

**Hanover Public School District
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes**

Monday, April 21, 2008

Opening Business

Executive Session was held at 5:30 PM to discuss personnel issues

Call to Order – The meeting of the Hanover Public School District Board of Education was called to order at 6:10 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Board Members: Mr. Bortner, Mrs. Hersh, Mrs. Lingg, Dr. O'Connor, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Smith, Mr. West, Mr. Zeigler.

Members Absent: Mr. Kauffman

Also Present: Mr. Albin, Mr. Czap, Dr. Krout, Mr. Hershner, Mr. Klenk, Mr. Lehman, Mr. Wentz, Dr. Doll, Mrs. Schoonover, Henry Senatore, Heather Faulhefer, Evening Sun, Penny Ritter, HEA, John Beddia, Crabtree, Rohrbaugh and Associates, Architects

New Board Member Oath of Office – BJ Frock administered the Oath of Office for newly appointed board member, Andrea Hersh.

Recognition of Visitors and Public Comment - None

Board President, Mr. Smith, reviewed Robert's Rules of Order pertaining to etiquette of motions and discussions at meetings. This included a 10-minute discussion limit per member, until all members had the opportunity to speak, then members can make second comments.

BOARD ACTION:

Motion was made by Mr. Zeigler to amend the time to a five-minute discussion limit per member, until all members had the opportunity to speak, then second comments can be made by members. Seconded by Mrs. Smith and passed on a roll call vote of 7-1 (Mr. Bortner cast the negative vote).

Substitute Superintendent, David Mowery, along with John Beddia from Crabtree, Rohrbaugh and Associates, Architects, gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding Facility Improvement Plan centering on Washington and Hanover Street Elementary. Dr. O'Connor suggested that there is only a need for two classrooms per grade. Mrs. Smith suggested increasing class sizes by combining students that may live near the boundaries lines of the elementaries. Dr. O'Connor discussed movable boundary lines, especially with Kindergarten entering age students.

It was noted the class size policy is currently 25 with a 2-student variance and a target of 20 with a 2-student variance.

Mr. West suggested that in his research he sees 15 as a target number for K-3 and that needs affect classroom sizes. Mr. Bortner wants to see improved results with smaller class sizes and currently doesn't see that happening. Dr. O'Connor suggested as an option doing nothing to the buildings and to set priorities of using

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dollars available. Dr. O'Connor raised a concern regarding high school renovations with no classrooms being gained for dollars spent on the project. Dr. O'Connor commented on the public perception that old schools were sold and now are being used for other operations by local businesses. Mr. Zeigler indicated that number of students in the area declining over the years might have affected the decision to sell previous school buildings. Mr. Smith commented that he would like to see how students are performing when they reach the middle school in reference to which elementary they attended to place a decision on equity of elementary schools. Mr. Smith discussed reimbursable projects and whether the cost to receive money back from the state through a reimbursable project actually costs the District more in the long run through larger buildings. Mr. Smith would like to define the projects before reimbursable or non-reimbursable projects are decided upon for comparison sake.

It was noted that flexibility in terms of community use of the buildings would need to be discussed.

Mrs. Lingg suggested removing the three classes that are housed in the modular units and bringing them into the structure of the building through renovation and expansion. Mrs. Lingg discussed the ability to move a grade for a year while construction is going on. Mrs. Lingg indicated that four fair share classrooms, as in the old drawing, seemed high for the number of students in the building. Mrs. Lingg felt a safe school and hiring the best teachers available make the students education, not a large or new building. Dr O'Conner commented that in the five-year plan, we currently do not have enough moneys for all projects in the capital reserve fund. If bond monies were returned, it could free up \$1 million dollars in the budget to put toward the maintenance plan.

It was noted that educational programs, including science rooms, computer rooms vs. carts, full day kindergarten, transition, art rooms, pre Kindergarten issues need to be discussed.

Mrs. Smith asked about the participation rates of the elementary food program versus satellite lunches and larger kitchens at Washington and Hanover Street. Ms. McDermitt commented that food quality in satellite lunches is lost and reduces participation rates.

It was noted that enrollment numbers of PDE versus other alternatives including PEL (PA Economy League) independent studies of enrollment should be analyzed. These studies would not be needed for non-reimbursable projects.

Mr. Bortner indicated that a 5-10 year plan might be more realistic than the 20-year plan. It was noted that Washington has the ability to bump out in 3 areas, if needed, to add on and that programs should be reviewed. Mr. West addressed the traffic issue, drop off/pick-up and the notion that the intersection is a failing intersection, as detailed out in a previous independent study that was presented to the Board. Dr. O'Conner and Mr. West asked about the demographics review on a yearly basis of boundary lines for elementary school attendance.

Discussion included that Kindergarten students entering are a good time to look at boundary needs.

BOARD ACTION:

Motion was made by Mrs. Hersh to have the administration study the scope of work, including renovation work at Washington and Hanover Street Elementaries, examine the educational programs for the buildings and to add space to each elementary. Seconded by Mrs. Lingg and passed on a roll call vote taken 7-1. Dr. O'Conner cast the negative vote.

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Next Monday the Board would discuss architect and cost estimates not to exceed for architectural work.

BOARD ACTION:

A motion was made by Dr. O'Connor to form a committee to discuss the scope of the Stadium Improvement Project. A flowchart was shown regarding the decision process to be presented to the Committee with suggestions coming back to the Board for approval. Seconded by Mrs. Lingg and passed on a roll call vote of 8-0.

Mr. Bortner would chair the committee with administrators Dallas Stahlman and Ken Klenk. The committee meeting would be advertised so other board members could attend to listen. The first meeting would be held on May 1 at 6 PM in the Board Room of the Administration Building. A list of potential public contact members would be used, based upon the recent public meeting held at the Stadium and the interest generated at that meeting.

Mr. Zeigler reminded board members of the April 29 York Tech Orientation evening.

Mr. Smith reminded board members of the PSBA Construction Conference on May 8.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.