

WELLSBORO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Meeting
September 8, 2015
High School Large Group Instruction Room

MINUTES

Called to Order by President Carl Chambers at 7:12 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, Matthew Feil and Christopher Gastrock. Board Members Steven Kramer, Atalanta Shabloski and Susan Rudy 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 (arriving late), Mr. Daren Bryant; Press: Natalie Kennedy (Wellsboro Gazette); Diane Eaton (Williamsport Sun Gazette) Linda Gamble, WASD Board Secretary;

Visitors Present: Al Bieber, JoAnnYungwirth, Aaron Yungwirth, Erin Szentesy, Donna Burrous, Amber Whitney, Jodi Niver Wieder, Marcia Smith, Jessica Smith, Stephanie Leister, Nathan Cotner, John Hoover, Tim McCratic, Anna Miller, Bonnie Stanley, Shelby Osgood, Jim Reifer, Tricia Krick and Zoe Iseri;

Announcement of Executive Session: President Chambers announced that there was an Executive Session held on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 6:00 PM in the High School Faculty Room for the purpose of personnel and legal matters;

Concerned Resident Issues: None

Approval of Agenda – A motion was made by Mr. Peropat, seconded by Mr. Hackett, to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

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

- A. Regular Board Meeting of August 11, 2015;
- B. Financial Reports – Board Summary Report (July and August 2015) and Capital Improvement Fund (August 2015)
- C. Approval of Bills – General Fund Invoices (August 2015); Add-On General Fund Invoices (September 8, 2015; School Lunch Fund Invoices (August 2015); Add-On School Lunch Invoices (September 8, 2015);

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment on Title I and other Federal Programs: None

Report from Student Representative – Jessica Smith, student at the High School reported to the Board of two blood drives for NHS. She also reported on happenings with the Enrichment Program (Field Trip), Connect 4 and the FFA. Student Council has new initiative “Support the Hornets”. She reported that homecoming is October 12 – 17, 2015 with a theme of Marvelous Superheroes.

Report from Superintendent – Superintendent Morral introduced Lara Miller, HS French Teacher and Erin Szentesy, HS English Teacher who gave a presentation on the 1:1 Initiative. He then introduced Jodi Wieder, HS Social Studies, who gave a presentation (Q & A) on SKOOLLIVE. Several board members asked questions. Mr. Morral publicly announced and congratulated High School Principal Dave Krick of his resignation due to retirement.

Report from Business Manager – Mrs. Thompson announced that we would have auditors coming at the end of the month.

Report from Administrators

Mr. Steve Adams announced that school was off to a good start.

Mr. Mike Pietropola advised that Simon Messineo participated in a 6th Grade Academic Talent Search competition sponsored by Northwestern University. Mr. Pietropola has received notification that Simon scored in the top 20 (out of 15,000) in Reading and English and top 50 in Math and Science. Simon will participate in the award ceremony scheduled for this coming Saturday, September 12 in Evanston, IL.

Mr. Pat Hewitt advised the Board that PDE received a one-year waiver from the UDSOE to not use the achievement scores for the new PA Core based PSSA's for the School Performance Profiles and Teacher Evaluations for Grade K-8. High schools which give the Keystone Exams will still have an SPP and use the data for their Teacher Evaluations based on the Keystones because the test design did not change.

Mr. Rob Kreger reported that the stage is in place on the field. He commented on the Mansfield University football game and thanked Daren Bryant and his crew for all the hard work getting everything ready.

Mr. David Krick announced that the Student Council has been very active this summer. He asked the Board to view the video on the webpage. Most students have received their laptops.

Mr. Daren Bryant announced that the change order for the Don Gill roof project started on time, September 8th. He spoke with supervisor to assure all student/teacher safety was main priority. The HS LED conversion project is 50% completed with a minor snag (relay boards were shorted out and had to order new ones). The plan is to have project completed by September 18th for the home football game.

Board Members – Several board members commented on various subjects.

There was discussion on the election of 2016 Slate of Candidates for PSBA offices. Board Secretary was directed to vote for Mary Birks as President and Robert Schwartz as Vice President.

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 WASD Policy #806 – Child Abuse

Consideration of approval for the second reading and adoption of WASD Policy #806 – Child Abuse.

B. Second Reading and Adoption of WASD Policy #808.2 – Lunch Payments

Consideration of approval for the second reading and adoption of WASD Policy #808.2 - Lunch Payments.

C. Second Reading and Adoption of WASD Policy #816 – Use of Video Surveillance Cameras

Consideration of approval for the second reading and adoption of WASD Policy #816 – Use of Video Surveillance Cameras.

D. Second Reading and Adoption of revised Attachment #1 to WASD Policy #815 – Acceptable Use of Internet

Consideration of approval for the second reading and adoption of revised Attachment #1 to WASD Policy #815 – Acceptable Use of Internet.

E. Approval of Bureau of Career & Technical Education Approved Program Evaluation Correction Plan And Status Update 2014-2015

Consideration of approval for the Bureau of Career & Technical Education Approved Program Evaluation Correction Plan and Status Update 2014-2015 as required by the School Code of 1949, Title 22; Chapter 339 Vocational Education Stands; and Chapter 4, Academic Standards and Assessment.

F. Approval of Proposal of Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc.

Consideration of approval of the Proposal submitted by Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. for the replacement of Roof Area "A" & "B" at Don Gill Elementary School in the total amount of \$344,818.23. Scope of work is based on a turnkey operation as specified and bid by the AEPA/KPN (Contract #KPN0291201—03B) and will be added as a change order to the current project at WASD, Purchase Order #15000913.

G. Private Parent Transportation Contracts

Consideration of approval for private parent transportation contracts for the school year 2015-2016:

1. Attachment X-1G-1
2. Attachment X-1G-2
3. Attachment X-1G-3
4. Attachment X-1G-4

H. Collaboration Agreement w/SAM, WASD and S.T.A.R.

Consideration of approval to enter into Collaboration Agreement with S.A.M. (Service Access and Management, Inc.), Wellsboro Area School District, and S.T.A.R. (The Student Transition and Recovery Program) at an annual cost of \$9,435, effective July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 as presented. (No increase from last year)

I. Approval of Letter of Agreement with Service Access and Management, Inc. (Mental Health SAP)

Consideration of approval of Letter of Agreement with Service Access and Management, Inc. regarding liaison and other appropriate agency services to be offered in support of the Student Assistant Program Core Team(s), effective July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016.

2. **PERSONNEL**

A. Conference Requests

Consideration of approval for the following conference request:

1. Neva Miller and Fay Driskell, High School Special Education Instructional Aides to attend "Quality Behavior Solutions – Safety Care Specialist Recertification", Williamsport, PA on November 17, 2015 (approximate costs of \$60 to be paid out of Special Education Budget)

2. Melanie Berndtson, High School Horticulture/AgScience Teacher, to attend "Eastern States Exposition-FFA Veterinary Science Career Development Event Superintendent", West Springfield, MA on September 18, 2015 (approximate costs of \$100 to be paid from Building Budget)

3. Penny Button, Lewis Brill, Melinda Kramer and Barbara West, High School Math Teachers, to attend "Tips for Keystone Success" in Williamsport, PA on October 13, 2015; (approximate costs of \$465 to be paid out of Title II Funds)

B. Request for Child Rearing Leave

Consideration of approval for the Request of Child-Rearing Leave by Angela Rhone, Charlotte Lappla Kindergarten Teacher, extending from September 7, 214 for a period of approximately four to six weeks.

C. Extra-Curricular Resignation

Consideration of approval to accept letter of resignation from Thomas S. Slichter as High School Boys/Girls Cross Country Head Coach, effective 8/20/2015;

D. Support Staff Resignations

Consideration of approval to accept letters of resignation from the following support staff individuals:

1. Marie Ingerick as Special Education Instructional Aide, effective August 17, 2015;
2. Ashley Magli as Special Education Instructional Aide, effective August 19, 2015;
3. Bridget Wheeler as Special Education Instructional Aide, effective September 17, 2015;

E. Extra-Curricular Volunteer Appointments

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

1. Sidnei Reese as Volunteer High School Cheerleading Assistant Coach (Varsity & JV), effective August 11, 2015;
2. Nancy Janelli as Volunteer High School Cheerleading Assistant Coach (Varsity & JV), effective August 11, 2015;
3. Sharon Humbert as Music (piano) Accompanist for Middle School Choruses (Grades 6,7,8), effective September 9, 2015 pending receipt of required clearances;
4. John Weiner as Volunteer Basketball Assistant coach for Grades 7-12, effective 9/9/15;

F. Resignations

Consideration of approval to accept letters of resignation from:

1. Krista Straniere, Elementary School Nurse, effective September 12, 2015.
2. Shannon Ferry, Rock L. Butler Middle School Special Education Teacher, effective August 17, 2015;

G. Resignation Due to Retirement

Consideration of approval to accept letter of resignation due to retirement from David B. Krick, High School Principal, with regret, effective March 15, 2016;

H. Tenure

Consideration of approval for tenure of the following individuals:

1. Michelle McNett, Don Gill Special Education Teacher (Learning/Emotional Support) who has attained tenure in accordance with the requirements of Section 1121 of the PA School Code, amended by Act 66 of 1996 after successfully completing three years of teaching as a Health and Physical Education Teacher/Special Education Learning/Emotional Support Teacher;
2. Denise Route, Rock L. Butler Middle School Bus-Computer-Info Technology Teacher who has attained tenure in accordance with the requirements of Section 1121 of the PA School Code, amended by Act 66 of 1996 after successfully completing three years of teaching as a Business-Computer-Information Technology Teacher;

3. **STUDENT**

A. **Request for Homebound Instruction**

Consideration of approval of homebound instruction for Student #1 HB 2015-16 as per her family physician for a period of approximately eight (8) weeks.

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

XI. **ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION**

A. **SKOOLLIVE, LLC Media Placement & Management Services Agreement** – A motion was made by Mr. Gastrock, seconded by Mr. Peropat, to approve SKOOLLIVE, LLC Media Placement & Management Services Agreement to provide services to the Wellsboro Area School District through utilization of a digital interactive kiosk system and licensed software for the promotion of all regular and special scheduled school events on the District’s campus as well as the promotion of age appropriate, non-objectionable products and services offered by select third party retailers. There is no cost or expense associated with the performance of services to be provided under this Agreement.

Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Hackett, nay; Mr. Chambers, nay; Mr. Burrous, aye; Mr. Feil, nay; Mr. Gastrock, nay; Mr. Peropat, nay; Motion failed; Board Members Steven Kramer, Atalanta Shabloski and Susan Rudy were absent.

2. **PERSONNEL**

A. **Support Staff Hires** – A motion was made by Mr. Peropat, seconded by Mr. Gastrock, to approve the following hire: 1. Marilyn Oliver-Nez, Special Education Instructional Aide (elementary), part-time (5 hrs. per day/9 months) effective August 24, 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;

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

B. **Extra-Curricular Hires** - A motion was made by Mr. Peropat, seconded by Mr. Gastrock to approve the following extra-curricular hires for the school year 2015-16 pending receipt of updated required clearances:

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| 1. Jennifer Heath | Middle School Soccer Assistant Coach | |
| | Season: August 17 – November 21, 2015 | \$1,684 |
| 2. Holly Berguson | High School Boys & Girls Track Assist. Coach | |
| | Season: March 7 – May 28, 2016 | \$2,399 |
| 3. Ronald Brought | High School Boys & Girls Cross Country Head Coach | |
| | Season: August 17 – November 7, 2015 | \$2,661 |
| 4. Deborah Patterson | Special Education Curriculum Chairperson | \$1,500 |
| | (In accordance with the Contract Agreement between WASD & WAEA, said chairperson to receive annual stipend for any additional duties assigned relative to such position) | |

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

C. Professional Staff Hires – A motion was made by Mr. Peropat, seconded by Mr. Hackett, to approve the following professional staff hires:

1. Amber Whitney, High School Technology Education/Industrial Arts Teacher, Step #4, Masters, salary of \$51,235, effective September 9, 2015; Actual start date will be contingent on the contractual requirements of previous employer;
2. Candy McNeely, Special Education Teacher, Step #4, Masters, salary of \$51,235, effective September 9, 2015; Actual start date will be contingent on the contractual requirements of previous employer;

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

XII. Public Comment – Al Bieber of Wellsboro, PA addressed the Board concerning the stadium project. Anna Miller, of Wellsboro, PA addressed the Board concerning the stadium project as well as the status of Middle School Teacher JoAnn Yungwirth case.

XIII. Adjournment – A motion was made by Mr. Peropat, seconded by Mr. Gastrock, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM. All ayes; motion passed.



Carl Chambers, President
Wellsboro Area School District
Board of Education



Linda K. Gamble
WASD Board Secretary

ABSENCE FOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Stewart Burrous Board Member

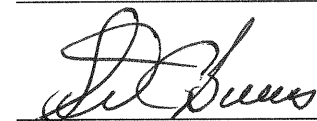
DATE: September 8, 2015

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

XI. ACTION ITEM

2. PERSONNEL
C. Professional Hires

My conflict/reason for abstaining is as follows: #1 - 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.