

WELLSBORO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting

February 14, 2012

High School LGI Room – 7:00 PM

MINUTES

Called to order by President Craig West at 7:04 PM in the Wellsboro Area High School Large Group Instruction Room, 225 Nichols Street, Wellsboro, Pennsylvania.

President Craig West led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Members: Mr. Carl Chambers, Mr. Chris Gastrock, Mr. Christopher Neal, Mr. John Peropat, Mr. Glenn Poirier, Mrs. Atalanta Shabloski, Mr. Jonathan Lawton and Mr. Craig West. Member(s) absent: Mr. Steven Kramer.

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; Student Representatives Tawny Amarosa and Justin Whelchel; Press Present: Natalie Kennedy (Wellsboro Gazette), Cheryl Clarke (Williamsport Sun Gazette); Bruce Vickery, WASD Solicitor;

Announcement of any Executive Session: February 14, 2012 at 6:00 PM – High School LGI Room for the purpose of negotiations and student matter;

President Craig West read the Guidelines for Public Comment.

Concerned Resident Issues: None

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 January 10, 2012;
- B. Financial Reports – Board Summary Report and 2011-12 Student Activity Account Summary;
- C. Approval of Bills – 2011-12 General Fund Invoices; 2011-12 Food Service Invoices; 2011-12 Capital Improvement Fund Invoices; 2011-12 Add-On General Fund Invoices; 2011-12 Add-On School Lunch Fund Invoices;

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

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

Report from the Student Representatives

Tawny Amarosa and Justin Whelchel announced upcoming school events and sporting competitions.

Report from the Superintendent

Superintendent Morral recognized Leevi Yungwirth, son of Matthew and Sheila Yungwirth, as a recipient of national honor from the United States Achievement Academy and presented him with a plaque.

Superintendent Morral asked David Krick, High School Principal and Matthew Rendos, High School Guidance Counselor, to speak on Graduation Projects. They presented information on new requirements for graduation projects targeted with the Class of 2014. Classes of 2012 and 2013 will complete current graduation project requirements of 60 community services hours.

Tammy Knowlton, High School Librarian, presented a video on the Overdrive Program (wellsborosd.lib.overdrive.com) and also used a PowerPoint presentation to explain her program used at the high school library.

Bruce Vickery, Esquire, WASD Solicitor, explained to the Board that in 1983, the District deeded property located in Charleston Township (former Charleston School) to Williamsport Community College for the sum of \$1.00. At time of transfer, there was a reservation that if the building were used for another purpose, the sum of \$60,000 would be due the District. There was a reservation that this exception would only run for 20 years. The District's window expired in 2003.

Trisha Morton then read the Leadership Tioga County Resolution declaring April 19, 2012 as Youth leadership Day in Tioga County.

Report from the Business Manager

Mrs. Newcomb gave an update of the activities for the month of January in the Business Office.

Report from the Administrators

Mr. Adams reported that 90% of our students in the after-school tutoring program are showing improvement.

Mr. Pietropola advised that the official start date for spring sports is March 5, 2012. He also reported that one of our students, Chad Daugherty, is making Districts in Wrestling at 195 lbs. - Girls and Boys Basketball teams are also making Districts.

Mr. Krick commented on the School to Work program. He advised that there are 3 student custodians working and helping out with the regular custodians.

Mr. Hewitt reported that the 8th graders were given a foam torso with inflatable lungs and a DVD on CPR to take home to learn about CPR with their families. These kits were provided by Joseph Laskowski, Community CPR Manager for Ohio, WV, Kentucky, PA and Delaware Great Rivers Affiliate American Heart Association. The program is called "Have a Heart – Save a Life" funded by the EQT Foundation of Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Repard reported that they are in the process of getting extended school year scheduled for the IEP students.

Mr. Brian Kennedy (PEP Grant) reported that the PE4Life Organization is featuring our District on their blog to highlight the positive changes we are making to improve physical education. The Wellness Committee will be reviewing the district's wellness policy and making recommendations for change as needed. A newly proposed Nutrition curriculum (Grades 1-4) will be presented to the Curriculum Council for review. The possibility of a portable ice skating rink is still being explored. Our next step is to see if the slope at the Middle School field is within acceptable slope limits.

Report from Board Members

Mrs. Shabloski reported on the political happenings of various educational issues in the House and Senate.

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. **BLaST Intermediate Unit #17 Budget for fiscal year 2012-2013**

Consideration of approval of the BLaST Intermediate Unit #17 2012-2013 General Operations Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013 in the amount of \$2,072,486 as presented. There is no assessment to the District for the General Operations Budget.

B. **Tioga County Youth Leadership 2012 Resolution**

Consideration of approval to adopt Resolution to designate April 19, 2012 as **Youth Leadership Day** in Tioga County.

C. **WASD Single Audit Financial Report for Year Ending June 30**

Consideration of approval for the Single Audit Financial Report for Year Ending June 30, 2011 as presented. (DELETED)

D. **WASD School Calendar for School Year 2012-2013**

Consideration of approval for the 2012-2013 Wellsboro Area School District School Calendar.

E. **Private Parent Transportation Contract**

Consideration of approval for private parent transportation contract for the school year 2011-2012.

F. **Approval of Job Description – Student Custodian**

Consideration of approval for Job Description for Student Custodian, as presented.

2. **PERSONNEL**

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

Consideration of approval to accept letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement from Patricia Kennedy, Special Education Instructional Aide, with regret, effective June 30, 2012.

B. **Conference Requests**

Consideration of approval for the following conference requests:

1. Melanie Berndtson, High School Horticulture/AgScience Teacher, to attend "Program of Study Task List Verification" on February 27 & 28, 2012 in State College, PA (approximate costs of \$100.00 to be paid from Building Budget)
2. Melanie Berndtson, High School Horticulture/AgScience Teacher, to attend "Progressive Agriculture Safety Day Coordinator Training" on March 1, 2012 (approximate costs of \$150.00 to be paid through Target Field Trip Grant)
3. Jennifer Ingerick-Outman, 5th Grade Teacher, and John M. Weaver, 8th Grade Teacher, to attend "Energy Workshop for Educators" on March 7, 2012 at PA College of Technology, Wellsboro, PA (approximate costs of \$200 to be paid by SHELL)

C. **Extra-Curricular Resignation**

Consideration of approval to accept letter of resignation from Thomas Janeski, High School Baseball Assistant Coach, effective January 11, 2012.

D. Request for Child Rearing Leave

Consideration of approval for the Request for Child-Rearing Leave by Laura Lightner, Kindergarten/Grade 1 Teacher, extending from March 5, 2012 – May 29, 2012, a period of approximately twelve (12) weeks.

E. Extra-Curricular Volunteer Appointments

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

1. Thomas Slichter as High School Boys/Girls Track Volunteer Assistant Coach;
2. Aaron Singer as High School Boys/Girls Track Volunteer Assistant Coach;
3. Melanie Berndtson as High School Boys/Girls Track Volunteer Assistant Coach;
4. Kristen Stam as High School Boys/Girls Track Volunteer Assistant Coach;

3. STUDENT

A. Overnight Field Trips (Policy #231)

Consideration of approval for the following overnight field trip requests:

1. Judy Smithgall, High School/Middle School Vocal Music Teacher, to take 4 Regional Chorus students to Lackawanna Trail High School on March 8 - 10, 2012
2. Judy Smithgall, High School/Middle School Vocal Music Teacher, to take 2 Regional Band students to Montrose Area High School on February 23 - 25, 2012
3. Melanie Berndtson, High School Horticulture/AgScience Teacher, to take 3 FFA students to Harrisburg, PA to attend SLLC Conference on March 18 - 20, 2012
4. Jodi Wieder, High School Social Studies Teacher, and Lisa Higham, High School English Teacher, to take 20 International Travel Group students to Italy on June 8 – 16, 2013. All costs to be paid by individual students.

B. Request for Extension of Homebound Instruction

Consideration of approval for the request for extension of homebound instruction for Student #1 HB 2011-2012 as per her family physician for a period of eight weeks commencing on February 7, 2012.

C. In Lieu of Expulsion Agreement

Consideration of approval of the following In Lieu of Expulsion Agreement:

1. Student #2 – 2011-2012;

D. Independent Study Proposal

Consideration of approval for the following independent study proposal:

1. Courtney Tasa, senior, requests to take an independent study – *Animal Science 4*, a .5 credit course. Instruction will be provided during the 2011-2012 spring semester by Mrs. Melanie Berndtson, Horticulture/AgScience Teacher.
2. Danae Gastrock, senior, requests to take an independent study – *Plant Science 2*, a .5 credit course. Instruction will be provided during the 2011-2012 spring semester by Mrs. Melanie Berndtson, Horticulture/AgScience Teacher.

4. OTHER

A. 2011-2012 Additions to Substitute List (Policy #405 & 505)

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

TEACHER:

Natalie Hallead 14 West Avenue, Wellsboro, PA 570-787-3589 Elementary

The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

XI. **ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION**

A. Contract Agreement between WASD and Wellsboro Area Educational Support Professionals Assoc. – A motion was made by Mrs. Shabloski, seconded by Mr. Neal to approve the Contract Agreement between the Wellsboro Area School District and the Wellsboro Area Educational Support Professionals Association for the period of four years, July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2014 as presented.

The motion passed with six (6) votes in the affirmative, and two dissenting votes by Mr. Lawton and Mr. Gastrock.
Member absent: Mr. Kramer

B. Administrators' Act 93 Compensation Plan – A motion was made by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mrs. Shabloski, to approve the Act 93 Compensation Plan between the Wellsboro Area School District and the Wellsboro Area School District Act 93 Administrators, as presented.

The motion passed with five (5) votes in the affirmative, and three dissenting votes by Mr. Lawton, Mr. Gastrock and Mr. Peropat. Member absent: Mr. Kramer

C. Request for Increase in Support Personnel Substitute Pay Rate – A motion was made by Mrs. Shabloski, seconded by Mr. Poirier, to approve the increase for the day to day support position substitutes from \$8.00 per hour to \$10.00 per hour, with a 3 hour call out guarantee, effective February 15, 2012.

The motion passed with eight (8) votes in the affirmative. Member absent: Mr. Kramer

D. Request for Increase in Support Personnel /WASD Probationary (60 days) Employees - A motion was made by Mr. Peropat, seconded by Mr. Neal, to approve the increase of the Support Personnel/WASD Probationary (60 days) hourly pay rate, effective February 15, 2012 as follows:

Instructional Aide	\$10.00/hour	Non-Instructional Aide	\$10.00/hour
Library Clerk	\$10.00/hour	Custodian	\$10.00/hour
Maintenance	\$13.00/hour	Technology Technician	\$11.00/hour
Secretary/Clerical	\$11.00/hour		

The motion passed with eight (8) votes in the affirmative. Member absent: Mr. Kramer

2. **PERSONNEL**

A. Extra-Curricular Hires – A motion was made by Mr. Peropat, seconded by Mrs. Shabloski, to approve the following extra-curricular hires for the school year 2012-13:

1. Shannon Ferry - On-Line Education Mentor (Wellsboro Academy) \$32 per hr. (Maximum of 10 hours per week)
2. Jodi Wieder - On-Line Education Mentor (Wellsboro Academy) \$32 per hr. (Maximum of 10 hours per week)
3. Erin Szentesy - On-Line Education Mentor (Wellsboro Academy) \$32 per hr. (Maximum of 10 hours per week)
4. Adrienne Hampson Middle School Basketball Cheerleading Advisor \$670.66
5. Andrew Worthington Middle School Soccer Assistant Coach \$1,734.52
6. Todd Fitch High School Boys Soccer Assistant Coach \$2,504.96
7. Christopher Reese Middle School Football Assistant Coach \$1,993
8. Jeff Bobinko Middle School Football Assistant Coach \$1,993
9. Nancy Janelli (pending receipt of clearances) Odyssey of the Mind Coach \$ 250

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| 10. Linda Iseri (pending receipt of clearances) | Odyssey of the Mind Coach | \$ 250 |
| 11. Mark Taylor (pending receipt of clearances) | Odyssey of the Mind Coach | \$ 250 |
| 12. Wendy Wetzel (pending receipt of clearances) | Odyssey of the Mind Coach | \$ 250 |
| 13. Wendy Shomo (pending receipt of clearances) | Odyssey of the Mind Coach | \$ 250 |

The motion passed with eight (8) votes in the affirmative. Member absent: Mr. Kramer

B. Extra-Curricular Hire – A motion was made by Mr. Peropat, seconded by Mr. Neal, to approve the following extra-curricular hire for the school year 2012-13:

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| 1. Jill Gastrock | High School Girls Tennis Head Coach | \$2,481 |
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The motion passed with seven (7) votes in the affirmative, and one (1) abstention by Mr. Gastrock.
Member absent: Mr. Kramer

C. Hires – A motion was made by Mr. Peropat, seconded by Mr. Neal, to approve the hire of:

1. Tyler DeLeonardis, maintenance worker, full-time, 8 hrs/12 months, effective January 30, 2012 at a rate of \$8.00 per hour during the 60-working day probationary period. After satisfactory completion of the probationary period, rate of pay will be based on the starting rate of pay for maintenance worker in accordance with the newly ratified Contract Agreement between Wellsboro Area School District and the Wellsboro Area Education Support Professional Association;
2. Krista Strainiere, elementary school nurse, effective February 20, 2012, Step #1, Bachelor's, \$41,909.

The motion passed with eight (8) votes in the affirmative. Member absent: Mr. Kramer

3. STUDENT

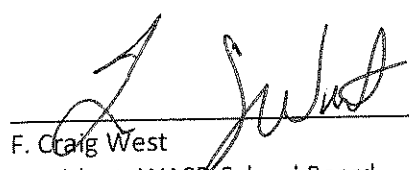
A. Overnight Field Trip Request – A motion was made by Mr. Peropat, seconded by Mr. Neal to approve the following overnight field trip request:

1. Jill Gastrock, High School English Teacher, to take 8 Student Council students to Athens, PA on March 16 & 17, 2012

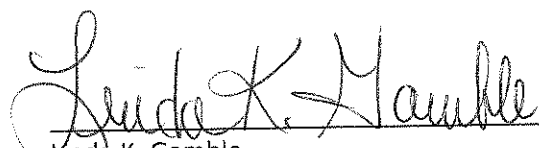
The motion passed with seven (7) votes in the affirmative, and one (1) abstention by Mr. Gastrock. Member absent: Mr. Kramer

XII. Public Comment

XIII. Adjournment – A motion was made by Mrs. Shabloski, seconded by Mr. Neal to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 PM. All ayes.


F. Craig West

President, WASD School Board


Linda K. Gamble

Board Secretary