

## Thursday, April 9, 2015 Minutes

MEETING PLACE: 675 E. Broad St., Bethlehem, PA 18018      Room 118      6:00pm

**The President will call the meeting to order.**

- I. Pledge of Allegiance:
- II. Moment of Silence:
- III. Roll Call:

Present:

Mario Acerra	Paul Braden	Otto Ehram
Mark Ferguson	Nancy Mikkelsen	Rosemary Murdy-Haber
Len Perrett	Charles Stinner	

Absent:

Marc Basist	John Filipos	Yvette Johnson
William Moran		

Also Present:

Administration:

Diane LaBelle, Executive Director	
Carise Comstock, Dean of Academic Affairs	Sharon Fehlinger-Ricker, Principal
AJ Kise, Director of Special Education	Cheryl Schurz, Director of Finance
Debra Storm, Director of Development	

IV. **Executive Session:**

**Motion:** The Board of Directors moves to go into Executive Session at 6:03pm.

<b>MM: Braden</b>	<b>SM: Ehram</b>	<b>ACTION CARRIED: 8-0</b>
Mario Acerra - Yes	Paul Braden - Yes	Otto Ehram - Yes
Mark Ferguson - Yes	Nancy Mikkelsen - Yes	Rosemary Murdy-Haber - Yes
Len Perrett- Yes	Charles Stinner - Yes	

V. **Open Session:**

The Board of Directors returns to Open Session at 6:25pm.

Opening Remarks –

- Mr. Acerra, Board President  
**On behalf of the Board, President Acerra wishes to congratulate Mr. Macbeth on winning the conductor's scholarship this summer at Yale University.**

A reminder to the Board, please submit your form to Mrs. Johnson with regards to serving on Board Committees next year.

- Ms. Diane LaBelle, Executive Director  
Please check the calendar; we have many opportunities to enjoy our students' performances this month and next month.
- Executive Director's Report

VI. **Public Comments:** (limited to 3 minutes per individual) none.

VII. Acceptance of **Consent Agenda Items:**

- i. Acceptance of February 12, 2015 Meeting Minutes
- ii. Facility and Safety Report - Filchner
- iii. Development Report - Storm
- iv. Public Relations Report - Gillette
- v. Principal's Report – Fehlinger-Ricker
- vi. Dean of Academic Affairs – Comstock
- vii. Dean of Student Affairs - Buck

**MM: Mikkelsen**

Mario Acerra - Yes  
Mark Ferguson - Yes  
Len Perrett- Yes

**SM: Stinner**

Paul Braden - Yes  
Nancy Mikkelsen - Yes  
Charles Stinner - Yes

**ACTION CARRIED: 8-0**

Otto Ehram - Yes  
Rosemary Murdy-Haber - Yes

**Approval of April 2015 Personnel Report and Lincoln Tech Student Intern Report.**

**Motion:** Based upon the recommendation of the Executive Director and the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors approves the April 2015 Personnel Report and Lincoln Tech Student Intern Report.

**MM: Ferguson**

Mario Acerra - Yes  
Mark Ferguson - Yes  
Len Perrett- Yes

**SM: Mikkelsen**

Paul Braden - Yes  
Nancy Mikkelsen - Yes  
Charles Stinner - Yes

**ACTION CARRIED: 8-0**

Otto Ehram - Yes  
Rosemary Murdy-Haber - Yes

VIII. Foundation Board Liaison Report – Mr. Mark Ferguson (please see handout at meeting)

**Approval of Wenger Contract**

**Motion:** Based upon the recommendation of the Executive Director, the Board of Directors approves the Wenger Contract for the purchase of 4 new sound isolation practice rooms for the new school facility and the move of 3 existing sound isolation practice rooms from the existing school facility to the new school.

**MM: Ferguson**

Mario Acerra - Yes  
Mark Ferguson - Yes  
Len Perrett- Yes

**SM: Stinner**

Paul Braden - Yes  
Nancy Mikkelsen - Yes  
Charles Stinner - Yes

**ACTION CARRIED: 8-0**

Otto Ehram - Yes  
Rosemary Murdy-Haber - Yes

**Approval of Theatre Solutions Contract**

**Motion:** Based upon the recommendation of the Executive Director, the Board of Directors approves the Theatre Solutions Contract for the purchase of seats for the new school theatre.

**MM: Ferguson**

Mario Acerra - Yes  
Mark Ferguson - Yes  
Len Perrett- Yes

**SM: Stinner**

Paul Braden - Yes  
Nancy Mikkelsen - Yes  
Charles Stinner - Yes

**ACTION CARRIED: 8-0**

Otto Ehram - Yes  
Rosemary Murdy-Haber - Yes

IX. **Old Business – none.**

X. **New Business**

Finance Committee

**Acceptance of February 2015 Financial Reports**

**Motion:** Based upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Board of Directors accepts the February 2015 Financial Reports.

**MM: Braden**

Mario Acerra - Yes  
Mark Ferguson - Yes  
Len Perrett- Yes

Paul Braden - Yes  
Nancy Mikkelsen - Yes  
Charles Stinner - Yes

**ACTION CARRIED: 8-0**

Otto Ehram - Yes  
Rosemary Murdy-Haber - Yes

Administration

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Curriculum Committee

**Approval of PMEA All State Music Festival Trip (approved via email)**

**Motion:** Based upon the recommendation of the Executive Director and the Principal, the Board of Directors approves the PMEA All State Music Festival Trip, 3/25/15 – 3/28/15 Hershey, PA

**MM: Perrett**

Mario Acerra - Yes

Mark Ferguson - Yes

Len Perrett- Yes

**SM: Stinner**

Paul Braden - Yes

Nancy Mikkelsen - Yes

Charles Stinner - Yes

**ACTION CARRIED: 8-0**

Otto Ehram - Yes

Rosemary Murdy-Haber - Yes

**Presentation – Mrs. Fehlinger-Ricker and Mrs. Comstock (see attached report)**

**The Board thanked Mrs. Fehlinger-Ricker and Mrs. Comstock for an excellent presentation on Charter Arts students’ progress of Keystone Examinations in Biology, Algebra, and Literature and plans for remediation to assist Charter Arts students to achieve the level of proficiency in the above subjects.**

Mr. Perrett asked if there is any correlation between test scores and primary language spoken and social/economic factors. Mrs. Fehlinger-Ricker replied that she believes there is a correlation. However, we do not have data to confirm a correlation.

Board Development Committee – No report.

Executive Committee – No report.

Development Committee – Mrs. Storm reported that the Gala is planned for June 6 in the new school. We anticipate 400 guests. An event consultant, Wishes by Boscovs, will be doing the decorations for the event. All board members are requested to make a donation to the school for the silent or live auction at the gala. Please contact Mrs. Storm to donate an auction item.

**XI. Public Comments:** (limited to 3 minutes per individual) none.

**XII. Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn at 7:20pm: MM: Ehram SM: Ferguson ACTION CARRIED: 8-0**

Mario Acerra - Yes

Mark Ferguson - Yes

Len Perrett- Yes

Paul Braden - Yes

Nancy Mikkelsen - Yes

Charles Stinner - Yes

Otto Ehram - Yes

Rosemary Murdy-Haber - Yes

**Next Meeting Date and Time: Thursday, May 14, 2015, 6pm (Reorganization Meeting)**

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Schurz  
Board Secretary