

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
BRANDYWINE HEIGHTS AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**September 3, 2013**

Following a board hearing for the PA Autism Charter School, a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Brandywine Heights Area School District was called to order at 7:50 p.m. by President John Scheetz.

The meeting opened with Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Absent: None

**Solicitor:** Mr. John Stott

**Administration Present:** Mr. Andrew Potteiger, Superintendent, Mrs. Nancy Krauss, Business Manager/Board Secretary, Mrs. Mary Darrach, Director of Special Education, Mrs. Heather Piperato, High School Principal, Mr. Thomas Voelker, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Technology, Mr. Michael Wetzel, Director of Buildings and Grounds, Mr. Josh Ziatyk, Assistant High School Principal.

**Solicitor:** Mr. John Stott, Esquire

**Visitors:** Edward Carter, Topton, Mike Sacks, Mertztown, Gina Master, Alburdis, Julie Oswald, Mertztown, Michele Longacre, Fleetwood/Rockland, Tina Becker, Longswamp, Kevin Dolan, Doylestown, Eric Bortz, Heather Abada, Andrea Moyer, Angie Digisia, and Heather Lamron.

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FACILITY**

A motion was made by Ms. Eyrich, seconded by Mr. Bollinger to approve items under Elementary School Facility. Mr. Groff requested item C be voted on separately.

**A. Carpet Removal and New Flooring**

To authorize the administration to develop specifications and seek proposals for Removal of Carpet and Replacement with Alternate Flooring at the Elementary School.

**B. Air and Carpet Testing**

To approve air and carpet testing at the Elementary School by SSM Group, Inc. of Reading, PA conducted August 19, 2013, August 23, 2013, August 29, 2013 and necessary testing during a after the carpet removal project.

**C. Cleaning and dehumidifying /air purifying services.**

To approve cleaning and dehumidifying/air purifying services at the Elementary School by Service Master of Springtown, PA beginning August 19, 2013 through the completion of the carpet removal project.

Mr. Potteiger described the mold problem that exists at the Elementary School building, including the attempts to sanitize the carpets to eliminate the mold, and results of air quality and carpet mold tests that had been performed. It has been recommended that the carpet be removed and other options for flooring be considered. Mr. Potteiger described the bidding process and optional recommendations for new flooring. He also described the Contingency Plan developed by administrators to temporarily move the K-3 classrooms to the Intermediate/Middle School until the Elementary School is able to be used.

**Public Comment**

Tina Becker, Eric Bortz, Mike Sacks, Andrea Moyer and Jen Scapiti commented on facing the problem of mold in the carpets, flooring options and air quality of the Elementary School.

Kevin Dolan, BHEA President, commented that Mr. Potteiger and the administration have done an excellent job communicating to the teaching staff, parents and handling the situation.

Heather Abada, Angie Digisia, Edward Carter and Heather Lamron commented on the new facility arrangements for the K-3 students, bussing and effective communication home to parents.

Roll call was taken to approve Items A and B under Elementary School Facility.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Roll call was taken to approve Item C, Cleaning and Dehumidifying/Air Purifying Services.

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

Nays: Mr. Groff

Motion Carried

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Scheetz announced there would be an executive session immediately following the meeting to discuss personnel issues.

A motion was made by Mr. Rothermel, seconded by Mr. Groff, to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Motion Carried

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Approved

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Nancy K. Krauss, Secretary  
Katharine Seip, Recording Secretary