I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Appoquinimink Board of Education meeting was called to order by Mr. Hutchison at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, February 13, 2006, in the administrative conference room of the Parent/Teacher Training Center, 118 South Sixth Street, Odessa, Delaware.

A motion was made by Mr. Czerwinski and seconded by Mr. Hensley (05513) that the meeting proceed into closed executive session to discuss legal and personnel issues. Vote unanimous. Motion carried.

II. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting reconvened and the public session was called to order by Mr. Hutchison at 7:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room. In attendance were: Mr. Ed Czerwinski, Jr.; Ms. Edna Cale; Ms. Joanne Christian, and Mr. Kevin Hensley. Also present were Dr. Tony Marchio, Superintendent; Dr. Marion Proffitt, Assistant Superintendent; Mrs. Anne Nutter, Director of Finance; Mr. Robert Hershey, Buildings and Facilities Supervisor, and Dr. Debbie Panchisin, Curriculum Director. Lilian Miles, Public Information Officer was absent. School administrators and approximately 20 residents and other staff members were also present.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

IV. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS AND REVIEW

Dr. Marchio reported that there were no adjustments to the agenda.

V. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

A. Martin Luther King Jr. Poster Contest Winners—Mrs. Sharon Pepukayi, Assistant Principal of Silver Lake Elementary congratulated Ariana Santos and Kristina Stobart for placing 1st and 3rd in the poster contest. Dr. Marchio presented the students with certificates of achievement.
B. 4th Annual Poster/Essay Contest Winners - Mentoring
Mrs. Sharon Pepukayi recognized Tonya Butler, whose poster and essay won the Mentoring Contest. Dr. Marchio presented her with a certificate of achievement.

C. African American Historical Society Essay Contest Winners
Dr. McAllister, Principal, Meredith Middle and Dr. Laura Troxell, Assistant Principal, congratulated three 7th graders, Beth Daniels, Michael Quinn and Chad Dixon for placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively, in the essay contest. Dr. Marchio presented the students with certificates of achievement.

VI. REPORTS

A. Building Utilization Committee Report
Mr. Ed Czerwinski presented a slide show on the work of the Building Utilization Committee. He commented that the committee had met four times and included members from the community, district administrators and teachers. Mr. Czerwinski stated that the committee utilized several data sources including population projections, renovation needs for each building and information gathered by constituent groups regarding support facilities in order to recommend their proposal. He continued by adding that their proposal consisted of two parts, one for the 2006 school year which will support immediate needs and a preliminary one for 2008 which will support projected long term needs.

Mr. Czerwinski asked that the board provide questions and comments before the March board meeting as he suggested that the board vote at the March meeting on items that they will support so that certificates of necessity can be requested by the state.

Mr. Longfellow presented population projections through 2010 and indicated that these projections show a 6-8% yearly increase in enrollment. His chart also showed current school capacity figures and projected when the new buildings would reach capacity levels.

Mr. Hershey presented the proposed projects for 2006 as follows:

* New 840 Student Elementary School – This facility is needed to house the influx of new students coming into the district based on population projections.
* New 300 Student Early Childhood Center – This facility is needed to support the full day kindergarten initiative that will go into effect 2008. With this space, the district will be able to go until 2013 without having to build another center.

*New District Office Space – A 25,000 square foot building to be built on the same site as the current district office. This building will include a loading dock and space for school supplies and a training center. Mr. Czerwinski stated that the renovations of the existing office space were approved at the last referendum and they were approved to bring the building up to code and does not include any space for expansion. Discussion ensued about the need for new office space, including cost and what the voters would perceive as necessary. Comments were made that the building may need to be scaled down in order to get the project accomplished.

*Installation of Four *(4) Synthetic Fields - (two at Middletown High School and two at the new Appoquinimink High School) – Mr. Hershey noted that the state does not fund any athletic facilities and therefore any needs have to be addressed using local funding. Mr. Hershey reiterated that our fields are constantly needing maintenance because of the overuse and that replacing the fields with synthetic surfaces will give the district six fields within the school district and open up the fields to outside community groups. He commented that the use of the new fields is unlimited and they have an 8-year life expectancy, based on 260 events a year usage. He compared this figure to the current use of only 60 events a year on a turf field. Mr. Hershey commented that the initial cost is high, however, the outcome will be beneficial to the district as well as the community. He suggested to put this project on the ballot as a separate item because it is locally funded.

*Renovations to Cedar Lane Elementary – Renovations include interior mechanical system upgrades and repairs, tie-in to public utilities, architectural renovations and complete ceiling, flooring and roof replacement.

*Renovations to Silver Lake Elementary - Renovations to Silver Lake elementary includes administration office reconfiguration, replacement of cafeteria floor and installation of a mechanical partition, new drop off canopy and refurbished exterior.

*Renovations to Brick Mill Elementary – Renovations include kitchen expansion to include a 3rd serving line. Mr. Hershey
commented that the shell for an additional 4 classrooms was funded with the last referendum. Two of those classrooms are now ready to be occupied and the other two will be completed over the summer. Mr. Hershey stated that the additional four classrooms increased the capacity of the school, thereby creating the need for the additional serving line.

* Renovations to Middletown High School - Middletown High School, interior renovations, additional 2,000 square foot for shop addition and new attached 8,000 square foot animal science lab, add directional signage in the building, new acoustical ceilings, interior paint and add new wall covering.

*Renovations to Redding Middle School - Parking renovations, add and refurbish lockers and locker room space.

Land Acquisition - Land acquisition – Identify sites now by working with developers, New Castle County and the Town of Middletown to purchase land for future school sites within district. He stated that the district will need five (5) school sites with an acreage requirement of 25 to 100 acres depending on the building. Mr. Hershey continued by stating that the acreage requirements from the state are as follows: Middle school 30 acres, high school 80-100 acres and elementary schools need 15-20 acres.

Mr. Czerwinski stated that the 2006 proposal cost was approximately $55 to $63 million, of which the state would share approximately 70% of the total cost. The remainder would come from local funds.

Mr. Czerwinski commented that the district was trying to be proactive in regards to building the schools before we are overcrowded and that the district was working very closely with legislators to that end. Mr. Hutchison asked if we would be able to use existing plans in order to save some costs on future school building projects. Mr. Hershey replied that this was a possibility and if we needed to make modifications we could do that as necessary.

Mrs. Christian questioned the size of the new kindergarten center and wondered whether it would be more proactive to build a larger facility now instead of having to come back later and expand. Mr. Czerwinski replied that the population projections did not warrant the larger school and therefore the state would not fund a larger
building. Mr. Hershey commented that using the projections, our district should be able to have enough space with three kindergarten centers until the year 2013. He added that the existing center could house four more classrooms without building another center.

Mrs. Christian requested that the kitchen facility renovations at Meredith Middle School be added to this list of referendum items.

In closing, Mr. Czerwinski noted that the board would be voting on the 2006 referendum items at the March Board meeting. He stated that the board could look at each individual project and choose which ones they would want to put on the certificate of necessity at that time. He commented that he would try to get as much information to the board by the March meeting.

Mr. Czerwinski pointed out that the district is not close to a referendum at this time and that these projects needed to be voted on and then sent to the state in the form of a certificate of necessity. He added that the state would then reject or approve the projects and we would go forward depending on the outcome.

B. Construction Update
Robert Hershey presented an update on the construction projects for the board.

**Appoquinimink High School** – Framing has started in the back of the school, the second floor steel is erected and installation of small portions of the roof will begin within a few weeks. He explained that the auditorium has not had concrete slabs poured yet. Steel has been erected in the courtyard and the media center entrance blockwork has begun.

**Redding Middle School** – Mr. Hershey noted that the renovations are almost completed and that the district should have the Certificate of Occupancy within two weeks.

C. Board Comments

Ed Czerwinski – Mr. Czerwinski stated that he had the opportunity to attend the state recognition dinner in January for those teachers who have been nationally board certified. He wanted to recognize Maria Gregor at Redding and Voni Perrine from the High School and offered congratulations to both of them. He also commented that he had spent some time in the high school and was impressed by the way the school
ran. He commented that he did go into some of the classes and appreciated the time given to his visit.

Joanne Christian – Mrs. Christian thanked Mr. Tulowitzky for the decision to open the schools with a two hour delay instead of closing. She wanted to bring attention to everyone that our district will be involved in Odessey of the Mind Competition on March 4th which is being held at the University of Delaware. She continued by stating that our district has 12 teams which is significant and hopes that the community will support our students.

Edna Cale – Mrs. Cale stated that she has been attending sports events and how she thoroughly enjoys the girls basketball team. She stated that the team has been doing really well and that she was also impressed with the boys team. She continued by stating that she was pleased to see the participation from parents. Mrs. Cale commented that she went to see the construction site for the new high school and was amazed at the size of the building.

Bill Hutchison – none
Mr. Hensley - none

VII. DELEGATIONS

Mary Ward Hutchison and Susan Faulkner, long time employees and volunteers with the district, recognized the district and presented certificates of appreciation to Dr. Marchio for supporting the Daffodil’s Days and the Relay for Life campaigns which are both charity events.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS - None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Minutes
   A motion was made by Mr. Czerwinski and seconded by Mrs. Cale (05514) to approve the minutes for the January 10, 2006 Board meeting as presented. Vote unanimous. Motion carried.

B. 1st Reading and Approval of the 2006-2007 School Calendar
   Dr. Panchisin presented the 2006-2007 calendar for first reading. She indicated that there was a committee who met several times and who were represented by community and staff. The calendar includes start dates, DSTP testing dates, dates when schools and offices are closed, open house dates, interims, end of marking
periods, and conference dates as available. A draft copy is available on the website. Dr. Panchisin noted that the final copy would also include the opening day of school for year 2008.

A motion was made by Mr. Czerwinski and seconded by Mrs. Cale (05515) to approve the 1st Reading of the 2006-2007 school calendar as presented. Vote unanimous. Motion carried.

C. Approval of Financial Reports
A motion was made by Mrs. Christian and seconded by Mr. Hensley (05516) to approve the financial reports as presented by Mrs. Anne Nutter. Vote unanimous. Motion carried.

D. Approval of Internal Accounts
A motion was made by Mr. Czerwinski and seconded by Mr. Hensley (05517) to approve the internal accounts as presented by Anne Nutter. Vote unanimous. Motion carried.

E. Approval of Amended Budget FY 2006
Mrs. Anne Nutter presented a slide show which explained how the district is funded and how the funding sources are used. She explained that the district funding comes from three sources; state of Delaware, federal and local.

State Funding - Most of the state funding is based on unit count and is used for salaries, utilities and supplies. This funding is restricted and unrestricted.

Local Funding – Local funding is based on assessed real property in the district and any structure located on that land and is segregated in four different tax funds and must be kept separate; current expense – general operations of the district; debt service – principal and interest on our bonds, tuition – used for special education services; and minor capital – used for minor capital programs. This funding can be restricted or unrestricted.

Federal Funding – This funding is restricted to an approved purpose for each grant and they are subject to annual fluctuation. The monetary awards are determined by state Department of Education.

Mrs. Nutter noted that the total revenue budget is $90,998,173 and that amount has increased steadily and is keeping pace with growth in the district while reflecting the additional financial commitment of construction and renovations. She continued by adding that
revenues exceed the budget due to fluctuation of construction funding that may come into the district one year only to be spent the following year.

Mrs. Nutter stated that the district basically has two major divisions: Local budget – This money that comes from the state and local taxes and is unrestricted, meaning that the Board can exercise some discretion in the use of these funds.

Restricted budget – This money is other people’s money. This money pays the state share of salaries, the federal grant programs and the local restricted money paying for tuition and minor capital projects.

Mrs. Nutter noted that all of the budgets are monitored on a monthly basis and the preliminary budget is prepared in July and amendments are made through the fall and winter. The final budget is determined when the state revenues are established.

Mr. Czerwinski commended Mrs. Nutter on the presentation and questioned the increase in funding for special needs between the years of 2001 and 2006. Mrs. Nutter replied that this figure fluctuates and the funding that is required to meet the needs of those special education students has a very rigorous evaluation. The amount of funding has doubled due to the increase in the number of children that the district is now serving.

Mr. Czerwinski asked if the district is keeping pace with the revenue and utility funding. Mrs. Nutter replied that the state paid a larger share of the utility costs and has increased their contribution to energy costs this year.

A motion was made by Mr. Hensley and seconded by Mrs. Christian (05518) to approve the Amended Budget for FY 2006 as presented by Anne Nutter. Vote unanimous. Motion carried.

F. Approval of Construction Change Orders

The following Construction Change Orders were presented for board approval:

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Change Order #7 – A-Del Construction
  - Add $13,882
  Bulletin 10 P Misc. Sitework changes

Change Order #8 – A-Del Construction
  - Add $22,010
  Bulletin 29 future Irrigation Stubs

Change Order #10 – A-Del Construction
  - Add $979
  Bulletin 7 Final DNREC Changes

Change Order #11 – A-Del Construction
  - Add $7,340
  Add 4 Gate Valves to Water Main

Change Order #1 – Creative Flooring
  - Delete $17,152
  Change carpet

Change Order #1 – Dover Building Supply
  - Add $1,276
  RFI 27 Change Door C216A

Change Order #2 – Dover Building Supply
  - Add $2,850
  RFI 10 Supply muttins and Lib. Windows

Change Order #3 – Dover Building Supply
  - Add $1,227
  RFI156 Provide Door C109

Change Order #5 - Enterprise Masonry
  - Add $1,397
  RFI 151 Added CMU Chase

Change Order #6 – Enterprise Masonry
  - Add $4,905
  Bulletin 20 FM Required Rating Changes

Change Order #1 – Mason Building Group
  - Add $16,034
  Bulletin 20 FM Required Rating Changes

Change Order #2 – Mason Building Group
  - Add $15,505
  Bulletin 20 Install FM Required Door Doseers

Change Order #3 – Mason Building Group
  - Add $23,181
  Bulletin 30 Provide Pedimat Entrance Mats

Change Order #4 – Superior Electric
  - Add $2,801
  Gas & Generator Rental to 11/28/05

Change Order #5 – Superior Electric
  - Add $17,031
  RFI 44 Change MOS T-2 SDS-1

Change Order #5 – J. W. Walker
  - Add $5,000
  Generators for Temporary Power

Change Order #6 – J. W. Walker
  - Add $1,134
  Install Leveling Plates @Masonry Walls

Change Order #7 – J. W. Walker
  - Add $2,148
  Install Anchor Bolts and Masonry Walls

Change Order #8 – J. W. Walker
  - Add $1,996
  Undercut & Stone at Area III

Change Order #9 - J. W. Walker
  - Add $10,715
  Undercut & Stone at Area II

Change Order #10 – J. W. Walker
  - Add $1,001
  Muck Out Elevator Pit

Change Order #11 – J. W. Walker
  - Add $2,344
  Half time for 11/12/05 and 11/19/05

Change Order #12 – J. W. Walker
  - Add $5,437
  Undercut & Stone Area I

Change Order #13 – J. W. Walker
  - Add $1,490
  Added Rebar @ P/4.25 per engineer

Change Order #14 – J. W. Walker
  - Delete $3,017
  Adjustment to CO 5 S/B

Change Order #15 – J. W. Walker
  - Add $2,756
  Half Time to Work Sat 12/3/05
Louis L. Redding Middle School

Change Order #2 – Bear Industries  
Add’l sprinkler heads for new closets  
- Add $878
Change Order #3 – Bear Industries  
Add’l sprinkler for new areaway enclosure  
- Add $3,240
Change Order #14 – Tri-State Technologies  
Add’l lighting for auditorium passage 1171  
- Add $3,280
Change Order #15 – Tri State Technologies  
Shut down/demo and reefed illegally wired panel  
- Add $2,864

Alfred G. Waters Middle School

Change Order #1 – Tri State Roofers  
Bulletin #17 delete sealant @ metal coping  
- Delete $6,700-
Change Order #2 – Tri State Roofers  
Bulletin #18 Delete ½ high density fiber brd  
- Delete $10,280-

Early Childhood Center

Change Order #20 – Technivate  
Deduct for stone diaphragm  
- Delete $8,426-
Change Order #20 – Technivate  
Bulletin 110 landscaping scope change  
- Delete $8,378-

A motion was made by Mr. Czerwinski and seconded by Mr. Hensley (05519) to approve the construction change orders as presented. Mr. Hutchison asked Dr. Marchio to poll the Board:

Mrs. Christian – abstain
Mrs. Cale – yes
Mr. Czerwinski – yes
Mr. Hensley – yes
Mr. Hutchison – yes
Motion passed with four yeas and one abstention.

Change order #1- Mason Building Group – Terrazzo Flooring for New High School - $574,959.00

Mr. Hensley questioned the amount and how this change order came about. Mr. Hershey stated that this project was on the budget, however after the original bid process was completed, a bid was not received for the project. He continued by stating that instead of sending the project back out to bid, the district approached the vendor to do the job as presented by the district within the original budget.

A motion was made by Mr. Czerwinski and seconded by Mr. Hensley (05520) to approve the Mason Building Group construction change order as presented. Vote unanimous. Motion carried.
Change Order #9 – A-Del Construction – DNREC revised plans - $367,063.00
A motion was made by Mr. Czerwinski and seconded by Mrs. Christian (05521) to approve the A-Del construction change order as presented. Vote unanimous. Motion carried.

G. Approval of Construction Contracts - None

X. PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mr. Czerwinski (05522) and seconded by Mrs. Cale to approve the personnel action as presented by Mr. Fallis with the addition of approving two administrative internship positions; one for the high school and one for Meredith Middle School. Vote unanimous. Motion carried.

New Hires

Dawn Sartin, Lunch/Recess Paraprofessional, Townsend Elementary School, effective January 10, 2006
Kelly Donohoe, Guidance Counselor, Middletown High School, effective January 23, 2006
Denise Manna, School Nurse, Middletown High School, effective February 21, 2006
Michelle Scarborough, One-on-One Paraprofessional, Olive B. Loss Elementary School, effective February 6, 2006
Yvonne Camac, School Nurse, Louis L. Redding Middle School, effective March 6, 2006
Bernadette Costa, Special Education Pre-School Teacher, Appoquinimink Early Childhood Center, effective February 13, 2006
Joseph Wilmore, Full-Time Night Shift Custodian, Olive B. Loss Elementary School, effective February 6, 2006
Dorothy Griffith, Nutrition Worker, Louis L. Redding Middle School, effective February 7, 2006
Stephanie Perry-Henley, Nutrition Worker, Louis L. Redding Middle School, effective February 13, 2006
Resignations

Jennifer Rice, Custodian, Olive B. Loss Elementary School, effective January 3, 2006

Jane Wright, Family & Consumer Science Teacher, Middletown High School, February 3, 2006

Patricia Ennis, Nutrition Worker, Louis L. Redding Middle School, effective February 3, 2006

Leaves

Bessie Saunders, Cook, Middletown High School, effective January 16, 2006 until physician’s release

Robert Kelly, Teacher, Middletown High School, effective January 3, 2006 until physician’s release

James O’Neal, Custodian, Olive B. Loss Elementary School, effective January 13, 2006 until January 23, 2006

Robin Schaaf, Teacher, Everett Meredith Middle School, effective January 11, 2006 until February 22, 2006

Judith Redman, Nutrition Worker, Cedar Lane Elementary School, effective February 6, 2006 until February 12, 2006

Walter Roshon, Information Systems Technician, District Office, effective January 23, 2006 until physician’s release

Mary Ann Mieczkowski, Supervisor of Special Education Services, District Office, effective February 23, 2006 until March 16, 2006

Jennifer Adams, School Secretary, Louis L. Redding Middle School, effective April 5, 2006 until July 10, 2006

Margaret Libhart, Elementary Teacher, Silver Lake Elementary School, effective February 1, 2006 until February 6, 2006

Janice Faust, Teacher, Cedar Lane Elementary School, effective February 1, 2006 until physician’s release

Terminations

Laurie Killian, Part-Time Nutrition Worker, Louis L. Redding Middle School, effective January 10, 2006

Terry Rolison, Senior Secretary/Finance, Appoquinimink District Office, effective January 13, 2006
Transfers

Tony Fields, Full-Time Night Shift Custodian, Olive B. Loss Elementary School to Full-Time Day Shift Custodian, effective February 6, 2006

Carlton Parker, Guidance Counselor, Everett Meredith Middle School, to Administrative Intern, Everett Meredith Middle School, effective February 14, 2006

Gayle Rutter, Science Teacher, Middletown High School, to Administrative Intern, Middletown High School, effective February 14, 2006

Retirement

Susanne Faulkner, Elementary Teacher, Silver Lake Elementary School, effective July 1, 2006

Volunteer Coaches

Kathleen Corcoran, Women’s Basketball Coach, Middletown High School

Dan Garber, Middletown High School

Heather Taylor, Girls Soccer Coach, Middletown High School

Keith Stagg, Middletown High School

XI. LEGAL OR PERSONNEL ISSUES

A. Approval of Board Action Regarding Student 06-04

Mrs. Christian made a motion that following a review of the exhibits, the transcripts of the hearing and the hearing officer’s report, the board adopts the findings of fact and makes the recommendation of expulsion for the first semester of the 2006-2007 school year with placement in an alternative program and successful completion of a substance abuse program before returning to the district. Mr. Czerwinski seconded the motion (05523). Mr. Hutchison asked Dr. Marchio to poll the Board:

Mrs. Cale – no
Mrs. Christian – no
Mr. Hensley – yes
Mr. Czerwinski – yes
Mr. Hutchison – yes

The motion passed with three yeas and two no’s.
B. Approval of Board Action Regarding Student 06-05
Mrs. Christian made a motion that following a review of the exhibits, the transcripts of the hearing and the hearing officer’s report, the board adopts the findings of fact of the recommendations of the hearing officer. Mr. Czerwinski seconded the motion (05524). Vote unanimous. Motion carried.

XIV. ESTABLISHMENT OF MEETING DATES

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XV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hutchison introduced Patricia Castoria and Donna Skinner who are the two candidates for the Board of Education seat that will be vacant in July.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Tony J. Marchio, Ed.D.
Executive Secretary