

WELLSBORO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Meeting
High School LGI Room – 7:30
August 9, 2011
Minutes

Called to Order by Vice President Craig West at 7:30 P.M. in the Wellsboro Area High School Large Group Instruction Room, 225 Nichols Street, Wellsboro, Pennsylvania.

Vice President Craig West led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Members: Mr. Carl Chambers, Mr. Todd Coolidge, Mr. Christopher Neal, Mr. John Peropat, Mrs. Atalanta Shabloski, Mrs. Anna Vail and Mr. Craig West. Members absent: Mr. Wayne Hackett and Mr. Glenn Poirier.

Present were the following: Mr. Christopher Morral, Mrs. Marcia Newcomb, Mr. Steve Adams, Mr. Patrick Hewitt, Mr. David Krick, Mr. Mike Pietropola, Mrs. Amy Repard, Mr. Scott Keck, Board Secretary: Linda Gamble; Press Present: Natalie Kennedy (Wellsboro Gazette), Bryan Robinson (Williamsport Gazette); Visitors Present: Phil Waber of Harrisburg, PA; Khirah Nesbit of Grove City, PA; Sherri Hovis of Wellsboro, PA; Steve Kramer of Wellsboro, PA;

Announcement of any Executive Sessions: June 28, 2011 at 11:30 AM – Old Music Room (Administrative Office) for the purpose of personnel; August 2, 2011 at 3:30 PM – Old Music Room for the purpose of personnel and legal issues; August 9, 2011 at 6:45 PM – High School Conference Room for the purpose of negotiations and legal issues;

Concerned Resident Issues – None

Approval of Agenda – A motion was made by Mrs. Shabloski, seconded by Mr. Peropat to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Board Minutes /Financials – A motion was made by Mr. Peropat, seconded by Mr. Neal to approve the board Minutes and Financials as presented.

- A. Minutes of Previous Meetings – Regular Board Meeting of June 14, 2011; Special Board Meeting of June 28, 2011;
- B. Financial Reports – Board Summary Report
- C. Approval of Bills – 2010-2011 General Fund Invoices pd. 6/24/11; 2010-11 General Fund Invoices pd. July/2011; 2010-11 School Lunch Fund Invoice pd. 6/24/11; 2011-12 General Fund Invoices pd. July/11; 2011-12 General Fund Invoices; 2010-11 School Lunch Fund Invoice; 2010-2011 General Fund Invoices; 2011-12 Construction Fund Invoices;

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment on Title I, Title VI and other Federal Programs – None

Report from the Superintendent

Mr. Morral announced that the end of summer was rapidly approaching with teachers reporting on August 25, 2011 and students reporting August 31st.

Mr. Morral introduced our new Solicitor, Attorney Bruce Vickery.

Report from the Business Manager

Mrs. Newcomb reported that state auditors will be coming to the office.

Attachment VII-A

Report from the Administrators

Mr. Pietropola announced that the fall sport season begins Monday, August 16th.

Mr. Keck stated that the paving project is completed at the Middle School. The roofing project is underway at the Administration Office.

Mrs. Repard reported that she will have many new faces in her staff with the start of school.

Report from Board Members

Mrs. Shabloski spoke on various issues.

Vice President Craig West announced a short executive session for personnel issues at 7:40 PM with the Board re-adjourning from Executive Session at 7:42 PM

CONSENT ITEMS:

A motion was made by Mr. Peropat, seconded by Mr. Neal to approve the Consent Items as presented.

1. **ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION**

A. Affiliation Agreement between Edinboro University and WASD (Policy #818)

Consideration of approval of Affiliation Agreement between Edinboro University and Wellsboro Area School District for a period of five (5) years providing for field experience partnership activities for student teachers with the District.

B. Contract for Music Therapy Services (Policy #818)

Consideration of approval for "Contract for Music Therapy Services" contracted through Arts for All, effective August 20, 2011 through June 20, 2012. (Fees decrease: \$58 per direct service hour for group and individual sessions (\$65 for school year 2010-11); \$45 per hour for consultation (\$55 for school year 2010-11); \$105 flat fee for each assessment (\$125 for school year 2010-11).

D. WASD Mission and Vision Statement and District Goals for School Year 2011-2012 (Policy #003)

Consideration of approval of the Wellsboro Area School District Mission and Vision Statement and District Goals for School Year 2011-2012 as presented.

E. Revised WASD 2011 Board Committee Assignments (Policy #006)

Consideration of approval of the revised Wellsboro Area School District 2011 Board Committee Assignments Listing as presented.

F. Agreement between Laurel Health System Occupational Health Program and WASD

Consideration of approval for Occupational Health Services from Laurel Health System for alcohol and drug testing of District approved bus drivers for the school year 2011-2012.

Urine drug collection and testing	\$61.50
Breath alcohol testing	35.00
One time fee for new drivers	9.00

G. Wellsboro High School Occupational Advisory Committee Members List

Consideration of approval for the Wellsboro High School Occupational Advisory Committee Members who serve to strengthen the career and technical education programs of the school and to provide valuable advice to the program and assist in promoting the programs in the surrounding community, as presented.

2. **PERSONNEL**

A. **Resignations (Policy #002)**

Consideration of approval to accept letters of resignation from:

1. Lynette Lehman, Rock L. Butler Middle School Building Secretary, effective August 1, 2011.
2. Robert Clarson, Special Education Instructional Aide, effective August 2, 2011.
3. Leslie Albor, High School Earth & Space Science Teacher, effective August 1, 2011.

B. **Appointment of Internships**

Consideration of approval for the following appointments :

1. Nick Dailey, Alfred University, interning with Dr. Ben Largey, School Psychologist for the school year 2011-12 pending receipt of required clearances;
2. Katie Akins, Marist College, interning with Dr. Ben Largey, School Psychologist for the school year 2011-12 pending receipt of required clearances;

C. **Tenure**

Consideration of recognition of the following teachers who have attained tenure in accordance with the requirements of Section 1121 of the PA School Code, amended by Act 66 of 1996:

1. Miranda Smith after successfully completing three years of teaching as a Life Skills/Learning Support Teacher;
2. Matthew Hildebrand after successfully completing three years of teaching as an elementary teacher;
3. Melissa Ryan after successfully completing three years of teaching as an elementary teacher;
4. Shannon Tice after successfully completing three years of teaching as an elementary teacher;
5. Charissa Mascho after successfully completing three years of teaching as an elementary teacher;
6. Leslie Albor after successfully completing three years of teaching High School Earth & Space Science;
7. Melanie Berndtson after successfully completing three years of teaching Horticulture/AgScience;

D. **Recall of Furloughed WASD Employee**

Consideration of approval to recall furloughed employee, Elizabeth Norman, as High School 9th Grade Science Teacher (replacing Leslie Albor), Step #10, Masters, \$55,074 effective August 25, 2011, in accordance with Appendix D, Section D-10 -Suspension and Recall.

3. **OTHER**

A. **2011-2012 WASD Substitute List (Policy #405 & 505)**

Consideration of approval for the 2011-2012 Substitute List for Professional and Support Personnel.

B. **Handicap Aide Monitor**

Consideration of approval of Mary Wise as handicap aide monitor for Benedict's Bus Service pending receipt of required clearances.

The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote. Members Absent: Mr. Hackett and Mr. Poirier.

XI. **ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION**

A. **WASD School Breakfast/Lunch Meal Prices for School Year 2011-12** - A motion was made by Mr. Chris Neal, seconded by Mr. Coolidge to approve the District's School Breakfast/Lunch Meal Prices for school year 2011-12 as presented.

The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote. Members Absent: Mr. Hackett and Mr. Poirier.

B. Appointment of District Solicitor for School Year 2011-2012 - A motion was made by Mr. Coolidge, seconded by Mrs. Shabloski to approve the appointment of Bruce L. Vickery, Esquire, Ginn & Vickery, PC, as solicitor for the Wellsboro Area School District for the school year 2011-2012 at the rate of \$125.00 per hour. In the event that legal assistants are involved, their rate is \$50 per hour. Expenses and costs, including extraordinary postage and supplies, extraordinary duplicating, transportation expenditures, court filings, recording and reporting fees, and such other expenditures shall be billed and itemized on the monthly statement.

The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote. Members Absent: Mr. Hackett and Mr. Poirier.

C. PSBA Voting Delegates Appointment - A motion was made by Mrs. Vail, seconded by Mr. Neal to approve the appointment of Atalanta Shabloski and John Peropat as voting delegates for PSBA Legislative Policy Council Meeting held on October 20, 2011 during School Leadership Conference in Hershey, PA.

The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote. Members Absent: Mr. Hackett and Mr. Poirier

D. Settlement Agreement between Lobar, WASD, McKissick Associates and John R. Imbt, Inc. - A motion was made by Mrs. Shabloski, seconded by Mr. Peropat, to approve the Settlement Agreement with Lobar, McKissick Associates, and John R. Imbt, Inc. as presented.

The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote. Members Absent: Mr. Hackett and Mr. Poirier

E. Settlement Agreement and Release between WASD and Robert Baily, Jr. - A motion was made by Mr. Peropat, seconded by Mrs. Shabloski, to enter into Settlement Agreement and Release between WASD and Robert Baily, Jr. as presented.

The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote. Members Absent: Mr. Hackett and Mr. Poirier

F. Agreement with Wolfe Communication Systems, Inc. and WASD - A motion was made by Mr. Peropat, seconded by Mrs. Shabloski to enter into Agreement with Wolfe Communication Systems, Inc. for the purpose of replacement of district-wide telecommunication system as per state bidding requirements, in the amount of \$106,334.

The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote. Members Absent: Mr. Hackett and Mr. Poirier

2. PERSONNEL

A. Hires - A motion was made by Mrs. Atalanta Shabloski, seconded by Mr. Neal, to approve the following hires:

1. Ryan Gastrock, maintenance worker, full-time, 8 hrs/12 months, effective July 25, 2011 at a rate of \$8.00 per hour during the 60-working day probationary period, then increased to beginning rate of \$13.39 per hour.
2. Shane Cleveland, technology technician, full-time, 8 hrs/12 months, effective August 15, 2011 at a rate of \$8.00 per hour during the 60-working day probationary period, then increased to beginning rate of \$11.81 per hour.
3. Khirah A. Nesbit, Special Education Learning/Emotional Support Teacher, effective August 25, 2011, Step #1, Bachelor's, \$41,909.

The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote. Members Absent: Mr. Hackett and Mr. Poirier

B. Extra-Curricular Hires - A motion was made by Mrs. Shabloski, seconded by Mr. Chambers to approve the following extra-curricular hires for the school year 2011-12:

1.	Janelle Tombs	HS Girls Basketball Assistant Coach	\$2902.54
2.	Darrell Morris	MS Girls Basketball Head Coach	\$3687
3.	Brenda Brought	Elementary English Chairperson	\$1061
4.	Jeanne Warner	Elementary Math Chairperson	\$1061

5.	Matt Hildebrand	Elementary Science Chairperson	\$1061
6.	Bonnie Stanley	Elementary Social Studies Chairperson	\$1061
7.	Jennifer Paucke	MS English Chairperson	\$1061
8.	Tina Colton	MS Math Chairperson	\$1061
9.	Kevin Cavanaugh	MS Social Studies Chairperson	\$1061
10.	Elizabeth Hoover	HS English Chairperson	\$1061
11.	Sherm Warner	HS Math Chairperson	\$1061
12.	Sharon Mohr	HS Social Studies Chairperson	\$1061
		HS Senior Class Advisor	\$1373
13.	Dawn Bergen	HS Special Education Chairperson	\$1061
14.	Mary Ellen Rupert	HS Related Arts Chairperson	\$1061
		On-Line Mentor (Wellsboro Academy)	\$32 per hr.
15.	Glenda McCarthy	Charlotte Lappla Head Teacher	\$1942.58
16.	Stan Korenkiewicz	Don Gill Elementary Head Teacher	\$2168.90
17.	Kimberly Smith	Middle School Marching Band	\$2698.54
18.	Heather Ladd	Middle School Student Council Advisor (1/2)	\$ 677.23
19.	Jill Gastrock	HS Yearbook Advisor (1/2)	\$1,088.20
		HS Yearbook Business Manager (1/2)	\$ 513.97
20.	Erin Szentesy	HS Yearbook Advisor (1/2)	\$1,088.20
		HS Yearbook Business Manager (1/2)	\$ 513.97
21.	Judy Smithgall	HS Marching Band Instructor	\$3,536
22.	Peter Davis	HS Fall Drama Director	\$1162.02
23.	Christina Simonis	HS Spring Musical Director	\$2192
24.	Judi Hume	Elementary Odyssey of the Mind Coord.	\$ 824
25.	Shane Mascho	Middle School Odyssey of the Mind Coord.	\$ 800
26.	Jayanna Cavanaugh	MS Cheerleading Advisor (Basketball)	\$670.67
27.	John DeLeonardis	Strength & Conditioning Coach	\$6927.18
28.	Tammy Knowlton	On-Line Mentor (Wellsboro Academy)	\$32 per hr.

The motion passed with seven (7) votes in the affirmative on #1-25; #27 and #28 and one (1) dissenting vote by Mrs. Shabloski on #26. Members Absent: Mr. Hackett and Mr. Poirier.

C. Extra-Curricular Hire – A motion was made by Mr. Peropat, seconded by Mr. Neal to approve the hire of Kristen West as MS Basketball Assistant Coach at a salary of \$2,278.36 and as MS Student Council Advisor (1/2) at a salary of \$657.50 for the school year 2011-12.

The motion passed with six (6) votes in the affirmative and one (1) abstention by Mr. West. Members Absent: Mr. Hackett and Mr. Poirier.

D. Extra-Curricular Hire – A motion was made by Mrs. Vail, seconded by Mrs. Shabloski, to approve the hire of Mary Peropat as High School Science Chairperson at a salary of \$1,061 for the school year 2011-12.

The motion passed with six (6) votes in the affirmative and one (1) abstention by Mr. Peropat. Members Absent: Mr. Hackett and Mr. Poirier.

E. Extra-Curricular Hire - A motion was made by Mr. Coolidge, seconded by Mr. Peropat, to approve the hire of Todd Outman as Middle School Head Teacher at a salary of \$1,886 for the school year 2011-12.

The motion passed with five (5) votes in the affirmative and two (2) dissenting votes by Mr. Neal and Mrs. Shabloski. Members Absent: Mr. Hackett and Mr. Poirier.

F. Transfers - A motion was made by Mr. Peropat, second by Mr. Neal, to approve the following hires:

1. Brenda Ebert from special education instructional aide, part-time, 5 hrs/9months to special education instructional aide, full-time, 7 hrs/9 months, effective August 25, 2011.
2. Brenda Copp from Middle School Life Skills Support Teacher to Middle School Sixth Grade Teacher, effective August 25, 2011.
3. Anjanette Cole from Sixth Grade Learning/Emotional Support Teacher to Middle School Life Skills Support Teacher, effective August 25, 2011.
4. Jeanne Ryan from Rock L. Butler Middle School Building Secretary, part-time, 5 hrs/10 months to Special Education Secretary, full-time, 8 hrs/10 months, effective August 10, 2011.

The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote. Member Absent: Mr. Hackett and Mr. Poirier.

G. Transfer - A motion was made by Mr. Peropat, second by Mrs. Shabloski, to approve the following transfer:

1. Janet Hill from Special Education Secretary, full-time, 8 hrs/10 months to Rock L. Butler Middle School Building Secretary, full-time, 8 hrs/12 months, effective August 1, 2011.

The motion passed with six (6) votes in the affirmative and one (1)abstention by Mr. Neal. Members Absent: Mr. Hackett and Mr. Poirier.

H. Conference Request - A motion was made by Mrs. Shabloski, seconded by Mr. Chambers, to approve the the following conference request:

1. Philip Snyder, high school physical education teacher, to attend "Making the Connections-Creating and Maintaining Conditions for Learning", National Harbor, MD, August 7-10, 2011 (approximate costs of \$1300 to be paid through the PEP Grant)

The motion passed with six (6) votes in the affirmative and one (1) abstention by Mrs. Vail. Members Absent: Mr. Hackett and Mr. Poirier.

I. 2011-2012 WASD School Bus Driver List - A motion was made by Mr. Peropat, seconded by Mr. Neal to approve the 2011-2012 WASD School Bus Driver List.

The motion passed with five (5) votes in the affirmative and two (2) abstentions by Mr. Neal and Mrs. Shabloski. Members Absent: Mr. Hackett and Mr. Poirier

J. Tenure - A motion was made by Mr. Peropat, seconded by Mr. Chambers to approve the recognition of Kristen West who has attained tenure in accordance with the requirements of Section 1121 of the PA School Code, amended by Act 66 of 1996 after successfully completing three years of teaching physical education.

The motion passed with six (6) votes in the affirmative and one (1) abstention by Mr. West. Members Absent: Mr. Hackett and Mr. Poirier.

K. Hire – A motion was made by Mr. Peropat, seconded by Mrs. Shabloski to approve the hire of Sherri Prough as Wellsboro Area School District Athletic Director at a salary of \$5,000 for the school year 2011-2012.

The motion passed with five (5) votes in the affirmative and two (2) dissenting votes by Mr. Neal and Mr. West. Members Absent: Mr. Hackett and Mr. Poirier.

Public Comment - None

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:41 P.M. All Ayes.

Craig West,
Vice President

Linda K. Gamble
Board Secretary