

WELLSBORO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Board of Education Meeting  
April 14, 2015  
WASD High School Auditorium – 7:00 PM  
**MINUTES**

Called to Order by President Carl Chambers at 7:00 PM in the Wellsboro Area High School Auditorium, 227 Nichols Street, Wellsboro, PA.

President Chambers led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Members: Carl Chambers, Chris Gastrock, Steven Kramer, Wayne Hackett, John Peropat, Stewart Burrous, Atlanta Shabloski, Matthew Feil and Susan Rudy; all present;

Present were the following: Mr. Christopher Morral, Mrs. Bonnie Thompson, Mr. Steve Adams, Mr. Patrick Hewitt, Mr. David Krick, Mr. Mike Pietropola, Mrs. Amy Repard, Mr. Scott Keck and Mr. Robert Kreger; Press: Natalie Kennedy (Wellsboro Gazette); Cheryl Clarke (Williamsport Sun Gazette); Linda Gamble, WASD Board Secretary; Troy Kennedy, Student Representative;

Visitors present: Ed Weaver, Terri Kehoe, Mike Wood, Al Bieber, Charlene Bieber, Debbie Reynolds, Gerald Morral, Connie Morral, Richard Miskovitz, Dan Stadler, Jim Kreger, Nancy Kreger, Matt Hildebrand, Donna Burrous, Doe Davis, Judy Feil, David Messineo, Tonya Drake, Jason English, William Neuhauser, Mike Hotchkiss, Leah Mosher, Katrina Doud, Erin Maldona, Ron Perry, Donna Perry, Natalie Smith, Suzeahn Hunt, Travis Hunt, Duane Cotner, Marcia Newcomb, Irene Appel, Peter HErrre, Shane Mascho, Ben Miller, Mike Lundgren, Chris Reese, Sue Devlin; Kristen West, Tricia Krick, John Getty, Helen Bernhardt, Bob Bernhardt, Craig Diem, Erik Warner, Brennan Warner, Annette Nuss, Caleb Nuss, Stacy Cooldige, Mark Cooper, Todd Ruff, Daren Getty, Matt Smith, Kathy Smith, John Shaffer, John Johnston, Cynthia Long, Michael Hawk, Dawn Pletcher, John Albrecht, Scott Lee, Jeff Wilson, Sarah Vickery;

Announcement of Executive Session: None

Concerned Resident Issues: Several residents came to the podium and directed their concerns of the stadium project and other issues including education performance to the Board. Those residents included: Mike Wood, Judy Feil, John Shaffer, Matt Hildebrand, Craig Davis, Bob Bernhardt, Al Bieber, Anna Vail, Mark Cooper, Ed Weaver, Cliff Cole, Richard Miskovitz;

Approval of Agenda – President Chambers asked for a motion to approve the Agenda with the removal of 1. Admistration and Organization, I. Source4Teacher Contract. A motion was made by Mr. Kramer 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 Regular Board Meeting of March 10, 2015;
- B. Financial Reports – Board Summary Report (March 2015); Capital Improvement Fund (March 2015); Student Activity Fund Summary (March 2015);
- C. Approval of Bills – 2014-15 General Fund Invoices (March 2015); 2014-15 General Fund Add-On Invoices (March 2015); 2014-15 School Lunch Fund Invoices (March 2015);

Upon a Roll Call Vote: Mr. Gastrock, aye; Mr. Kramer, aye; Mr. Chambers, aye; Mr. Peropat, aye; Mr. Hackett, aye; Mr. Burrous, aye; Mrs. Shabloski, nay; Mr. Feil, aye; Mrs. Rudy, aye;

Public Comment on Title I and other Federal Programs: None

Report from Student Representative: Troy Kennedy, Student Representative, reported to the Board of the 2016 Student Council District Conference which the District will be hosting in May 2016. Student Council will be holding a Chicken BBQ on April 28 and a car wash in August. Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week is May 4-8. Officer elections for Student Council will be held May 6 and class officer elections will be held May 20. Next year's homecoming theme will be voted on by the HS in May. National Honor Society: The Talent Show will be held in the auditorium on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds to go to the Brennan Family. April 27<sup>th</sup> – The final NHS/Community Blood Bank Drive will be held in the Old Gym. FFA: 1<sup>st</sup> place was given to the Parliamentary Procedure Team; 1<sup>st</sup> place was given to Junior Prepared Public Speaking; 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> was given to Senior Prepared Public Speaking. Regional contests begin April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Report from Superintendent: Superintendent Morral introduced Les Bear, Managing Director & Branch Manager, Robert W. Baird & Co., who gave a presentation to the Board concerning the finances (both present and future) of the District. Following Mr. Bear's presentation, Jonathan W. Cox, Bond Counsel of Rhoads & Sinon LLP, gave his presentation.

Report from Administrators:

Steve Adams, Elementary Principal, reported that his school had the State Teacher of the Year – Carla Starkweather and also mentioned that we have many quality teachers/staff in the District and thanked them for their service.

Mike Pietropola, Middle School Principal, thanked Heather Ladd, Shannon Ferry, Matt Erway, Bryan Murphy, Shane Cleveland and Melissa Ryan for all of their dedication and commitment to our Middle School students during this year's musical. He also thanked the students for a job well done as 70 students participated.

Pat Hewitt, Fed. Prog. Coord/Director of Curriculum and Instruction, advised that he was starting to develop the plans for professional development for the technology bootcamp and the dates: July 16 & 17 and August 17<sup>th</sup>.

Dave Krick, High School Principal, reported that High School Culinary Teacher Joseph Mercuri took Zoey Powell to the State Level Culinary Competition where he placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the State. Dave stated that the District has many students participating in District and Regional Band and Chorus but on March 25-27, Andrea Tsao participated in the All State Orchestra in Dallastown, PA. On March 23-25 Wellsboro High School went through a State Level Approved Program Audit for all approved CTE programs. After the 3 day audit we had only two correctives that will need addressed and we have already started addressing the one.

Reports from Board Members:

Reports were given by Mrs. Rudy, Mr. Carl Chambers, Mr. Peropat and Mr. Feil.

**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. Second Reading and Adoption of revised WASD Policy #202

Consideration of approval for the second reading and adoption of revised WASD Policy #202-Eligibility of Non-Resident Students.

B. Second Reading and Adoption of revised WASD Policy #215

Consideration of approval for the second reading and adoption of revised WASD Policy #215-Promotion and Retention.

C. Second Reading and Adoption of revised WASD Policy #217

Consideration of approval for the second reading and adoption of revised WASD Policy #217-Graduation Requirements.

D. Second Reading and Adoption of revised WASD Policy #810.3

Consideration of approval for the second reading and adoption of revised WASD Policy #810.3-Procedures for Use of District-Owned Vehicles.

E. Second Reading and Adoption of revised WASD Policy #815.2

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

F. Provider of 403 (b) Deferred Compensation Plan

Consideration of approval for “Fidelity Investment” as a provider of 403 (b) Deferred Compensation Plan for the 2014-15 fiscal year.

G. Dual Enrollment Agreement between WASD and Mansfield University for 2015-16 School Year

Consideration of approval to authorize Wellsboro Area School District to enter into Dual Enrollment Agreement with Mansfield University to provide courses in the area of education to eligible students during the 2015-16 school year.

H. HUNT Proposal for Building Condition Survey & Five-Year Capital Facilities Plan

Consideration of approval to accept HUNT Proposal for Building Condition Survey and Five-Year Capital Facilities Plan in the amount of \$16,742 as presented.

I. Source4Teachers Contract (THIS ITEM WAS REMOVED)

Consideration of approval to enter into a contract with Source4Teachers (*pending contract approval by solicitor*), effective July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 for outsourcing services for substitute teachers and support staff services. (

2. **PERSONNEL**

A. Support Staff Resignation

Consideration of approval to accept letter of resignation from Bridget Knowlton, Rock L. Butler Middle School Special Education Instructional Aide, effective March 25, 2015.

B. Conference Request

Consideration of approval for the following conference request:

1. Dawn Bergen, High School Special Education Life Skills Teacher, to attend “PASA (Pennsylvania Alternate System of Assessment) Scoring Conference” in Harrisburg, PA on May 15-17, 2015 (approximate costs of \$100 to be paid from building budget)

C. Appointment of Internship

Consideration of approval for the appointment of Ashley Redell, student at Mansfield University, to complete an unpaid internship at the Wellsboro Area School District Administration Office, effective May 11, 2015 for a period of six weeks.

D. Transfers of Professional Staff Personnel

Consideration of approval for the following professional staff transfers, effective August 24, 2015:

1. Shalane Gee, *from* Don Gill Elementary (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade) *to* Charlotte Lappla Elementary Title I Reading Specialist;
2. Elizabeth Norman, *from* High School Biology Teacher *to* Rock L. Butler Middle School Middle Level Science (Grades 7-9) Teacher;

3. **STUDENT**

A. **Request for Extension of Homebound Instruction**

Consideration of approval of homebound instruction for Student #1 HB 2014-15 as per her family physician to extend to the end of 2014-15 school year;

B. **Request for Homebound Instruction**

Consideration of approval for homebound instruction for Student #5 HB 2014-15 as per his family physician for a period of approximately six weeks commencing March 31, 2015.

4. **OTHER**

A. **2014-15 Additions to WASD Substitute List**

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

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

XI. **ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION**

A. **WASD School Breakfast/Lunch Meal Prices for School Year 2015-16** – A motion was made by Mrs. Shabloski, seconded by Mr. Kramer, to approve the Wellsboro Area School District's School Breakfast/Lunch Meal Prices for School Year 2015-16 as presented.

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

B. **Elimination of WESPA (Wellsboro Education Support Professionals Association) Position** - A motion was made by Mrs. Shabloski, seconded by Mr. Hackett, to approve the elimination of a part-time (5 hrs. per day/10 month) Rock L. Butler Middle School Building Secretary position, effective June 30, 2015 in accordance with the Contract between Wellsboro Area School District and Wellsboro Education Support Professionals Association, 7/1/2014 – 6/30/2018, Article IX-9-1.02 Classifications (a) Bargaining Unit Employee Classifications.

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

C. **Motion to Adopt Resolution** - A motion was made by Mr. Peropat, seconded by Mr. Kramer, to approve the adoption of the Resolution of the Board of School Directors of the Wellsboro Area School District incurring nonelectoral debt to be evidenced by one or more series of general obligation notes in the maximum combined aggregate principal amount of \$42,175,000 to (A) refund all or a portion of this School District's outstanding: (1) General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2010; (2) General Obligation Bonds, Series A of 2010; (3) General Obligation Bonds, Series AA of 2010 (4) General Obligation Bonds, Series AAA of 2010, and (5) General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2012; (B) pay costs and expenses of acquisition and construction of alterations, additions, renovations and improvements to the Athletic Facilities of the School District; and (C) pay related costs.

Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Feil, nay; Mr. Burrous, aye; Mr. Chambers, aye; Mr. Gastrock, nay; Mrs. Shabloski, aye; Mr. Hackett, no; Mr. Peropat, aye; Mr. Kramer, aye; Mrs. Rudy, nay; Motion passed;

D. Motion to Adopt Resolution - A motion was made by Mr. Peropat, seconded by Mrs. Shabloski, to approve the adoption of the Resolution of the Board of School Directors of the Wellsboro Area School District incurring nonelectoral debt to be evidenced by a series of General Obligation Bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$5,090,000, to provide funds for and toward refunding a portion of the outstanding General Obligation Notes, in the original maximum aggregate principal amount of \$42,175,000, and the payment of costs and expenses related to said project and the issuance of such bonds.

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

## 2. PERSONNEL

A. Transfers of Support Staff – A motion was made by Mrs. Shabloski, seconded by Mr. Kramer, to approve the following support staff transfers:

1. Deborah Gastrock, **from** High School Building Secretary (full-time, 10 months/8 hrs. per day) **to** High School Guidance Secretary (full-time, 12 months/8 hrs. per day), effective May 1, 2015; Pay rate will remain the same at \$16.36 per hour
2. Cheryl Hagy, **from** Rock L. Butler Middle School Building Secretary (part-time, 10 months/5 hrs. per day) **to** High School Building Secretary (part-time, 10 months/5 hrs. per day), effective August 1, 2015; Pay rate will be at \$12.55 per hour

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

B. Hires for Special Education Extended School Year Program - A motion was made by Mrs. Shabloski, seconded by Mrs. Rudy, to approve the following hires for Special Education Extended School Year Program – Summer 2015 funded with IDEA Funds:

1. Marcia Smith, Special Education Teacher (ESY Life Skills), \$32.00 per hour (total maximum of twelve (12) hours per week for six (6) weeks);
2. Jessica Witmer, as Special Education Teacher, \$32.00 per hour (total maximum of sixty (60) hours);
3. Rhoda Mann, as Special Education Teacher, \$32.00 per hour (total maximum of sixty (60) hours);
4. Brenda Ebert, special education instructional aide, \$10.91 per hour (total maximum of forty (40) hours per week for approximately ten (10) weeks);
5. Sharon Schickling, special education instructional aide, \$10.91 per hour (total maximum of sixteen (16) hours per week (2 days per week) for approximately ten (10) weeks);
6. Norma Kohler, special education instructional aide, \$10.91 per hour (maximum of sixteen (16) hours per week (2 days per week) for approximately ten (10) months);
7. Michelle McNett shall serve as a Substitute Special Education Teacher for the 2014-15 Extended School Year at a rate of \$32.00 per hour as needed;

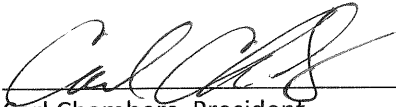
Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Chambers, aye; Mr. Feil, aye; Mr. Gastrock, aye; Mr. Kramer, aye; Mr. Hackett, aye; Mr. Peropat, aye; Mr. Burrous, aye; Mrs. Shabloski, aye; Mrs. Rudy, aye; Motion passed;

C. Extra-Curricular Hire - A motion was made by Mrs. Rudy, seconded by Mr. Gastrock, to approve the extra-curricular hire of Steven Macensky, High School Boys Golf Head Coach, effective August 17, 2015 through the end of the Golf Season Championships (projected date of October 26, 27 & 28, 2015) at a salary of \$2,131 pending receipt of required clearances.

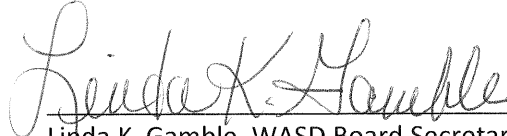
Upon a roll call vote: Mrs. Rudy, aye; Mr. Chambers, aye; Mrs. Shabloski, aye; Mr. Feil, aye; Mr. Gastrock, aye; Mr. Burrous, aye; Mr. Peropat, aye; Mr. Hackett, aye; Mr. Kramer, aye; Motion passed;

XII. Public Comment – The following residents addressed the Board with their concerns: William Newhauser; Mike Wood; Jason English; John Albrecht; Cliff Cole; Sue Devlin; Al Bieber; Anna Vail; Rickard Miskovitz; Dawn Pletcher; Judy Feil; Charlene Bieber; Tim Cole;

XIII. Adjournment – A motion was made by Mrs. Shabloski, seconded by Mr. Hackett, to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM. All ayes;



Carl Chambers, President  
WASD Board of Education



Linda K. Gamble, WASD Board Secretary