

**TOWANDA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 REGULAR MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD  
 Tuesday, February 16, 2010 – 7:00 P.M.  
 Towanda Area Elementary School Conference Room**

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**2. CALL TO ORDER:** President, Peggi Munkittrick  
*Towanda Area School District: Each Child By Name Achieving Proficiency in Reading and Math*

**3. PRESENTATIONS:**

- A. Recognition of Towanda Area School District Food Service Department
- B. Les Bear, R.W. Baird – SWAP, Act I Tax Commission
- C. Susan Portnoff – NSBA Federal Relations Network Conference

**4. VISITORS' COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

Please identify yourself by name and indicate which agenda item you are commenting on. Address all comments to the Board as a whole and make sure they are in the form of a statement. Questions will be taken under advisement. Responses to questions will be offered after due deliberation, usually at the next board meeting. You will be allowed three (3) minutes for your comments; five (5) minutes if prior written notification was made. Comments relative to private student matters or personnel issues should be directed to the appropriate school authority outside of this meeting. The presiding officer reserves the right to interrupt or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant (not related to an agenda item). Thank you for your cooperation.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- A. Ad Hoc Energy Committee – January 11, 2010
- B. Policy & Curriculum Committee (of the whole) – January 11, 2010
- C. Work Session – January 11, 2010
- D. Ad Hoc Gas Lease Committee – January 18, 2010
- E. Buildings and Grounds Committee – January 18, 2010
- F. Budget & Finance Committee (of the whole) – January 18, 2010
- G. Regular Session – January 18, 2010

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**6. FINANCIAL REPORTS:** January, 2010 (Pages 1-18)

- A. Bill List for Payment – General Fund
- B. Receipts List – General Fund
- C. Food Service Report on Receipts & Bills
- D. Treasurer's Report
- E. External Funds Report – General Fund
- F. Capital Project 34
- G. Jr/Sr High School Central Treasury Report dated December 31, 2009

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**7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

A. Principals' Reports

**8. RESPOND TO QUESTIONS:**

**9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A. Budget & Finance Committee

**10. FEDERAL PROJECT PROGRAMS REPORTS:**

A. Improving Schools Conference Report – Pamela Hosterman

**11. PERSONNEL ITEMS: (All personnel actions approved by the Board are pending all required documentation)**

**A. RETIREMENTS:**

NO.	NAME	POSITION	EFF. DATE
1	Ray Hill	Speech Therapist	January 19,2010
2	Dennis Vermilya	Elementary Teacher	End of 2009/10 School Year

**B. RESIGNATIONS:**

NO.	NAME	POSITION	EFF. DATE
1	Paula Eckroth	ESL Teacher (part time)	January 22, 2010

**C. EMPLOYMENTS:**

**1. Act 93: None**

NO.	NAME	POSITION	EFF DATE	SALARY CONTRACT	OTHER
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**2. Professional Contract Employments:**

NO.	NAME	POSITION	EFF DATE	SALARY CONTRACT	LEVEL	OTHER
a	Rebecca J. Conklin	ESL Teacher	2/22/10	\$24.25/hr.	Part Time	Replacing P. Eckroth

**3. Support Staff Employments:**

NO.	NAME	POSITION	EFF DATE	SALARY CONTRACT	LEVEL	OTHER
a	Bradly Benjamin	Custodian II	02/01/10	\$12.51/hr.	Part time	Replacing D. Mize

**4. Substitutes – Professional Staff:**

NO.	NAME	POSITION	EFF. DATE
a	Jenna Vermilya	Elementary	1/15/10
b	Lori Monahan	Elementary	1/21/10
c	Amy Montgomery	Early Childhood	1/21/10
d	Carolann Ward-Spencer	Elementary, Special Education	1/21/10
e	Brenda Conklin	Elementary	1/26/10
f	Shelly Fish	Guest Teacher	2/8/10
g	Priscilla Parsons	Guest Teacher	2/17/10
h	Colleen Ricci	Earth & Space Science, General Science	2/8/10
i	Jennifer Dunn	Guest Teacher	2/9/10

**5. Substitutes – Support Staff: None**

NO.	NAME	POSITION	EFF. DATE
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**6. Supplemental Contracts: Fall Sports Contract Renewals:**

NO.	NAME	POSITION	EFF. DATE
a.	Leo Harris	Cross Country – Varsity Coach (\$4,977)	02/17/10
b.	John VanAllen	Cross Country – Jr. High Coach (\$2,331)	02/17/10
c.	Craig Dawsey	Football, Head Coach (\$6,533)	02/17/10
d.	Ryan Larcom	Football, Asst. Coach (\$4,666)	02/17/10
e.	Mark Vail	Football, Asst. Coach (\$4,666)	02/17/10
f.	Jamie Wecker	Football, Asst. Coach (\$4,666)	02/17/10
g.	Paul Lantz	Football, Asst. Coach, Jr. High (\$2,331)	02/17/10
h.	Bill Sexton	Football, Asst. Coach, Jr. High (\$2,331)	02/17/10
i.	Jacob Stroud	Football, Asst. Coach, Jr. High (\$2,331)	02/17/10
j.	Tara Maurer	Cheerleading Advisor, Football (\$1,396)	02/17/10
k.	Tim Farley	Golf Coach (\$4,197)	02/17/10
l.	Jamie Castillo	Boys Soccer Head Coach, High School (\$4,977)	02/17/10
m.	Greg Neyer	Boys Soccer, Asst. Coach, High School (\$3,576)	02/17/10
n.	Jeff Gonzalez	Girls Soccer Head Coach, High School (\$4,977)	02/17/10
o.	David Jurnack	Girls Soccer, Asst. Coach, High School (\$3,576)	02/17/10
p.	Kurt Risch	Co-ed Soccer, Jr. High, (\$2,331)	02/17/10
q.	Charlie Crawford	Girls Tennis, Co-Coach (\$2,098.50)	02/17/10
r.	Alison Sims	Girls Tennis, Co-Coach (\$2,098.50)	02/17/10
s.	Linda Messner	Volleyball, Head Coach (\$4,977)	02/17/10
t.	Judy Douglas	Volleyball, Asst. Coach (\$3,576)	02/17/10
u.	Jodie Grimes	Volleyball, Jr. High (\$2,331)	02/17/10

**D. POSITION ELIMINATIONS: None**

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**E. CREATE NEW POSITIONS: None**

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**12. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS:**

**A.** Approve amendment to Act 93 Agreement, Group B

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**13. PROGRAMS/CURRICULUM/POLICY :**

- A. Approve 2010/11 School Calendar (**Attachment A**)
- B. Approve the following policies: (**Attachment B**)
  - 1. 113: Special Education
  - 2. 113.1: Discipline of Students with Disabilities
  - 3. 113.2: Behavior Support
  - 4. 113.3: Screening and Evaluations for Students with Disabilities
  - 5. 109.1: Challenges to Instructional and Resource Materials
  - 6. 800-830: Operations
  - 7. 901-919: Community

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**14. FINANCIAL:**

- A. Approve the refund of 2009/10 real estate taxes to Bryce A. Burgess, 2704 W. Gila Lane, Chandler, Arizona, in the amount of \$861.75 due to a change in assessment.
- B. Approve the following occupation tax refunds for 2009/10:
  - 1. Debbie Roth, RR 1, Box 1756, Monroeton, PA, in the amount of \$91.65 due to a change in category.
  - 2. Benjamin Kershner, RR 2, Box 290, Towanda, PA, in the amount of \$170.40 due to a change in category.
  - 3. Vicki L. Watkins, RR 2, Box 5, Monroeton, PA, in the amount of \$30.54, due to a change in category.
  - 4. Dorothy E. Keeney, RR 2, Box 3056, Monroeton, PA, in the amount of \$83.32, due to a change in category.
  - 5. Dennis Allen, RR 1, Box 1308, Monroeton, PA, in the amount of \$77.18, due to a change in category.
- C. Approve the advertisement to seek bids for district supplies and equipment for the 2010/11 school year.
- D. Approve advertising for bids for paving at Monroe Franklin School.

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**15. TRANSPORTATION:**

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**16. OTHER:**

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**17. GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION:**

- A.

**18. VISITOR COMMENT AND QUESTION PERIOD:**

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**19. ADJOURNMENT:**

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Respectfully Submitted,

Diane M. Place  
Superintendent

- FYI:**
1. Sarah Adams, elementary teacher, has requested time off without pay for approximately 43 days, February 26, 2010 through April 30, 2010.
  2. Remuneration list for staff completing fall college coursework (**Attachment C**).
  3. Stephen Davenport, elementary teacher, has requested 3 days without pay, February 16, 17 and 18, 2010.