

WELLSBORO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Meeting
September 9, 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.

President Carl Chambers led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Present were the following: Mr. Christopher Morral, Mrs. Marcia Newcomb, Mr. Steve Adams, Mr. Patrick Hewitt, Mr. David Krick, Mr. Michael Pietropola, Mr. Robert Kreger, Mrs. Amy Repard, Mr. Scott Keck; Board Secretary Linda Gamble; Press present: Natalie Kennedy (Wellsboro Gazette); WASD Solicitor Bruce Vickery, Esquire; Student Representative Troy Kennedy; Visitors: Watson Feil; Donna Burrous;

Announcement of any Executive Sessions: September 9, 2014 at 6:30 PM, High School Faculty Room, for the purpose of legal matter;

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.

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

- A. Minutes of Previous Meeting – Regular Board Meeting of August 12, 2014;
- B. Financial Reports – Board Summary Report for August 2014; Capital Improvement Fund (August 2014);
- C. Approval of Bills – 2013-14 General Fund Invoices; 2014-15 School Lunch Fund Invoices; 2014-15 School Lunch Fund Invoice Add-Ons; 2014-15 Capital Improvement Fund Invoices; 2014-15 Capital Improvement Fund Invoices Add-Ons; 2014-15 General Fund Invoices; 2014-15 General Fund Invoices Add-Ons;

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 that the welcome back theme for the school year is a beach or surfing theme. The high school will host a patriot day in honor of September 11th victims and students will wear red, white and blue. He reported that homecoming is just 3 weeks away. This year's theme is City of lights. Spirit Week is September 29 – October 3rd. The Homecoming Parade will be on Friday, October 3rd at 5:00 PM and a dance will be held after the football game on the 3rd. Troy also reported there were 71 numbers at the FFA Consignment Auction. They sold over \$10,000 and made over \$2,000 before expenses. FFA also donated over 300 ears of corn. The National Honor Society is hosting a blood drive with the Community Blood Bank on September 29th in the old Gym.

Report from Superintendent –

Superintendent Morral recognized Phil Gastrock on his retirement from the District and his 37 years of dedication and hard work with the District. Phil was presented with a gift card for his retirement. Superintendent Morral reported that the school year 2014-15 was off to a good start. Enrollment first day figures were the same as last years at 1501. He reported that we had some obstacles as a District but we were getting through them. One of those obstacles was the newly revised Transportation Policy. He thanked the public for taking a pro-active stand on this. He stated that our students are more safe with the newly revised policy than ever before. He also commended the bus drivers and contractors for a job well done along with the administration and Mr. Brian Kennedy, Transportation Coordinator.

Report from Business Manager –

Mrs. Newcomb advised that we are getting ready for our independent audit. The auditors will be coming the end of September. Her office is continuing to work on Child Accounting and PIMS reporting. We are about 95% done. We have also completed our InterScholastic Athletic Opportunities Disclosure Report and thanked Matt Rendos and Rob Kreger for all the time they gave her to finish this report. It is one of the most detailed and overwhelming reports she has worked on.

Report from Administrators –

Steve Adams, Elementary Principal, reported that school was off to a good start. Entry and dismissal procedures are being followed by parents and it is working well. He congratulated Phil Gastrock on his retirement.

Patrick Hewitt, Federal Programs Coordinator/Director of Curriculum and Instruction, reported that Title I programs are off to a good start with teachers getting started with student lists and enrolling students. He advised the Board that we may have 24 Kindergarten students to start, which is a big number for that level.

Michael Pietropola, Middle School Principal, spoke about the Remote Intelligence Company that were at the Middle School recently to present how the use of drones has evolved in our local region. They demonstrated the use of a couple of drones and how they apply to our STEM classes/students.

Scott Keck, Director of Buildings & Grounds, stated that it had been a real pleasure working with Phil Gastrock. Scott stated that he wished he wasn't a little bit afraid of moving forward without him, but the truth is, things will not be the same. Phil will be greatly missed.

Report from Board Members-

Board Member John Peropat commented on the resignations/retirements of both Phil Gastrock and Marcia Newcomb, Business Manager. John spoke of Phil's willingness to step up to any task that would have otherwise been an expense to the District. He always did the job and did it well. You can hire a replacement but the knowledge will take years to replace. With regard to Marcia, he stated that she takes with her 28 years of school finance. He thanked her for her dedication to the job and to each individual on the Board to assure they understand the process. He only can hope that the next business manager has the patience and dedication of Marcia. He advised everyone to take a second and to thank both Phil and Marcia for their service and dedication to WASD and for being part of the building process that has brought this District to the height it has obtained.

Board Member Lana Shabloski spoke to the Board about the voting process that was requested of the Board to do by Pennsylvania School Boards Association. She advised them of the candidates for each position – Kathy K. Swope or Charles H. Ballard for President-Elect; Mark B. Miller for Vice President; Otto Voit for Treasurer; For President, Lana

indicated that she personally would be comfortable with either candidate although she felt Kathy Swope would be the better candidate based on her experience. The individual running for Vice President (although highly endorsed) was voted out as an officer last year. We do not know how he made it back on! She stated that she would not be comfortable with Mr. Miller.

John Peropat made a motion to accept Lana's recommendation on the following individuals, seconded by Mr. Kramer: Yes to Kathy Swope, No to Mark Miller, Yes to Otto Voit; Yes to David Hutchinson, At large Representative;

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

President Carl Chambers advised that the Budget & Finance would be meeting in September.

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. Private Parent Transportation Contracts

Consideration of approval for private parent transportation contracts for the school year 2014-15:

2. PERSONNEL

A. Extra-Curricular Volunteer Appointments

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

1. Elizabeth Hoover, Volunteer Middle School Volleyball Assistant Coach, effective August 18, 2014;
2. Teahl Butler, Volunteer Band-Front Color-Guard Instructor, pending receipt of required clearances;
3. Jennifer Heath, Volunteer Middle School Soccer Assistant Coach, effective September 10, 2014, pending receipt of required clearances;

B. Conference Requests

Consideration of approval for the following conference requests:

1. Sarah Wagaman, Elementary Art Teacher, and Heather Ladd, Middle School Art Teacher, and Laura Kozuhowski, High School Art Teacher, to attend "The Fine Art of the Common Core", Williamsport, PA on September 24, 2014 (approximate costs of \$510 to be paid from respective Building Budgets)
2. Tina Colton and Daniel Long, Middle School Math Teachers, and Patrick Hewitt, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, to attend "Math Design Collaborative Training", Northeast Bradford, and Canton, PA on September 29-30, October 27 and November 24, 2014 (approximate costs of \$473 to be paid from Title II Fund)
3. Annette Nuss, Charlotte Lappla Instructional Aide, Michele McNett, Don Gill Special Education Teacher, Matthew Hildebrand, Elementary Teacher, Katie Akins, School Psychologist, and Steven Adams, Elementary Principal to attend "QBS (Quality Behavioral Solutions) Training", Williamsport, PA on September 18 & 19, 2014 (approximate costs of \$1,183.76 to be paid from Building Budget and Special Education Budget)
4. Steven Henneman, Elementary Computer Teacher, Krista Straniere, School Nurse, Stephen Boyce, Kindergarten Teacher and Nathan Babcock, Elementary Physical Education Teacher, to attend "QBS (Quality Behavioral Solutions) Training", Canton, PA on October 28 & 29, 2014 (approximate costs of \$1,646 to be paid from Building Budget and Special Education Budget)
5. Denise Route, Middle School Computer Teacher, to attend "PA Business Education Association Annual Conference", Grantville, PA on November 20 & 21, 2014 (approximate costs of \$200 to be paid from Building Budget)

C. Extra-Curricular Resignation

Consideration of approval to accept letter of resignation from Jeff Rupert, Middle School Wrestling Head Coach, effective September 3, 2014.

3. STUDENT

A. Expulsion Agreement

Consideration of approval of Expulsion Agreement for Student #1-E 2014-2015.

B. Independent Study Proposals

Consideration of approval for the following Independent Study Proposals:

1. Destiny Blackwell, junior, and Billie Jo Priset, junior, to take an independent study – “**Overview of French III**” – a one credit course. Instruction will be provided during the 2014-15 Fall/Spring semester by Ms. Lara Miller, High School French Teacher.
2. Elise Becker, senior, and Ally Hepp, senior, to take an independent study – “**French Phonetics**” – a one credit course. Instruction will be provided during the 2014-15 Fall/Spring semester by Ms. Lara Miller, High School French Teacher.

4. OTHER

A. 2014-2015 Additions to WASD Substitute List

Consideration of approval for 2014-2015 Additions to WASD Substitute List as presented.

B. Transportation Drivers

Consideration of approval for the following transportation drivers:

1. Kurtis M. Bogaczyk, Van Driver/Aide, for Benedict's Bus, pending receipt of required clearances;
2. Anne R. Yocum, Van Driver/Aide, for Benedict's Bus, pending receipt of required clearances;
3. Anna Cavanaugh, Van Driver/Aide, for Benedict's Bus, pending receipt of required clearances;

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

ACTION ITEMS:

1. ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

2. PERSONNEL

A. Hires for Wellsboro Online Academy - A motion was made by Mr. Peropat, seconded by Mrs. Shabloski, to approve the hire of the following individuals as Wellsboro Online Academy Education Mentors at the rate of \$32.00 per hour – maximum of 10 hrs. per week (said amount may be adjusted after negotiations are settled per Contract Agreement between WASD and WAEA)

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| 1. Dan Long | 7. Erin Szentesy | 13. Deborah Greco |
| 2. Tammy Knowlton | 8. Sharon Mohr | 14. Cynthia Carr |
| 3. Jodi Wieder | 9. Barbara West | 15. Edward Hamm |
| 4. Denise Route | 10. Laura Lightner | 16. Marcia Smith |

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| 5. Brandon Falk | 11. Khirah Nesbit | 17. Jennifer Ingerick-Outman |
| 6. Rhoda Mann | 12. Melissa Johnston | 18. Philip Snyder |

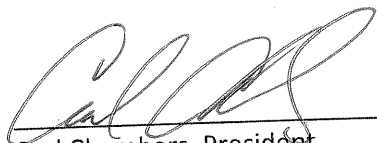
Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Hackett, aye; Mr. Chambers, aye; Mr. Burrous, aye; Mr. Gastrock, aye; Mrs. Shabloski, aye; Mr. Feil, aye; Mrs. Rudy, aye; Mr. Peropat, aye; Mr. Kramer, aye; Motion passed;

B. Hire for Wellsboro Online Academy – A motion was made by Mrs. Shabloski, seconded by Mrs. Rudy, to approve the hire of Jill Gastrock as Wellsboro Online Academy Education Mentor at the rate of \$32.00 per hour – maximum of 10 hrs. per week (said amount may be adjusted after negotiations are settled per Contract Agreement between WASD and WAEA).

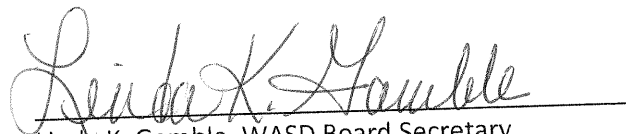
Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Kramer, aye; Mr. Peropat, aye; Mrs. Shabloski, aye; Mr. Chambers, aye; Mrs. Rudy, aye; Mr. Gastrock, abstained; Mr. Feil, aye; Mr. Hackett, aye; Mr. Burrous, aye; Motion passed;

Public Comment - None

Adjournment – A motion was made by Mrs. Shabloski, seconded by Mr. Hackett, to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 PM. All ayes. Motion carried.



Carl Chambers, President
WASD Board of Education



Linda K. Gamble, WASD Board Secretary