

**WELLSBORO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Board of Education Meeting

October 9, 2012

High School LGI Room – 7:00 PM

**MINUTES**

Called to order by President Craig West at 7:02 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. Christopher Gastrock, Mr. Christopher Neal, Mr. John Peropat, Mr. Glenn Poirier, Mrs. Atalanta Shabloski, Mr. Steven Kramer, Mr. Jonathan Lawton and Mr. Craig West.

Present were the following: Mr. Christopher Morral, Mrs. Marcia Newcomb, Mr. Steven Adams, Mr. Patrick Hewitt, Mr. David Krick, Mr. Mike Pietropola, Mrs. Amy Repard, Mr. Robert Kreger and Mr. Scott Keck; Board Secretary, Linda Gamble;

Announcement of any Executive Sessions: Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at 6:15 PM for the purpose of pre-negotiations, personnel 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. Kramer 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. Peropat to approve the Board Minutes and Financials as presented.

- A. Minutes of Previous Meeting – Regular Board Meeting of September 11, 2012;
- B. Financial Reports – Board Summary Report (September 2012); 2012-13 Student Activity Fund Summary 9/30/2012; Capital Improvements/Stadium Fund/General Fund Information Report 9/30/2012;
- C. Approval of Bills – 2012-2013 General Fund Invoices; 2012-13 Add-On General Fund Invoices; 2012-13 School Lunch Fund Invoices; Stadium Fund Invoice;

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

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

Report from Student Representatives

Student Representatives Justin Whelchel and Troy Kennedy reported on the various student events happening in the District.

Report from Superintendent

Superintendent Morral reported that he had no items to report on other than the fact that Mrs. Denise Route, Middle School Computer Teacher had been invited to speak on the newly formed FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) Club for the Middle School Grades 5-8. Mrs. Route spoke to the Board regarding the purposes of the club and how many members she presently had signed up.

Report from the Business Manager

Marcia Newcomb, Business Manager, reported that we are still working on closing out last year's book and are presently working on our Financial Report.

Report from the Administrators

Mr. Adams reported he had taken several Charlotte Lappla teachers over to Northeast Bradford for them to observe "Learning Focus" in action! He also commented about the upcoming Assembly on Bullying and positive outlooks.

Mr. Pietropola reported that the Fish Tank pump in the Middle School Library has been replaced and restocked with fish. He also reported that the Middle School will be hosting Harold Glissen as a guest speaker regarding an anti-bullying campaign. Mr. Glissen is a professional motor-cross rider who was born with one arm. Mr. P also attended a PVAAS training along with two other Middle School teachers.

Mr. Kreger spoke about the season wrapping up, the golf team's record and several students moving on to the district level. The volleyball and soccer teams will be receiving seating next week for district play and tennis will be sending two singles and two pairs to districts.

Mr. Krick reported that MacKenzie Marple will represent Wellsboro High School as the Flaming Foliage Queen. He reported that the Senior Wall is completed, and that the High School is preparing for the Keystone exams. He had received a letter thanking the District for allowing Melanie Berndtson to participate in the Region VI National Association of Agriculture Education Conference. Mr. Krick also recently attended a PVAAS training and had great news for the high school on student growth.

Bryan Kennedy, PEP Grant Coordinator, reported that we are now in fiscal Year 3 (final year) of the PEP Grant and that a year-end report is due this month for Year 2. He is working with Health/Physical Education/Safety faculty to prioritize trainings and purchases to spend remaining money in a manner that best supports curriculum. Efforts are being made to offer nutrition education/promotion to students and parents. Bryan reported that we are in the midst of another PEP evaluation period and there are three more this school year before we meet our full obligation.

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

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

1. **ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION**

A. Wellsboro Area School-Based Juvenile Probation Program

Consideration of approval of Agreement between the Wellsboro Area School District, Court of Common Pleas of Tioga County and Juvenile Probation Department to provide a school-based juvenile probation program for School Year 2012-2013 in the amount of \$21,612.

B. Memorandum of Agreement

Consideration of approval of "Memorandum of Agreement – Temporary Filling of Bargaining Unit Position: Speech Therapist" between the Wellsboro Area School District and the Wellsboro Area Education Association.

C. Dental Hygiene Services Agreement

Consideration of approval to enter into Dental Hygiene Services Agreement with Nicola Kress, Dental Hygienist and Dr. Stephen Ollock, DDS to provide dental hygiene services for all students Kindergarten through Third Grade and Seventh Grade at a per student cost of \$6.50. (NOTE: The fee per student of \$6.50 has remained the same since 2008).

D. WASD Bus Contracts

Consideration of approval for bus contracts and routes for Benedict's Bus Service, Niles Transportation, and private contractors for the school year 2012-2013 with anticipated daily and annual rates.

E. Title I After-School Tutoring Prog

Consideration of approval for the Title I After-School Tutoring Program to be funded through the 2011-12 School Improvement Grant Fund for eligible students in Grades K-8, effective October 22, 2012 – May, 2013 or until funds are exhausted.

F. Title I Supplemental Educational Services (SES)

Consideration of approval for the implementation of Title I Supplemental Educational Services (SES) for eligible students in Grades 5-8 as a result of School Improvement, effective October 22, 2012-May 2013 or until funds are exhausted.

2. PERSONNEL

A. Extra-Curricular Volunteer Appointments

Consideration of approval for the following extra-curricular volunteer appointments for the school year 2012-2013:

1. Atalanta Shabloski, as Volunteer Middle School Cheerleading Assistant Advisor, pending receipt of all required clearances;
2. James Langs, as Volunteer High School Boys Soccer Assistant Coach, pending receipt of all required clearances;

B. Conference Request

Consideration of approval for the following conference request:

1. Tiffany Springsted, High School Chemistry Teacher, to attend "AP Chemistry: Transitioning to Inquiry Based Labs", on October 19, 2012 in Timonium, Maryland (approximate costs of \$500 to be paid from Building Budget)
2. Jill Gastrock, High School English Teacher, Tammy Knowlton, High School Librarian, Sharon Mohr, High School Social Studies Teacher, and Erin Szentesy, High School English Teacher, to attend "PASCD Annual Conference: *Power Up: New Perspectives*" on November 18 – 20, 2012 in Hershey, PA (approximate costs of \$2,700 to be paid from EETT Grant)
3. Melanie Berndtson, High School Horticulture/AgScience Teacher, to attend "Progressive Agriculture Farm Safety Day Conference" on November 12-13, 2012 in Lancaster, PA (approximate costs of \$200 to be paid out of FFA Chapter Funds)

C. Approval of Title I Math & Reading Tutors K-8 for the School Year 2012-2013

Consideration of approval of the following individuals to serve as Title I Math & Reading Tutors K-8 for the school year 2012-2013 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 McCabe | 2. Rhoda Mann     | 3. Deborah Greco     | 4. Karen Farrer |
| 5. Jessica Copp   | 6. Shannon Tice   | 7. Joseph Davis      | 8. Brenda Copp  |
| 9. Daniel Long    | 10. Ashley Redell | 11. Carolyn Mitchell |                 |

D. Extra-Curricular Resignation

Consideration of approval to accept letter of resignation from Edward Hamm, Middle School Boys Basketball Assistant Coach, effective September 19, 2012.

3. **STUDENT**

A. **Independent Study Proposal**

Consideration of approval for the following independent study proposals:

1. Laura Young, junior, requests to take an independent study – *Plant Science 3 & 4*, a one (1) credit course. Instruction will be provided during the 2012 Fall semester and Spring 2013 semester by Mrs. Melanie Berndtson, High School Horticulture Teacher.

B. **Request for Homebound Instruction**

Consideration of approval for homebound instruction for Student #2 HB 2012-2013 as per his family physician for a period of four (4) weeks commencing October 5, 2012.

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

Consideration of approval to establish the following student activity account:

1. FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) for Middle School Grades 5-8 for the purpose of providing students the opportunity to develop self-confidence, leadership, teamwork, sense of community, and skill preparation along with problem solving methods;

D. **Expulsion Agreement**

Consideration of approval of Expulsion Agreement for Student #1 E 2012-13;

4. **OTHER**

A. **2012-2013 Additions to WASD Substitute List**

Consideration of approval for the 2012-2013 WASD Substitute List as presented.

Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Chambers, aye; Mr. Gastrock, aye; Mr. Kramer, aye; Mr. Neal, aye; Mr. Peropat, aye; Mrs. Shabloski, aye; Mr. Poirier, aye; Mr. Lawton, aye; Mr. West, aye; Motion carried.

XI. **ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION**

A. **Negotiations** - A motion was made by Mrs. Shabloski, seconded by Mr. Poirier to approve the contract with Patrick Fanelli, Esquire of Andrews & Beard Law Offices, 3366 Lynnwood Drive, Altoona, PA to be a spokesperson for the District at the bargaining table for contract negotiations between the Wellsboro Area School District and Wellsboro Area Education Association at a rate of \$155.00 per hour.

Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Chambers, aye; Mr. Gastrock, aye; Mr. Kramer, aye; Mr. Neal, aye; Mr. Peropat, aye; Mr. Lawton, aye; Mrs. Shabloski, aye; Mr. Poirier, aye; Mr. West, aye; Motion carried.

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 2012-2013:

1. Benjamin Miller	Middle School Boys Basketball Asst. Coach	\$2,256
2. Michelle McNett	High School Softball Assistant Coach	\$2,298
3. Edward Hamm	Middle School Boys Basketball Head Coach	\$3,872.80

Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Chambers, aye; Mr. Gastrock, aye; Mr. Kramer, aye; Mr. Neal, aye; Mr. Peropat, aye; Mr. Lawton, aye; Mrs. Shabloski, aye; Mr. Poirier, aye; Mr. West, aye; Motion carried.

B. Approval of Title I Math & Reading Tutors K-8 for the School Year 2012-2013 – A motion was made by Mrs. Shabloski, seconded by Mr. Peropat to approve the following individuals to serve as Title I Math & Reading Tutors K-8 for the school year 2012-2013 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. Cindy Carr

Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Chambers, aye; Mr. Gastrock, aye; Mr. Kramer, aye; Mr. Neal, aye; Mr. Peropat, aye; Mr. Lawton, aye; Mrs. Shabloski, aye; Mr. Poirier, aye; Mr. West, abstained; Motion carried.

XII. Public Comment – None

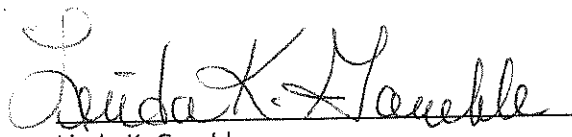
XIII. Adjournment – A motion was made by Mr. Peropat, seconded by Mr. Neal to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 PM. All ayes.



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F. Craig West

President – WASD Board of Education



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Linda K. Gamble

WASD Board Secretary