

WELLSBORO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting
January 8, 2013
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 (arriving at 7:03 PM); Mr. Christopher Gastrock, Mr. Christopher Neal, Mr. John Peropat, Mr. Glenn Poirier, Mr. Matthew Feil, Mrs. Atalanta Shabloski, Mr. Steven Kramer 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 and Mr. Robert Kreger; Board Secretary, Linda Gamble; Bruce Vickery, WASD Solicitor; Press Present: Natalie Kennedy (Wellsboro Gazette), and Cheryl Clarke (Williamsport Sun Gazette); Student Representatives Justin Whelchel and Troy Kennedy; Visitors Present: Matt Hildebrand; John Grab; Jodi Wieder; Lisa Higham; Kelly Corrigan; Barbara Butcher; Mr. Holtman;

Concerned Resident Issues: John Grab of Wellsboro, PA read an email to the Board concerning an email his wife, Mary, had received from Chris Tibbits, a social studies teacher at Northern Tioga School District.

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

- A. Minutes of Previous Meeting – Regular Board Meeting of December 4, 2012
- B. Financial Reports – Board Summary Report (December 2012); 2012-13 Student Activity Fund Summary 12/31/12; Capital Improvements/Stadium Fund/General Fund Information Report 12/31/2012;
- C. Approval of Bills – 2012-13 General Fund Invoices; 2012-13 School Lunch Fund Invoices; 2012-2013 Stadium Fund Invoices; 2012-13 Capital Improvement Invoices; Add-On General Fund Invoices; Add-On Capital Improvement Invoices; Add-On School Lunch Fund Invoices; Add-on Stadium Fund Invoices

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 and President West both recognized and congratulated the Wellsboro Academic Quiz team consisting of Kelly Corrigan, Katie Helfrich, Garrett Carr, and Jacob Holtman and their Coach, Mrs. Lisa Higham, for successfully qualifying for the National Academic Quiz Tournament to be held in Atlanta, Georgia in May. Certificates were given to each student.

Superintendent Morral commented on the Learning Focused Strategies that will be presented at the January In-Service Days as professional development for the teachers. He also spoke concerning the EHL Consulting Group. They will be presenting at the February Board Meeting, the Pre-Campaign Assessment Report concerning the Athletic Complex. The newly formed Wellsboro Area Education Foundation will also be formally introduced with its Board Members present at the meeting. Mr. Morral also thanked the entire Board for serving the District. January is always “School Board Recognition Month” and this year’s theme is “Serving Every Child, Every Day”.

Report from Business Manager

Mrs. Marcia Newcomb reported that at this time of year (January), is the time for the administration office to be finishing up the Single Audit Report and closing out the taxes for the year and the GASBE 45 Report.

Report from the Administrators

Mr. Steven Adams, Elementary Principal, advised the Board that he was still taking over members of his professional staff to Northeast Bradford School District to observe “Learning Focus” in action. The 3rd grade Christmas Chorus was well attended and well received.

Mr. Mike Pietropola, Middle School Principal, reported that on December 14th, the Viva Technology event took place with 8th and 9th graders attending (97). On December 18th, the Community Night Forum took place at the Rock L. Butler Middle School. It went very well and approximately 107 community members attended. The Middle School SAT’s will be administered on January 23 & 24, 2013.

Mr. Pat Hewitt, Federal Prog. Coordinator/Director of Curriculum and Instruction, reported to the Board that he was conducting After-School Learning Focused Strategies training with all the buildings on incorporating Summarizing Strategies and will also provide training on Activating Strategies within the next week. This information will be used by the professional staff as they prepare their Acquisition Lessons. Mr. Hewitt also advised the Board that the Curriculum Council voted not to pursue the partnership with Wellsboro, Mansfield University and Susquehanna County Career Center for the Certified Nurse Assistant Program. However, the Curriculum Council did approve the pursuit of the partnership between Wellsboro Area School District and Mansfield University for the online Dual Enrollment courses they offer. Mr. Hewitt also advised the Board that there have been conversations taking place with Southern Tioga School District and the possibility of partnering with them to help them offer a Culinary Arts program by pushing out video presentations of Mr. Mercuri instructing his class here in Wellsboro while Southern Tioga’s Consumer Sciences’ teachers oversee their students in their home schools.

Mr. Robert Kreger, High School Assistant Principal, introduced Matthew Hildebrand as our proposed High School Football Head Coach, mentioning Matt’s experience record.

Mr. David Krick, High School Principal, advised the Board that the first round of Keystone Exams in December went very well.

Mr. Brian Kennedy, PEP Grant Coordinator, reported to the Board that on December 12, 2012 the High School staff (physical education teachers) traveled to Titusville, PA to see Model PE Program (to assist in the transition to daily PE/Health/Safety schedule). He advised that on December 17 & 18th, the Learning Focused Sessions for Physical Education/Health staff to continue work on the curriculum Winter Outings (free outdoor activities for families) will be posted on www.stepoutdoors.org.

Report from Board Members

CONSENT ITEMS:

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

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.

2. **PERSONNEL**

A. Resignations for the Purpose of Retirement

Consideration of approval to accept letters of resignation from:

1. Deborah Owlett, Elementary Librarian, for the purpose of retirement, with regret, effective June 6, 2013.
2. Glenda R. McCarthy, Elementary Learning and Emotional Support Teacher, for the purpose of retirement, with regret, effective June 6, 2013.
3. Shirley E. Olmsted, Elementary Teacher, for the purpose of retirement, with regret, effective June 6, 2013.

B. Extra-Curricular Volunteer Appointments

Consideration of approval for the following extra-curricular volunteer appointments for the school year 2012-13:

1. Mike Buckwalter, Volunteer Middle School Wrestling Assistant Coach, pending receipt of all required clearances.
2. Janet Hill, Volunteer Northern Tier Aquatics Club representative for Wellsboro High School swimmers, for the school year 2012-13.
3. Robert J. Hill, Volunteer Northern Tier Aquatics Club representative for Wellsboro High School swimmers, for the school year 2012-13

C. Extra-Curricular Resignation

Consideration of approval to accept letter of resignation from Matthew Hildebrand as High School Boys Head Track Coach, effective immediately.

D. Conference Request

Consideration of approval for the following conference request:

1. Steven Boyce, Kindergarten Teacher, to attend “Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Refresher” on January 10, 2013, Williamsport, PA (approximate costs of \$168.76 to be paid out of Building Budget)

3. **STUDENT**

A. Overnight Field Trip Request

Consideration of approval for the following overnight field trip request:

1. Melanie Berndtson, High School Horticulture/AgScience Teacher, taking 15 FFA students to “2013 Agricultural Cooperation Establishes Success (ACES) Conference”, Harrisburg, PA on February 16 & 17, 2013

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, abstained; Mr. Peropat, aye; Mrs. Shabloski, aye; Mr. Poirier, aye; Mr. West, aye; Mr. Feil, aye;

XI. **ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION**

2. **PERSONNEL**

A. Extra-Curricular Hires – A motion was made by Mrs. Shabloski, seconded by Mr. Peropat to approve the following extra-curricular hires for the school year 2013-14:

1. Tammy Martin Middle School Volleyball Assistant Coach (Amount to be determined through negotiations for new WAEA Contract)
2. Matthew Hildebrand High School Football Head Coach (Amount to be determined through negotiations for new WAEA Contract)

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

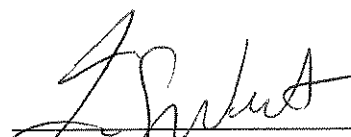
3. **CURRICULUM**

A. WASD High School Curriculum Guide for School Year 2013-14 - A motion was made by Mr. Peropat, seconded by Mr. Feil to approve the Wellsboro Area High School Curriculum Guide for School Year 2013-14.

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

XII. Public Comment - None

XIII. Adjournment - A motion was made by Mrs. Shabloski, seconded by Mr. Neal to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM. All ayes.


E. Craig West, President
WASD Board of Education


Linda K. Gamble
WASD Board Secretary