

WELLSBORO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting

October 11, 2011

High School LGI Room – 7:30 PM

MINUTES

Called to order by President Wayne Hackett at 7:32 PM in the Wellsboro Area High School Large Group Instruction Room, 225 Nichols Street, Wellsboro, Pennsylvania.

President Wayne Hackett led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Present were the following: Mr. Christopher Morral, Mrs. Marcia Newcomb, Mr. Steve Adams, Mr. Patrick Hewitt, Mr. David Krick, Mr. Mike Pietropola and Mrs. Amy Repard; Board Secretary, Linda Gamble; Press Present: Natalie Kennedy (Wellsboro Gazette), Cheryl Clarke (Williamsport Gazette); Visitors Present: Diane Borden and Chance Borden, of Wellsboro, PA; Edward Ryan of Wellsboro, PA; John and Lori Redell, Wellsboro, PA; Steve Kramer of Wellsboro, PA; Melanie Berndtson, Wellsboro, PA; Cliff Cole, of Wellsboro, PA;

Announcement of any Executive Session - None

President Wayne Hackett read the Guidelines for Public Comment.

Concerned Resident Issues – None

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

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

- A. Minutes of Previous Meeting – Regular Board Meeting of September 13, 2011;
- B. Financial Reports – Board Summary Report;
- C. Approval of Bills – 2011-12 General Fund Invoice; 2011-12 Food Service Invoices; 2011-12 Add-On General 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 gave special recognition by way of certificates of appreciation to the following: Lori Redell for her dedication in caring for the Don Gill Butterfly Garden; Chance Borden for his dedicated caring for the greenhouse plants at the high school during the summer months; special recognition given to Board Member Atalanta Shabloski for being awarded the prestigious accreditation from Pennsylvania School Boards Association as a Master School Board Member.

Mr. Morral also gave thanks to the IT Department for their work in posting District policies, procedures and other items to the District webpage. He also reported on the cost savings of the four day summer work week (June 24 – August 12) this year.

Report from the Business Manager

Mrs. Newcomb reported that the Business Office has been very busy this summer and it is going to be very busy into the fall! We are still going through the state audit. Our independent auditors will be arriving in a week to begin their audit. She also stated that the PIMS reporting is very intense to say the least. Preliminary staffing reports for 2012-13 have been received and will be sent out to the board members and will be discussed at the November 9th Budget & Finance Committee Meeting.

Report from the Administrators

Mr. Steven Adams reported an area that he wanted to improve on was bus behavior. As a demonstration, we have students demonstrate what bad behavior is! The number of bus behavior incidents is down from last year!

Mr. Patrick Hewitt reported on the 5th and 6th Grade Inside Out Program. Two dances have been well attended.

Mr. Mike Pietropola reported that athletics are in full swing and the field is drying out!

Mr. Dave Krick reported that he and several members of his staff had met with Trucklite. This company is dealing with issues of getting employees to stay. Dave also commented on School to Work experience for students. He has also met with Mr. Steve Kramer from the Hospital on this same topic.

Mrs. Amy Repard had nothing to report.

Mr. Brian Kennedy spoke on the PEP Grant.

Report from the Board Members

Mrs. Atalanta Shabloski reported on several political issues including but not limited to vouchers, charter school expansion and educator's evaluations.

CONSENT ITEMS:

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

1. ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

A. Letter of Agreement between County of Tioga and Wellsboro Area School District

Consideration of approval for Letter of Agreement between County of Tioga and WASD for the purpose of purchasing Pre-Vocational Services from the Highland Chocolate Program, as presented.

B. Bus Contracts

Consideration of approval for bus contracts and routes for Benedict's Bus Service, Niles Transportation, and private contractors for the school year 2011-2012 with anticipated daily and annual rates.

C. Affiliation Agreement between Slippery Rock University and WASD

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

D. Title 1 Supplemental Educational Services (SES)

Consideration of approval for the implementation of Title 1 Supplemental Educational Services for eligible students in Grades 5-8 as a result of School Improvement, effective November 1, 2011 – May 17, 2012.

2. **PERSONNEL**

A. **Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement**

Consideration of approval to accept letter of resignation from Stanley Korenkiewicz, Local, State and Federal Grant Programs Coordinator/Reading Specialist, for the purpose of retirement, with regret, effective June 15, 2012.

B. **Extra-Curricular Volunteer Appointments**

Consideration of approval for the following extra-curricular volunteer appointments for the school year 2011-2012:

1. Benjamin Miller as High School Boys Basketball Volunteer Assistant Coach;
2. Brooke Egleston as High School Boys Basketball Volunteer Assistant Coach pending receipt of all required clearances;
3. Nathan Babcock as High School Boys Basketball Volunteer Assistant Coach;
4. Charles Griscavage as High School Boys Basketball Volunteer Assistant Coach;

C. **Conference Requests**

Consideration of approval for the following conference requests:

1. Glenda McCarthy, Learning/Emotional Support Teacher, Brandie Boyce, First Grade Teacher, Laura Lightner, Kindergarten/Grade 1 Teacher, and Heather Callahan, Kindergarten Teacher, to attend "School Wide Positive Behavior Support Training" in Wellsboro, PA on October 11, November 16, and December 14, 2011 (approximate cost of \$1600 (substitute costs and registration) to be paid from School Wide Positive Behavior Support Grant (Special Education);
2. Jill Gastrock and Lara Miller, High School Student Council Advisors, to attend "PASC State Conference" in Altoona, PA on November 10-12, 2011 (approximate costs of \$1,040 to be paid from HS Student Council Activity Account)
3. Matthew Perry, High School Baseball Coach, to attend "American Baseball Coaches Association Conference", on January 5-8, 2012 in Anaheim, California (approximate costs of \$495 to be paid from High School Baseball Student Activity Account)
4. Todd Outman, Sherri Prough, Phil Snyder and Mel Rupert, Physical Education Teacher, to attend "PSAHPHERD Conference" (PA State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance) on November 10-12, 2011 in Split Rock, PA (approximate costs of \$2,296.50 to be paid from PEP Grant)

3. **STUDENT**

A. **Independent Study Proposals**

Consideration of approval for the following independent study proposals:

1. Jessica Huck, junior, requests to take an independent study – **French 5**, a .5 credit course. Instruction will be provided during the 2011-12 Fall semester by Ms. Lara Miller, High School/Middle School French Teacher.
2. Raina Rogers, senior, requests to take an independent study – **Animal Science 5 & 6**, a .5 credit course. Instruction will be provided during the 2011-2012 Fall semester by Mrs. Melanie Berndtson, High School Horticulture/AgScience Teacher.

B. **Request to Establish Student Activity Account**

Consideration of approval to establish the following student activity account:

1. Class of 2015 to raise money to help reduce costs and improve the Yearbook and Prom;

4. **OTHER**

A. **2011-2012 Additions to Substitute List**

Consideration of approval of additions to the 2011-2012 Substitute List as presented.

TEACHERS:

Susan Prevost	20 West Ave., Wellsboro, PA	570-723-4999	French
Meghan Galloway	59 Walnut St., Wellsboro, PA	570-724-5329	Emerg. Cert.

SUPPORT STAFF

Annette Nuss	29 Nichols St., Wellsboro, PA	570-723-0891	Instructional Aide
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B. Transportation Drivers

Consideration of approval for the following transportation drivers:

1. Terry Babb, school bus driver for Niles Transportation, pending receipt of required clearances;
2. Edward L. Stauffer, Sr., school bus driver for Niles Transportation, pending receipt of required clearances;
3. Anna Cavanaugh, substitute driver of handicap van for Benedict's Bus Service, pending receipt of required clearances;
4. Michael Wagner, school bus driver for Benedict's Bus Service;

The motion passed with seven (7) votes in the affirmative on all items. Members absent: Mr. Coolidge and Mrs. Vail.

XI. ACTION ITEMS:

1. ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

A. Memorandum of Agreement - A motion was made by Mr. Peropat, seconded by Mr. Neal to approve the "Memorandum of Agreement – One-time Retirement Benefit" between the Wellsboro Area School District and Stanley Korenkiewicz, Local, State and Federal Grant Programs Coordinator/Reading Specialist, as presented, contingent upon attaining a mutual agreement with Wellsboro Area Education Association.

The motion passed with seven (7) votes in the affirmative. Members Absent: Mr. Coolidge and Mrs. Vail

B. Job Description - Local, State and Federal Grant Programs Coordinator/Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Technology – A motion was made by Mr. Neal, seconded by Mrs. Shabloski, to approve Job Description – Local, State and Federal Grant Programs Coordinator/Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Technology, as presented.

The motion passed with seven (7) votes in the affirmative. Members Absent: Mr. Coolidge and Mrs. Vail

C. Transition Plan for Administrative Positions for School Year 2012-2013 – A motion was made by Mr. Neal, seconded by Mr. Poirier, to approve the following administrative assignments for the school year 2012-13, effective July 1, 2012:

1. Patrick Hewitt – Local, State and Federal Grant Programs Coordinator/Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Technology; 2012-2013 salary contingent upon Act 93 negotiations;
2. Michael Pietropola – Rock L. Butler Middle School Principal; 2012-2013 salary contingent upon Act 93 negotiations;

The motion passed with seven (7) votes in the affirmative. Members Absent: Mr. Coolidge and Mrs. Vail

2. PERSONNEL

A. Extra-Curricular Hire - A motion was made by Mrs. Shabloski, seconded by Mr. Neal, to approve the following extra-curricular hire for the school year 2011-12:

1. Sarah Page Middle School Volleyball Assistant Coach \$1,226 (pending receipt of all required clearances)

The motion passed with seven (7) votes in the affirmative. Members Absent: Mr. Coolidge and Mrs. Vail

B. Tutors for Title 1 Supplemental Educational Services (SES) – A motion was made by Mr. Peropat, seconded by Mr. Poirier, to approve the following individuals to serve as tutors for the Title 1 Supplemental Educational Services program for the school year 2011-12 at a contractual rate of \$32.00 per hour in accordance with the Contract Agreement between WASD and WAEA based on the understanding that the number of teachers used will be contingent upon student/parent participation by buildings and will be at the discretion of the administration.

1. Cynthia Carr
2. Deborah Greco

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

C. Conference Request - A motion was made by Mrs. Shabloski, seconded by Mr. Peropat, to approve the following:
1. Todd Fitch, Sherri Prough, Melissa Ward, Todd Outman, Kristen West, Phil Snyder and Mel Rupert, Physical Education Teachers, to attend "PE4Life Conference", on November 7 & 8, 2011 in Titusville, PA (approximate costs of \$2,672.80 to be paid from PEP Grant)

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

D. Transfer - A motion was made by Mr. Neal, seconded by Mr. Peropat, to approve the following transfer:
1. Lisa Allen from part-time Middle School Custodian to part-time Administration Office Custodian, 5 hrs/12 months, effective October 12, 2011. Rate of pay will remain at \$11.14 per hour.

The motion passed with seven (7) votes in the affirmative. Members Absent: Mr. Coolidge and Mrs. Vail

E. Hire - A motion was made by Mrs. Shabloski, seconded by Mr. Peropat, to approve the hire of Tina Stadler, part-time custodian, 5 hrs/12 months, effective October 12, 2011, at a rate of \$11.14 per hour. 60-working day probationary period is hereby waived.

The motion passed with seven (7) votes in the affirmative. Members Absent: Mr. Coolidge and Mrs. Vail

President Wayne Hackett read the Guidelines for Public Comment.

XII. Public Comment - None

XIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM. All Ayes

Wayne A. Hackett
President, WASD School Board

Linda K. Gamble
Board Secretary