

WELLSBORO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Meeting
October 7, 2015
High School Large Group Instruction Room

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, PA.

President Chambers led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Present were the following: Mr. Christopher Morral, Mrs. Bonnie Thompson, Mr. Steven Adams, Mr. Patrick Hewitt, Mr. David Krick, Mr. Robert Kreger, Mr. Mike Pietropola, Mrs. Amy Repard, Mr. Daren Bryant, Bruce Vickery, Esquire, WASD Solicitor; Press: Natalie Kennedy (Wellsboro Gazette); Diane Eaton (Williamsport Sun Gazette); Linda Gamble, WASD Board Secretary;

Visitors Present: Ed Weaver; Shelby Osgood; Joann Osgood; Ryan Osgood; Jodi Niver Wieder; Dan Driscoll; Madeline Sweet; Dick Miskovitz; Kaitlyne Kramer; Joann Osgood; Dick Osgood; Ann Osgood; Katey Pacific; Logan Morral; Anna Perkins; Duane Cotner; Jessica Witmer; Donna Burrous;

Announcement of Executive Session: President Chambers announced there was an Executive Session held at 6:30 PM in the High School Faculty Room for the purpose of a legal matter.

Concerned Resident Issues: none

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. Peropat, to approve the Board Minutes/Financials as presented:

- A. Work Session Minutes of August 12, 2015; Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2015; Special Board Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2015;
- B. Financial Reports – Board Summary Report (September 2015);
- C. Approval of Bills – General Fund Invoices (September 2015); Add-On General Fund Invoices (September 2015); School Lunch Fund Invoices (September 2015); Add-On School Lunch Fund Invoices (September 2015);

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment on Title I and other Federal Programs: None

Report from Student Representative – Shelby Osgood introduced herself as the new Student Representative. Since the last board meeting, Student Council has been getting ready for homecoming which starts on October 12 – 17, 2015. On Saturday, October 17th, we will have a Homecoming Dance. On October 16, we play Bloomsburg (home game). The dress up days for homecoming are as follows: Monday, October 12 – ER Day; Tuesday, October 13 - Color; Wednesday, October 14 – Super Hero Day; Thursday, October 15 – Throwback Thursday; Friday, October 16 – Green & White Day. On Monday, October 5th for World Day of Bullying Prevention, the connect4 Club did a wear a blue shirt day worth class competition points. STING is promoting “Speak Appropriately” month with different events and

information. National Honor Society is holding a Community Blood Bank Blood Drive on October 18th. Quiz Team is attending the BASK Tournament at Cornell University on October 10th.

For FFA, 6 students went to the Keystone Stockmen's Contest on Friday, October 2nd. They placed 4th out of 104 in livestock judging. On October 5th, 9 student officers and freshmen FFA members went to FFA Fall Leadership Conference in Altoona, PA. Wellsboro's BookFest is celebrating its 7th year in a new location. Co-sponsored by From My Shelf Books & Gifts and the District's various schools, this community literacy event will be held on October 17th from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM at the Deane Center for the Performing Arts, 104 Main Street, Wellsboro, PA. All proceeds from the book sale go to buying more inventory for the District's school libraries. To date, BookFest has raised more than \$8,000 to add inventory to our school libraries.

Report from Superintendent – Superintendent Morral introduced WASD student Brayden Button. Brayden had prepared a PowerPoint concerning High School Media Kiosks. He also provided a handout. (Digital announcement project.) After the presentation, and after discussion among the Board Members, the Board agreed to accept and approve the proposal presented by Brayden.

Report from Business Manager – Mrs. Thompson announced that the Business Office was very busy with transportation reports, audits and an annual financial report being due at the end of the month.

Report from Administrators

Steven Adams, Elementary Principal, reported that the roof project at the schools was complete and that the PTA Walk-A-Thon fundraiser was complete.

Michael Pietropola, Middle School Principal, thanked all of the teachers and the staff for their commitment to our PSSA testing. He recognized them for their top 13 ranking in the IU in Math, ELA and Science.

Pat Hewitt reported that our monthly department meetings have started and the 3rd and 4th grades at the Don Gill have taken the Math CCDT that the teachers can use to pinpoint areas of strengths and weaknesses in the students' knowledge and skills to help them prepare units of study for the year in preparation for the Math PSSA.

Robert Kreger, HS Assistant Principal, reported on the homecoming activities.

David Krick, HS Principal, reported that we have received substantial approval for Perkins in the amount of \$19,233 which supports our Carpentry, Construction, Institutional Foods and Horticulture Programs.

Amy Repard, Supervisor of Special Education, reported that the Annual Ability Mentoring Day is October 30th and although it is an in-service day for us, we have about 10 students participating.

Daren Bryant, Director of Buildings & Grounds, reported that the LED project was completed on September 6, 2015. The High School electric bill from September 2014 – September 2015 was down by 2400 KWH. All exterior lighting has been corrected in the District. Winter is around the corner, our salt supply has arrived and we are prepping our winter equipment now to be ready for the snow.

Report from Board Members – Mrs. Shabloski reported that Pennsylvania had been ranked in the top 10 of states (#5) for being one of the most corrupt states.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

1. **ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION**

A. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised WASD Policy #815.2– District-Issued Laptops: Student Use, Rights and Responsibilities

Consideration of approval for the second reading and adoption of revised WASD Policy #815.2-District-Issued Laptops: Student Use, Rights and Responsibilities.

B. 2015-2016 Budgetary Transfers

Consideration of approval for the 2015-16 budgetary transfers as presented.

C. Blended Schools Network Membership Agreement

Consideration of approval of the Blended Schools Network Membership Agreement and Wellsboro Area School District, effective July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 with a contract price of \$25,162, as presented.

D. PlanCon Part K: Project Refinancing

Consideration of approval to enter into the Minutes the approval document from the PA Department of Education for PlanCon Part K: Project Refinancing for Lease #152667 - Issuance of General Obligation Note, Series of 2015 to Advance Refund a Portion of Series AAA 3020 (Lease #102667)

E. Board Resolution/Agreement Authorizing Participation in the National Purchasing Cooperative

Consideration of approval of the Board Resolution/Agreement authorizing participation in the National Purchasing Cooperative, as presented.

F. Agreement between Hulbert Engineering & Land Surveying, DPC and Wellsboro Area School District

Consideration of approval of Agreement between Wellsboro Area School District and Hulbert Engineering & Land Surveying, DPC, effective September 22, 2015, for a fee of \$1,960. Surveying services by Hulbert Engineering & Land Surveying is set forth therein.

G. Northern Tier Industry Education Consortium Career Development Training Program

Consideration of approval to enter into Career Development Training Program with Northern Tier Industry Education Consortium to provide services to WASD students as provided in said Program. Fee structure shall be \$1,000 per student for the first ten (10) students, \$750 per student for eleven-fifteen (11-15) students, and \$500 per student for all additional students. The District will be invoiced twice a year.

2. **PERSONNEL**

A. Conference Requests (Policy #433 & 438)

Consideration of approval for the following conference request:

1. Diane Stratton, Elementary Librarian, to attend APL Training, Canton, PA ; Williamsport, PA on October 1, 2, December 9, 2015; January 5 & 6, 2016; (Approximate costs of \$1,365 to be paid out of Building Budget/Professional Development Account)

2. Heather Ladd, Middle School Art Teacher, to attend "Art Teacher Conference Clay Methods and Techniques", Montoursville, PA on October 12, 2015; (approximate costs of \$249.97 to be paid from Building Budget)

3. Anjanette Cole, Middle School Special Education Teacher, and Judi Hume, Special Education Instructional Aide, to attend "Quality Behavior Solutions: Safety Care Specialist Recertification/Safety Care Advanced Skills High Severity 1 and 2", Williamsport, PA and Canton, PA on November 13 & 17, 2015; (approximate costs of \$594.88 to be paid out of Special Education Budget)
4. Denise Route, Middle School Computer/Careers Teacher, to attend "PA Business Education Association (PBEA) Annual Conference", Grantville, PA on November 19 & 20, 2015; (approximate costs of \$260 to be paid from Building Budget)
5. Dawn Bergen, High School Special Education Teacher, and Joanne Boyd, Special Education Instructional Aide, to attend "Quality Behavior Solutions – Safety Care Specialist Recertification", Canton, PA on December 8, 2015; (approximate costs of \$203 to be paid from Special Education Budget)
6. Megan Hau, Speech & Therapy Teacher, to attend "AAC (Augmentative and Alternative Communication) and Core Vocabulary in the Classroom: Making It Work", Williamsport, PA on October 23, 2015 (approximate costs of \$81.35 to be paid out of Building Budget)

B. Revised Job Descriptions

Consideration of approval for the following revised Job Descriptions:

1. Elementary Secretary;
2. Head Teacher, Charlotte Lappla Elementary;
3. Athletic Director;
4. High School Baseball Assistant Coach;
5. Administrative Assistant/Accounting;
6. Administrative Assistant – Transportation, Accounts Payable/Purchasing;
7. Administrative Secretary;

C. Extra-Curricular Volunteer Appointments

Consideration of approval for the following extra-curricular volunteer appointments for the school year 2015-16:

1. Melinda Kramer as Volunteer Parent Swim Representative for Wellsboro High School swimmers, effective September 28, 2015;
2. Duane Cotner as Volunteer Parent Swim Representative for Wellsboro High School swimmers, effective September 28, 2015;
3. Tonya Doane as Volunteer High School Boys/Girls Cross Country Assistant Coach; (effective August 17 – November 7, 2015)
4. Carl Chambers as Volunteer High School Wrestling Assistant Coach; (effective November 16, 2015 - March 12, 2016)

D. Mentor

Consideration of approval for the following mentor for school year 2015-16:

1. Khirah Pinkerton as mentor for Candy McNeely, Rock L. Butler Middle School Special Education Teacher, in accordance with the New Teacher Induction Plan 2015-2018;

3. STUDENT

A. Overnight Field Trip Request

Consideration of approval for the following overnight field trip request:

1. Melanie Berndtson, High School Horticulture/AgScience Teacher, to take 8 Grand Canyon FFA students to Philadelphia, PA on November 13- 14, 2015.

4. **OTHER**

A. **2015-16 Additions to WASD Substitute List**

Consideration of approval for 2015-2016 additions to WASD Substitute list as presented.

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

XI. **ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION**

A. **Southern Bleacher Company Proposal** – A motion was made by Mrs. Shabloski, seconded by Mr. Peropat, to approve Southern Bleacher Company proposal for Home Side Grandstand/Press Box and Rooftop Canopy Project in the amount of \$595,782. This amount includes alternate amount of \$17,800 (for texture painted traffic coating on walking surfaces) and alternate amount of \$37,800 (for vertical metal panel closures). In addition the 2% CO-OP purchasing fee of \$11,682 is included in said amount.

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

B. **AstroTurf LLC Proposal** – A motion was made by Mr. Peropat, seconded by Mr. Gastrock to approve AstroTurf LLC Proposal in the amount of \$2,047,748 to install 79,690 square feet of AstroTurf GameDay Grass and red 13mm sandwich track Stobitan SW (6,138 SY) of track surface including 6 lane oval and two full D-Zones; to be purchased through the Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN) contract via TCPN proposal number R5175-PA-7975. Quote includes all labor, materials, tools and equipment necessary to install in-place the synthetic turf and synthetic track applications referenced in accordance with published product specifications.

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

C. **Musco Lighting Proposal** – A motion was made by Mrs. Shabloski, seconded by Mr. Peropat, to approve Musco Lighting proposal in the amount of \$194,949 for the purchase and installation of Musco's Light Structure Green Lighting System as presented.

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

D. **Use of Funds** – A motion was made by Mrs. Shabloski, seconded by Mrs. Rudy, to allow Superintendent and Business Manager to use the General Funds Committed Reserves for Retirement and General Funds Committed Reserves for Health Insurance totaling \$2,511,441 as needed, to assist with District finances during the budget stalemate. These reserves would be replenished when the District receives state subsidies.

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

2. **PERSONNEL**

A. **Support Staff Hires** – A motion was made by Mrs. Shabloski, seconded by Mr. Gastrock to approve the following hires:

1. Kasey Watts, Special Education Instructional Aide, part-time (5 hrs. per day/9 months) effective October 12, 2015 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 \$10.91 per hour;
2. Bridget Wheeler, Special Education Instructional Aide, part-time (5 hrs. per day/9 months) effective September 28, 2015; 60-working day probationary period is waived. Starting rate of pay will be \$11.58 per hour;

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

B. **Extra-Curricular Hire** – A motion was made by Mr. Burrous, seconded by Mr. Gastrock, to approve the following extra-curricular hire for the school year 2015-16:

1. Amy Driskell High School Boys/Girls Track Assistant Coach \$2,399
Season: March 7 – May 28, 2016

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

C. **Professional Staff Hire** – A motion was made by Mrs. Rudy, seconded by Mr. Hackett, to approve the following professional staff hire:

1. Sarah Tinney, Elementary School Nurse, Step #1, Bachelors, salary of \$45,570, effective October 8, 2015;

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

D. **Administrative Transfer** – A motion was made by Mrs. Shabloski, seconded by Mr. Gastrock, to approve the transfer of Robert Kreger, from High School Assistant Principal, to High School Principal, at a salary of \$86,500, effective December 24, 2015;

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

E. **Mentor** – A motion was made by Mrs. Shabloski, seconded by Mr. Peropat, to approve the following mentor for school year 2015-16:

1. Drew Seeling as mentor for Amber Whitney, High School Technology Education/Industrial Arts Teacher in accordance with the New Teacher Induction Plan 2015-2018;

Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Peropat, aye; Mr. Hackett, aye; Mr. Burrous, aye; Mr. Chambers, aye; Mrs. Rudy, aye; Mr. Burrous, aye; Mrs. Shabloski, aye; Motion passed; Board Members Steven Kramer and Matthew Feil were absent.

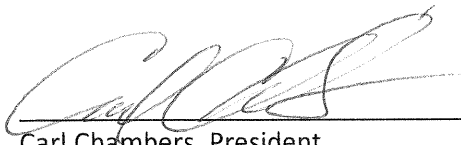
F. **Hires for Wellsboro Online Academy** - A motion was made by Mrs. Rudy, seconded by Mrs. Shabloski, to approve the hire of the following individuals as Wellsboro Online Academy Education Mentors at the rate of \$32.00 per hour – maximum of 10 hours per week:

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| 1. | Michelle McNett | 5. | Brenda Brought |
| 2. | Brigette Largey | 6. | Lisa Higham |
| 3. | Heather Callahan | 7. | Kate Kreger |
| 4. | Heather Ladd | 8. | Cynthia Carr |

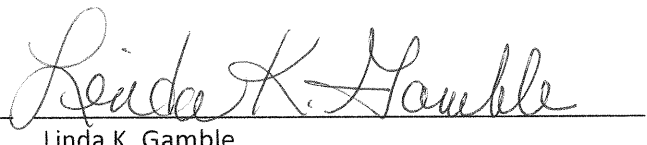
Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Peropat, aye; Mr. Burrous, aye; Mrs. Shabloski, aye; Mrs. Rudy, aye; Mr. Chambers, aye; Mr. Hackett, aye; Mr. Gastrock, aye; Motion passed; Board Members Steven Kramer and Matthew Feil were absent.

XII. Public Comment – Richard Miskovitz addressed the Board concerning the spending of money for a new athletic stadium, new hires, mentor program and other items. He stated he felt the board was “irresponsible”.

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



Carl Chambers, President
Wellsboro Area School District
Board of Education



Linda K. Gamble
WASD Board Secretary