

WELLSBORO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
September 10, 2015
5:00 PM
Old Music Room, Administration Office

Called to Order by President Carl Chambers at 5:00 PM in the Old Music Room, Administration Center, 227 Nichols Street, Wellsboro, Pennsylvania.

President Chambers led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Present were the following: Mr. Christopher Morral, Mrs. Bonnie Thompson, Mr. Steve Adams, Mr. Patrick Hewitt, Mr. Mike Pietropola, Mrs. Amy Repard, and Mr. Robert Kreger; Natalie Kennedy (Wellsboro Gazette) and Diane Eaton (Williamsport Gazette); Linda Gamble, WASD Board Secretary; Visitors: Tammy Knowlton, Donna Burrous, Amber Whitney, Lisa Higham and John Eaton;

Board Secretary Linda Gamble read into the Minutes the Notice of Special Meeting.

President Carl Chambers read the Guidelines for Public Comment.

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.

President Chambers then called an Executive Session at 5:10 PM. All visitors left the Old Music Room. The Board reconvened at 5:40 PM into regular session.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **PERSONNEL**

A. Professional Staff Hire – A motion was made by Mr. Peropat, seconded by Mrs. Shabloski, to approve the professional staff hire of Amber Whitney, high School Technology Education/Industrial Arts Teacher, Step #4, Masters, salary of \$51,235 effective September 11, 2015; actual start date will be contingent on the contractual requirements of her previous employer.

Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Chambers, aye; Mr. Feil, nay; Mr. Gastrock, nay; Mr. Hackett, aye; Mr. Peropat, aye; Mr. Burrous, abstained; Mrs. Shabloski, aye; Mrs. Rudy (voting by speaker phone), aye; Motion passed; Board Member Steven Kramer was absent;

B. Professional Staff Hire – A motion was made by Mrs. Shabloski, seconded by Mr. Peropat, to approve the professional staff hire of Candy McNeely, Special Education Teacher, Step #4, Masters, salary of \$51,235, effective September 11, 2015; actual start date will be contingent on the contractual requirements of her previous employer.

Upon a roll call vote: Mrs. Shabloski, aye; Mr. Chambers, aye; Mr. Burrous, abstained; Mr. Peropat, aye; Mrs. Rudy (voting by speaker phone), aye; Mr. Feil, nay; Mr. Gastrock, nay; Mr. Hackett, aye; Motion passed; Board Member Steven Kramer was absent;

Concerned Resident Issues - None

Adjournment – A motion was made by Mrs. Shabloski, seconded by Mr. Peropat, to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 PM. All ayes; motion passed.



Carl Chambers, President
Wellsboro Area School District – Board of Education



Linda Gamble
WASD Board Secretary

ABSENTION FOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST MEMORANDUM

TO: Board Secretary, WELLSBORO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
(School District)

FROM: Stewart Burrous Board Member

DATE: September 10, 2015

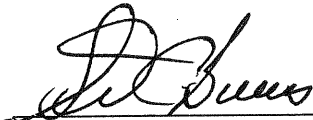
Pursuant to Pennsylvania's "Public Official and Employee Ethics Law", I hereby declare that I am required to abstain regarding the following issue/motion:

VII. ACTION ITEMS

1. PERSONNEL

A. Professional Staff Hire

My conflict/reason for abstaining is as follows: Amber Whitney is my step-daughter.



Signature of Board Member

NOTE: Section 3 (J) requires the following procedure:

"Any public official or public employee, who in the discharge of his official duties, would be required to vote on a matter that would result in a conflict of interest shall abstain from voting and, prior to the vote being taken, publicly announce and disclose the nature of his interest as a public record in a written memorandum filed with the person responsible for recording the minutes for the meeting at which the vote is taken..." (emphasis added). This memorandum does not have to be utilized when a conflict is defined "by any law, rule, regulation, order or ordinance," for example, the School Code (Section IIII) prohibits voting to hire certain relatives.