

WELLSBORO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting

January 14, 2014

High School LGI Room – 7:00 PM

MINUTES

Called to Order by President Carl Chambers at 7:00 PM in the Wellsboro Area High School Large Group Instruction Room, 225 Nichols Street, Wellsboro, Pennsylvania.

President Carl Chambers led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Members: Mr. Carl Chambers, Mr. Christopher Gastrock, Mr. Steven Kramer, Mr. John Peropat, Mrs. Atalanta Shabloski, Mr. Matthew Feil and Mrs. Susan Usavage-Rudy. Members absent: Mr. Wayne Hackett and Mr. Stewart Burrous;

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; Press present: Natalie Kennedy (Wellsboro Gazette); Cheryl Clarke (Williamsport Gazette); Bruce Vickery, WASD Solicitor; Student Representative Troy Kennedy; Visitors: Kevin Post; Matthew Guillaume; Anna Miller; Bonnie Stanley; Karen Farrer; Mark Allen; Melanie Berndtson; Spring Lohr; Jodi Niver Wieder; Lisa Higham; Diane Borden;

Announcement of any Executive Session: None

Concerned Resident Issues: None

Approval of Agenda – A motion was made by Mrs. Shabloski, seconded by Mr. Peropat, to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Discussion was held among the Board Members concerning the addition of agenda items and having these items on the Agenda in a timely fashion. President Chambers also advised the Board that Mr. Kramer's name (under 2014 Board Committee Assignments) will be removed as a representative to the Parks & Recreation Board and Mr. Chris Gastrock will be added in his stead.

Board Minutes/Financials – A motion was made by Mr. Peropat, seconded by Mrs. Shabloski, to approve the Board Minutes/Financials as presented.

- A. Minutes of Previous Meetings – Regular Board Meeting of November 12, 2013; Re-Organization Meeting of December 3, 2013;
- B. Financial Reports: Board Summary Report of November 2013; Board Summary Report of December 2013; Student Activity Fund Summary of November/December 2013; Capital Improvements Fund;
- C. Approval of Bills - 2013-14 General Fund Invoices; 2013-14 Add-On General Fund Invoices; 2013-14 School Lunch Fund Invoices; 2013-14 Add-On School Lunch Fund Invoices;

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment on Title I and other Federal Programs: None

Report from Student Representative – Troy Kennedy reported to the Board about the connectors PLUS – the group finished filing for the STING video. The Mock Trial Team are preparing for a competition taking place at end of January and middle of February. There are 12 students on the team and are being mentored by Mary Morris, Esquire and Judge Sallie Mundy (PA Superior Court). Troy also reported on student council, the National Honor Society, Junior Class, and the carpentry and culinary students will be competing at Skills USA in January and February.

Report from Superintendent – Superintendent Morral recognized three students for their achievements at the farm show. Those students were Cheyenne Wetherbee, Amber Brown and Chance Borden. Melanie Berndtson, WASD FFA teacher, also spoke on behalf of the students and their achievements. Superintendent Morral also recognized Bonnie Stanley, Don Gill 4th Grade Teacher, on her upcoming retirement in June of this year. Mrs. Stanley has been with WASD for over 27 years.

Report from Business Manager – Mrs. Newcomb reported that we started printing our W-2 and 1099's. We have finished our financial audit for 2012-13. A report will be given at the February meeting.

Report from Administrators – Mr. Adams, Mr. Hewitt, Mr. Pietropola, Mr. Kreger and Mr. Krick all reported on various happenings/events taking place in their respective buildings.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

1. ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

A. Sale of Wellsboro Area School District Used Computers

Consideration of approval to sell up to 127 used WASD computer towers for \$50 each and up to 70 used WASD flat panel monitors for \$25 each on March 15, 2014. Said sale will be properly advertised to the public via District webpage and advertising through local media (newspaper).

B. Approval of Service Invoice for Review of Medical Records

Consideration of approval for bill for services from Ann J. Cole, R.N., CRNP, in the amount of \$1800. Said services were for review of special education medical records and endorsement to bill Medical Assistance for reimbursement of services. (60 charts at \$30.00 each)

C. Consent to Assignment of Contract

Consideration of approval for the Consent to Assignment of Contract with "blendedschools.net" and BLSCH Acquisition, LLC. whereby it is understood that blendedschools.net has entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement with BLSCH Acquisition and that BLSCH Acquisition intends to purchase all operating assets of blendedschools.net and will carry on the current business of blendedschools.net after the completion of the asset purchase.

D. Agreement for Professional Services – Hunt Engineers, Architects & Land Surveyors

Consideration of approval for the Agreement for Professional Services to be performed by Hunt Engineers, Architects & Land Surveyors, PC to perform architectural and engineering services for the study of the exterior exist stairs, sidewalk, associated retaining walls adjacent to the Art Room at the Rock L. Butler Middle School and the area adjacent to the generator. The total fee for such service is \$2900 plus any reimbursements of monies for project-related fees (such as plotting, photocopies, prints, and mileage (approximately \$250.00)).

2. PERSONNEL

A. Conference Requests

Consideration of approval for the following conference request:

1. Deborah Greco, Title I Reading Specialist and Cynthia Carr, Title I Reading Specialist, to attend “Title I Improving Schools Performance Conference”, Pittsburgh, PA on January 26-29, 2014 (approximate costs of \$2,226.80 to be paid from School Improvement Grant)
2. Erin Szentesy, High School English Teacher/On-Line Education Mentor (WOA) and Tammy Knowlton, High School Librarian/On-Line Education Mentor (WOA) to attend “Pennsylvania Educational Technology Expo and Conference” in Hershey, PA on February 9–12, 2014 (approximate costs of \$1605 to be paid from the WOA Account (\$1005) and substitute costs of \$600 from Building Budget)

B. Extra-Curricular Resignation

Consideration of approval to accept letter of resignation from John Shaffer, High School Boys Track Assistant Coach, effective January 7, 2014.

C. Extra-Curricular Volunteer Appointments

Consideration of approval for the following extra-curricular volunteer appointments for the school year 2013-2014:

1. John Shaffer, as Volunteer High School Boys Track Assistant Coach, effective January 15, 2014;
2. Steven Meacham, as Volunteer High School Wrestling Assistant Coach, effective January 15, 2014;
3. Paul Kurtz, as Volunteer Wellsboro Swim Coach representative with the Jersey Shore High School District 4AA Swim Team for the school year 2013-14, pending receipt of required clearances;

D. Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

Consideration of approval to accept letter of resignation from Olga Bonita Stanley, Don Gill Elementary School (4th Grade) Teacher for the purpose of retirement, with regret, effective June 30, 2014;

E. Appointment of Internship

Consideration of approval for the volunteer appointment of Hannah Powers, student at Mansfield University, interning with Shane Mascho, Middle School Guidance Counselor, effective January 21, 2014 until May 10, 2014.

3. STUDENT

A. Overnight Field Trip Requests

Consideration of approval for the following overnight field trip requests:

1. Judy Smithgall, High School Music Teacher, to take one (1) District Orchestra student to Bloomsburg, PA on January 22-25, 2014.
2. Judy Smithgall, High School Music Teacher, to take two (2) District Band students to Berwick, PA on February 6-8, 2014.
3. Jodi Niver Wieder, HS Student Council Advisor, to take two students to LEAD Conference, Washington, DC on January 31 – February 2, 2014

4. OTHER

A. 2013-2014 Additions to WASD Substitute List

Consideration of approval for the 2013-2014 WASD Substitute List as presented.

B. Transportation Driver

Consideration of approval for the following transportation driver:

1. Arthur Mann, school bus driver for Benedict’s Bus;

Upon a roll call vote: Mrs. Shabloski, aye; Mr. Chambers, aye; Mr. Peropat, aye; Mr. Feil, aye; Mr. Kramer, aye; Mr. Gastrock, aye; Mrs. Rudy, aye; Motion carried; Mr. Hackett and Mr. Burrous were absent.

XI. **ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION**

A. Adoption of Special Session Act 1 of 2006 Resolution - A motion was made by Mr. Peropat, seconded by Mrs. Shabloski, to approve the adoption of a Resolution indicating that the Wellsboro Area School District Board of Directors will not raise the rate of any tax for the support of its public schools for the 2014-15 fiscal year by more than the index established by the Department of Education for the District of 2.7% pursuant to Section 311(d)(1).

Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Feil, aye; Mr. Kramer, aye; Mrs. Rudy, aye; Mr. Chambers, aye; Mr. Gastrock, aye; Mr. Peropat, aye; Mrs. Shabloski, aye; Motion carried; Mr. Hackett and Mr. Burrous were absent;

2. **PERSONNEL**

A. Extra-Curricular Hires - A motion was made by Mr. Peropat, seconded by Mr. Kramer to approve the following extra-curricular hires for the school year 2013-2014:

1. Annette Nuss	Odyssey of the Mind Coach	\$250.00
2. Charissa Mascho	Odyssey of the Mind Coach	\$250.00
3. Stacey Coolidge	Odyssey of the Mind Coach	\$250.00

Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Gastrock, aye; Mr. Feil, aye; Mrs. Shabloski, aye; Mr. Kramer, aye; Mr. Chambers, aye; Mrs. Rudy, aye; Mr. Peropat, aye; Motion carried; Mr. Hackett and Mr. Burrous were absent;

B. Transfer of Support Staff - A motion was made by Mr. Peropat, seconded by Mrs. Shabloski, to approve the following support staff transfer:

1. Kenneth Power, from part-time (5 hrs. per day/12 months) Rock L. Butler Middle School Custodian, to full-time (8 hrs. per day/12 months) Wellsboro High School Custodian, effective February 17, 2014. Pay rate will remain at \$11.14 per hour.

Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Chambers, aye; Mrs. Rudy, aye; Mrs. Shabloski, aye; Mr. Gastrock, aye; Mr. Kramer, aye; Mr. Feil, aye; Mr. Peropat, aye; Motion carried; Mr. Hackett and Mr. Burrous were absent;

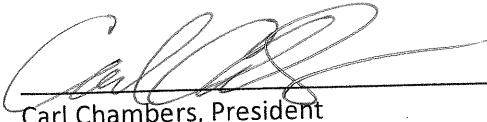
3. **CURRICULUM**

A. WASD High School Curriculum Guide for School Year 2014-15 – A motion was made by Mrs. Shabloski, seconded by Mr. Kramer to approve the Wellsboro Area High School Curriculum Guide for school year 2014-15 as presented.

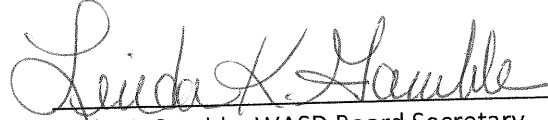
Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Kramer, aye; Mr. Chambers, aye; Mr. Gastrock, aye; Mrs. Rudy, aye; Mr. Peropat, aye; Mr. Feil, aye; Mrs. Shabloski, aye; Motion carried; Mr. Hackett and Mr. Burrous were absent;

XII. **Public Comment** - None

XIII. Adjournment – A motion was made by Mrs. Shabloski, seconded by Mr. Peropat, to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 PM. All ayes.



Carl Chambers, President
WASD Board of Education



Linda K. Gamble, WASD Board Secretary