

WELLSBORO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Meeting
March 11, 2014
High School LGI Room – 7:00 PM
MINUTES

Called to Order by President Carl Chambers at 7:08 PM in the Wellsboro Area High School Large Group Instruction Room, 225 Nichols Street, Wellsboro, PA.

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. Matthew Feil, Mr. Wayne Hackett, Mr. John Peropat and Mr. Stewart Burrous (arriving at 7:11 PM). Member absent: Mrs. Susan Usavage-Rudy.

Present were the following: Mr. Christopher Morral, Mrs. Marcia Newcomb, Mr. Steven Adams, Mr. Patrick Hewitt, Mr. David Krick, Mr. Mike Pietropola, Mrs. Amy Repard and Mr. Robert Kreger; Board Secretary Linda Gamble; Press present: Natalie Kennedy (Wellsboro Gazette); Bruce Vickery, WASD Solicitor; Student Representative Troy Kennedy; Visitors: Mikayla Feil; Tim McCratic; Ron Kemp; Tina Colton; Karen Farrer; Lisa Higham; Melinda Kramer; Verla Bryant; Steven Henneman; Phil Snyder; Tiffany Getty; Tammy Knowlton; Daren Getty; Bonnie Stanley; Sarah Wagaman; Mary Freeman; Shalane Gee; Irene Appel; Donna Burrous; Deborah Greco; Katie Straniere;

Announcement of any Executive Sessions: March 11, 2014 at 6:30 PM, High School Faculty Room, for the purpose of personnel matters;

Concerned Resident Issues: Mr. Tim McCratic of Wellsboro, PA raised concern with the Board about procedures and protocols relating to an incident that occurred on February 28, 2014 with Bus #34 at the Shell Building on Route 6, Wellsboro, PA.

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.

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

- A. Minutes of Previous Meeting – Regular Board Meeting of February 11, 2014;
- B. Financial Reports: Board Summary Report for February 2014 and Student Activity Fund Summary for February 2014;
- C. Approval of Bills – 2013-14 General Fund Invoices; 2013-14 Add-On General Fund Invoices; 2013-14 School Lunch Fund Invoices; 2013-14 Capital Improvement 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, Student Representative, reported to the Board about Connectors PLUS who will be helping out with the Casey L. Patrick Memorial Basketball Game on March 15th. They are also preparing for the High School's STING theme week which will be focused on the STING initiative and how it can be applied at the High School. He also reported "Friends of Rachel (FOR) Club who are preparing for their spring "Chain of Kindness". The Law & Criminal Justice Club are currently selling t-shirts. There was a Mock Trial competition in which 10

HS students participated. Blair Carson was named Best Attorney in each trial, while Morgan Koziar and Katie Straniere were named best witnesses. Judge Sallie Mundy and Attorney Mary Morris were the students' advisors this year.

Yuda bands will be sold from 3/10/14 – 3/14/14. A yuda band is a bracelet made out of leather and coconut in Guatamala and sold to help a child go to college in 3rd world countries.

Troy also reported on the spring sports that are just beginning.

Report from Superintendent - Superintendent Morral announced that the t-shirts at everyone's chairs were from the Grand Canyon FFA Club as a token of their appreciation of the Board. He announced that Katie Akins and Sherry Mohr were going to present the STING video which was viewed by the Board. Both Katie and Sherry spoke on the STING Initiative as well as 3 students, Katie Straniere, Brooke Kohler and Maggie Smith.

Report from Business Manager – Marcia Newcomb reported to the Board that the Business Office is continuing to work on the budget and have been preparing for an Administrative Review of our school lunch (cafeteria food service).

Report from Administrators –

Mr. Steve Adams, Elementary Principal, reported on the success of the Open Houses that took place last week at the elementary schools. He also reported on the Charlotte Lappla Sewer smell problem. Upon further examination of the building and the HVAC system blue prints, they identified and inspected all roof pipes, including both air intake and exhaust lines. He reported that the Borough of Wellsboro and the Gas Company felt that the source of the odor is from the District's sewer system venting into the air above the school. This odor is a seasonal problem as it only happens for about 3-6 weeks each spring. Once these assumptions are verified by further testing, the District will take steps to modify the relief air venting system. Mr. Adams apologized to the building employees and students for the unpleasant odor and thanked them for their patience and understanding.

Mr. Mike Pietropola, Middle School Principal, spoke about the 8th grade scheduling event with the High School and the students spent time in the different vocational programs. The students also ate lunch at the High School.

Mr. Pat Hewitt, Federal Programs Coordinator/Director of Curriculum and Instruction, reported that the tutoring was winding down this week and that the District served about 120 students. The Title I Annual Dinner will be held on March 18th at the Don Gill Cafeteria.

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. WASD School Calendar for School Year 2014-15

Consideration of approval for the 2014-15 Wellsboro Area School District School Calendar.

B. Appointment of District Treasurer

Consideration of approval for the appointment of Marcia Newcomb, Business Manager, as District Treasurer for the 2013-14 school year.

C. Federal Programs Consolidated and Other State/Federal/Private/Local Grant Opportunities

Consideration of approval that authorization be granted to submit grant applications for Federal Programs Consolidated and other state/federal/private/local grant opportunities may become available.

D. Contract for Services

Consideration of approval for Contract for Services between the Wellsboro Area School District and Rebeca Moyes, Autism Consultant as presented.

2. PERSONNEL

A. Conference Request

Consideration of approval for the following conference requests:

1. Sharon Mohr, High School Social Studies Teacher, Jennifer Paucke, Grade 8, Jennifer Outman, Grade 5, and Patrick Hewitt, Fed. Programs Coordinator/Director of Curriculum, to attend "Introduction to John Collins Writing", Williamsport, PA on April 8, 2014; (approximate costs of \$870 to be paid from General Fund – Curriculum/Professional Development Account)
2. Dawn Bergen, High School Life Skills Support Teacher, to attend "Behavioral Strategies and Social Skills to Support Students with Special Needs" Conference, Milton, PA on March 28, 2014 (approximate costs of \$187 to be paid out of Building Budget)
3. Dawn Bergen, High School Life Skills Support Teacher, to attend "PASA Scoring Conferences" in Harrisburg, PA on May 16-18, 2014 (approximate costs of \$50) and on June 6, 2014 (approximate costs of \$50, both costs to be paid out of Building Budget)

B. Extra-Curricular Volunteer Appointments

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

1. Kelci Carson, as Volunteer Northern Tier Aquatics Club representative for Wellsboro High School swimmers, for the school year 2013-14, effective March 12, 2014;
2. Duane Cotner, as Volunteer Wellsboro Swim Coach Representative, effective March 12, 2014;
3. Melanie Berndtson, as Volunteer High School Girls Track Assistant Coach, effective March 12, 2014;
4. Aaron Singer, as Volunteer High School Girls Track Assistant Coach, effective March 12, 2014;
5. Corey Lewis, as Volunteer High School Boys Tennis Assistant Coach, effective March 12, 2014;

C. Extra-Curricular Resignation

Consideration of approval to accept letter of resignation from Michelle McNett, High School Girls Basketball Assistant Coach, effective February 11, 2014.

3. STUDENT

A. Educational Trip Exceeding Ten (10) Days

Consideration of approval for the following educational trip request:

1. Noah E. C. Mattison, tenth grade student, to be absent from school from March 20 – April 4, 2014 for the purpose of visiting Florida.
2. Delilah Massey, kindergarten student, to be absent from school from March 20 – April 4, 2014 for the purpose of visiting Florida.

4. **OTHER**

A. 2013-2014 Additions to WASD Substitute List

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

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

XI. **ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **PERSONNEL**

A. Extra-Curricular Hire - A motion was made by Mrs. Shabloski, seconded by Mr. Feil, to approve the extra-curricular hire of Aaron Yungwirth, as High School Boys Track Assistant Coach for the school year 2013-2014, effective March 12, 2014 through the end of the Track and Field Season Championships (projected date of May 23 & 24, 2014) at a salary of \$2,399.

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

B. Hires - A motion was made by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Gastrock to approve the following hires:

1. Carol Anne Shabloski, part-time Groundskeeper, at a rate of \$12.00 per hour, on an "as-needed basis" effective March 14, 2014 and ending November 14, 2014.
2. Thomas Briggs, part-time Groundskeeper, at a rate of \$11.50 per hour, on an "as-needed basis" effective March 14, 2014 and ending November 14, 2014.
3. Ransom Bowen, part-time Groundskeeper, at a rate of \$11.50 per hour, on an "as-needed basis" effective March 14, 2014 and ending November 14, 2014.

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

C. Removal of Employee - A motion was made by Mrs. Shabloski, seconded by Mr. Gastrock, to approve the termination of Thomas Dougherty, Rock L. Butler Middle School Custodian, effective February 28, 2014.

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

D. Removal of Extra-Curricular Coach - A motion was made by Mr. Peropat, seconded by Mr. Gastrock to approve the termination of Adrienne Hampson, Middle School Cheerleading Advisor, effective February 28, 2014.

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

E. Hire of Intern - A motion was made by Mrs. Shabloski, seconded by Mr. Peropat, to approve the hire of Luci Cohen as School Psychology Intern for the School Year 2014-15, effective August 26, 2014. Rate of pay will be \$12.00 per hour for a period of 1,250 hours, pending receipt of all required clearances.


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

F. Hire – A motion was made by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Gastrock, to approve the hire of Steven Vargeson as Wellsboro Area High School Custodian, full-time (8 hrs. per day/12 months), effective March 24, 2014 at a rate of \$10.00 per hour during the first 60-working day probationary period. Upon satisfactory completion of the probationary period, starting rate of pay will be \$11.14.

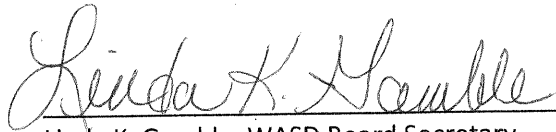
Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Chambers, aye; Mr. Feil, aye; Mr. Gastrock, aye; Mr. Kramer, aye; Mr. Hackett, aye; Mr. Peropat, aye; Mr. Burrous, aye; Mrs. Shabloski, aye; Motion carried; Mrs. Rudy was absent.

Public Comment – Mr. Tim McCratic of Wellsboro, PA again spoke on his item of concern to the Board concerning the picking up of his children on February 28th, 2014.

Adjournment – A motion was made by Mrs. Shabloski, seconded by Mr. Feil, to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 PM. All ayes.



Carl Chambers, President
WASD Board of Education



Linda K. Gamble, WASD Board Secretary