PITTSBURGH, December 4, 2006 – The Board of Education for the Pittsburgh Public Schools elected officers for the 2007 fiscal year at tonight’s Board Organization Meeting. Current President William Isler was re-elected President. Randall Taylor was re-elected First-Vice President and Theresa Colaizzi Second-Vice President. The Board also elected the Secretary of the Board, four Assistant Secretaries, School Treasurer and Deputy School Treasurer.

The Public School Code of 1949 requires that the directors of all school districts hold an organization meeting to elect various officers for the forthcoming fiscal year. A majority vote of all the directors is required for election to any office.

**Board President William Isler**

William Isler, President of Family Communications, Inc., has served on the School Board in various capacities since 1999. Mr. Isler has held the position of Board President since 2003. Mr. Isler has chaired the Finance, Personnel, Public Relations and Right to Education Committees. He also serves as the District Liaison to the Council of Great City Schools, a position he has held since 1999. Mr. Isler is the District 4 Representative for the Squirrel Hill, Oakland, Regent Square and Hazelwood areas of the city. Aside from his service as School Board President, Mr. Isler currently holds civic positions with the Council of Advisors of Rogers Center, Pittsburgh Cancer Institute Board, Roberto Clemente Foundation, National League of Cities Council on Youth Education and Family and the St. Vincent College Board.

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First-Vice President Randall Taylor

Randall Taylor has served on the School Board in various capacities since 1997. Mr. Taylor was elected First-Vice President in 2001 and held the position one year. He was later re-elected First-Vice President in 2003 and has held the position ever since. Mr. Taylor has chaired the Business Affairs and Technology, Equity and Compliance, Head Start Policy Council, Student Services, Government Relations and Pupil Services Committees. He currently serves as the District Representative with the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, a position he has held since 2001. Mr. Taylor is the District 1 Representative for the Homewood, East Hills, North Point Breeze, South Point Breeze, Lincoln-Lemington, Friendship, Shadyside and parts of East Liberty areas of the city. Aside from his service as School Board First-Vice President, Mr. Taylor currently holds civic positions with Lincoln-Larimer Community Development, Healthy Start East End Consortium, NAACP of Pittsburgh, Urban Youth Action and the Peabody High School PSCC.

Second-Vice President Theresa Colaizzi

Theresa Colaizzi, Business Owner and Hairdresser, has served on the School Board in various capacities since 2001. Mrs. Colaizzi has held the position of Second-Vice President since 2005. Mrs. Colaizzi has chaired the Personnel and Government Relations Committees. Mrs. Colaizzi currently chairs the Negotiations Committee, a position she has held since 2001. She currently serves as the District 5 Representative for the Southside, Lincoln Place, Greenfield, South Oakland, Central Oakland, Somerset at Frick Park, Hazelwood, Swisselm Park and Squirrel Hill areas of the city.

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