

***THE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION
OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA***

MINUTES

Meeting of: March 4, 2003

Call of the Meeting: Special Meeting

Members Present: Mr. Brentley, Mrs. Colaizzi, Mrs. Fink,
Mrs. Harris, Mr. Isler, Mr. Matthews,
Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Wood

Present 8.

Members Absent: Mr. McCrea

Absent 1.

The following matters were received and acted upon.

Actions taken are recorded following the reports.

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA 15213

Administration Building

341 South Bellefield Avenue

March 4, 2003

AGENDA

Committee Reports

1. Committee on Education
 - a. Amend 2002-03 School Calendar Roll Call

2. Committee on Business/Finance
 - a. Switch AD&D insurance carrier Roll Call

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
MARCH 4, 2003

REVISION OF 2002-2003 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

WHEREAS, The Pittsburgh Public School District is required by the State of Pennsylvania to provide 180 days of instruction each school year; and

WHEREAS, The school calendar for the 2002-2003 school year was interrupted due to inclement weather resulting in four "snow" days occurring on December 5, 2002, December 11, 2002, February 17, 2003 and February 18, 2003; and

WHEREAS, The District is required to make up two of the snow days to comply with the 180-day requirement;

BE IT RESOLVED, That The Board of Education of the School District of Pittsburgh authorize its proper officers to amend the school calendar for the 2002-2003 school year. The revised school calendar will eliminate the open house/parent conference days scheduled for middle and high schools on March 14, 2003 and elementary schools on March 17, 2003 and the vacation day on May 16, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean E. Wood, Chairperson
Committee on Education

**PITTSBURGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
DAY SCHOOL CALENDAR
2002-2003 SCHOOL YEAR**

FIRST SEMESTER BEGINS:

Teachers	Wednesday, August 28, 2002
Students	Tuesday, September 3, 2002
Number of Teacher Days	98 Days
Number of Student Days	91 Days

SECOND SEMESTER BEGINS:

Students	Monday, February 3, 2003
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LAST DAY OF SCHOOL:

Teachers	June 19, 2003
Students	June 17, 2003

TOTAL SCHEDULED DAYS:

Teachers	192 Days
Students	182 Days

Labor Day	September 2, 2002
Vacation Day	September 16, 2002
Veterans Day	November 11, 2002
Thanksgiving Vacation	November 28, 29, and December 2, 2002
Winter Vacation	December 23, 2002 through January 1, 2003
Dr. King Day	January 20, 2003
Spring Vacation	April 17 through 21, 2003
Vacation Day	May 16, 2003
Memorial Day	May 26, 2003

ORGANIZATION AND RECORD MAINTENANCE DAYS:

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Clerical/Organization Day	August 29, 2002
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Elementary - Open House/Conference Day	October 21, 2002
All Levels-In-Service	November 5, 2002
All Levels - Clerical/Organization	January 30, 2003
All Levels - In Service	January 31, 2003
Middle/Secondary - Open House/Conference Day	March 14, 2003
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All Levels - Clerical/Organization	June 18 and 19, 2003

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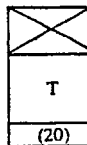
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TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

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PITTSBURGH BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION
SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2003
8:13 P.M.
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING - BOARD COMMITTEE ROOM

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BEFORE:

DARLENE HARRIS, PRESIDENT
JEAN FINK, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT
THERESA COLAIZZI, SECOND VICE PRESIDENT
MARK BRENTLEY
WILLIAM ISLER
ALEX MATTHEWS
RANDALL TAYLOR
JEAN WOOD

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MEMBERS ABSENT:

FLOYD McCREA

ALSO PRESENT:

DR. ANDREW KING	MR. JOHN RUSHFORD
DR. DELPHINA BRISCOE	MRS. JODY SPOLAR
MR. PETER J. CAMARDA	MR. RICHARD R. FELLERS
MRS. PAT CRAWFORD	MRS. ERNESTINE REED
DR. C. RICHARDSON-KEMP	MR. RICHARD MASCARI
MS. LORRAINE TYLER	DR. DWIGHT E. MOSLEY

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REPORTED BY: EUGENE C. FORCIER
PROFESSIONAL COURT REPORTER

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1 P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S

2 MS. HARRIS: Okay. If we could all stand
3 to salute the flag.

4 (Salute to the flag.)

5 MS. HARRIS: May we have roll call, please.

6 MR. BRENTLEY: Here.

7 MR. RUSHFORD: Mr. Brentley?

8 MR. BRENTLEY: Here.

9 MR. RUSHFORD: Mrs. Colaizzi?

10 MS. COLAIZZI: Here.

11 MR. RUSHFORD: Mrs. Fink?

12 MS. FINK: Here.

13 MR. RUSHFORD: Mrs. Isler?

14 MR. ISLER: Present.

15 MR. RUSHFORD: Mr. Matthews?

16 MR. MATTHEWS: Present.

17 MR. RUSHFORD: Mr. McCrea?

18 Mr. Taylor?

19 MR. TAYLOR: Here.

20 MR. RUSHFORD: Mrs. Wood?

21 MS. WOOD: Here.

22 MR. RUSHFORD: Mrs. Harris?

23 MS. HARRIS: Here.

24 Okay. You have the Committee on Education
25 in front of you.

1 If you want to take a moment to look it
2 over, and if you have any questions.

3 Yes, Mr. Isler.

4 MR. ISLER: Yes, Mrs. Harris.

5 Just for the record, can -- we are -- we
6 are voting on a change in the school calendar, because
7 of the number of snow days; correct?

8 MS. HARRIS: Correct.

9 MR. ISLER: So this is only up until
10 today?

11 MS. FINK: Right.

12 MR. ISLER: And we may have to make another
13 change; right?

14 MS. HARRIS: Correct.

15 MR. ISLER: Okay.

16 And what we are doing is trying to pick up
17 days during the year; am I correct on that?

18 MS. HARRIS: Yes.

19 MR. ISLER: Thank you.

20 MR. TAYLOR: I have just one question.

21 MS. HARRIS: Yes, Mr. Taylor.

22 MR. TAYLOR: Of someone.

23 We are changing, from my understanding of
24 reading this, we are changing March 14th, and
25 March 17th, is that a -- is that our -- I guess for

1 Dr. King, is that too soon to cancel these events, or
2 add to those?

3 I mean, is past practice, they maybe give
4 people a little bit more notice?

5 DR. KING: This was short notice, but we
6 just came up with this, with this idea, and we met
7 with the PFT, and the PFT agreed, and we wanted to
8 take advantage of those two days, as opposed to making
9 a change in the spring break, or the end of the year
10 calendar.

11 We thought it would be better to go this
12 way.

13 I wanted to mention, too, that Dr. Thompson
14 had to leave, he wasn't feeling well, so I will sit in
15 for Dr. Thompson.

16 MR. TAYLOR: My other question is what it
17 is eliminating, are the open house, and parents
18 conference days, scheduled for middle and high schools
19 on March 14th and March 17th, so, are those going to
20 be made up? Because I think it should be, somehow or
21 other.

22 DR. KING: We had a long discussion with
23 the executive directors about those two days, and what
24 they told us, was that we get a pretty sparse turnout
25 for these two open house parent conference days

1 anyway.

2 But we will notify all parents that if they
3 still desire a parent conference, we were asking
4 schools and PSCC's to make arrangements to provide
5 conferences for those parents.

6 MR. TAYLOR: The only thing I raise about
7 that, you know, regardless of the attendance, we have
8 to offer -- I believe we should offer that to the
9 parents, and so I understand we have to change our
10 days around, but I do think that we should still
11 provide those open house and parent conference days in
12 some kind of structure, in some kind of manner.

13 I still think we owe it to the parents, to
14 offer that, those days.

15 DR. KING: We will make sure principals
16 know that no parent should be denied a conference, if
17 they desire to have one.

18 MS. HARRIS: Mrs. Colaizzi.

19 MR. ISLER: No parent left behind.

20 DR. KING: No parent left behind.

21 MS. COLAIZZI: Is that a mandate?

22 Unfunded?

23 MS. FINK: Everything is unfunded around
24 here.

25 MS. COLAIZZI: Dr. King, what's May 16th?

1 It just says, "Vacation day," what actually is -- is
2 it just a day that we decided to give it off?

3 MS. WOOD: Is that a mistake, or was it the
4 26th?

5 DR. KING: We are mandated to have
6 180 days, I think our calendar scheduled 182 days, and
7 May 16th was an extra vacation day that we scheduled
8 in the event that we did have snow days.

9 If we didn't have any snow days, that would
10 have been a vacation day. Since we --

11 MR. FELLERS: No.

12 DR. KING: No?

13 Jody.

14 MS. SPOLAR: I won't contradict Andy. That
15 was a nonstudent -- that was a nonstudent, nonworkday,
16 built into the current calendar, and primarily for the
17 need that has arisen, that if you had more than two
18 snow days, and you needed to make up a day, it was
19 agreed that that would be the first day that we would
20 go to.

21 Had we not included that day, our students
22 would have ended on a Monday, that's never ideal, so
23 you build in a day, they end on a Tuesday, it makes
24 that week a little more meaningful for them at the end
25 of the year.

1 And again, it gives you that day to go to,
2 in the event you have the need to reschedule a snow
3 day.

4 So it was planned to be a nonstudent,
5 nonschool day, built into the current school year
6 calendar really for this purpose, so obviously, that
7 was our first choice, when we had the first snow day.

8 MS. COLAIZZI: Okay. Thank you.

9 MS. HARRIS: Any other questions?

10 May we have roll call.

11 MR. RUSHFORD: Mr. Brentley?

12 MR. BRENTLEY: Yes.

13 MR. RUSHFORD: Mrs. Colaizzi?

14 MS. COLAIZZI: Yes.

15 MR. RUSHFORD: Mrs. Fink?

16 MS. FINK: Yes.

17 MR. RUSHFORD: Mr. Isler?

18 MR. ISLER: Yes.

19 MR. RUSHFORD: Mr. Matthews?

20 MR. MATTHEWS: Yes.

21 MR. RUSHFORD: Mr. Taylor?

22 MR. TAYLOR: Yes.

23 MR. RUSHFORD: Mrs. Wood?

24 MS. WOOD: Yes.

25 MR. RUSHFORD: Mrs. Harris?

1 MS. HARRIS: Yes.

2 MR. RUSHFORD: Nine ayes.

3 MR. FELLERS: Eight.

4 MR. RUSHFORD: Eight rather, sorry.

5 MS. HARRIS: Okay.

6 Could I turn your attention to Business and
7 Finance.

8 Mr. Fellers, would you like to speak on
9 this first, please.

10 MR. FELLERS: This is the item we just
11 discussed last night, it came up last Friday, our
12 insurance consultant pointed out that we did not have
13 coverage for our employees, as a result of a terrorist
14 act.

15 We approached -- they approached our
16 existing carrier, Met Life, and Met Life would not,
17 under any circumstances, add that coverage.

18 They checked with several other companies,
19 AIG agreed to add that coverage, and in so doing,
20 agreed to do so at a rate that was two tenths of a
21 cent per thousand cheaper than we were paying, and
22 this kind of seemed like a no brainer, and we decided
23 since this meeting had been scheduled, if we brought
24 it forward, we could actually make this retroactive to
25 March 1st, last Saturday, and that coverage would be

1 in place.

2 This would make our contract with AIG a
3 14 month contract, so that the anniversary date still
4 ends on April 30th.

5 MS. HARRIS: Any questions?

6 Excuse me, any questions?

7 If not, could I have roll call, please.

8 MR. BRENTLEY: Yes.

9 MR. RUSHFORD: Mr. Brentley?

10 MR. BRENTLEY: Yes.

11 MR. RUSHFORD: Mrs. Colaizzi?

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20 MR. TAYLOR: Yes.

21 MR. RUSHFORD: Mrs. Wood?

22 MS. WOOD: Yes.

23 MR. RUSHFORD: Mrs. Harris?

24 MS. HARRIS: Yes.

25 MR. RUSHFORD: Eight aye.

1 MS. HARRIS: Okay. If there is no other
2 business, could I please ask for a motion to adjourn.

3 MR. ISLER: So move.

4 MS. FINK: I so move.

5 MS. HARRIS: Second?

6 MR. ISLER: Second.

7 MS. HARRIS: All in favor?

8 (Thereupon, there was a chorus of ayes.

9 MS. HARRIS: Opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 MS. HARRIS: Abstain?

12 (No response.)

13 MS. HARRIS: This meeting's adjourned.

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15 (Thereupon, at 8:21 p.m., the Special
16 Legislative Meeting was concluded.)

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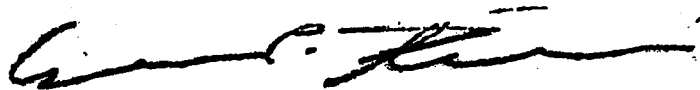
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I, Eugene C. Forcier, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the foregoing ten (10) pages are a true and correct transcript of my stenotypy notes taken of the Special Legislative Meeting held in the Pittsburgh Board of Public Education, Administration Building, Board Room, on Tuesday, March 4, 2003.



Eugene C. Forcier, Court Reporter