

WELLSBORO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Reorganization Meeting of the Board
December 6, 2011
Minutes

Called to Order by President Wayne Hackett at 7:30 P.M. in the Wellsboro Area High School Large Group Instruction Room, 227 Nichols Street, Wellsboro, Pennsylvania.

President Wayne Hackett led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Present were the following: Mr. Christopher Morral, Mrs. Marcia Newcomb, Mr. Steve Adams, Mr. Patrick Hewitt, Dr. David Krick, Mr. Mike Pietropola; Mrs. Amy Repard; Mr. Scott Keck; Bruce Vickery, WASD Solicitor; Board Secretary: Linda Gamble; Student Representative Tawny Amarosa; Press Present: Natalie Kennedy (Wellsboro Gazette) and Cheryl Clarke (Williamsport Sun Gazette). Visitors present: Karen Farrer, Mansfield, PA; Anna Miller, Wellsboro, PA; Mary Kay Clark, Wellsboro, PA; Steven Kramer, Wellsboro, PA; Christopher Gastrock, Wellsboro, PA; Jonathan Lawton, Wellsboro, PA; Jill Gastrock, Middlebury Center, PA;

Announcement of any Executive Session: November 21, 2011 at 5:00 PM – Old Music Room for the purpose of legal issue;

President Wayne Hackett read the Guidelines for Public Comment.

Concerned Resident Issues – Adrienne Hampson read a letter and spoke on behalf of the WASD Cheerleaders concerning school safety and the morale of the student body.

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

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

- A. Minutes of Previous Meeting – Regular Board Meeting of November 8, 2011;
- B. Financial Reports – Board Summery Report and Student Activity Fund Report;
- C. Approval of Bills – 2011-12 General Fund Invoices; 2011-12 Food Service Invoices; Capital Improvement Fund Invoices; Add-On Bills/Invoices

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

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

Appointment of Temporary President - A motion was made by Mr. Hackett, seconded by Mr. Neal to elect Mrs. Atalanta Shabloski as Temporary President. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. (Temporary President shall be elected from the holder-over membership and preside over the election of the President, Vice-President, and Assistant Secretary).

Superintendent Christopher Morral recognized the three outgoing Board Members and presented each with a plaque on behalf of the School Board. They were: Anna Vail, Todd Coolidge and Wayne Hackett.

Mary Kay Clark, Tioga County Prothonotary, then issued the Oath of Office to Board Members Christopher Gastrock, Jonathan Lawton, Steven Kramer, Carl Chambers and Atalanta Shabloski. There was an Exchange of Seats.

Election of President - A motion was made by Mr. Neal, seconded by Mr. Peropat to elect Mr. Craig West as President. The motion passed by majority vote.

Election of Vice President – A motion was made by Mrs. Shabloski, seconded by Mr. Poirier to elect Mr. Carl Chambers as Vice President. The motion passed by majority vote.

Election of Assistant Secretary – A motion was made by Mr. West, seconded by Mr. Poirier to elect Mrs. Shabloski as Assistant Secretary. The motion passed by majority vote.

President Craig West was handed the gavel by Temporary President Shabloski.

Report from Student Representative

Tawny Amarosa reported on numerous school activities being conducted by the students.

Report from the Superintendent

Mr. Morral welcomed the three new board members to the Board and also reminded the entire Board of the new time slot for all board meetings, to wit, **7:00 PM** instead of the usual 7:30 PM

Report from the Business Manager

Mrs. Newcomb reported that the Business Office is continuing to work on the single audit budget and child accounting along with the everyday business to keep the District running responsibly.

Report from Administrators

Mr. Adams reported on events that were happening in the elementary schools. Made mention that 93% of the parents attended parent-teachers conference. There were approximately 40-65 students participating in the tutoring program.

Mr. Hewitt reported on different events happening in the Middle School, particularly the Singing/Band concert. There are approximately 27-28 students enrolled in their tutoring program at the middle school.

Mr. Pietropola reported that winter sports are in full swing. Reorganization of the Booster Club went very well and they are up and operational.

Mr. Krick reported on the Perkins Information noting the District's reduction of approximately \$280 out of a \$30,000 grant. Adjustments have been made. Chorus and band concerts are coming up. Everything else was quiet (a good thing).

Mrs. Repard had nothing to report.

Mr. Keck reported that the auxiliary gym is completed and he is pleased with the results.

Brian Kennedy, PEP Grant Coordinator, reported on various events taking place in our district. He reported a number of trainings within our staff paid for by the Grant. He stated that Wellsboro Area School District has a good possibility of being a "Model School".

Report from Board Members:

Board Member John Peropat encouraged the new board members to attend board orientation training.

Board Member Atalanta Shabloski reported on various political issues going on in Harrisburg and in our county.

CONSENT ITEMS:

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

1. **ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION**

A. **Board Meeting Location and Time**

Consideration of approval that the Board establish the High School Large Group Instruction Room (LGI) at 7:00 PM as the Board Meeting site and meeting time for the Year 2012.

B. **Board Meeting Schedule for Year 2012**

Consideration of approval to adopt the Board Meetings for Year 2012 as presented.

C. **Committee Meetings Schedule for Year 2012**

Consideration of approval to adopt the Committee Meetings Schedule for Year 2012 as presented.

D. **Second Reading and Adoption of Revised Board Policy #113 – Special Education**

Consideration of approval to adopt revised Board Policy #113 – Special Education as presented.

E. **Second Reading and Adoption of Revised Board Policy #113.1–Discipline of Students w/ Disabilities**

Consideration of approval to adopt revised Board Policy #113.1 – Discipline of Students with Disabilities as presented.

F. **Second Reading and Adoption of Revised Board Policy #113.2 – Behavior Support**

Consideration of approval to adopt revised Board Policy #113.2 – Behavior Support as presented.

G. **Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy #113.3 – Screening and Evaluations for Students with Disabilities**

Consideration of approval to adopt Board Policy #113.3 – Screening and Evaluations for Students with Disabilities as presented.

H. **Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy #113.4 – Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information**

Consideration of approval to adopt Board Policy #113.4 – Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information as presented.

I. **Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy #113.5 – Early Intervention**

Consideration of approval to adopt Board Policy #113.5 – Early Intervention as presented.

J. **Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy #718 – Service Animals in Schools**

Consideration of approval to adopt Board Policy #718 – Service Animals in Schools as presented.

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

Consideration of approval of the following individuals to serve as Title I Reading Tutors K-8 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 on student/parent participation by buildings and will be at the discretion of the Administration: 1. Shannon Ferry 2. Jeffrey Zuchowski

2. PERSONNEL

A. Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

Consideration of approval to accept letter of resignation from Ann J. Cole, School Nurse, for the purpose of retirement, with regret, effective January 20, 2012.

B. Resignation

Consideration of approval to accept letter of resignation from Lorraine Klein, Special Education Instructional Aide, effective November 17, 2011.

C. Conference Request

Consideration of approval for the following conference request:

1. Stanley Korenkiewicz, Local, State and Federal Grant Programs Coordinator/Reading Specialist, and Patrick Hewitt, Middle School Principal, to attend "Pennsylvania Department of Education Federal Programs Conference", in Hershey, PA on March 25-28, 2012 (approximate costs of \$1,620 to be paid from Title I Delinquent and Neglected Fund and from MS Building Budget)

D. Extra-Curricular Resignation

Consideration of approval to accept letter of resignation from Tanya Deats as High School Volleyball Head Coach, effective November 16, 2011.

E. Extra-Curricular Volunteer Appointments

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

1. Justin Rupert as Middle School Wrestling Volunteer Assistant
2. Jake Clemens as Middle School Wrestling Volunteer Assistant Coach pending receipt of all required clearances;

3. STUDENT

A. Educational Trip Exceeding 10 Days

Consideration of approval for the following educational trip request:

1. David Dinh, eighth grade student, to be absent from school beginning December 10, 2011 – January 8, 2012 for the purpose of visiting grandfather in China.

4. CURRICULUM

A. Adoption of Wellsboro Online Academy College Study Skills Course

Consideration of approval for the adoption of Wellsboro Online Academy College Study Skills Course to be offered in Fall of 2012 to WOA students. Said course will include transitioning to college, note taking, preparing for tests, test taking, learning styles, time management, organizational skills, memory strategies, and many others.

B. Adoption of revised WASD Health, Safety (Drivers Ed) and Physical Education Course

Consideration of approval for the adoption of revised WASD Health, Safety (Drivers Ed) and Physical Education Course for 9th and 10th graders per state standards, and Health and Physical Education will be for 11th and 12th graders per state standards.

5. OTHER

A. 2011-2012 Additions to Substitute List

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

The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

XIX. **ACTION ITEMS**

1. **ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION**

A. Adoption of Special Session Act 1 of 2006 Resolution

A motion was made by Mr. Poirier, seconded by Mr. Peropat to approve the adoption of Resolution indicating that the Wellsboro Area School District Board of Directors will not raise the rate of any tax for the support of its public schools for the 2012-2013 fiscal year by more than the index established by the Department of Education for the District of 2.20% pursuant to Section 311 (d) (1).

The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

2. **PERSONNEL**

A. Transfers

A motion was made by Mr. Peropat, seconded by Mrs. Shabloski, to approve the following transfers:

1. Pamela Zuchowski **from** part-time Middle School Learning Support Special Education Instructional Aide **to** part-time Charlotte Lappla Learning/Emotional Support Special Education Instructional Aide, effective November 14, 2011.
2. Patrice Robinson **from** part-time Charlotte Lappla Life Skills Special Education Instructional Aide **to** full-time (7 hrs /9 months) Middle School Life Skills Special Education Instructional Aide, effective November 18, 2011.

The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

B. Extra-Curricular Hire

A motion was made by Mrs. Shabloski, seconded by Mr. Poirier, to approve the following extra-curricular hire for the school year 2011-2012:

1. Jeff Rupert Middle School Wrestling Head Coach \$3,107.00

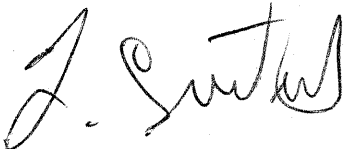
The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

President Craig West read the Guidelines for Public Comment.

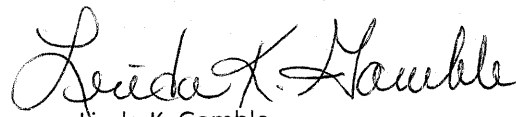
Public Comment - Natalie Kennedy from the Wellsboro Gazette questioned the appropriateness of the secret ballot. Both Board Member Atalanta Shabloski and Superintendent Christopher Morral replied to Mrs. Kennedy's question indicating that a conversation with PSBA verified that the procedure used by the Board at this meeting was appropriate.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM. All Ayes.



F. Craig West
President, WASD School Board



Linda K. Gamble
Board Secretary