

McGUFFEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

CONTINUED SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2009

The reconvened meeting of the Board of Directors of the McGuffey School District was held on Thursday, April 2, 2009, at the McGuffey High School Large Group Instruction Room, Claysville, PA. Vice President Doug Teagarden called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call of Board Members was taken. A quorum was established.

ROLL CALL - Present: **ADAMS, LEASURE, RICHEY, SHRIVER, SZYGENDA, TEAGARDEN**
Absent: **GROUP, HARDEN, KNESTRICK, LEASURE**

Also present were Mr. Joseph Stefka, Superintendent; Mr. Scott Burchill, Business Administrator and Solicitor, Christina Lane.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - agenda items - None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Adams moved, seconded by Szygenda, to hold an executive session to discuss the following:

- Personnel
- Potential litigation
- Student matter

VOICE VOTE - 5 YES
4 ABSENT (GROUP, HARDEN,
KNESTRICK, LEASURE)

Executive Session 7:06 p.m. – 8:10 p.m.

**Mr. Leasure arrived at 7:08 p.m.*

Background Information: Memorandum of Understanding by and between the McGuffey School District and the McGuffey Education Association has been submitted regarding the Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) Program for retirees provided by Tri-Star Systems and offered by Kades-Margolis Corp.

MOTION: Leasure moved, seconded by Adams, administrative recommendation to approve the Memorandum of Understanding by and between the McGuffey School District and the McGuffey Education Association has been submitted regarding the Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) Program for retirees.

VOICE VOTE - 6 YES
3 ABSENT (GROUP, HARDEN,
KNESTRICK)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

9. **Background Information:** Approval is needed to transport one (1) student to Holy Family in Washington starting Monday, March 23, 2009, through the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year. Bid request was sent to six local contractors.

MOTION: Shriver moved, seconded by Richey, administrative recommendation to approve Walter Pryor to transport one (1) student to Holy Family, Washington, PA at a cost of \$80/day starting March 23, 2009, through the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year.

VOICE VOTE - 6 YES
3 ABSENT (GROUP, HARDEN,
KNESTRICK)

10. **Background Information:** Waiver of Formal Hearing and Agreement between McGuffey School District and Student A and Parent/Guardian for violation of the District computer usage agreements, code of conduct, destruction of school district property by gaining unauthorized access to the District computer and network on or about March 9, 2009

MOTION: Shriver moved, seconded by Leasure, administrative recommendation to approve the following Waiver of Formal Hearing and Agreement between McGuffey School District and Student A and Parent/Guardian for violation of the District computer usage agreements, code of conduct, destruction of school district property by gaining unauthorized access to the District computer and network on or about March 9, 2009:

1. Parent and Student A agree that student will be immediately excluded from attending the McGuffey School District for a thirty (30) day period.
2. Student A agrees to this period of exclusion and will sign all appropriate paperwork necessary to effectuate such exclusion.
3. Both Student A and Parent are aware that at Criminal Non-Traffic Citation will be filed which is a proceeding separate and apart from this agreement.
4. Student A and Parent agree that restitution in the amount of \$5,663.33 will be paid to the McGuffey School District.
5. The thirty (30) day period of exclusion shall begin immediately and will continue through April 23, 2009.
6. During the period of exclusion, Student A will also be prohibited from being present on District property unless specifically authorized by the superintendent and will be prohibited from attending any District sponsored events or activities, whether on District property or otherwise.
7. The parties agree that Student A will attend an alternative education program beginning March 25, 2009, and throughout the period of exclusion.
8. The parties agree that Student A will not be permitted to use a computer in school for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year.
9. The parties further agree that Student A will be on "Bad Standing" with the McGuffey School District through the end of the 2008-2009 school year.
10. Any violation of the aforesaid provision shall result in a hearing before the board of education.

VOICE VOTE - 6 YES
3 ABSENT (GROUP, HARDEN,
KNESTRICK)

- 11. Background Information:** Waiver of Formal Hearing and Agreement between McGuffey School District and Student B and Parent/Guardian for violation of the District computer usage agreements, code of conduct, destruction of school district property by gaining unauthorized access to the District computer and network on or about March 9, 2009

MOTION: Szygenda moved, seconded by Leasure, administrative recommendation to approve the following Waiver of Formal Hearing and Agreement between McGuffey School District and Student B and Parent/Guardian for violation of the District computer usage agreements, code of conduct, destruction of school district property by gaining unauthorized access to the District computer and network on or about March 9, 2009:

1. Parent and Student B agree that student will be immediately excluded from attending the McGuffey School District for a thirty (30) day period.
2. Student B agrees to this period of exclusion and will sign all appropriate paperwork necessary to effectuate such exclusion.
3. Both Student B and Parent are aware that at Criminal Non-Traffic Citation will be filed which is a proceeding separate and apart from this agreement.
4. Student B and Parent agree that restitution in the amount of \$5,663.33 will be paid to the McGuffey School District.
5. The thirty (30) day period of exclusion shall begin immediately and will continue through April 28, 2009.
6. During the period of exclusion, Student B will also be prohibited from being present on District property unless specifically authorized by the superintendent and will be prohibited from attending any District sponsored events or activities, whether on District property or otherwise.
7. The parties agree that Student B will attend an alternative education program beginning March 30, 2009, and throughout the period of exclusion.
8. The parties agree that Student B will not be permitted to use a computer in school for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year.
9. The parties further agree that Student B will be on "Bad Standing" with the McGuffey School District through the end of the 2008-2009 school year.
10. Any violation of the aforesaid provision shall result in a hearing before the board of education.

VOICE VOTE - 6 YES
3 ABSENT (GROUP, HARDEN,
KNESTRICK)

- 12. Background Information:** California University of Pennsylvania is requesting permission for student Nicole Dindak to complete 20 hours of field experience with an English instructor at McGuffey High School, pending clearances.

MOTION: Leasure moved, seconded by Szygenda, administrative recommendation to permit Nicole Dindak to complete 20 hours of field experience with an English instructor at McGuffey High School.

VOICE VOTE - 6 YES
3 ABSENT (GROUP, HARDEN,
KNESTRICK)

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13. **Background Information:** Grove City College is requesting permission for student Gregory Bamont to complete 20 hours of field experience with a music instructor at McGuffey High School. Clearances have been received.

MOTION: Shriver moved, seconded by Szygenda, administrative recommendation to permit Gregory Bamont to complete 20 hours of field experience with a music instructor at McGuffey High School.

VOICE VOTE - 6 YES
3 ABSENT (GROUP, HARDEN,
KNESTRICK)

14. **Background Information:** The job description for director of transportation / child accounting has been revised.

MOTION: Leasure moved, seconded by Adams, administrative recommendation to approve the revised job description for director of transportation / child accounting. *[see attachment]*

VOICE VOTE - 6 YES
3 ABSENT (GROUP, HARDEN,
KNESTRICK)

PERSONNEL

4. **Background Information:** Louis Templeton, elementary music teacher, has submitted his irrevocable notice of retirement, effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year.

MOTION: Richey moved, seconded by Shriver, administrative recommendation to accept, with regret, the official retirement of Louis Templeton at the end of the 2008-2009 school year.

VOICE VOTE - 6 YES
3 ABSENT (GROUP, HARDEN,
KNESTRICK)

5. **Background Information:** Rebecca Welsh, kindergarten teacher, has submitted her irrevocable notice of retirement, effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year

MOTION: Szygenda moved, seconded by Shriver, administrative recommendation to accept, with regret, the official retirement of Rebecca Welsh at the end of the 2008-2009 school year.

VOICE VOTE - 6 YES
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6. **Background Information:** Mary Wichterman, elementary teacher, has submitted her irrevocable notice of retirement, effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year.

MOTION: Shriver moved, seconded by Leasure, administrative recommendation to accept, with regret, the official retirement of Mary Wichterman at the end of the 2008-2009 school year.

VOICE VOTE - 6 YES
3 ABSENT (GROUP, HARDEN,
KNESTRICK)

7. **Background Information:** Michael Sworden, health and physical education teacher, has submitted his irrevocable notice of retirement, effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year.

MOTION: Richey moved, seconded by Shriver, administrative recommendation to accept, with regret, the official retirement of Michael Sworden at the end of the 2008-2009 school year.

VOICE VOTE - 6 YES
3 ABSENT (GROUP, HARDEN,
KNESTRICK)

8. **Background Information:** Charles Baum, high school physics and technology teacher, has submitted his irrevocable notice of retirement, effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year.

MOTION: Richey moved, seconded by Shriver, administrative recommendation to accept, with regret, the official retirement of Charles Baum at the end of the 2008-2009 school year.

VOICE VOTE - 6 YES
3 ABSENT (GROUP, HARDEN,
KNESTRICK)

9. **Background Information:** Debra Mark, elementary computer teacher, has submitted her irrevocable notice of retirement, effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year.

MOTION: Shriver moved, seconded by Richey, administrative recommendation to accept, with regret, the official retirement of Debra Mark at the end of the 2008-2009 school year.

VOICE VOTE - 6 YES
3 ABSENT (GROUP, HARDEN,
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- 10. Background Information:** Dwayne Kaufman, history teacher, has rescinded his intent to retire at the end of the 2008-2009 school year.

MOTION: Shriver moved, seconded by Szygenda, administrative recommendation to accept the rescinding of intent to retire at the end of the 2008-2009 school year for Dwayne Kaufman.

VOICE VOTE - 6 YES
3 ABSENT (GROUP, HARDEN,
KNESTRICK)

- 11. Background Information:** The interview process has been completed for the position of director of transportation / child accounting.

MOTION: Leasure moved, seconded by Richey, administrative recommendation to hire James Webb as director of transportation / child accounting at a starting salary of \$53,000 (prorated) and per the terms and conditions of the McGuffey School District Compensation Plan for School Administrators / Supervisors (Act 93), July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2011, and pending receipt of all required clearances and medical exams.

VOICE VOTE - 6 YES
3 ABSENT (GROUP, HARDEN,
KNESTRICK)

- 12. Background Information:** The interview process has been completed for substitute math teacher Frank Ryan Jones. Clearances are current.

MOTION: Adams moved, seconded by Szygenda, administrative recommendation to approve Frank Ryan Jones for placement on the substitute teacher list in the area of mathematics.

VOICE VOTE - 6 YES
3 ABSENT (GROUP, HARDEN,
KNESTRICK)

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (agenda and non-agenda items) - None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Szygenda moved, seconded by Richey, that the reconvened meeting of April 2, 2009, be adjourned at 8:20 p.m. by a unanimous vote. The next Board meeting will be the regular scheduled meeting, which will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 16, 2009, at the McGuffey High School Large Group Instruction Room. Board Committee Meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m.

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Recorded by School Board Secretary, Scott P. Burchill

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Douglas Teagarden, School Board Vice President