

WELLSBORO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting

November 8, 2011

High School LGI Room – 7:30 PM

MINUTES

Called to order by President Wayne Hackett at 7:30 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. Todd Coolidge, Mr. Wayne Hackett, Mr. Christopher Neal, Mr. John Peropat, Mr. Glenn Poirier, Mrs. Atalanta Shabloski, Mrs. Anna Vail and Mr. Craig West.

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 and Mr. Scott Keck; Board Secretary, Linda Gamble; Press Present: Natalie Kennedy (Wellsboro Gazette), Cheryl Clarke (Williamsport Gazette);

Announcement of any Executive Session: November 8, 2011 at 6:30 PM – High School Conference Room for the purpose of personnel, student matter, negotiations and legal matter;

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. Peropat, seconded by Mrs. Shabloski to approve the Board Minutes and Financials as presented.

- A. Minutes of Previous Meeting – Regular Board Meeting of October 11, 2011;
- B. Financial Reports – Board Summary Report;
- C. Approval of Bills – 2011-12 General Fund Invoices; 2011-12 Food Service Invoices; 2011-12 Student Activity Fund Report; 2011-12 General Fund Add-On 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 to Board Members Anna Vail, Atalanta Shabloski, and Glenn Poirier for their eight years of services and thanked them for their commitment to our students and for the cause of public education. Mr. Morral reported that the District is moving forward with the District Goals set at the beginning of the year. Our teachers this year will be attending Learning Focused Schools Instructional Strategies Workshops (4 day training) and they are excited by this. This training will be provided by Amy Martell, IU #17. Mr. Morral also reported that on November 2, 2011, the stadium bleachers were closed. They will be taped off until further notice. The decision was not an easy one but the District is looking into making them safe. We are making plans for have an engineer examine these bleachers and the District will be taking all the necessary steps to move forward to provide a safe environment.

Report from the Business Manager

Mrs. Newcomb reported that the Business Office has been busy for the last month working on budget, negotiations, and PIMS reporting. We have sat through 4 webinars which include child accounting, earned income tax, and finalizing cooperative purchasing.

Report from the Administrators

Mr. Adams reported that Parent/Teacher Conferences went well. This year, Don Gill students will honor the veterans on November 10th.

Mr. Hewitt stated things are going well especially since we had a good start with the sporting season.

Mr. Pietropola gave a report on the fall sports events.

Mr. Krick stated that the PSSA make-up tests for 12th grade are done. The Drama Play is coming up on November 10-12th.

Mr. Keck stated that the roof project at the Administration Office is complete now. We have a 20 year warranty in addition to a 15 year annual inspection agreement. The replacement of the gym floor at the Administration Office is going as scheduled.

Report from Board Members

Mr. Chambers reported that he had an opportunity to attend several sporting events this fall. He stated the students were doing a great job and encouraged other board members if they have an opportunity, to attend the events as well as the plays. Kids are going a great job!

Mr. Hackett stated the Middle School Tour is scheduled for Wednesday, November 16 at Noon, meeting at the office. December 6th is the Reorganization Meeting. We will be taking nominations for the officers at that time.

CONSENT ITEMS:

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

1. **ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION**

A. Approval of Bid Opening and Award of Lowest Bid

Consideration of approval of the minutes of the following bid opening and award of bid:

1. Bid Opening for WASD Used Snow Plow Sale - October 21, 2011 at 2:00 PM – Administration Center
Award of Bid: Mansfield Fleet Service Inc. \$855.00

2. **PERSONNEL**

A. Resignations

Consideration of approval to accept letters of resignation, with regret, from:

1. Kenneth Jacobs, Custodian, effective October 31, 2011;
2. Bridget Grim, Charlotte Lappla Special Education Instructional Aide, effective November 11, 2011;

B. Conference Requests

Consideration of approval for the following conference requests:

1. Melanie Berndtson, High School Horticulture/AgScience Teacher, to attend “National Association of Agricultural Educators – Teachers Turn the Key Young Member Award Reception” in St. Louis, Missouri on November 15-18, 2011 (approximate cost of \$400 (substitute costs) to be paid from Building Budget; all other travel and expenses are covered through the award)
2. David Krick, Brandon Falk, High School Biology Teacher, and Elizabeth Hoover, High School English Teacher, to attend “Learning Focused Schools Instructional Strategies Workshop” in Canton, PA on November 30, December 7, 14 & 21, 2011 (approximate costs of \$2,032.04 to be paid from Building Budget)
3. Angela Rhone, Kindergarten Teacher and Jessica Copp, Don Gill 4th Grade Teacher, to attend “Learning Focused Schools Instructional Strategies Workshop” in Canton, PA on November 30, December 7, 14 & 21, 2011 (approximate costs of \$1,800 to be paid from Building Budget)
4. Tina Colton, Middle School 5th Grade Teacher, Jennifer Outman, Middle School 5th Grade Teacher, Tammy Martin, Middle School 5th Grade Teacher, Susan Hackett, Middle School 6th Grade Teacher, and Pat Hewitt to attend “Learning Focused Schools Instructional Strategies Workshop” in Canton, PA on November 30, December 7, 14 & 21, 2011 (approximate costs of \$4,038 to be paid from Building Budget)
5. Miranda Smith, Charlotte Lappla Life Skills Teacher, to attend “Quality Behavior Solutions-Safety Care Specialist Certification”, December 15 & 16, 2011, Canton, PA (approximate costs of \$368 to be paid from ACCESS Funds)
6. Miranda Smith, Charlotte Lappla Life Skills Teacher, to attend “Crisis Prevention Institute: None Violent Crisis Intervention”, January 17 & 18, 2012, Williamsport, PA (approximate costs of \$411 to be paid from ACCESS Funds)

C. Approval of Title I Math & Reading Tutors K-8 for the School Year 2011-2012

Consideration of approval of the following individuals to serve as Title I Math & Reading Tutors K-8

For the School Year 2011-2012 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:

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| 1. Heather Callahan | 5. Karen Farrer |
| 2. Heather Curchoe | 6. Shannon Tice |
| 3. Rhoda Mann | 7. Joseph Davis |
| 4. Jessica Copp | 8. Brenda Copp |

D. Extra-Curricular Volunteer Appointment

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

1. Melinda Kramer as Volunteer Northern Tier Aquatics Club representative;

3. STUDENT

A. In Lieu of Expulsion Agreement

Consideration of approval of the following In Lieu of Expulsion Agreement: 1. Student #1 - 2011-2012;

B. Request for Homebound Instruction

Consideration of approval for the request of homebound instruction for Student #2 HB 2011-2012 as per his family physician for a period of two weeks.

C. Request for Extension of Homebound Instruction

Consideration of approval for the request of an extension for homebound instruction for Student #1 HB 2011-2012 as per her family physician for a period of eight weeks.

4. **OTHER**

A. 2011-2012 Additions to Substitute List

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

Aide: Manuella Calderon 934 Ritz Rd. Mansfield, PA 16933 404-3224 Inst. Aid & Secretarial

Approved Disapproved Tabled Amended Postponed

The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

XI. **ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **PERSONNEL**

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

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| 1. Edward Hamm | Middle School Science Department Chairperson | \$1,061 |
| 2. Scott Ingerick | High School Wrestling Assistant Coach | \$2,874 |

The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

B. Hire

A motion was made by Mr. Peropat, seconded by Mr. Neal to approve the hire of James Casher, part-time custodian, 5 hrs per day/12 months, effective November 1, 2011, at a rate of \$8.00 per hour during the first 60-working day probationary period, then increased to beginning rate of \$11.14 per hour.

The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

C. Approval of Title 1 Math & Reading Tutors K-8 for the School Year 2011-2012

A motion was made by Mr. Neal, seconded by Mrs. Shabloski, to approve the following individual to serve as Title 1 Math & Reading Tutor K-8 for the school year 2011-2012 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

The motion passed with eight (8) votes in the affirmative and one abstention by Mr. West.

D. Extra-Curricular Volunteer Appointment

A motion was made by Mr. West, seconded by Mr. Neal to approve the extra-curricular volunteer appointment for the school year 2011-2012 of:

1. Carl Chambers, High School and Middle School Wrestling Assistant Coach;

The motion passed with eight (8) votes in the affirmative and one abstention by Mr. Chambers.

President Wayne Hackett read the guidelines for Public Comment.

XII. Public Comment - None

XIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM. All Ayes

Wayne A. Hackett
President, WASD School Board

Linda K. Gamble
Board Secretary