

WELLSBORO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Board of Education Meeting  
January 10, 2012  
High School LGI Room – 7:00 PM  
MINUTES

Called to Order by President Craig West at 7:00 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. Steven Kramer, Mr. Christopher Neal, Mr. John Peropat, Mr. Glenn Poirier, Mrs. Atalanta Shabloski, Mr. Jonathan Lawton and Mr. Craig West.

Present were the following: Mr. Christopher Morral, Mrs. Marcia Newcomb, Mr. Steve Adams at 7:03 PM, Mr. Patrick Hewitt, Mr. David Krick, Mr. Mike Pietropola, Mrs. Amy Repard and Mr. Scott Keck; Board Secretary, Linda Gamble; Student Representative Tawny Amarosa at 7:25 PM; Press Present: Natalie Kennedy (Wellsboro Gazette), Cheryl Clarke (Williamsport Sun Gazette); Karen Farrer; Al Bieber; Anna Miller; Bonnie Stanley; Erik Warner; Dylan Plume; Brian Plume; Kelly Cramer; Craig Shaffer;

Announcement of any Executive Session: January 10, 2012 at 6:30 PM – High School Conference Room for the purpose of personnel issue;

President Craig West read the Guidelines for Public Comment.

Concerned Resident Issues: Al Bieber from Wellsboro, PA spoke concerning an item on the Agenda - Board Member attending FRNC Conference in Washington, DC. He was opposed to this. The bottom line is that it is taxpayers' money.

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. (Minor changes were noted and the Minutes were corrected accordingly)

- A. Minutes of Previous Meeting – Reorganization Board Meeting of December 6, 2011;
- B. Financial Reports – Board Summary Report; 2011-12 Student Activity Account Summary;
- C. Approval of Bills – 2011-12 General Fund Invoices; 2011-12 Food Service Invoices; 2011-12 Add-On General Fund Invoices and 2011-12 Add-On School Lunch Fund Invoice;

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

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

Report from the Student Representative

Tawny Amarosa reported on various sporting events, mid-term dates, National Honor Society Induction ceremony and the Keystone awards (FFA).

Report from the Superintendent

Mr. Morral announced that the District was the recipient of The Young Lungs at Play Grant. New signage will be placed in various areas (tobacco free). He also commented on the Learning Focused Strategies Training throughout

the District and the District continues to show signs of improvement (3 -5 years to complete). The District is also participating in a shoe drive to benefit the Tioga County Homeless Initiative. He urged parents to bring in any used shoes in the respective school buildings.

Mr. Morral congratulated Ann Cole on her resignation as school nurse after spending 19 years in the District and was a tremendous asset to the District and will be sorely missed. Mr. Morral announced that January is School Director Recognition month and he thanked the members of the Board for their dedicated service to our students and the community.

#### Report from the Business Manager

Mrs. Newcomb reported that the District is preparing the W-2's and 1099's. The District is also attempting to close out real estate taxes and hopefully will be finishing up the state audit.

#### Report from the Administrators

Mr. Adams commented on Ann Cole's retirement.

Mr. Hewitt reported on happenings at the Middle School. Eighth graders will be working with the Tioga County Human Services in a program that promotes self-esteem, leadership, communication. Geography Bee will be held on January 24<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Krick applauded those students who were awarded the Keystone Degree (FFA). This is the highest degree they can earn.

Dr. Ben Largey presented a Power Point to the Board concerning Wellsboro On-line Academy.

Mr. Brian Kennedy spoke on the PEP Grant.

#### Report from Board Members

Mrs. Shabloski spoke on the many political issues going on in the Commonwealth.

#### Appointments

**Note:** This item was listed on the Agenda as an information item. However, President Craig West called for a motion for approval. Mr. Peropat made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Shabloski to approve the listed Appointments.

The motion passed with eight (8) votes in the affirmative and one (1) dissenting vote by Mr. Neal.

1. PSBA Liaison: Atalanta Shabloski; John Peropat, Alternate
2. Parks & Recreation Representatives: Glenn Poirier, Craig West
3. I. U. #17 Representative: Atalanta Shabloski; John Peropat, Alternate
4. Board Committees:

##### Public Relations:

Atalanta Shabloski, Chairperson; Steven Kramer

##### Personnel:

John Peropat, Chairperson; Carl Chambers, Chris Neal

##### Budget & Finance:

Craig West, Chairperson; Glenn Poirier, Carl Chambers, Jonathan Lawton

Buildings & Grounds:

John Peropat, Chairperson; Steven Kramer, Craig West, Chris Gastrock

Employee Relations – Negotiations/Meet & Discuss:

Carl Chambers, Chairperson; Glenn Poirier, Atalanta Shabloski

Programs & Policy:

Chris Neal, Chairperson; Chris Gastrock, John Peropat

**CONSENT ITEMS**

A motion was made by Mr. Neal, seconded by Mrs. Shabloski, to approve the Consent Items as presented. Mr. Poirier asked Mrs. Repard to explain Item X – 1B (Amendment #1 to Letter of Agreement between County of Tioga and WASD) to which she responded. Mr. Lawton then asked why the increase. Mrs. Repard explained that it was the County's rate and we have no control over it. Mr. Lawton then asked to have the Item pulled to Action.

1. **ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION**

A. Tax Collection Committee Delegate Appointment Resolution

Consideration of approval to adopt Tax Collection Committee Delegate Appointment Resolution for Tioga County and Lycoming County, as presented.

B. Amendment #1 to Letter of Agreement between County of Tioga and WASD

Consideration of approval for Amendment #1 to the Letter of Agreement between the county of Tioga and Wellsboro Area School District to purchase Pre-Vocational Services from the Highland Chocolate Program, amended previous rate of \$2.11 per quarter hour to \$3.37 per quarter hour, effective November 15, 2011. **Moved to Action Items**

C. Northern Tier Industry Education Consortium Career Development Training Program

Consideration of approval to enter into Career Development Training Program with NTIEC to provide services to WASD students as provided in said Program.

D. Report of WASD Review Committee

Consideration of approval of the recommendation of the WASD Review Committee to keep the WASD library book, *The Abduction*, retained without restriction only to be accessible in the high school library.

2. **PERSONNEL**

A. Extra-Curricular Resignations

Consideration of approval to accept letters of resignation from:

1. Anna Cavanaugh, High School Football and Basketball Cheerleading Advisor, effective December 9, 2011.
2. Jayanna Cavanaugh, Middle School Cheerleading Advisor, effective December 9, 2011.

B. Conference Requests

Consideration of approval for the following conference request:

1. Melinda Kramer, High School Mathematics/Computer Teacher to attend "2012 Computer Fair Meeting", Williamsport, PA on January 11, 2012 (approximate cost of \$158.83 to be paid from Building Budget);
2. Steven Boyce, HS Football Head Coach and Matt Hildebrand, HS Football Assistant Coach, to attend "Pennsylvania State Football Coaches Association " Conference, Pittsburgh, PA on February 9-11, 2012. (registration fee of \$250 to be paid from General Fund Athletics Account and \$200 to be paid from HS Football Activity Account)

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

Consideration of approval for Matthew Guillaume, Middle School Math Teacher, to serve as a Title I Math Tutor 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 upon student/parent participation by buildings and will be at the discretion of the administration.

D. Resignation

Consideration of approval to accept letter of resignation from Ryan Gastrock, Maintenance Worker, effective January 13, 2012.

E. Extra-Curricular Resignation

Consideration of approval to accept letter of resignation from Matthew Perry, High School Baseball Head Coach, effective January 10, 2012.

3. STUDENT

A. Overnight Field Trips

Consideration of approval for the following overnight field trip requests:

1. Judy Smithgall, High School/Middle School Vocal Music Teacher, to take 4 District Band students to Bloomsburg High School and Bloomsburg University, on January 11-14, 2012.
2. Judy Smithgall, High School/Middle School Vocal Music Teacher, to take 4 District Chorus students to Milton High School, Milton, PA on January 26-28, 2012.
3. Melanie Berndtson, High School Horticulture/AgScience Teacher, to take 7 FFA students to Harrisburg, PA to attend ACES Leadership Conference on February 18 & 19, 2012.

B. Request for Homebound Instruction

Consideration of approval for the request of homebound instruction for Student #3 HB 2011-2012 as per her family physician for a period of six weeks commencing on or about February 15, 2012.

C. Request to Establish Student Activity Account

Consideration of approval to establish the following student activity account:

1. High School Life Skills Class to raise money to offset expenses of field trips;

4. OTHER

A. 2011-2012 Additions to Substitute List

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

XI. ACTION ITEMS:

1. ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

**From Consent Agenda**

B. Amendment #1 to Letter of Agreement between County of Tioga and WASD – A motion was made by Mrs. Shabloski, seconded by Mr. Kramer to approve the Amendment #1 to the Letter of Agreement between the County of Tioga and Wellsboro Area School District to purchase Pre-Vocational Services from the Highland Chocolate Program, amended previous rate of \$2.11 per quarter hour to \$3.37 per quarter hour, effective November 15, 2011.

The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

A. WASD Proposed Preliminary General Fund Budget 7/1/2012 – 6/30/2013 – A motion was made by Mr. Neal, seconded by Mr. Poirier to approve the WASD Proposed Preliminary General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 7/1/2011 – 6/30/2013 per Special Session Act 1 of 2006 (Section 311, 333 (a) (1), 333 (3)).

The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

B. Authorization for School Board Member to Attend Out of State Conference - A motion was made by Mr. Neal, seconded by Mr. Peropat to approve and authorize Atalanta Shabloski, Board Member, to attend Federal Relations Network Conference to be held in Washington, DC on February 5 – 7, 2012 at no expense to the District. Registration fee will be reimbursed by BLAST IU #17; housing and mileage will be paid by Board Member Lana Shabloski.

The motion passed with seven (7) votes in the affirmative, one dissenting vote by Mr. Lawton, and one abstention by Mrs. Shabloski.

## 2. PERSONNEL

A. Conference Request - A motion was made by Mrs. Shabloski, seconded by Mr. Neal to approve the following conference request:

1. Dr. Ben Largey, School Psychologist/Coordinator of Online Programs , and Jill Gastrock, High School English Teacher/On-Line Educator Mentor (Wellsboro Online Academy) to attend "Pennsylvania Educational Technology Expo and Conference, Hershey, PA on February 12-15, 2012 (approximate costs of \$1,914 to be paid from EETT (Enhancing Education Through Technology Grant)

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

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

1. Sarah Page	Middle School Volleyball Assistant Coach	\$1,439
2. Thomas Slichter	High School Cross Country Head Coach	\$2,661
3. Paul Hood	Middle School Cross Country Head Coach	\$2,661
4. Jeff Zuchowski	High School Cross Country Assistant Coach	\$1,566.63
5. Sharon Zuchowski	High School Volleyball Head Coach	\$3,552.47
6. Jen Ingerick-Outman	Middle School Volleyball Head Coach	\$2,426.50
7. Shane Mascho	Middle School Football Head Coach	\$3,424.75
8. Aaron Moss	High School Football Assistant Coach	\$3,491
9. Steve Boyce	High School Football Head Coach	\$5,449.73
10. Nate Babcock	High School Football Assistant Coach	\$3,595.73
11. John Johnston	High School Football Assistant Coach	\$3,595.73
12. Matt Hildebrand	High School Football Assistant Coach	\$3,595.73
13. Ben Largey	High School Golf Head Coach	\$2,194.93
14. Matt Sternquist	High School Golf Assistant Coach	\$1,173
15. Tanya Deats	High School Cheerleading Advisor (Basketball)	\$1,092
	(for remaining 2011-12 school year)	

The motion passed with seven (7) affirmative votes, one (1) dissenting vote by Mr. Neal, and one (1) abstention by Mr. Gastrock.

C. Hires – A motion was made by Mrs. Shabloski, seconded by Mr. Poirier to approve the hire of:

1. Annette M. Nuss, Special Education Instructional Aide, part-time, 5 hrs/9 months, effective December 12, 2011, at a rate of \$8.00 per hour during the first 60-working day probationary period, then increased to beginning rate of \$10.91 per hour.
2. Jecika Markham, Special Education Instructional Aide, part-time, 5 hrs/9 months, effective December 12, 2011 at a rate of \$8.00 per hour during the first 60-working day probationary period, then increased to beginning rate of \$10.91 per hour.

The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

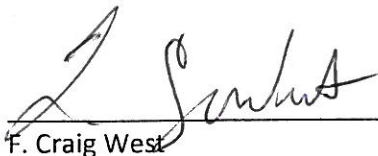
3. **CURRICULUM**

A. WASD High School Curriculum Guide for School Year 2012-13 – A motion was made by Mr. Neal, seconded by Mr. Kramer to approve the Wellsboro Area School District High School Curriculum Guide for School Year 2012-13 as presented.

The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Public Comment - None

Adjournment - A motion was made by Mr. Poirier, seconded by Mr. Neal to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 PM.  
All ayes.



F. Craig West  
President, WASD School Board



Linda K. Gamble  
Board Secretary