

WELLSBORO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Meeting
November 10, 2015
High School Large Group Instruction Room

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 Chambers led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Visitors Present: Al Bieber; Charlene Bieber; Tim McCratic; John Hoover; Duane Cotner; Anna Vail; Shane Mascho; Charissa Mascho;

Announcement of Executive Session: None

Concerned Resident Issues: David Messineo, John Hoover, Tim McCratic, Dawn Avery, Anna Vail, Al Bieber, Duane Cotner, and Charlene Bieber addressed the Board with various issues.

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. Minutes of regular Board Meeting of October 7, 2015;
- B. Financial Reports:
 - Board Summary Report of October 2015;
 - Capital Improvement Fund of October 2015;
 - Student Activity Fund Summary of October 2015;
- C. Approval of Bills:
 - 2015-16 General Fund Invoices;
 - 2015-16 Add-On Invoices for General Fund
 - 2015-16 School Lunch Fund Invoices
 - 2015-16 Capital Improve. Fund Invoices
 - 2015-16 Capital Project Fund Invoices

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment on Title I and other Federal Programs: None

Report from Student Representative: Elizabeth Poirier reported that Student Council has been organizing a Holiday Fun day (Dec. 23) which is a half day of holiday activities. Java Hive is open for the school year. On October 18th eleven students from the High School auditioned at Williamsport High School for PMEA District 8 Chorus Festival. 8 first chairs were available and Wellsboro took 2 of them. The National Honor Society held a blood drive collecting 13 units for the community blood bank.

Report from Superintendent: Superintendent Morral congratulated the students, parents, faculty, staff and administration of the District. SPP scores were made public and the Wellsboro Area High School has received a SPP score of 89. This score is the highest score within BLaST IU #17 and all surrounding school districts. He also recognized the current board members whose terms will expire in December. He presented each with a gift and honored them for their commitment and dedication to the District. Steve Kramer – 4 years; Carl Chambers – 5 years; Wayne Hackett – 8 years; Lana Shabloski – 12 years

Report from Administrators:

Mr. Steven Adams reported to the Board about the Veterans Day Ceremony being held at the Don Gill Elementary School.

Mr. Michael Pietropola reported to the Board regarding the pumpkin chucking event that was completed on October 29th. It was a huge success and students worked on writing eulogies for their pumpkins, decorated their pumpkins and built mini catapults. He also congratulated Hayne Webster (5th grader) whose work was accepted by the AG's office as the month of July 2016 in their annual calendar.

Mr. Patrick Hewitt thanked the outgoing board members for their service, often times being in a "no win" situation because of restrictions, mandates, etc. He mentioned the courage that it takes to be an effective board member but also a lot of heart to do what is best for the students and rest of the District. He also reported that the second session of Learning Focused Training for the new teachers on incorporating Higher Order Thinking skills in their classrooms will be conducted in the near future.

Mr. Robert Kreger reported to the Board regarding the Fall Recap on all sporting events (including but not limited to football, volleyball, boys soccer, girls soccer, golf, cross country and girls tennis)

Mr. Daren Bryant, Director of Buildings & Grounds, reported that all winter equipment has been primed and is ready to go. The salt bin is full and sidewalk salt has arrived. All custodians have been re-trained on snow blower safe operations and the correct way to spread sidewalk salt.

Board Member John Peropat and Susan Usavage-Rudy commented to the Board.

Board Member Christopher Gastrock called for an Executive Session at 7:43 PM for the purpose of a personnel matter.

The Board reconvened at 7:55 PM from Executive Session.

President Chambers asked for a nomination for the Nominating Committee. Upon motion of Mr. Gastrock, seconded by Mrs. Rudy, Wayne Hackett was appointed as Nominating Committee Chairperson. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

CONSENT ITEMS

A motion was made by Mrs. Shabloski, seconded by Mr. Gastrock, to approve the Consent Items as presented.

1. **ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION**

A. **Cooperation Agreement**

Consideration of approval of Cooperation Agreement by and between Tioga County Board of Commissioners, Wellsboro Area School District and Wellsboro Area Education Foundation in the endeavor to embark upon the

construction and renovation of a multi-purpose athletic complex in Wellsboro to be used by the community members and the Wellsboro Area School District.

B. Wellsboro Area School District

Consideration of approval of new proposed logo for the Wellsboro Area School District.

2. PERSONNEL

A. Conference Requests

Consideration of approval for the following conference requests:

1. Tammy Knowlton, High School Librarian/WOA Mentor; Jill Gastrock, High School English Teacher/WOA Mentor; Erin Szentesy, High School English Teacher/WOA Mentor to attend "Pennsylvania Educational Technology Expo and Conference" in Hershey, PA on February 21-24, 2016; (approximate costs of \$2,734 to be paid from Wellsboro Online Academy Fund)
2. Melanie Berndtson, High School Horticulture/AgScience Teacher, to attend "National Association of Agricultural Educators Convention" in New Orleans, LA on November 20 & 21, 2015 (approximate cost of \$100 to be paid from Building Budget)

B. Extra-Curricular Resignations

Consideration of approval of the following extra-curricular resignations from:

1. Nate Ingerick as Middle School Wrestling Head Coach, effective October 6, 2015;
2. Edward Hamm as Middle School Boys Basketball Head Coach, effective October 12, 2015;
3. Tammy Reese as High School Cheerleading Head Coach for Football and Basketball, effective November 9, 2015;
4. Jeff Zuchowski as Middle School Boys Basketball Assistant Coach, effective November 6, 2015;

C. Extra-Curricular Volunteer Appointments

Consideration of approval for the following extra-curricular volunteer appointments for:

1. Luke Straniere as High School Football Volunteer Assistant Coach, pending receipt of required Clearances, for the 2015-16 school year;
2. Paul Kurtz as Volunteer Swim Coach (designated as the individual responsible for all participating Wellsboro High School Swimmers for participation at PIAA swim meet(s), effective October 14, 2015 for the 2015-16 school year;
3. Charles Griscavage as High School Boys Basketball Volunteer Assistant Coach, effective November 10, 2015 for the 2015-16 school year;
4. Jason Greenfield as High School Boys Basketball Volunteer Assistant Coach, effective November 10, 2015 for the 2015-16 school year;
5. Sam Kreger as Middle School Boys Basketball Volunteer Assistant Coach, effective November 10, 2015 for the 2015-16 school year pending receipt of required clearances;
6. Dr. Victor Becker as Middle School Soccer Volunteer Assistant Coach, effective November 10, 2015 for the school year 2015-16, pending receipt of required clearances;
7. Mona O'Connor as High School Cheerleading Volunteer Assistant Advisor for the sole purpose of attending All American Cheerleading Performance in Orlando, Florida on December 28 – January 2, 2016 pending receipt of required clearances.
8. Nate Ingerick as High School Wrestling Volunteer Assistant Coach, effective November 10, 2015 for the school year 2015-16 pending receipt of required clearances;
9. Ryan Moss as High School Wrestling Volunteer Assistant Coach, effective November 10, 2015 for the school year 2015-16 pending receipt of required clearances;

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

1. Sharon O'Shea, School Nurse (MS & HS) as mentor for Sarah Tinney, Elementary School Nurse, in accordance with the New Teacher Induction Plan 2015-2018;

E. Revised Job Description

Consideration of approval for the following revised Job Descriptions:

1. HS Basketball Head Coach;
2. HS Basketball Assistant Coach;
3. Don Gill Head Teacher;
4. Director of Buildings & Grounds;
5. Groundskeeper;
6. HS Cross Country Assistant Coach;
7. HS Football Assistant Coach;

3. STUDENT

A. Requests for Homebound Instruction

Consideration of approval for the following requests for homebound instruction:

1. For Student #2-HB 2015-16 as per her family physician for a period of approximately four (4) weeks commencing October 5, 2015;
2. For Student #3-HB 2015-16 as per his family physician for a period of four (4) weeks commencing November 2, 2015;
3. For Student #4 2015 HB 2015-16 as per her family physician for a period of eight (8) weeks commencing October 1, 2015;

B. Request to Close a Student Activity

Consideration of approval to close Student Activity Account "Class of 2015"; Remaining funds of \$2,720.40 to be deposited into Chorus Account in honor of Mrs. Katie Brennan.

C. Requests to Establish a Student Activity

Consideration of approval for the following Requests to Establish a Student Activity:

1. Wellsboro Distance Running Club – students will be able to discuss running/training for distance events; students will develop peer relations, volunteer opportunities, staff interactions and fundraising by means of baked goods sales; club members' dues. Mr. Brandon Falk, Advisor;
2. Class of 2019 – students will participate in fundraising events to help pay for prom expenses, colored pictures in the Yearbook, etc. – Mrs. Tanya Harmon, Advisor

4. OTHER

A. 2015-2016 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; Mrs. Shabloski, aye; Mrs. Rudy, aye; Mr. Chambers, aye; Motion passed; Board Members Steven Kramer, Matthew Feil and Stewart Burrous were absent.

XI. **ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION**

A. Approval of Astroturf Proposal - A motion was made by Mrs. Shabloski, seconded by Mr. Peropat, to approve the Astroturf Proposal in the amount of \$520,797.32 for services to include all labor, materials, tools and equipment necessary to complete the additional site work as designated on drawings C001, C005 and WASD Approved Site Plan dated 8/31/2015, Meeting Notes from 9-17/2015, electrical drawings E-1 and ES-1 dated 10/9/2015 provided up to 11/5/2016.

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

2. **PERSONNEL**

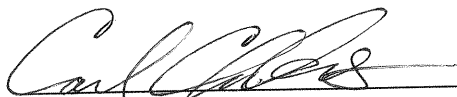
A. Extra-Curricular Hires - A motion was made by Mrs. Shabloski, seconded by Mrs. Rudy, to approve the following extra-curricular hires for school year 2015-16:

1. Jason Greenfield	Middle School Boys Basketball Head Coach Season: 11/20/2015 – 3/19/2016	\$3,760
2. Leighanne Ingram	High School Cheerleading (Basketball Only)	\$1,114
3. Ellen D. Bryant	Odyssey of the Mind Coach (Middle School)	\$ 250
4. Morgan Shaffer	Spring Marching Band Director	\$2,650

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

XII. Public Comment – Al Bieber, Tim McCratic, John Hoover and David Messineo addressed the Board with various concerns.

XIV. Adjournment – A motion was made by Mrs. Shabloski, seconded by Mr. Gastrock, to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 PM. All ayes; Motion passed;



Carl Chambers, President
Wellsboro Area School District
Board of Education



Linda K. Gamble
WASD Board Secretary