

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WILLIAM PENN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2013

The Business Meeting of the Board of Directors of the William Penn School District was held on Monday, December 16, 2013, in the Administration Building Board Room, 100 Green Avenue, Lansdowne, Pennsylvania. At approximately 7:30 p.m., Ms. Leahan presided and called the meeting to order. Ms. Fitti delivered the invocation. Allegiance to the flag was pledged. Mr. Otto called the roll of attendance. He announced that Mr. Reardon was absent due to illness.

Board Members Present:

Ms. Diane Leahan, President  
Ms. Marion Fitti, Vice-President  
Mr. Rafi Cave  
Mr. Ernest Grimes  
Ms. Jennifer Hoff  
Ms. Charlotte Hummel  
Ms. Louella Richardson  
Mr. Robert E. Wright

Board Members Absent:

Mr. Robert Reardon

Also Present:

Mr. Joseph J. Bruni - Superintendent  
Mr. Joseph V. Otto - Chief Operations Officer/Board Secretary  
David F. Conn, Esquire - Solicitor  
Other Administrators and staff  
Ms. Londa Jenkins - Student Representative - Penn Wood High School-Green  
Ms. Marissa Susay - Student Representative - Penn Wood High School-Cypress

COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Ms. Leahan welcomed the community. On behalf of her fellow School Board members, she wished everyone a very happy holiday season and a safe, happy new year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Bruni announced that panic buttons have been installed in all schools. He commended our student representatives on the great vodcasts they have been broadcasting. Several Board members said how much they are enjoying them. Mr. Bruni stated that the completion date for the chemical labs in the high school is now February 2014. He also reported that a Playground Sub-Committee Meeting had been held the previous week. He said that it was a great meeting and that good, creative ideas were presented. He said that representatives from the Choices of William Penn Charter School were scheduled to present their application to the Board of School Directors and Administrators at a hearing on December 10<sup>th</sup> but that no one from the charter school showed up. Mr. Bruni announced that schools and offices of the district would be closed from December 23 through January 1 and that they would reopen on January 2. He invited everyone to attend our students' winter concerts, because our students are providing incredible, talented performances.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA

Ms. Hoff made a motion, seconded by Ms. Fitti, to approve the agenda. All voted aye, except Mr. Reardon, who was absent. The motion carried.

MINUTES

Business Meeting - November 25, 2013  
Reorganization Meeting - December 2, 2013

Mr. Wright made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hoff, to approve the minutes, as indicated above. All voted aye, except Mr. Reardon, who was absent. The motion carried.

REMARKS BY STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. Jenkins reported that it is icy outside the Green Avenue Campus gym. She stated that the girls' track team had traveled to Lehigh for a meet and returned to the school at approximately 1:00 a.m. She said that, since there are no district stops on team buses, the coach had to drive some of the girls home. She reported that Home and School officers had met with students to discuss availability of Penn Wood gear in the school store. She thanked Mr. Miguel Santa for his assistance with the vodcast, and she thanked Ms. Danielle Kirk for her time and assistance in addressing students' complaints about the school meals.

Ms. Susay reported that Dr. Cooley, Ms. Kirk and members of the student council had recently met to discuss solutions to the long lunch lines at the Cypress Street Campus. She announced that the Drama Club students were hosting a special event that evening at the school, a play about self-esteem entitled, "Keep Calm and Be Dramatic." She said that we will be able to view this play on the district website. Ms. Susay also reported that she and Dr. Cooley have discussed her ideas to find ways to reach out to her fellow classmates to encourage academic achievement and to help motivate them to work hard and achieve their goals.

SPECIAL AWARDS – None

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

Daniel Procopio, Aldan, asked about a timeline for the development of the new bus lot, the Ardmore Avenue Renovations Project change orders, the total cost of the Ardmore Avenue Renovations Project, the charter school application process and the charter school application appeal process. Ms. Leahan, Ms. Hoff and Mr. Conn responded.

Anthony Reale, East Lansdowne, suggested background music be added to our television cable channel, to which Ms. Leahan responded. He also questioned items found on the Bill List. Mr. Otto responded.

COMMUNICATIONS – None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE AGENDA Charlotte Hummel - Chair  
Marion Fitti, Ernest Grimes - Members

Ms. Hummel presented the Community Relations Committee Agenda. She announced other events that are not shown on this agenda. Ms. Hummel congratulated the student members of the school band and choral groups, their parents and the band boosters for their tireless efforts in providing quality performances. She challenged the Student Representatives to form a committee of students to better advertise and market events held at each of our schools.

Ms. Hummel made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hoff, to approve item A1 of the Community Relations Committee Agenda and to accept items A2 through A5 as informational items.

A1. School Director Recognition Month Resolution

WHEREAS, the role of locally-elected school officials has served the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and local communities in meeting the needs of public education since the passage of the Free School Act in 1834; and

WHEREAS, these local boards have discharged their responsibilities to public education in a manner which has placed public education in the forefront of our educational systems; and

WHEREAS, locally-elected officials have distinguished themselves and their communities in this non-paid, volunteer public service commitment; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of these men and women should be recognized and appreciated by those who benefit from the workings of our public school system,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Board of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association hereby proclaims the month of January as School Director Recognition Month in this commonwealth; and

FURTHER RESOLVES that this proclamation be communicated to all school faculty and staff, school officials, and local communities in recognition of service locally-elected officials provide to the citizenry of this commonwealth.

RESOLVED, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of December 2013.

Special thanks to the William Penn School District Board of Directors for their service to the William Penn School District: Ms. Diane Leahan, President; Ms. Marion Fitti, Vice President; Board Members Mr. Rafi Cave, Mr. Ernest Grimes, Ms. Jennifer Hoff, Ms. Charlotte Hummel, Mr. Robert Reardon, Ms. Louella Richardson and Mr. Robert E. Wright; former Board Members Ms. Eileen Johnson and Mr. Steve Kweh; and Student Board Representatives Ms. Londa Jenkins and Ms. Marissa Susay.

MOTION: To approve the School Director Recognition Month Resolution.

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A2. Elementary School Students to Perform in PMEA Band Fest

Three students were selected to represent the William Penn School District at the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 12 Intermediate Band Fest. The event will be held at Drexel Hill Middle School on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

The students chosen for the performance are Mailani Hobbs, clarinet player at Aldan Elementary School; Jimmy Sek, trumpet player at East Lansdowne Elementary School; and George Washington, clarinet player at East Lansdowne Elementary School.

These musically-gifted students were nominated by Mr. William Ricketts, Instrumental Music Instructor, and will join 104 fifth- and sixth-grade students from 32 schools throughout Delaware County. The students will be part of an ensemble playing concert literature that is a grade above what is learned on the elementary school level.

The objective of the PMEA is to promote and support quality music education, learning and performance in schools and communities.

A3. Board Representative Receives Prestigious Helms' Award

Ms. Jennifer Hoff, William Penn School District Board Member representing Lansdowne, Region 7, was presented with the Helms' Award. The award, named for the late Mayor William Helms, is Lansdowne Borough Council's most prestigious award. Mayor Jayne Young presented Ms. Hoff with the award, stating she is "one of our most active residents because of her involvement from everything from the William Penn School District to the Lansdowne Economic Development Corporation" (LEDC).

Also included in Ms. Hoff's community involvement activities are the Lansdowne Arts Festival, Lansdowne Farmer's Market, First Friday, Lansdowne-Yeadon Elm Street Project, and the Lansdowne Business Professionals' Association. The current Lansdowne Mayor presents the Helms' Award each year to a resident who provides "service beyond all recompense." The purpose of the Helms' Award is to highlight volunteer work by acknowledging a resident who makes a significant volunteer contribution to the Borough of Lansdowne.

Ms. Hoff is currently serving a four-year term on the William Penn School District Board of School Directors that ends in 2015. She is Chairperson of the Property Committee, Supplementals Sub-Committee, and the Playground Sub-Committee.

A4. Toys for Tots

On December 17 and 18, 2013, William Penn School District social workers will distribute toys to 225 families in its Annual Toys for Tots Program. Families in the William Penn School District began registering their children for the toys last month, and have enrolled over 500 children ranging in age from infant to 12 years. The toys are provided by the United States Marine Corps Unit in Folsom, PA.

A5. Harcum College's Dental Center Offering Free Sealant Day for Children

Harcum College's Cohen Dental Center is hosting its 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Sealant activity on Monday, January 20, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. As a community outreach event to promote preventive oral care and family health, the center is offering free dental hygiene services to children ages 6-13 on Dr. King Day. The services include application of cavity-preventing seals on children's teeth, oral exams, fluoride treatments, as well as instructions and tips in dental health care.

The Cohen Dental Center is located at 750 Montgomery Avenue in Bryn Mawr, PA. Parents interested in the free services for their child, must schedule an appointment at 610-526-6113 as soon as possible, as space is limited. The event is sponsored by Harcum College and the Pennsylvania Dental Hygienists' Association.

Cave, Fitti, Grimes, Hoff, Hummel, Richardson, Wright and Leahan voted aye and approved item A1 of the Community Relations Committee Agenda and accepted items A2, A3, A4 and A5 as informational items. Reardon was absent.

B. EDUCATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

Robert E. Wright - Chair  
Rafi Cave, Ernest Grimes - Members

Mr. Wright presented the Education Committee Agenda.

Mr. Wright made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hummel, to approve items B1 through B5 of the Education Committee Agenda.

B1. Homebound Instruction

The following referenced students are recommended for Homebound Instruction at a cost not to exceed \$600 per student per month. Information detailing the reasons is on file in the Pupil Services Office.

<u>Student</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Reason</u>
121614688413	Penn Wood Middle School	12/06/13	Medical
121614408913	Penn Wood High School	12/20/13	Medical

MOTION: To approve Homebound Instruction for the above students.

B2. Termination of Homebound Instruction

<u>Student</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Reason</u>
121614045213	Park Lane Elementary	12/02/13	Medical

MOTION: To approve termination of Homebound Instruction for the above student.

B3. Disciplinary Action – Student #121613099413

MOTION: To approve Admission of Fact, Waiver of Hearing and Consent to Expulsion Agreement for Student #121613099413 and expel said student from the William Penn School District until June 12, 2015.

B4. Resolution Opposing the Keystone Exams as a High School Graduation Requirement

ATTACHMENT EDUC. #1

MOTION: To approve the Resolution opposing the Keystone Exams as a high school graduation requirement, as indicated on Attachment Educ. #1.

B5. Ardmore Avenue Elementary School's 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students' Trip to New York City

Ms. Hostetter, Ms. Kane and Ms. O'Boyle request permission for the Ardmore Avenue Elementary School's 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to travel to New York City on April 10, 2014. The purpose of this trip is to tour The National History Museum and Wax Museum, which will guide them through areas that showcase early civilization. There will be 80 students and 12 chaperones, with 5 staff members attending. The cost of this trip is \$85 per student. The cost of this trip will be funded by the students. No student will be denied due to inability to pay, as the trip is underwritten by the Home and School Association.

MOTION: To approve Ardmore Avenue Elementary School's 6<sup>th</sup> grade students' trip to New York City on April 10, 2014.

Cave, Fitti, Grimes, Hoff, Hummel, Richardson, Wright and Leahan voted aye and approved items B1, B2, B3, B4 and B5 of the Education Committee Agenda. Reardon was absent.

C. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE AGENDA Marion Fitti - Chair  
Ernest Grimes, Diane Leahan, Robert E. Wright – Members

Ms. Fitti presented the Personnel Committee Agenda.

Ms. Fitti made a motion seconded by Ms. Hummel, to approve items C1, C2 and C3 of the Personnel Committee Agenda.

The Superintendent recommends the following personnel actions:

C1. Appointmentsa. Professional Staff

- (1) Stefanie Mattes, Bachelors, East Stroudsburg University  
Temporary Professional Employee  
Assignment: English Teacher  
Penn Wood High School-Cypress Street Campus  
Effective: December 5, 2013  
Salary: Bachelors, Step 3, \$47,176 (pro-rated), with benefits  
Replacing: Robert MacMillan, resigned
- (2) Melissa Pinkston, Masters, Temple University  
Temporary Professional Employee  
Assignment: Special Education Teacher  
Aldan Elementary School  
Effective: Date to be determined  
Salary: Masters, Step 2, \$51,772 (pro-rated), with benefits  
Replacing: Shea Vocht, resigned

- (3) Kristin Yunghans, Masters, Millersville University  
Temporary Professional Employee  
Assignment: School Psychologist  
Aldan Elementary/Penn Wood Middle School  
Effective: January 7, 2014  
Salary: Masters + 15 +5%, Step 2, \$55,786 (pro-rated), with  
benefits (200 day work schedule)  
Replacing: Nadia Menzano, resigned

b. Support Staff

- (1) Sylvia Lee  
Registration Secretary, Category IV  
Green Avenue Administration Building  
Salary: \$17.08/hour, with benefits  
Effective: December 16, 2013  
Replacing: Gwendolyn Bly-Hatcher, resigned
- (2) Christian Walters  
Instructional Assistant  
Evans Elementary School  
Salary: \$14.94/hour, with benefits  
Effective: December 9, 2013  
Replacing: Andretta Bond, reassigned

c. Supplemental Contracts - 2013-2014 School Year

- (1) Ashley Grimaldi, Newspaper Advisor, Penn Wood High  
School-Green Avenue Campus, 10 units, year 2 = \$2,234.30.

d. Extended Learning Academy - Bell Avenue Elementary School  
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays (School Improvement Grant)  
December 3, 2013 – March 20, 2014

Coordinator - \$30.00/hour  
Marie Robinson

Tutors - \$30.00/hour  
Deborah Marucci  
Diane O'Donnell - substitute



- e. After-School Tutoring Program – Park Lane Elementary School  
Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays (Title I Funded)  
December 9, 2013 through May 23, 2014

Tutors- \$30.00/hour

Ernestine Boone - substitute  
Jessica Doerr  
Marissa Giannini  
Amy Giletto - substitute  
Andrea Hoder - substitute  
Deborah Marucci - substitute  
Roland Montgomery - substitute  
Kasey Reilly  
Melissa Trent

Instructional Assistants - \$15.00/hour

Patricia Thompson  
Lynn Washington

MOTION: To approve the appointments as indicated above, contingent on receipt of appropriate clearances and physicals, as required by law.

C2. Change in Assignment

- (1) Elsie Butler, change from Grade 4 Teacher, Aldan Elementary School, to School Site Facilitator, Colwyn/Walnut Street Elementary Schools, effective date to be determined. No change in salary.

MOTION: To approve the change in assignment as indicated above.

C3. Leaves of Absence

- (1) Hope Fleming-Mallory, Gifted Support Teacher, Ardmore/Bell, East Lansdowne/Park Lane Elementary Schools, requests an unpaid Medical Leave of Absence, effective November 25, 2013 through June 16, 2014.
- (2) Anjanita Mahadoo, French Teacher, Penn Wood High School-Green Avenue Campus, requests a paid/unpaid Family and Medical Leave of Absence, effective December 9, 2013 through March 14, 2014.

MOTION: To approve the leaves of absence as indicated above.

Cave, Fitti, Grimes, Hoff, Hummel, Richardson, Wright and Leahan voted aye and approved items C1, C2 and C3 of the Personnel Committee Agenda. Reardon was absent.

D. PROPERTY COMMITTEE AGENDAJennifer Hoff - Chair  
Rafi Cave, Diane Leahan - Members

Ms. Hoff presented the Property Committee Agenda. She announced that she will lead a tour of Ardmore Avenue Elementary School at 9:00 a.m. on December 20. She also announced that a Property Committee Meeting would be held at 6:30 p.m. on January 13 and that a Playground Sub-Committee Meeting would be held at 6:30 p.m. on January 15.

Ms. Hummel questioned the process for selecting a real estate company to sell the bus lot property in Darby. Mr. Conn responded that tonight's motion was only to develop a plan to market and sell the property. Ms. Leahan suggested we contact members of the Darby Economic Development Committee.

Ms. Hoff made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hummel, to approve items D1 through D9 of the Property Committee Agenda.

D1. Change Order EC-22A– Electri-Tech, Inc. – Ardmore Avenue Elementary School Renovations

Electri-Tech, Inc. submitted an Extension of Time request in the amount of \$106,756 for costs associated with additional labor inefficiencies, extended field supervision, extended project management, storage and operating costs from December 23, 2012 through the end of the project. Rocco Vespe from Hill International, Inc. negotiated with Electri-Tech and came to a recommended settlement of \$75,000.

MOTION: To approve Change Order EC-22A with Electri-Tech, Inc. in the amount of \$75,000 as indicated above.

D2. Change Order FP-04 – Apex Plumbing & Heating, Inc. - Ardmore Avenue Elementary School Renovations

Apex Plumbing & Heating, Inc. submitted an Extension of Time request in the amount of \$85,738 for delay and impact costs associated with supervision, equipment, escalation overhead and bond costs incurred from July 31, 2012 to June 16, 2013. Rocco Vespe from Hill International, Inc., negotiated with Apex and came to a recommended settlement of \$31,000.

MOTION: To approve Change Order FP-04 with Apex Plumbing & Heating, Inc. in the amount of \$31,000 as indicated above.

D3. Change Order GC-67 - L.J. Paoella Construction, Inc. - Ardmore Avenue Elementary School Renovations

A change order has been prepared for L.J. Paoella Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,273.50 which includes \$540.17 for signs with changed room usage designations and pre-action panel signs to be displayed, as directed by the building code official; and \$733.33 for curb damage attributable to contractor damage, with the understanding that this amount will be credited from the responsible parties.

MOTION: To approve Change Order GC-67 with L.J. Paoella Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,273.50 as indicated above.

D4. Credit Change Order GC-68 - L.J. Paoella Construction, Inc. - Ardmore Avenue Elementary School Renovations

A credit change order has been prepared for L.J. Paoella Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$37,000 for not installing the street corner curb ramps and perimeter concrete sidewalks.

MOTION: To approve Credit Change Order GC-68 with L.J. Paoella Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$37,000 as indicated above.

D5. Change Order GC-69 - L.J. Paoella Construction, Inc. - Ardmore Avenue Elementary School Renovations

A change order has been prepared for L.J. Paoella Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$11,801.08 for the temporary heat in the 1966 building and additional rental of the main heater during the extension of time period.

MOTION: To approve Change Order GC-69 with L.J. Paoella Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$11,801.08 as indicated above.

D6. Change Order GC-70 - L.J. Paoella Construction, Inc. - Ardmore Avenue Elementary School Renovations

A change order has been prepared for L.J. Paoella Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$19,795 for the cast stone parapet caulking and waterproofing to alleviate water leaks in the existing 1930 and 1937 buildings.

MOTION: To approve Change Order GC-70 with L.J. Paoella Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$19,795 as indicated above.

*Credit Change Order GC-71 has been voided, as it was included in Credit Change Order GC-61A (see minutes dated 8/26/13)*

- D7. Credit Change Order GC-71 - L.J. Paolella Construction, Inc. - Ardmore Avenue Elementary School Renovations

A credit change order has been prepared for L.J. Paolella Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$6,100 for changing the vertical safety picket sizes in the guardrail replacements from 1" to ¾".

MOTION: To approve Credit Change Order GC-71 with L.J. Paolella Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$6,100 as indicated above.

- D8. Change Order PC-11 - Jay R. Reynolds, Inc. - Ardmore Avenue Elementary School Renovations

A change order has been prepared for Jay R. Reynolds, Inc. in the amount of \$8,686 for theft of material. This change order amount will be credited when the insurance reimbursement is received.

MOTION: To approve Change Order PC-11 with Jay R. Reynolds, Inc. in the amount of \$8,686 as indicated above.

- D9. Process for Sale of Bus Lot Property Located at 934 Main Street, Darby

With the impending move of the school buses from 934 Main Street in Darby to Water Street in Colwyn, the school district will consider selling the property at 934 Main Street. Factors for the district to consider include obtaining a new appraisal and the selection of a real estate company.

MOTION: To authorize the school district administrators and the solicitor to develop a plan to market and sell the bus lot property located at 934 Main Street in Darby.

Cave, Fitti, Grimes, Hoff, Hummel, Richardson and Leahan voted aye and approved items D1, D2, D3, D5 and D6 of the Property Committee Agenda. Wright voted no. Reardon was absent.

Cave, Fitti, Grimes, Hoff, Hummel, Richardson, Wright and Leahan voted aye and approved items D4, D7, D8 and D9 of the Property Committee Agenda. Reardon was absent.

E. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA Robert Reardon - Chair  
Rafi Cave, Marion Fitti, Diane Leahan - Members

Ms. Leahan presented the Budget and Finance Committee Agenda.

Ms. Hummel made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hoff, to approve items E1 through E3 of the Budget and Finance Committee Agenda.

E1. Treasurer's Report

General Fund	Attachment B&F 1
Activities Account	Attachment B&F 2
Investments	Attachment B&F 3
Bond Fund	Attachment B&F 4

MOTION: To approve the Treasurer's Report, as per Attachments B&F 1, 2, 3, and 4.

E2. List of Bills

General Fund	December 16, 2013	Attachment B&F 5
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MOTION: To approve the List of Bills, as per Attachment B&F 5.

E3. 2014-2015 Proposed Budget Process/Calendar Attachment B&F 6

MOTION: To approve the 2014-2015 Proposed Budget Process/Calendar, as per Attachment B&F 6.

Cave, Fitti, Grimes, Hoff, Hummel, Richardson, Wright and Leahan voted aye and approved items E1, E2 and E3 of the Budget and Finance Committee Agenda. Reardon was absent.

F. POLICY COMMITTEE AGENDA Louella Richardson - Chair  
Marion Fitti, Jennifer Hoff- Members

Ms. Richardson announced that there were no Policy Committee Agenda items.

Ms. Fitti suggested that a School Board member(s) be selected to act as a liaison between the ARAMARK maintenance and grounds staff and the Board of School Directors. Discussion included the statement that members of the maintenance and grounds crew are not school district employees, but ARAMARK employees. The Board members agreed to discuss this at a later date.

Ms. Fitti opened a discussion regarding our community children being charged a fee to join local sports organizations, yet those organizations use school district facilities at no cost. Mr. Otto, Mr. Cave, Ms. Hoff, Ms. Leahan and Mr. Wright responded.

Ms. Fitti asked whether the day care organizations using school district facilities pay a fee for use of those facilities. Mr. Otto responded.

#### SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Conn reported that the Board of School Directors had met in executive session immediately prior to this meeting to discuss the charter school application process. He stressed that no discussion of substance had been held; just a discussion on procedures.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Wright thanked Mr. Cave, Mr. Bruni, Mr. Otto and Mr. Cuff for their attendance at the Community Meeting held at Bell Avenue Elementary School on December 12 and for Mr. Cuff's clear explanation of the budget process. He said that a Yeadon resident was impressed when Mr. Cuff called her the following day to provide an answer to her question that she had posed during the meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS - None

#### REPORTS

##### Delaware County Community College - Robert E. Wright

Mr. Wright announced that Donald Heller had been appointed to fill the vacancy on the Board of Trustees. He addressed Dafan Zhang, who was in the audience, stating that he had been the runner-up to this appointment. Mr. Wright also spoke about the Dual Enrollment Program.

##### Delaware County Intermediate Unit - Robert Reardon (absent; no report)

##### Delaware County Legislative Council - Charlotte Hummel

Ms. Hummel reported that there is growing movement against the Keystone Exams and increased support for fair funding of public education. She announced that, if another School Board member wished to be appointed the liaison to the Delaware County Legislative Council, she would give up her appointment. Meetings are held at 7:30 a.m.

Mr. Wright stated that HB1085 will have a crippling affect on school districts, if approved. Ms. Hummel stressed that everyone should call their legislators to tell them to vote no on this bill. She said that she is not against charter schools, but that she is against this bill because it bypasses school districts and gives universities authority to approve charter school applications.

#### COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS REGARDING NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Dafan Zhang, East Lansdowne, commented on the Dual Enrollment Program at Delaware County Community College, where he teaches paralegal and informational technology courses. He said that the William Penn School District students are better prepared for his class than his other students and that they are a pleasure to have in his class. He asked the Board members to let him know if he can do anything to make the program a better success than it already is.

Amie LaCourt, Lansdowne, stated that the improvements made to Ardmore Avenue Elementary School during the recent renovations are considerable; especially for disabled students.

Stephanie Seal, Darby, spoke as an associate with Today's Child, the day care program held at Bell Avenue and Walnut Street Elementary Schools. She stated that the organization pays \$200 per month for the use of the facilities. She stated that no current contract exists with the school district and that she would like to meet to discuss this issue.

Anthony Reale, East Lansdowne, asked about PlanCon reimbursement for construction projects. Mr. Otto and Ms. Leahan responded. Mr. Reale asked about insurance coverage and/or reimbursement for the arson fire at the high school last spring. Mr. Otto responded.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT OF FUTURE MEETINGS

A Property Committee Meeting of the Board of School Directors will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 13, 2014, in the Administration Building Board Room, 100 Green Avenue, Lansdowne, PA.

The next Meeting of the Committee of the Whole will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2014 (Monday is a holiday), in the Administration Building Board Room, 100 Green Avenue, Lansdowne, PA.

The next Business Meeting of the Board of School Directors will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, January 27, 2014, in the Administration Building Board Room, 100 Green Avenue, Lansdowne, PA. Pre-Session will begin at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Hummel made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hoff, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph V. Otto  
Board Secretary