

WELLSBORO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting

February 12, 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. A Moment of Silence was observed for Margaret Berguson, High School Spanish Teacher who unexpectedly passed away on February 4, 2013.

Roll Call of Members: Mr. Carl Chambers (arriving at 7:02 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); Student Representatives Justin Whelchel and Troy Kennedy; Visitors Present: Kristin Stam; Aijana Kathcart; Dillon King; Brent Miller; Deb Miller; Brennan Catherman; Nichole Riner; Linda West; Peter Herres; Ferlin Patrick; Al Garrison; Allie Rudy; Tom Rudy; Clayton Bieber; Eric Bieber; Kati Straniere; Michele Hackett; Shane Mascho; Lowell Coolidge; Julie VanNess

Concerned Resident Issues: Eric Bieber of Wellsboro, PA addressed the Board regarding 3 concerns he had. The first one being a letter from the District concerning School Messenger Notification (personal information being shared to a 3rd party); the second concern dealt with not enough time for the students to eat lunch; thirdly, he addressed the Board concerning the Wellness Policy and how it happens that even the policy is in effect, it contradicts the sweets and high sugary snacks in the school.

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

- B. Financial Reports – Board Summary Report (January 2013); 2012-13 Student Activity Fund Summary; Capital Improvements/Stadium Fund/General Fund Information Report;
- C. Approval of Bills – 2012-13 General Fund Invoices; 2012-13 School Lunch Fund Invoices; 2012-13 Capital Improvement Invoices; 2012-13 Add-On General Fund Invoices; 2012-13 Add-On Stadium Fund Invoices; 2012-13 Add-On School Lunch 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 taking place in the District.

Report from Superintendent

Superintendent Morral introduced Aiyana Kathcart from the Leadership Tioga County Youth Leadership Program. Aiyana read the “Tioga County Youth Leadership 2013 Resolution” to the Board.

He then introduced the Wellsboro Area Education Foundation specific for promoting and creating a non-profit community based organization to improve the quality of education in Wellsboro. President: Ferlin Patrick, Vice President, Al Garrison, Treasurer and Board Secretary, Marcia Newcomb. Other members include Craig West, Pete Herres, Carl Chambers and Superintendent Morral.

Superintendent Morral then introduced Mr. Bob Evans and Ben Ginsberg of EHL Consulting Group. Mr. Evans spoke to the audience and Board concerning their Pre-Campaign Assessment conducted in the Wellsboro Area School District beginning in July 2012.

Superintendent Morral also introduced Glenn Poirier and Aaron Singer who have been asked to act as Co-Chairs for the Wellsboro Area Educational Foundation Capital Campaign.

Report from Business Manager

Mrs. Newcomb reported that the Administration Office has completed their annual single audit report, we are working on Budget, we have completed our W-2's and 1099's and are working on our new transportation software and entering data and hope to complete it by the end of the month.

Report from the Administrators

Mr. Adams reported that they have finished the Writing PSSA tests for Grades 3 & 4.

Mr. Hewitt reported that the After School Tutoring Programs will last for about 1 more month. The application for Wellsboro to be a Supplemental Education Service (S.E.S.) provider is open. Because the Rock L. Butler Middle School is in School Improvement II, we have to offer SES services to all the middle school students who qualify for Free and Reduced lunches. Parents have the option to choose any PDE approved provider that can service our area. If Wellsboro wasn't a provider, we would have to pay an outside agency to come in and provide the service. The School Improvement Grant we use to pay for the tutoring will open later this month.

Mr. Pietropola advised the Board that Grades 3 – 5 took the PSSA field writing test and all tests have been returned. STAR (Student Transition and Recovery Programs) has received their occupancy permit and is in full operation at the Middle School.

Mr. Kreger advised the Board that a 3' by 35' section of the track is coming up at the Stadium. Winter sports are coming to an end and Senior Night for Girls Basketball is February 14 and Boys Basketball is February 15.

Mr. Krick reported that things were going well after last week's bad news (Margaret Berguson) and we currently have a certified individual filling in the position.

Mr. Keck, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor, reported that he was in contact with the company that installed our Athletic Track back in July 2005. That company, American Track & Turfs, Inc., is now called "ATT Sports Inc.". They will schedule an on-site inspection and provide their repair recommendations and estimated cost. He will report to the Superintendent and Athletic Department as soon as possible.

Mr. Kennedy, PEP Grant Coordinator, reported that final budget revision will be submitted in the spring 2013 and will request to move some funds/adjust purchasing plan in an effort to spend the remaining funds most appropriately. Rowing machines for the weight room have been requested and will be part of the proposed budget revision sent to the US Department of Education for approval. Mr. Kennedy is working with Mr. Adams to create a PEP Summary for the

Spring Newsletter. Mr. Kennedy reported that the High School has found a workable Health/Physical Education/Safety Schedule (daily schedule) with the combined efforts of Mr. Krick, Mr. Hewitt, Guidance, and the Health/PE staff. As far as scheduled winter outings: skating scheduled for February 13th at Hills Creek State Park, 5:30 – 7:00 PM. Mr. Kennedy reported that the Wellness Committee funds purchased 5 Automated External Defibrillators (AED), 2 per school building, including the Administration Center. School nurses will do some upcoming in-service training. The committee is waiting for guidance from the PA School Board Association with regard to required wellness committee policy change (due to Health, Hunger-Free Kids Act). He advised that the next Wellness Committee Meeting will take place on March 7th at 3:30 PM in the Old Guidance Office.

Report from Board Members

CONSENT ITEMS:

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

1. ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

A. Tioga County Youth Leadership 2013 Resolution

Consideration of approval to adopt Resolution to designate **April 11, 2013** as Youth Leadership Day in Tioga County.

B. Approval of Bid

Consideration of approval to award lowest bid to R. H. Marcon Inc. for the replacement of a portion of the Middle School roof identified as the Gym Roof and Elevator Roof, at a total cost of \$264,240.04. This project at the Middle School will also include repairs to an expansion joint, and replacement and repairs to four sections of parapet. This Base Scope of Work bid was obtained through the PA Education Joint Purchasing Council and Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. (WTI).

2. PERSONNEL

A. Extra-Curricular Volunteer Appointments

Consideration of approval for the following extra-curricular volunteer appointments for the school year 2012-2013:1.

1. Thomas S. Slichter, as Volunteer High School Track Coach, effective February 13, 2013;
2. Ed McNett, as Volunteer High School Softball Assistant Coach, effective February 13, 2013;
3. Darel Reese, as Volunteer High School Baseball Assistant Coach, effective February 13, 2013;
4. Tim Frazier, as Volunteer High School Baseball Assistant Coach, effective February 13, 2013;
5. Nick Saniga, as Volunteer High School Baseball Assistant Coach, effective February 13, 2013, pending receipt of required clearances (2).

B. Conference Requests

Consideration of approval for the following conference requests:

1. Philip Snyder, High School Physical Education Teacher, to attend "Go Teach: Introduction to Snowshoeing" on February 15, 2013 in Slippery Rock, PA (approximate costs of \$550 to be paid from PEP Grant)
2. Brenda K. Ebert, Special Education Instructional Aide, and Marcia Smith, Life Skills Teacher, to attend "Making Best Use of the iPad, Mobile Devices and Other Cutting-Edge Technology Tools to Strengthen Learning of Students with Special Needs", on March 25, 2013 in Harrisburg, PA (approximate costs of \$1,004 to be paid from Building Budget)
3. Stanley Korenkiewicz and Patrick Hewitt to attend "Pennsylvania Association of Federal Programs Coordinators Annual Conference" on April 14-17, 2013 in Pittsburgh, PA (approximate costs of \$1,728.34 to be paid from Title I Grant (Neglected and Delinquent))

4. Lorraine Tooker, High School Emotional Support Teacher, and Kate Copp, High School Learning Support Teacher, to attend “Learning Focused Training – Catching Up” on May 16, 2013 in Williamsport, PA (approximate costs of \$200 to be paid from Building Budget)
5. Jennifer Outman, Fifth-Grade Teacher, and Shannon Ferry, Special Education 5th Grade Teacher, to attend “PDE Bureau of Special Education Annual Conference”, on March 6-8, 2013 in Hershey, PA (approximate costs of \$1,370 to be paid from Special Education Building Budget)

C. Request for Child Rearing Leave

Consideration of approval for the Request for Child-Rearing Leave by Miranda Smith, Elementary Teacher, extending from March 5, 2013 through the end of the school year 2012-13.

D. Extra-Curricular Resignation

Consideration of approval to accept letter of resignation from Andrew Worthington, Middle School Soccer Assistant Coach, effective February 8, 2013.

3. **STUDENT**

A. Independent Study Proposals (Policy #118)

Consideration of approval for the following independent study proposals:

1. Marina Garrison, senior, requests to take an independent study – ***Portfolio Building***, a .5 credit course. Instruction will be provided during the 2012-13 Spring semester by Laura Kozuhowski, High School Art Teacher.
2. Maria Colangelo, senior, requests to take an independent study – ***Portfolio Building***, a .5 credit course. Instruction will be provided during the 2012-13 Spring semester by Laura Kozuhowski, High School Art Teacher.
3. Kalene Strange, senior, requests to take an independent study – ***Portfolio Building***, a .5 credit course. Instruction will be provided during the 2012-13 Spring semester by Laura Kozuhowski, High School Art Teacher.
4. Caitie Worden, junior, requests to take an independent study – ***Animal Science 1 & 2***, a one (1) credit course. Instruction will be provided during the 2012-13 Spring semester by Melanie Berndtson, High School Horticulture/AgScience Teacher.

B. Requests for Homebound Instruction

Consideration of approval for homebound instruction for the following:

1. Student #4 HB 2012-2013 as per her family physician for a period of six (6) weeks, effective March 9, 2013.
2. Student #5 HB 2012-2013 as per his family physician for a period of four (4) weeks, effective February 4, 2013.

C. Overnight Field Trip Requests

Consideration of approval for the following overnight field trip requests:

1. Melanie Berndtson, High School Horticulture/AgScience Teacher, taking five (5) FFA students to “State Legislative Leadership Conference”, March 10-12, 2013 in Harrisburg, PA;
2. Melanie Berndtson, High School Horticulture/AgScience Teacher, taking twenty (20) FFA students to FFA Activities Week, on June 11-13, 2013 in State College, PA;
3. Melanie Berndtson, High School Horticulture/AgScience Teacher, taking four (4) FFA students to Delaware Valley College, on March 1-2, 2013;

4. **OTHER**

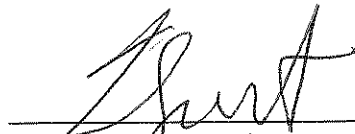
A. 2012-2013 WASD Substitute List (Policy #405 & 505)

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

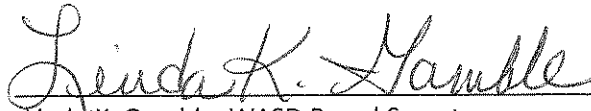
Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Kramer, aye; Mr. Peropat, aye; Mr. Poirier, aye; Mr. Chambers, aye; Mr. Gastrock, aye; Mr. West, aye; Mr. Feil, aye; Mrs. Shabloski, aye; Mr. Neal, aye;

XI. Public Comment – None

XII. Adjournment – A motion was made by Mr. Peropat, seconded by Mr. Chambers, to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 PM. All ayes.



F. Craig West, President
Wellsboro Area School District



Linda K. Gamble, WASD Board Secretary