January 7, 2010

The Greencastle-Antrim School District Board of Directors met in regular session on January 7, 2010, in the Administrative Board Room of the Greencastle-Antrim Elementary School. The 7:00 pre-session featured the World Language Department. Several students and Ms. Paci-Funk talked about the new textbooks and computer technology available for Spanish classes and how they are being used. It is their hope that similar teaching tools will be purchased for other World Language classes also.

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:17 p.m. The meeting began with the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Arnold Jansen acknowledged the audience and asked if anyone wished to address the Board on an agenda item. No one had comments at this time.

The following Board Members were present at the time for roll call: Kristy M. Faulkner, Joel R. Fridgen, Brian J. Hissong, Eric R. Holtzman, Arnold P. Jansen, Paul Politis, Howard B. Ritchey, Michael R. Shindle, and Dr. G. William Thorne.

Members of the administrative staff in attendance included: Dr. C. Gregory Hoover, Superintendent; William B. Baker, District Technology Director; Kevin R. Carley, High School Assistant Principal; Gerald Craber, Middle School Assistant Principal; Robert B. Crider, Director of Educational Operations; Thomas G. Dick, Director of Transportation and Maintenance; Mark W. Herman, Middle School Principal; Richard G. Lipella, Business Manager/Board Secretary; Christine M. S. Reiber, High School Assistant Principal; Edward K. Rife, Jr., High School Principal; Melissa A. Shuey, Middle School Assistant Principal; Angela S. Singer, Primary School Principal; and Chad T. Stover, Elementary School Principal.

Also in attendance were Diane K. Haugh, Recording Secretary; three members of the press; and two members of the Greencastle-Antrim Education Association.

Mr. Lipella, Business Manager, introduced Mr. Kevin Stouffer and Mr. Luke Martin of Smith Elliott Kearns and Company, the firm that performs the local audit on the school district financial records. They gave their presentation of the 2008-2009 audit.

Mr. Gregg McClanahan from Public Financial Management presented a financial analysis for future debt on building projects for the district. (See Exhibit #____ of the minutes for the analysis)

*10-01 On a Thorne-Faulkner motion, followed by a roll call vote, the Board Resolved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on December 3, 2009, as presented.

Faulkner – yes	Hissong – yes	Ritchey – yes
Fridgen – yes	Holtzman – yes	Shindle – yes
Jansen – yes	Politis – yes	Dr. Thorne – yes

Motion carried 9-0.

*10-02 On a Thorne-Holtzman motion, followed by a roll call vote, the Board Resolved to approve the Treasurer's Reports for the month ending November 30, 2009, as presented. (See Exhibit #____ of the minutes.)

Faulkner – yes	Hissong – yes	Ritchey – yes
Fridgen – yes	Holtzman – yes	Shindle – yes
Jansen – yes	Politis – yes	Dr. Thorne – yes

Motion carried 9-0.

Consideration was given to board committee appointments for 2010. (See Exhibit #____ of the minutes.)

*10-03 On a Thorne-Shindle motion, followed by a roll call vote, the Board Resolved to approve the Board Committee appointments for 2010 as presented.

Faulkner – yes	Hissong – yes	Ritchey – yes
Fridgen – yes	Holtzman – yes	Shindle – yes
Jansen – yes	Politis – yes	Dr. Thorne – yes

Motion carried 9-0.

*10-04 On a Politis-Holtzman motion, followed by a roll call vote, the Board Resolved to grant Board approval for the Board President to attend the PSBA Board President's training in Mechanicsburg, PA.

Faulkner – yes	Hissong – yes	Ritchey – yes
Fridgen – yes	Holtzman – yes	Shindle – yes
Jansen – abstain	Politis – yes	Dr. Thorne – yes

Motion carried 8-0-1 abstention.

The Board considered adding the following addendum to tonight's agenda:

IX. Superintendent's Report

G. Request Board approval of the Pupil Personnel Committee recommendation for Student HS-010710A.
H. Request Board approval of the Pupil Personnel Committee recommendation for Student HS-010710B.

*10-05 On a Ritchey-Thorne motion, followed by a roll call vote, the Board Resolved to add Items IX. Superintendent's Report, G and H to tonight's agenda.

Faulkner – yes	Hissong – yes	Ritchey – yes
Fridgen – yes	Holtzman – yes	Shindle – yes
Jansen – yes	Politis – yes	Dr. Thorne – yes

Motion carried 9-0.

*10-06 On a Ritchey-Hissong motion, followed by a roll call vote, the Board Resolved to grant permission for the High School Music Department (band and chorus) for a trip to New York City for an adjudication April 30, 2010, to May 2, 2010. (See Exhibit #____ of the minutes.)

Faulkner – yes	Hissong – yes	Ritchey – yes
Fridgen – yes	Holtzman – yes	Shindle – yes
Jansen – yes	Politis – yes	Dr. Thorne – yes

Motion carried 9-0.

*10-07 On a Holtzman-Shindle motion, followed by a roll call vote, the Board Resolved to grant permission to expand the G-A HS Indoor Guard program to include a middle school program. (See Exhibit #____ of the minutes.)

Faulkner – yes	Hissong – yes	Ritchey – yes
Fridgen – yes	Holtzman – yes	Shindle – yes
Jansen – yes	Politis – yes	Dr. Thorne – yes

Motion carried 9-0.

*10-08 On a Thorne-Faulkner motion, followed by a roll call vote, the Board Resolved to grant permission for the middle school band for a trip to Harrisburg to perform at the State Capitol Rotunda on May 5, 2010.

Faulkner – yes	Hissong – yes	Ritchey – yes
Fridgen – yes	Holtzman – yes	Shindle – yes
Jansen – yes	Politis – yes	Dr. Thorne – yes

Motion carried 9-0.

*10-09 On a Holtzman-Ritchey motion, followed by a roll call vote, the Board Resolved to grant approval for the high school baseball team for a trip to Fredericksburg, Virginia, from Thursday, March 11th through Monday, March 15th for spring training. (See Exhibit #____ of the minutes.)

Faulkner – yes	Hissong – yes	Ritchey – yes
Fridgen – yes	Holtzman – yes	Shindle – yes
Jansen – yes	Politis – yes	Dr. Thorne – yes

Motion carried 9-0.

*10-10 On a Faulkner-Shindle motion, followed by a roll call vote, the Board Resolved to approve the first reading of Policy No. 113: Special Education and Policy No. 113.1: Discipline of Students with Disabilities. (See Exhibit #____ of the minutes.)

Faulkner – yes	Hissong – yes	Ritchey – yes
Fridgen – yes	Holtzman – yes	Shindle – yes
Jansen – yes	Politis – yes	Dr. Thorne – yes

Motion carried 9-0.

*10-11 On a Ritchey-Politis motion, followed by an unanimous voice vote, the Board Resolved to go into executive session for student personnel matters.

Motion carried.

The Board went into executive session at 8:17 p.m.

*10-12 On a Ritchey-Hissong motion, followed by an unanimous voice vote, the Board Resolved to reconvene the meeting.

Motion carried.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

*10-13 On a Faulkner-Holtzman motion, followed by a roll call vote, the Board Resolved to approve the recommendation of the Pupil Personnel Committee for students HS-010710A and HS-010710B. (See Exhibit #____ of the minutes.)

Faulkner – yes	Hissong – yes	Ritchey – yes
Fridgen – yes	Holtzman – yes	Shindle – yes
Jansen – yes	Politis – yes	Dr. Thorne – yes

Motion carried 9-0.

Dr. Hoover presented the following personnel items for the Board's consideration for approval:

A. Recommend acceptance of the following support staff resignation:

    1. Mark F. Luther – DIST PC-LAC Technician, effective January 11, 2010

B. Recommend approval of the following support staff for regular employment status with appropriate benefits, having successfully completed a ninety-day orientation period:

1. Jennifer A. Martin – MS Dishwasher, effective December 8, 2009

C. Recommend approval of the following supplemental staff appointment:

1. M. Todd Seville – HS Indoor Percussion Instructor, @ $680.00, effective the 2009-10 season (replaces Matthew E. Wolfe)

D. Recommend approval of the continuance of the following supplemental staff assignments for the 2009-2010 Band Season:

1. Brock A. Bricker – HS Indoor Percussion Instructor
2. Jeffrey F. Carty – HS Indoor Percussion Instructor
3. Natalie J. Knight – MS Band Front Advisor

E. Recommend approval of the following additions to the District personnel lists:

1. Diana L. Boone – Support Staff Substitute @ $8.00 - $9.25/hr
2. Deborah L. Koch – Blended Schools Instructor @ $35.04/hr., effective December 9, 2009
3. Shelby J. Oliver – Support Staff Substitute @ $8.00 - $12.00/hr
4. Susann E. Palmerchuck – Substitute Teacher @ $90.00/day
5. Carl E. Poper – Support Staff Substitute @ $8.00 -$9.25/day
6. Norina R. Witmer-Householder – Support Staff Substitute @ $8.00 - $12.00/hr.

F. Recommend approval of the following request(s) for leave without pay:

1. Cynthia M. Ball – ELEM Instructional Aide; December 10, 11, & 14, 2009
2. Harry C. Bumbaugh – DIST Bus Driver; December 8, 9, 10, & 11, 2009
3. Karla S. Daley – HS Cashier; December 18, 2009
4. Lori A. Leckron – ELEM Noontime Aide; November 20 and 25, 2009
5. Bonita F. Murray – DIST Bus Driver; December 17 & 18, 2009
6. Rachel A. Olson – PRIM Kindergarten Teacher; December 7, 2009
7. Sonja L. Quivers – DIST Bus Driver; December 11, 2009 (1/2 day)
8. Debra E. Votral – HS Clerical Aide; November 10, 2009
9. Sondra K. Williams – MS Cook II; December 2, 2009

*10-14 On a Holtzman-Faulkner motion, followed by a roll call vote, the Board Resolved to approve the personnel items as presented.

Faulkner – yes	Hissong – yes	Ritchey – yes
Fridgen – yes	Holtzman – yes	Shindle – yes
Jansen – yes	Politis – yes	Dr. Thorne – yes

Motion carried 9-0.

*10-15 On a Thorne-Shindle motion, followed by a roll call vote, the Board Resolved to continue the educational placement for student MS-031909A. (See Exhibit #____ of the minutes.)

Faulkner – yes	Hissong – yes	Ritchey – yes
Fridgen – yes	Holtzman – yes	Shindle – yes
Jansen – yes	Politis – yes	Dr. Thorne – yes

Motion carried 9-0.

*10-16 On a Faulkner-Shindle motion, followed by a roll call vote, the Board Resolved to change the educational placement for student MS-102109A. (See Exhibit #____ of the minutes.)

Faulkner – yes	Hissong – yes	Ritchey – yes
Fridgen – yes	Holtzman – yes	Shindle – yes
Jansen – yes	Politis – yes	Dr. Thorne – yes

Motion carried 9-0.

A presentation was given by the first grade teachers on the affects of full-day kindergarten. They talked of the positive accomplishments since the start of the full-day program and presented some of the new expectations for first graders. The expectations will continue to be enhanced as this group of students who participated in the full-day kindergarten move on to further grades.

The following Conference Request was presented to the Board for their consideration for approval:

A. Attendance/Child Accounting Professional Association Spring Conference – Debbie Timmons – Hershey Hotel – March 17-19, 2010. Approximate cost: $574.00

*10-17 On a Holtzman-Hissong motion, followed by a roll call vote, the Board Resolved to approve the conference request as presented to the Board.

Faulkner – yes	Hissong – yes	Ritchey – yes
Fridgen – yes	Holtzman – yes	Shindle – yes
Jansen – yes	Politis – yes	Dr. Thorne – yes

Motion carried 9-0.

Mr. Hissong left the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

*10-18 On a Ritchey-Faulkner motion, followed by a roll call vote, the Board Resolved to approve the bidding for the following for the 2010-2011 school year:

1. General Supplies
2. Art Supplies
3. Fall Athletic Supplies & Equipment
4. Participate in the LIU Joint Purchasing Program

Faulkner – yes	Hissong – absent	Ritchey – yes
Fridgen – yes	Holtzman – yes	Shindle – yes
Jansen – yes	Politis – yes	Dr. Thorne – yes

Motion carried 8-0.

*10-19 On a Politis-Shindle motion, followed by a roll call vote, the Board Resolved to approve the acceptance of the 2008-2009 year end fiscal audit for the Greencastle-Antrim School District and the Greencastle-Antrim Tax Bureau as prepared and presented by Smith Elliott Kearns & Company. (See Exhibit #____ and #____ of the minutes.)

Faulkner – yes	Hissong – absent	Ritchey – yes
Fridgen – yes	Holtzman – yes	Shindle – yes
Jansen – yes	Politis – yes	Dr. Thorne – yes

Motion carried 8-0.

Mr. Lipella requested that a change be made to the school district's Act 32 Tax collection committee appointments. Currently Mr. Jansen is the Delegate, Mr. Holtzman is the 1st Alternate, and Mr. Lipella is the 2nd Alternate. The requested change is as follows:

Delegate – Richard Lipella
1st Alternate – Eric Holtzman
2nd Alternate – Arnold Jansen

*10-20 On a Shindle-Politis motion, followed by a roll call vote, the Board Resolved to approve the change to the Greencastle-Antrim School District's Act 32 Tax Collection committee appointment as presented.

Faulkner – yes	Hissong – absent	Ritchey – yes
Fridgen – yes	Holtzman – yes	Shindle – yes
Jansen – yes	Politis – yes	Dr. Thorne – yes

Motion carried 8-0.

*10-21 On a Politis-Ritchey motion, followed by a roll call vote, the Board Resolved to grant approval of the special event/banquet rate for food service staff of $2.00 per hour over the individual's normal pay rate. (See Exhibit #____ of the minutes.)

Faulkner – yes	Hissong – absent	Ritchey – yes
Fridgen – yes	Holtzman – yes	Shindle – yes
Jansen – yes	Politis – yes	Dr. Thorne – yes

Motion carried 8-0.

*10-22 On a Shindle-Ritchey motion, followed by a roll call vote, the Board Resolved to authorize the replacement of the steamer and kettle unit in the elementary school cafeteria at a cost of $33,187.00. The replacement units will be purchased off the state contract.

Faulkner – yes	Hissong – absent	Ritchey – yes
Fridgen – yes	Holtzman – yes	Shindle – yes
Jansen – yes	Politis – yes	Dr. Thorne – yes

Motion carried 8-0.

*10-23 On a Politis-Thorne motion, followed by a roll call vote, the Board Resolved to authorize the administration of the Greencastle-Antrim School District to work with Public Financial Management, as Financial Advisor, Rhoads & Sinon, LLP as Bond Counsel, and the local Solicitor in conjunction with the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2010, for the purpose of refunding the 2005 and 2005A bonds.

Faulkner – yes	Hissong – absent	Ritchey – yes
Fridgen – yes	Holtzman – yes	Shindle – yes
Jansen – yes	Politis – yes	Dr. Thorne – yes

Motion carried 8-0.

*10-24 On a Faulkner-Fridgen motion, followed by an unanimous voice vote, the Board Resolved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

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President

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Secretary