

**BRANDYWINE HEIGHTS AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
High School Library  
June 13, 2013  
7:00 p.m.**

The Special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Brandywine Heights Area School District was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by President John Scheetz. Mr. Scheetz read aloud Policy 006.1 Public Participation in Board Meetings.

The meeting opened with Pledge of Allegiance.

**Recording Secretary called the roll:** Ms. Eyrich, Mr. Groff, Mr. Heffner, Mrs. Huhn, Mrs. Lamaestra, Mrs. MacMillan, Mr. Rothermel, Mr. Scheetz  
Absent: Mr. Bollinger

**Administration Present:** Dr. Martin D. Handler, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Andrew Potteiger, Assistant to the Superintendent, Mrs. Nancy Krauss, Business Manager/Board Secretary, Mary Darrach, Director of Special Education, Dr. Kathy Johnson, Middle School Principal, Mrs. Heather Piperato, High School Principal, Mr. Thomas Voelker, Elementary/ Intermediate Assistant Principal, Mr. Michael Wetzel, Director of Buildings and Grounds

**Visitors:** Lea Kline, Tracy Fandl, Lisa Bieber, Jo Telenko, Karen Fegley, Michael Weaver, Carol Bortz, Gabrielle Repko, Dale Heffner, Sarah Brown, Stacie Sicher, Kristina Perry, Linda Burkhardt, Brenda Hovis, Matthew Kayhart, Sharon Mutter, Mark McDade, Mandi Kercher, Galen Wood, Marybeth Eckenroth, Deb Bugera, Steve Bugera, Kathryn Deeter, Larry Kern, Linda Troop, Jacob Masters, Tammy Masters, Michele Longacre, Donna Lebo, Debbie Steffy, Brian Everett, Chris Vasilik, Cory Vasilik, Sheila Gehman, Courtney Mengel, Loretta Geist, Bill Geist, Rosanne Kegerise, Eugene Hillegass, Pauline Watts, Nancy Heffner, Pattie Weaver, Donna Heffner, Louann Wessner, Lynn Hilbert, Brooke Fisher, Karen Christman, Nathaniel Bentley, Jennifer Johnson, Cheryl Bleiler, Christa Heagerty, Rita Kayhart, Deb Donovan, Chris Donovan, Dawn Strunk, Andrea Moyer

**Presentation:** Barbara Nissell, of SOS Group, Inc. conducted a presentation relative to providing paraprofessional services to the district, including the structure and experience of their company, sample paraprofessional training sessions that would be available and a description of the hiring process, wages and benefits. At the conclusion of the presentation, Ms. Nissell answered questions from the Board.

**PERSONNEL**

A motion was made by Mrs. Lamaestra, seconded by Ms. Eyrich to accept the Personnel Report.

**A. Paraprofessional Services Contract Approval**

To approve a contract with School Operations Services Group, Inc. of Malvern, PA, for Para-professional Services for a three year period beginning July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016 at a total three year cost of \$1,753,369.00 per their Para-Professional Services proposal dated April 24, 2013.

**Public Comment:** The following community members shared their comments relative to outsourcing district paraprofessional services: Leah Kline, Leanda Deisher, Carol Bortz, Gabrielle Repko, Brenda Hovis, Mathew Kayhart, Nancy Heffner, Donna Heffner, Lynn Hilbert, Brooke Fisher, Rita Kayhart, Chris Donovan, Kathryn Deeter, Art Kayhart, Michelle Longacre, Sarah Brown, Patty Weaver, Deb Donovan, Margaret Rabel, Andrea Moyer and Bill Geist.

Mrs. Huhn thanked the community for attending the meetings and sharing their thoughts about paraprofessional outsourcing and assured them their concerns were noted.

Roll call was taken to approve the Personnel Report.

Yeas: Mr. Heffner, Mrs. Huhn, Mrs. Lamaestra, Mrs. MacMillan, Mr. Rothermel, Ms. Eyrich, Mr. Scheetz

Nays: Mr. Groff

Absent: Mr. Bollinger

Motion Carried

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

Mr. Scheetz announced a short executive session would be held immediately following the meeting to review personnel issues.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mrs. Lamaestra, seconded by Mr. Rothermel, to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

Motion Carried

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Approved

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Nancy K. Krauss, Secretary  
Katharine Seip, Recording Secretary