

SUBJECT: Meeting of the Exeter Township Board of School Directors on Tuesday, November 9, 2010, was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Jack Linton at the Administration Building. The following members were present: Dr. David Bender, James Brady, Russell Diesinger, J. Ken Hart, Carole Kutscher, Sharon McLendon, Robert Quinter and Joseph Staub. Others attending were: Dr. Beverly Martin, Dr. Warren Mata, Anne Guydish, Don Cramer, Elizabeth Weber and 47 employees and citizens, as attached to the official minute book.

Mr. Linton announced that there will be a Naming Policy added to the agenda, as well as discussion about the creation of a Facilities Committee of the Board. Mr. Linton added that Mr. Quinter will be arriving late due to a meeting he is attending at the BCIU.

No one addressed the Board.

Mr. Hart asked for questions or comments on the following items.

V. Business Functions: Mr. Hart

A. It is recommended that the board of school directors exonerate Exeter Township School District tax collector from the collection of the remaining 2009 per capita duplicate for Exeter consisting of 915 delinquent per capita bills and 532 exonerated per capita bills, and authorize the district to submit the delinquent per capita bills to Berkheimer Associates for collection.

(See Attachment V-A)

B. It is recommended that the board of school directors authorize the advertising for bids for the following transportation vehicles for the 2011-2012 school year:

1. One (1) eighty-one passenger conventional style school bus;
2. One (1) twenty-eight passenger/four wheelchair position conventional style school bus equipped with a wheel chair lift;
3. One (1) nine passenger student van.

Mr. Linton commented that this is a normal process that the school district goes through to purchase new buses to replace older buses.

C. It is recommended that the board of school directors accept the Berks County Earned Income Tax Collection Bureau's Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010, as prepared by ParenteBeard, LLD.

Mr. Hart reported that this is a normal function of the school board to approve the annual report.

Mr. Hart reported on the selection of the County Wide Tax Collector. The Tax Collector Committee has selected Berks Earned Income Tax Collection Bureau as the county-wide tax collector which will take effect in 2012. Some groups will be implementing the rules of Act 32 early in January, 2011.

- D. It is recommended that the board of school directors approve Food Service participation in the DVASBO (Delaware Valley Food Service Directors Association) Commodity Quote for 2011-2012 in order to obtain better pricing. Participation in DVASBO for the commodity quote is in lieu of participation in the BCIU commodity bid.
- E. It is recommended that the board of school directors approve a 2010 property tax refund in the amount of \$9,687.05 to the National Organization of the New Apostolic Church of North America, parcel 43-5335-11-55-8368 which is a tax exempt property. The property was included in the 2010 tax duplicate in error.

There being no further comments, all items were moved to the voting agenda.

Dr. Bender asked for questions or comments on the following items.

VI. Personnel Committee:

Dr. Bender

A. RESIGNATIONS:

It is recommended that the board of school directors accept the following resignations:

1. SUPPORT STAFF:

- a. Keith Eckenrode – full-time special education learning support aide effective October 28, 2010.

B. APPOINTMENTS:

It is recommended that the board of school directors approve or ratify the following appointments:

1. CERTIFICATED STAFF:

- a. Amended from October 12, 2010 Board Agenda:
Shannon Bellettiere – elementary long term substitute teacher, Level B, Open Step, effective November 11, 2010 and November 30, 2010 through and including March 11, 2011;

Dr. Bender asked about the two start dates. Mrs. Weber indicated that the substitute teacher will be spending a day with the teacher going out on leave.

- b. Melinda Leffel – current elementary long term substitute position to be extended through and including March 31, 2011, the end of the third quarter of the 2010-2011 school year;
- c. MiJen Hong – current elementary music long term substitute position to be extended through and including January 24, 2011, the end of the second quarter of the 2010-2011 school year.

2. SUPPORT STAFF:

- a. Betsy Kartsotis – part-time elementary math aide at an hourly rate of \$9.25 effective October 19, 2010;
- b. Bryan Sandritter – part-time secondary special education learning support aide at an hourly rate of \$9.60 effective November 1, 2010;
- c. Tracy Rudolph – full-time secondary special education learning support aide at an hourly rate of \$9.60 effective November 1, 2010;
- d. Keith Eckenrode – full-time special education learning support aide at an hourly rate of \$9.60 effective October 26, 2010;
- e. Michelle Breen – elementary cafeteria aide at an hourly rate of \$9.85 effective October 19, 2010.

3. EXTRACURRICULAR:

- a. Keith Krick – Junior Varsity Boys Basketball Coach at an annual salary of \$4,325 effective the 2010-2011 school year;
- b. Michele Miskovitz – Junior High Challenge 2-D Art Advisor (2nd Position) at a salary of \$1,907 for the 2010-2011 school year;
- c. Lisa McCoy – Senior High Literary Magazine Advisor at a salary of \$1,566 for the 2010-2011 school year.

C. CHANGE OF STATUS:

It is recommended that the board of school directors approve or ratify the following change of status:

1. SUPPORT STAFF:

- a. Clare Talley – from support staff substitute to full-time special education personal care autistic support aide at an hourly rate of \$9.60 effective October 18, 2010.

D. LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

It is recommended that the board of school directors approve or ratify the following requests for leave of absence:

1. CERTIFICATED STAFF:

- a. LeeBeth Cranmer – request for additional Family Medical Leave to include the following dates: October 25, 26, and 27, 2010;
- b. Melissa Murphy – request for extension of leave of absence through and including March 31, 2011, the end of the third quarter of the 2010-2011 school year;
- c. Catherine Zervanos – request for Family Medical Leave/Child Rearing Leave following the use of sick days and flex days beginning January 17, 2011 through and including the last teacher day of the 2010-2011 school year;
- d. Nina Delewski – request for extension of leave of absence through and including January 24, 2011, the end of the second quarter of the 2010-2011 school year.

E. STAFF CONFERENCES:

It is recommended that the board of school directors approve the following staff conferences:

- 1. Shawn Ganter, Jason Grove – 2010 Pennsylvania Volleyball Coaches Association Clinic – State College (December 9-11, 2010 – total registration fee - \$160);

Conference
Registration Fees:

\$160.00

2. Peter Shollenberger – Teaching Critical Behavior and Organization Skills – Berks County Intermediate Unit (October 11, 2010 – no registration fee);
\$0.00
3. Denise Martin, Bernadette Kutch – Teaching Critical School Behaviors and Organizational Skills: Part 2 – Berks County Intermediate Unit (January 17, 2011 – no registration fee);
\$0.00
4. Warren Mata, Ed.D. – 2010 SAS Institute: Bridging Research and Practice (Standards Aligned System) – Hershey (December 6-8, 2010 – no registration fee);
\$0.00
5. Tracey Prout – Direct Instruction Reading Programs – Berks County Intermediate Unit (November 9, 2010 – no registration fee);
\$0.00
6. Noelle Janowski – LETRS 1: The Challenges of Learning to Read (Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling) – PaTTAN (November 3, 2010 – no registration fee);
\$0.00
7. Andrea Freese – Counselor Information Day – Millersville University (November 18, 2010 – no registration fee);
\$0.00
8. Sharon McLendon – PSBA New Board Member Workshop – PSBA Conference Center, Mechanicsburg (December 4-5, 2010 – registration fee - \$349);
\$349.00
9. Paul McCracken, Shawn Seidel – Leadership Series: From Knowing to Doing – Berks County Intermediate Unit (November 10, 2010; January 19 and March 8, 2011 – total registration fee - \$545);
\$545.00
10. Jennifer Buchholtz – Building Participatory Culture – Kutztown University (November 19, 2010 – registration fee - \$65);
\$65.00
11. Autumn Rheame – Pennsylvania School Counselors Association Annual Conference “Navigating New Worlds” – Lancaster (February 25-26, 2011 – registration fee - \$250);
\$250.00
12. Beverly Martin, Ed. D., Warren Mata Ed.D., Elizabeth Weber – Lehigh University School Study Council: Politics, Issues and Possibilities – Lehigh University (November 17, 2010 – total registration fee - \$130);
\$130.00
13. Veronica Barna – 14th Annual Eastern PA Special Education Administrators Conference – Hershey (October 27-29, 2010 – registration fee - \$225).
\$225.00

Accumulated
Conference
Registration
Fees:
\$1724.00

Mr. Hart asked if the cost of conference #1 will be shared with Daniel Boone School District since the coach is on the Daniel Boone staff as well. Dr. Martin indicated that she did not know the answer but she will ask Mr. Cieplinski, Athletic Director.

There being no further questions or comments, all items were moved to the voting agenda.

Mrs. Kutscher asked for questions or comments on the following items.

VII. Student Functions:

Mrs. Kutscher

- A. It is reported that the following field trips within the 60-mile radius have been approved:
1. Senior high school District Chorus participants to Easton Area High School on January 13-15, 2011 for District Chorus;
 2. Senior high school County Chorus participants to Conrad Weiser High School on February 2, 2011 for Senior County Chorus;
 3. Senior high school ninth grade students by groups to the following locations on December 7, 2010 to acquaint students with college atmosphere: Kutztown University; Penn State Berks Campus; Albright College; Alvernia University; Reading Area Community College;
 4. Senior high school Quiz Bowl participating members to Penn State Berks Campus on December 7, 2010 and to Alvernia University on January 11, 2011 for Academic Challenge Competition.
- B. It is recommended that the following field trips, which are beyond the 60-mile radius, be approved:
1. Amended from October 12, 2010 Board Agenda:
Senior high school participating French and Spanish students to travel to France and Spain from approximately June 25 to July 6, 2012 according to the guidelines established for conducting foreign language study tours within Policy 121, Field Trips/Study Tours;
Mr. Linton asked if there were a minimum number of participants established.

Mr. Linton asked if there is going to be a minimum participant requirement established for this trip. Dr. Martin indicated that she wasn't sure about this and she asked Mr. Bellettiere, Senior High Principal, to find out and report back to her.

2. Senior high school participating Winter Cheerleaders to attend the Universal Cheerleading Association National High School Cheerleading Championship in Disney World, Orlando, Florida, from February 10-14, 2010.

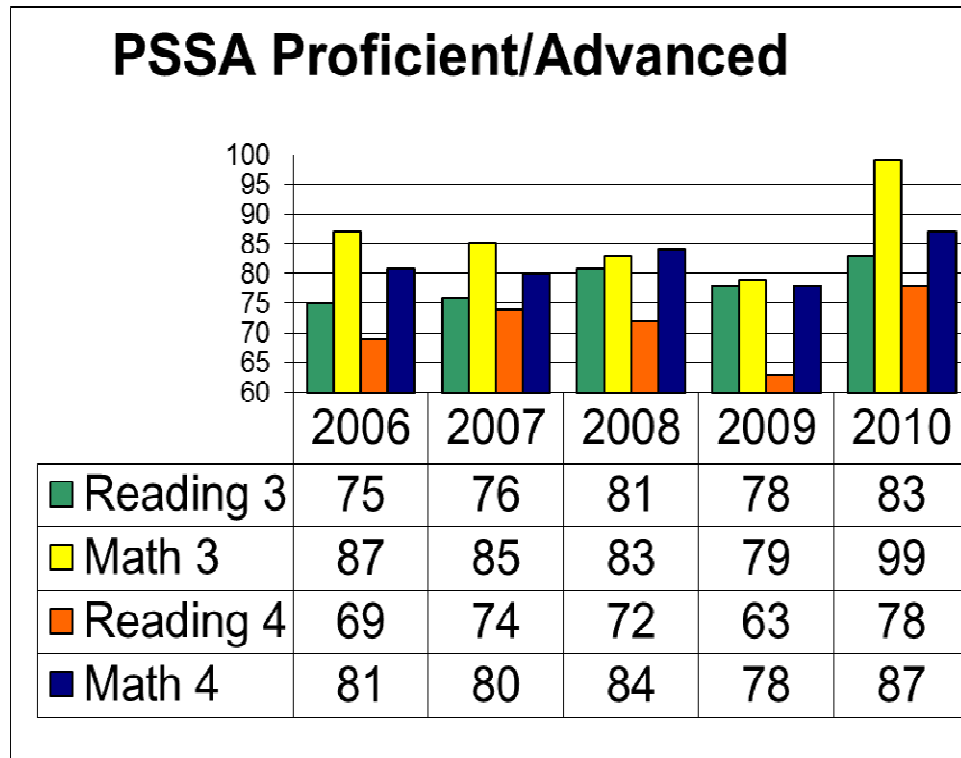
Dr. Bender asked how many days the cheerleaders will be missing from school. Mr. Cramer indicated that they will miss three school days. Dr. Bender indicated that he will be voting against the item next week because students are missing school. Mr. Staub indicated that there is time set aside for schoolwork. Dr. Martin added that students will be held accountable for any work missed while away on the trip. There will be study halls while away on the trip.

There being no further questions or comments, all items were moved to the voting agenda.

The Board moved to the discussion agenda at 7:14 p.m.

*To: The Board of School Directors of the Exeter Township School District
From: Joseph J. Schlaffer, Ed.D. – Principal, M.L. Lausch Elementary*

Student Achievement: These latest PSSA results represent our highest scores ever for reading and math in both third and fourth grades. Our faculty and staff have been working very hard, and working together wonderfully. Charted below are the results for the last five years using the state’s formula for advanced, proficient, basic, and below basic.



The gains in third grade reading are noteworthy; however, the gains in third grade math, as well as fourth grade reading and math are significant. M.L. Lausch was rewarded by the state with \$1,400 for meeting AYP goals, and another \$3,000 by the Division of Federal Programs as a 2011 Distinguished Title One School.

School Climate: The parents, guardians, and friends of M.L. Lausch Elementary continue to enjoy and appreciate the efforts of the faculty and staff. Our parental involvement is higher than ever and our volunteer support is outstanding. It is without question that our faculty has grown even closer with news of our school’s closing and the uncertainty that exists going forward. Nevertheless, we continue to remain focused on our goals and objectives for the students.

Walmart: The local Walmart store on Perkiomen Avenue recently recognized the M.L. Lausch Elementary staff with a community appreciation award of \$1,000. The Walmart gift cards (\$100) were given randomly to teachers in a lottery drawing.

Dr. Bender pointed out the significant increase in math scores for 2009 grade 3 students to 2010 grade 4 students, i.e., from a score of 79% to 87%. Mr. Linton added that there have been significant increases in scores for all elementary buildings in both math and reading.

Mr. Diesinger congratulated Dr. Schlaffer and the staff for their accomplishments.

Mr. Diesinger pointed out that Exeter schools are getting better with data teams, and attention to data with the customization of instruction. Mr. Diesinger commented that the curriculum committee had an opportunity to sit in on a parent forum and the discussion was about RTII. The reasons you are seeing increases in scores is that the craft is getting better, and the teachers are getting better at it. Mr. Diesinger added that analyzing data has helped to identify where students need help. The Exeter School District students will continue to improve and move forward and be in great shape when it comes time for them to go out into the world to become citizens.

Mr. Quinter arrived at 7:21 p.m.

Mr. Brady expressed an interest in seeing the scores of the students over a period of time. Dr. Mata indicated that information can be found in a report he presented in his board report last month.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Martin indicated that the decision has been made by the Administration and the School Board that when we open Owatin Creek Elementary we will be operating three K-4 elementary buildings instead of four by moving everyone out of Lausch. The next decision to be made will be to determine the final plan of redistricting. Dr. Martin indicated that a meeting will be held on November 18 at 1:30 p.m. in the Board Room with a small group of parents from Lausch and Jacksonwald, and principals, to discuss the redistricting options. Subsequent to that, there will be a meeting where all elementary parents will be invited.

Public Comment

Amy Brandt - 3424 Stoner Avenue, St. Lawrence. Ms. Brandt asked what is the purpose of the parent forum if the decision has already been made. Ms. Brandt asked if there are too few kids to fill all four schools.

Dr. Martin indicated that decisions about redistricting are made by the Administration and the Board but we do want to get parent input. Following the decision will be information about what parents need to know to transition to a new school. The decision has not been made yet so we do want to get some input.

Dr. Martin indicated that the schools would not be filled if there were four K-4 elementary schools. Dr. Martin added that there are 625 students in Jacksonwald, about 500 students in Lorane, and 400 students in Lausch.

Mr. Linton indicated that there are currently 1550 students in K-4 and we are trying to get as close as possible to 500 in the three K-4 elementary buildings. The major issue is the financing of four schools versus three schools. This is a major issue that people have been telling us about.

Dr. Martin indicated that Lausch also needs renovations. We have not grown as we did in the past, and because we have stopped growing this is an opportunity to save operating costs. The costs to hire new staff to support a fourth K-4 would have to be sustained year after year, and the costs would increase every year. We want to make sure that we are doing the right thing for students, families, and taxpayers. We think this may be a temporary situation to use Lausch in a different way, and perhaps renovate it and put it back on line in the future when the District grows to such a point that we exceed the limit of the other three schools.

Elise Chesson, 3929 Lynn Ave. Ms. Chesson asked if Lausch's staff is going to be affected the most, and would there be cuts.

Dr. Martin responded that there will be no cuts to staff. Mr. Linton added that there will not be unanimity of approval about any decision that is made. Some will not be happy about the final decision.

Alison Young, 179 Wegman Rd. Ms. Young commented that the main concern of Lausch is to keep the learning community together. Jacksonwald also has concerns about keeping the learning community together. The 100 kids that may be displaced from Jacksonwald may be able to have special concessions such as placing them in classrooms together, or if they have a friend in Lausch, place them in the same classroom.

Mr. Linton indicated that we hear your concerns but we have to deal with transportation too. We will not be able to please everyone. The Board will do the best we can do.

Richard Parshley 3616 Patton St. Mr. Parshley asked if it was unanimous to close Lausch. Mr. Parshley asked if there were other plans on the table, or could costs be cut elsewhere.

Mr. Linton responded that he doesn't recall if everyone was there, but the people that were present were in favor of it. Mr. Linton does not have the roster.

Dr. Martin indicated that it would be difficult to cut enough costs equal to what would be spent to staff a fourth K-4 building. Mrs. Guydish added that the original projection of costs to open a new K-4 was \$1.3 million. There will be some staff added such as grounds keepers and custodians, but with the financial challenges we face in the future it is a prudent decision to operate three K-4 elementary buildings as long as we can.

Richard Hartline 3250 Lynn Avenue. Mr. Hartline commented that the word opportunity is being used a lot and he doesn't see that spending \$25 to \$26 million on a new school building and then closing another is very prudent. Was the new school needed?

Mr. Linton indicated that when the process started for planning for a new elementary school in 2003 a new school was needed based on the projections. In addition, we entered into a recession

which caused financial shortfalls. Also, Act 1 of 2006 has placed further financial constraints on school districts in Pennsylvania. There are limits on what we can do with our budget. Facts have changed and as the district changes we may reconsider re-opening Lausch. Lausch needs renovations and it will be renovated so that the use is flexible and can be reopened as a school building in the future if needed.

Andrea Wilson 21 W. 35th St., Reiffton. Ms. Wilson commented that when the article came out it sent a ripple through the community. The faculty, parents, and children at Lausch have developed a unique chemistry. People have networks. The children are forming their own committees to rally around to keep Lausch together. If there is a decision coming, they would like to know as soon as possible what it will be so they can make adjustments.

Dr. Martin indicated that is why we are working very hard to get this decision made.

Mr. Staub indicated that one of the things that was discussed about taking Lausch offline was to maintain the goal of maintaining programs. We want to give a good education and do it with the money that we have.

Dr. Martin indicated that at Lausch every available space is being used, but at Owatin Creek there is capacity to 725

Kwame Chesson 3929 Lynn Ave. Mr. Chesson asked about the consistency of the meetings and if the public can attend as they are now. Mr. Chesson asked what the projected timeline is for making a decision on redistricting.

Mr. Linton explained the meeting structure. Every second Tuesday of the month is a workshop meeting. Every third Tuesday of the month is the voting meeting. These meetings as well as committee meetings, excluding the personnel committee, are open to the public.

Dr. Martin indicated that she hopes that the decision would be made before the end of the month.

Marc Donate 18 E 36th Street, Reiffton. Mr. Donate commented that having a Facilities Committee to evaluate the school facilities including the future use of Lausch is a good idea. He also commented that it may be likely that if students would be moving back to Lausch in a short period of time after it is renovated that this be taken into account.

Dr. Martin indicated that we don't know when that will be and it depends on growth.

Mr. Quinter indicated that the combined seats of Jacksonwald, Lausch and Lorane do not give us enough seats as would Owatin, Jacksonwald, and Lorane. Had we not built a new school, we could not accommodate all of our students.

Linda Focht 50 Glen Oley Drive Mrs. Focht mentioned that she doesn't remember when the vote was made to close Lausch. Did everyone vote for it? Mrs. Focht doesn't recall hearing that. Do you have a date of when it was actually voted on? If you are closing Lausch and are putting all students and staff somewhere else, why not put them all into Owatin Creek plus some

of the Jacksonwald students. Why would you split them up? It is important to keep them together.

Mr. Linton indicated that he would have to go back and look at the minutes about the vote.

Mr. Brady responded to Mrs. Focht indicating that her idea appears to make total sense, but we need to sit down and discuss the alternatives including the demographics of the area so it makes sense.

Mr. Linton indicated that we are going to get the facts together in order to make the decision.

Mrs. Focht questioned how the decision could be made by the end of the month if you are going to include the parents, get the facts, and develop a facilities committee.

Mr. Linton responded that the Facility Committee is for long-range plans.

Dr. Martin indicated that the target of making the decision by the end of the month may change if we find we need more time.

Brenda Bean 12 Rimby Way. - Ms. Bean asked if the meeting on the November 18th is open. She asked what are the plans for keeping the communication lines open?

Dr. Martin indicated that at the meeting on the 18th they will discuss what kind and the frequency of communication that will be needed, and what other things the families may need. Principals and representatives from Lausch and Jacksonwald have been invited to the meeting. Ms. Bean indicated that parents need to part of the dialogue rather than finding out after everything is set in stone. Dr. Martin responded that it is hard to reduce anxiety of families when we don't know the answers yet. Dr. Martin indicated that the District will keep parents informed.

Carrie Hammond, 3727 Patton St. Ms. Hammond asked for clarification on saving \$800,000 while spending \$25 million on a new school building.

Mr. Linton indicated that by building a new school it gives us flexibility. There are a number of sources that we utilize to assess the growth in the district.

Kwame Chesson 3929 Lynn Ave Mr. Chesson asked where do we get detailed information about the decisions that will be made to redistrict.

Dr. Martin indicated that the meeting will be posted on the website and a flyer will be sent home with each child also.

Mr. Chesson asked why no one received information about the decision to shut down the school.

Mr. Linton indicated that this topic has been discussed on and off for months. Mr. Linton encouraged everyone to come to the meetings.

Mr. Chesson indicated that the extra step should've been taken to inform them of this important decision.

Elaine Druzba 27 Scotland Drive Mrs. Druzba quoted minutes of August 25, 2010 where the question was asked by a member of the public if the Board was considering closing Lausch. She indicated that Mr. Quinter indicated no and Mr. Linton also indicated that Lausch would not be closed because of the numbers.

Dr. Martin responded that we had not considered up to that point that the configuration of Owatin Creek which included convertible large group instructional spaces could be changed to accommodate additional classroom space. It was that meeting on August 25th that caused us to revisit this. Mrs. Druzba pointed out that this was not mentioned at the subsequent meetings in September. Mrs. Druzba said the minutes should be on line faster. Dr. Martin indicated that is why the meetings are being videotaped.

Mr. Quinter indicated that this is a very dynamic process. Things change from one week to the next. Because of the Exeter Ridge meeting, people looked deeper into other ways to do things. There are other considerations than just pure census numbers. Mr. Quinter indicated the Mrs. Druzba is offering nothing by constantly questioning the integrity of the Board and truthfulness of the meetings. This is about educating our children in the most plausible means, most cheaply, so that when they graduate from high school they will be prepared for life.

Elise Chesson 3929 Lynn Ave. Mrs. Chesson asked what is going to happen to the Administration building, and what about the additional costs to transport to Owatin?

Dr. Martin responded that the additional transportation costs are not significant. There will more labor hours but no new busses or runs would be required. Dr. Martin indicated that the Facilities Committee will be reviewing what to do with the current Administration building.

Mimi Leinbach 40 Whitetale Lane Ms. Leinbach said that she gets the budget and it makes sense to operate three versus four elementary schools. She added that it makes the most sense to keep the Lausch family together because it would hurt their morale if they weren't moved together. Ms. Leinbach indicated that members of the Lausch school are present at the meeting to show that the community school does still exist. Ms. Leinbach asked if we could move all of Jacksonwald into Owatin. Dr. Martin responded that it is possible. There is enough space with room to spare. Ms. Leinbach asked how this will affect the Title I money. Dr. Martin responded that we looked at that and there will be no change.

Richard Parshley 3616 Patton St Mr. Parshley again asked what other plans might have been in place so Lausch would not have to be closed.

Mr. Quinter indicated that the opportunity for four K-4 elementary buildings would have given small student populations which offers opportunities for education. Mr. Quinter indicated that the Lausch building needs attention facility-wise. He added that this will remain a school facility even if Administration is housed there temporarily.

Simon Kassas 3620 Orchard Court. He thanked Dr. Schlaffer and his staff because he thinks it is one of the finest schools. Is there a way to create a newsletter on the website, and put email contacts on the website to keep the lines of communication open. Mr. Simon asked to have the minutes for the elementary meetings emailed to parents.

Mrs. Kutscher said she appreciates the predicament that the people are in, but she appreciates from a different point of view. Reiffton was initially designed as a K-6 building for 500 students. The capacity was changed to 750 and the day the school opened there were 700 students in it. Mrs. Kutscher indicated that many parents were annoyed with the Board because they were taking the 5th and 6th graders out of their elementary buildings and putting them together in a new configuration. The point is that we will all get through this. The children will manage.

Mr. Chesson reiterated that this is a major decision impacting the families and they need to be kept aware of the decisions.

Mr. Linton indicated that he appreciates everyone coming to the meeting.

Mr. Linton announced that the Board met in executive session before the meeting to discuss personnel and will be meeting afterward to discuss personnel.

Discussion on Naming Policy

Mrs. Kutscher indicated that several months ago we started the process of reviewing policies on naming facilities. Mrs. Kutscher proceeded to read a summary of background information she compiled about naming school facilities. Mrs. Kutscher indicated that she read six different policies from different communities. Mrs. Kutscher presented three options to select from in regard to the purpose of the policy.

All three options acknowledge that naming of a facility is of great importance and deserves careful and considerable attention. The variations include the following:

- Establish an equitable process by which the board can assume its responsibility.
- Establish a process by which the board can exercise its authority to name a facility.
- Set forth parameters and guidelines for use by the board in meeting its responsibility.

Mrs. Kutscher indicated that we need to choose one way about how the policy should be developed. Mrs. Kutscher added that she prefers the third variation. We should also include a statement about advising potential donors about the impact on their taxes if they make donations.

Mr. Brady expressed a concern about the donors and being locked in if there is objectional behavior. This could put you in a tight situation. Mr. Brady cited a situation at Villanova University. We have to look at donations very carefully. Mrs. Kutscher indicated that when you deal with a corporation you set up a contract with stipulations to safeguard against things that may happen that cause a problem. Mrs. Kutscher would like to include this about any donor.

Mr. Hart recommended that the policy should have suggested guidelines. He added that there should not be restrictions on future school boards.

Mr. Linton suggested that everyone should have the opportunity to review the information. Mr. Linton added that he would prefer to wait until the December to vote on it.

Mrs. Kutscher indicated that any policy can change. This gives notice to the public about what the board is requiring. It shows that we will be treating everyone fairly and equally.

Dr. Bender indicated that he would like to extend it to include any naming opportunity. Dr. Bender indicated that a broader term should be included for any property of the District that could potentially named.

Mr. Linton requested that all comments should be provided to Mrs. Kutscher next Tuesday.

Mrs. Kutscher commented that current district employees or public office holders will not be considered until they are gone for five years. Some schools have a five year rule. Dr. Bender indicated that the five years should be left out. When the Board is deciding they could consider that.

Mr. Hart indicated that he likes having in the policy that they could revoke the naming of something if the person comes into ill repute.

Mr. Linton pointed out that individuals should be able to refuse having something named after them if they so desired.

Mrs. Kutscher added that other boards have assigned committees that review the naming of school property.

Mrs. Kutscher pointed out the Exeter student's art work that is featured in Voices. She added that it would be wonderful if we could find someone to endow the art department.

Discussion - Facilities Committee

Mr. Linton indicated that the Board needs to decide if they should have a Facilities Committee. We need to set some sort of guidelines for committees that have non-board members on the committee such as requiring a board member to chair the committee. In addition there may be some situations where the sunshine law or attorney client privilege comes into play whereby non-board members would not be able to participate. Non-board members of committees need to understand where their roles might be limited.

Mr. Linton asked for other items to come before the Board.

Mrs. Weber made the school board aware of an opportunity that the Berks County School Districts Health Trust will be taking advantage of. Trust members will be entering into an agreement with Conrad Siegel to complete an application to the Early Retirement Reinsurance Program to seek reimbursement of retiree medical claims that were over \$15,000 in one year.

Mr. Quinter commented on HB 2497 and the fact that the House has not yet acted on the bill. This bill provides for some relief to school districts in regard to the pension rate increases over the next few years. He encouraged everyone to contact their legislators to request that they extend their work session days in order to act on the bill.

Mr. Linton indicated that we should try to meet with new PSBA representatives, Mr. Malone, or Mr. Gillan. The idea is to try to get together with these representatives as a group and bring to their attention a variety of issues.

Mr. Diesinger clarified that the state senate has passed HB 2497. The issue now is to get the state representatives to reconvene and consider HB 2497 before the new governor takes office.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

President

Secretary