

WELLSBORO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Board of Education Meeting – Reorganization Meeting  
December 2, 2014  
High School LGI Room – 7:00 PM  
**MINUTES**

Called to Order by President Carl Chambers at 7:01 PM in the Wellsboro Area High School Large Group Instruction Room, 225 Nichols Street, Wellsboro, PA 16901.

President Carl Chambers led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Present were the following: Mr. Christopher Morral, Mrs. Marcia Newcomb, Mr. Steve Adams, Mr. Patrick Hewitt, Mr. David Krick, Mr. Mike Pietropola; Board Secretary Linda Gamble; Press Present: Natalie Kennedy (Wellsboro Gazette);

Election of Temporary President – A motion was made by Mr. Peropat, seconded by Mr. Feil, to appoint Atalanta Shabloski as Temporary President. (Temporary President shall be elected from the hold-over membership and preside over the election of the President, Vice-President and Assistant secretary). The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Election of President – Temporary President Shabloski presented Carl Chambers and Matthew Feil as nominations by the Board Members to act as President. Temporary President Shabloski announced that a roll call vote would be taken. The vote is as follows: Mr. Feil (voting for Mr. Feil); Mr. Chambers (voting for Mr. Chambers); Mr. Gastrock (voting for Mr. Feil); Mr. Kramer (voting for Mr. Chambers); Mr. Hackett (voting for Mr. Chambers); Mr. Peropat (voting for Mr. Chambers); Mr. Burrous (voting for Mr. Feil); Mrs. Rudy (voting for Mr. Feil); Mrs. Shabloski (voting for Mr. Chambers); Final tally: Mr. Chambers, 5 votes; Mr. Feil, 4 votes;

Election of Vice President – Temporary President Shabloski presented Mr. Kramer as being nominated by the Board Members to act as Vice President. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Election of Assistant Secretary – Temporary President Shabloski presented herself as being nominated by the Board Members to act as Assistant Secretary. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Announcement of any Executive Sessions: Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at 6:30 PM, High School Faculty Room, for the purpose of personnel matter;

Concerned Resident Issues: None

Approval of Agenda – A motion was made by Mrs. Rudy, seconded by Mr. Peropat, to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment on Title I and other Federal Programs – None

Report from Superintendent – Superintendent Morral was pleased to announce that the District had received official notification that it has been successful in securing a one million dollar RACP grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the Wellsboro Community Athletic Complex. This is truly a significant accomplishment and he thanked State Representative Matthew Baker, Senator Joseph Scarnati, Tioga County Commissioners and everyone involved in helping to make this happen. He indicated that more information will follow as it becomes available for now, knowing it is official is a relief to everyone involved and more meetings will be held in the near future to determine a course of action. He indicated that he had prepared a News Release for the media.

Report from Business Manager – Mrs. Newcomb reported that it is business as usual. We are working on having a preliminary budget by our next budget meeting; the single audit is in draft stage; we have finished our GASB reporting. One of those reports you spend a lot of time on and not many people see it!

Report from Administrators – Mr. Steve Adams congratulated his staff and students on the successful evacuation drill on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Pietropola also thanked his students, teachers and Mike Wood (Arcadia Theatre) for conducting a successful well-run off-site evacuation drill on November 12<sup>th</sup>. He also advised that the Board that December 12<sup>th</sup> will be their annual “Hour of Code” event for all 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students where our students will learn the process of coding.

Mr. Pat Hewitt advised the Board that the Department Chairs (newly appointed) and other building representatives will be receiving the IU training by Dr. Lisa Feil on PVAAS. The District has also submitted to the Department of Education, our Comprehensive Plan that was approved by the Board in October 2014.

Mr. Krick also reported a successful evacuation drill of November 12<sup>th</sup> (51 minutes). He also advised the Board that the High School teachers are preparing the 2015-16 Curriculum Guide and hope to have it to them for January approval. Possibly the biggest change will be changing semester courses to year-long courses.

Report from Board Members – Mr. Steve Kramer commented that the District has many great students, whether they participate in sports or the arts and other extracurricular activities. A community member asked Steve to read this article that appeared in the October 14<sup>th</sup> issue of the Bloomsburg Press Enterprise in the Letters to the Editor section: “As a Bloomsbug Area School District graduate I recently attended the homecoming game. I was not upset that our team lost a hard fought game. They gave a great effort. What did disappoint me greatly was our band. The Wellsboro band was a third the size or our band and their enthusiastic play was an inspiration to both the fans and their players. They even stayed after the game and played the team and fans out of the stadium. On the other side of the field, our band took up a large section of the bleachers, and not including the opening ceremony, I did not hear them play once. Why are they there if not to play. Come on Mr. & Mrs. Director get with it.” Mr. Kramer mentioned that our Wellsboro band made quite an impression on this Bloomsburg graduate.

Mr. Feil commented that he was excited to hear about the RACP grant and was great for our District. He is looking forward to the work sessions in trying not to use taxpayer funds and in hopes that the Foundation will be able to raise the one million to match the one million.

XV. **CONSENT ITEMS**

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

1. **ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION**

A. **Board Meeting Location and Time**

Consideration of approval that the Board establish the High School Large Group Instruction Room (LGI) at 7:00 PM as the Board Meeting site and meeting time for the Year 2015.

B. **Board Meeting Schedule for Year 2015**

Consideration of approval to adopt the Board Meetings for Year 2015 as presented.

C. **Committee Meetings Schedule for Year 2015**

Consideration of approval to adopt the Committee Meetings Schedule for Year 2015 as presented.

2. **PERSONNEL**

A. Extra-Curricular Volunteer Appointment

Consideration of approval for the following extra-curricular volunteer appointments for the school year 2014-15:

1. Jeff Rupert, Volunteer Middle School Wrestling Assistant Coach, effective December 3, 2014.
2. Sam Kreger, Volunteer Middle School Boys Basketball Assistant Coach, pending receipt of required clearances, effective December 3, 2014.
3. Tom Hancock, Volunteer High School and Middle School Wrestling Assistant Coach, pending receipt of required clearances, effective December 3, 2014.

B. Extra-Curricular Coaching Resignations

Consideration of approval for the following extra-curricular coaching resignations:

1. Paul Hood, Middle School Cross Country Head Coach, effective November 19, 2014;
2. Donald Abplanalp, High School Golf Assistant Coach, effective November 14, 2014;

C. Support Staff Resignations

Consideration of approval for the following support staff resignations:

1. Heather Covert, Middle School Special Education Life-Skills Instructional Aide, effective November 17, 2014;
2. Leslie Hilton, Middle School Special Education Learning/Emotional Support Instructional Aide, effective November 21, 2014;

3. **STUDENT**

A. Request to Establish a Student Activity

Consideration of approval for the following Request to Establish a Student Activity:

1. Spanish Club – Class Account – students will be able to purchase Spanish Club t-shirts and other Spanish Club items to help buy materials for the Club. Heather Steinbacher, Advisor.

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

XVI. **ACTION ITEMS:**


1. **ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION**

A. Lease Agreement between WASD and PA College of Technology – A motion was made by Mrs. Shabloski, seconded by Mrs. Rudy to enter into a Lease Agreement with PA College of Technology for multiple rooms and offices to advance education and instruction for students enrolled at the PA College of Technology. Said Lease to include but not be limited to rent, custodial and maintenance fees, any and all applicable utilities, and parking fees. Total consideration for the term of the Lease (January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015) totals \$32,310.00. Said Lease may be renewed for one additional year with an increase to the rental payments to an amount no greater than \$77.50 per month as presented.

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


XVII. Public Comment – None

XVIII. Adjournment – A motion was made by Mr. Hackett, seconded by Mr. Peropat, to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM.  
All ayes.



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Carl Chambers, President  
Board of Directors  
Wellsboro Area School District



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Linda-K. Gamble, Board Secretary  
Wellsboro Area School District