Herzing, Charles Liptak, Robert Luchini, John Mulcahy, Patricia Rezmerski – motion carried.

**B. Field Trip**

Approved the St. Marys Area Middle School eighth grade class trip to Gettysburg Battlefield and Hershey Park on May 17 and 18, 2012. Approximately 196 students will be participating.

Motion by Bryan Chiappelli, seconded by James Baumgratz; voting yes: Stephen Aul, James Baumgratz, Bryan Chiappelli, James Herzing, Charles Liptak, Robert Luchini, John Mulcahy, Patricia Rezmerski – motion carried.

**XV. Building and Grounds**

**A. Use of Facility**

Approved the request from St. Marys Stallions Football to use the practice soccer fields at the High School for flag football on the following Sundays: May 6, 13, 20, 2012.

Motion by Bryan Chiappelli, seconded by James Herzing; voting yes: Stephen Aul, James Baumgratz, Bryan Chiappelli, James Herzing, Charles Liptak, Robert Luchini, John Mulcahy, Patricia Rezmerski – motion carried.

**XVI. Curriculum**

**A. Course of Study**

Approved acceptance of Stagecrafts planned course of study for the St. Marys Area High School. (Attachment No. 12)

Motion by Patricia Rezmerski, seconded by Bryan Chiappelli; voting yes: Stephen Aul, James Baumgratz, Bryan Chiappelli, James Herzing, Charles Liptak, Robert Luchini, John Mulcahy, Patricia Rezmerski – motion carried.

**XVII. Personnel**

Approved personnel actions as listed. All employment approvals are provisional for thirty days pending receipt of Act 151 and Act 34 clearance documentation and pre-employment drug testing if applicable.

**A. Resignations, Professional Personnel**

Name: Nancy DaMore  
Address: St. Marys, Pennsylvania  
Position: Librarian – St. Marys Area Middle School  
Effective: June 1, 2012 (Attachment No. 13)

**B. Leaves of Absence**

Name: Patti Bierley  
Position: Teacher – St. Marys Area High School  
Request: Unpaid leave of absence for ½ day on May 4, 2012  
Reason: Personal (Attachment No. 14)

Name: Eileen Evans  
Position: Library Aide – Elementary Schools  
Request: Unpaid leave of absence for May 3 and 4, 2012  
Reason: Personal (Attachment No. 15)

Name: Susan Leithner  
Position: Classroom Aide – South St. Marys Street Elementary School  
Request: Unpaid leave of absence for May 22 and 23, 2012  
Reason: Personal (Attachment No. 16)

Name: Samantha Nedzinski

Position: Teacher – South St. Marys Street Elementary School  
Request: Unpaid leave of absence for ½ day on May 31, 2012  
Reason: Personal (Attachment No. 17)

Name: Julie Newton  
Position: Teacher – St. Marys Area Middle School  
Request: Unpaid intermittent leave as needed from May 28 – June 1, 2012  
Reason: FMLA (Attachment No. 18)

Name: Deborah Williamson  
Position: Classroom Aide – St. Marys Area Middle School  
Request: Unpaid leave from April 18-20, 2012 and unpaid intermittent leave as needed until June 1, 2012  
Reason: FMLA (Attachment No. 19)

C. Transfer, Professional Personnel

Name: Tiffany Gump  
Address: St. Marys, Pennsylvania  
Transfer from: Part-Time Teacher  
Transfer to: Full-Time Teacher  
Terms: Step 2 Bachelors  
Effective: August 20, 2012

D. Support Personnel

Approved a 1-year contract with Randal Schlimm as School Police Officer.  
(Attachment No. 20)

E. Hire, Supplemental Contracts, 2011-2012 School Year

Name: Rachel Schreiber  
Position: Asst. Track Coach  
Terms: \$662.00 (Renew) (1/2 contract)

F. Hire, Supplemental Contracts, 2012-2013 School Year

Name: Anthony Defilippi  
Position: Asst. Football Coach  
Terms: \$3,396.00 (Renew)

Name: Mark DeMuro  
Position: Head Swim Coach  
Terms: \$3,104.00 (Renew)

Name: Leona Hoohuli  
Position: Head Girls Basketball Coach  
Terms: \$4,080.00 (Renew)

Name: Irene McCandless  
Position: Head Gymnastics Coach  
Terms: \$3,593.00 (Renew)

Name: James McGonnell  
Position: 1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Football Coach  
Terms: \$2,297.00 (Renew)

Name: James Pistner  
Position: Asst. Boys Soccer Coach  
Terms: \$1,260.00 (Renew)

Name: Jessica Schutz  
Position: Asst. Volleyball Coach  
Terms: Volunteer (Renew)

Name: Dominic Surra  
Position: Head Wrestling Coach  
Terms: \$3,197.00 (Renew)

Name: Kenneth Vogt, Jr.  
Position: Asst. Volleyball Coach  
Terms: \$1,389.00 (Renew)

G. Hire, Professional Substitute Personnel, 2011-2012 Contract Pay Rate

Name: Laura Hunt  
Address: Kane, Pennsylvania  
Position: Substitute Teacher  
Effective: May 1, 2012  
Degree: MS – Special Education  
Certification: Emergency Permit  
University: Slippery Rock  
Experience Present: Tendercare Learning Center - teacher  
Building: HS-MS-SSM

Name: Tricia Supon  
Address: St. Marys, Pennsylvania  
Position: Substitute Teacher  
Effective: May 1, 2012  
Degree: BS – Education  
Certification: Elementary  
University: University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown  
Experience Present: Country Fair – sales associate  
Experience: 1 Year: Antochian Village – horseback assistant  
Experience: 2 Year: Grtr Johnstown Christian Fellowship Daycare – asst. care provider  
Building: All

H. Hire, Homebound Teachers, 2011-2012 – Contract Pay Rate

Name: Daniele Carnessali  
Address: Johnsonburg, Pennsylvania  
Effective: April 19, 2012  
Degree: BS – Education  
Certification: Elementary, Reading Specialist  
Experience Present: St. Marys Area School District - teacher

I. Hire, Support Substitutes 2011-2012 Pay Rate, \$7.25 hour

Name: Ronda BeimeI  
Address: St. Marys, Pennsylvania  
Position: Substitute Secretary, Classroom Aide, Cafeteria  
Effective: April 30, 2012  
Experience Present: Child Care Center – self employed  
Building: All

Name: Debra Galto  
Address: St. Marys, Pennsylvania  
Position: Substitute Classroom Aide, Cafeteria  
Effective: May 1, 2012  
Experience Present: St. Agnes & St. Grace Churches - custodian  
Building: All

Name: Kristine Kohrs  
Address: Weedville, Pennsylvania  
Position: Substitute Classroom Aide, Vehicle Aide  
Effective: April 23, 2012  
Experience Present: Kris's Day Care – owner  
Experience: 1 Year: H&R Block – receptionist  
Experience: 2 Year: Smiley's Diner – waitress, cook  
Building: Bennetts Valley

Name: Debra Weinzierl  
Address: St. Marys, Pennsylvania  
Position: Substitute Classroom Aide, Cafeteria  
Effective: May 3, 2012  
Experience Present: Stay at Home Mom  
Building: HS-MS-SSM

J. School Psychologist Paid Internship

Name: Korrine Ankerbrand  
Address: DuBois, Pennsylvania  
Terms: \$10,000 for term of internship  
Effective: August 15, 2012 to June 7, 2013  
Degree: BS – Behavioral Science  
M.Ed. – Educational Psychology  
University: Indiana University of Pennsylvania  
Building: All (Attachment No. 21)

Motion by James Herzing, seconded by Patricia Rezmerski; voting yes: Stephen Aul, James Baumgratz, Bryan Chiappelli, James Herzing, Charles Liptak, Robert Luchini, John Mulcahy, Patricia Rezmerski – motion carried.

K. Student Teachers, 2012-2013 School Year (For Information Only)

University	Student	Subject	Dates	School/grade	Teacher
Pitt @Bradford	Gerber, K.	Elementary	10/16-12/6	SSM-K	Hanes

XVIII. Board Discussion

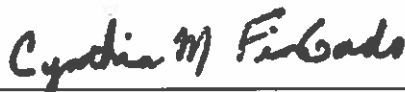
An executive session to discuss personnel, student discipline and pending litigation was held immediately following adjournment.

XIX. Adjournment

Motion by James Herzing, seconded by Bryan Chiappelli -- meeting adjourned 7:58 P.M.



Board President, Robert Luchini



Board Secretary, Cynthia M. FinGado