

WELLSBORO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Special Meeting
December 17, 2015
High School Large Group Instruction Room

Called to Order by President Matthew Feil at 7:08 PM in the Wellsboro Area High School Large Group Instruction Room, 225 Nichols Street, Wellsboro, PA.

President Feil led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Members: Duane Cotner, Christopher Gastrock, John Hoover, Wayne Hackett, Timothy McCratic, Stewart Burrous, Denise Sherman, and Matthew Feil. Board Member Susan Usavage-Rudy was absent.

Present were the following: Mr. Christopher Morral, Mrs. Bonnie Thompson, Mr. Steven Adams, Mr. Patrick Hewitt, Mr. Michael Pietropola, Mr. David Krick, Mr. Robert Kreger, Mr. Daren Bryant; Press Present: Natalie Kennedy (Wellsboro Gazette); Diane Eaton (Williamsport Sun Gazette); Patrick Fanelli (Acting WASD Solicitor); Shelby Osgood, Student Representative; Linda Gamble, WASD Board Secretary;

Visitors Present: John Peropat; Dylan Hunt; Anna Miller; JoAnn Yungwirth; Aaron Yungwirth; Jennifer Outman; Todd Outman; Lisa Pietropola; Emma Pietropola; Heather & Rod Mee; Natalie Mee; Al Bieber; Toni Burtch; Tom Briggs; Wanda Keck; Blake Maxson; Doug Keck; Bill Gee; Jessica Smith; Shane Mascho; Jim Reifer; Keegan Reifer; Emma Eccher; Ben Miller; Matt Hildebrand; Colin Pietropola; Josh Pifer; Mary Nance; Megan Heu; Hannah Munnell; Kristen West; Linda West; Sarah Wagaman; Laura Kozuhowski; Bryan Berguson; Annette Nuss; Jeremy Richardson;

Announcement of Executive Sessions – President Feil announced the following Executive Sessions: Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 6:00 PM in the High School Faculty Room for the purpose of personnel matter; Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the High School Faculty Room for the purpose of personnel matter; Thursday, December 17, 2015 at 6:00 PM in the High School Faculty Room for the purpose of personnel matter;

Reading of Notice of Special Meeting – Linda Gamble, WASD Board Secretary;

Concerned Resident Issues – Al Bieber, Wellsboro, PA congratulated the new Board Members and addressed the Board with his thoughts as to chain of command regarding the School Board, Superintendent, Administrators and Teachers.

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

Report from the Board - President Feil reported on the stadium project update. As of today, the stadium project is not delayed. There are no plans to stop the project. WASD Solicitor Resignation – President Feil reported that Mr. Vickery, WASD Solicitor, has submitted his resignation. The Board wishes him well. Patrick Fanelli, who is the District's present labor counsel, has offered to serve as our Interim Solicitor before we begin our RFP process. Approval of outside counsel – President Feil announced that due to the change of our solicitor, Patrick Fanelli has offered to engage in the review of various legal contracts. The District has not engaged the services of Sweet Stevens Katz & Williams who the Board approved at their December 7, 2015 meeting.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

1. ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

A. Resignation of WASD Solicitor – A motion was made by Mr. McCratic, seconded by Mr. Gastrock, to approve and accept letter of resignation from Bruce L. Vickery, Esquire, as Solicitor for the Wellsboro Area School District, effective December 11, 2015;.

Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Hackett, aye; Mr. Feil, aye; Mr. Gastrock, aye; Ms. Sherman, aye; Mr. Hoover, aye; Mr. Cotner; Mr. Burrous, aye; Mr. McCratic, aye; Motion passed; Board Member Mrs. Rudy was absent;

B. Adoption of Resolution – A motion was made by Mr. Gastrock, seconded by Mr. Hackett, to approve the adoption of Resolution of the Board of Education for the Wellsboro Area School District indicating that the District will not raise the rate of any tax for the support of its public schools for the 2016-17 fiscal year by more than the index established by the Department of Education of 3.1%.

Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Hoover, aye; Mr. Cotner, aye; Mr. Burrous, aye; Mr. Feil, aye; Ms. Sherman, aye; Mr. Gastrock, aye; Mr. McCratic, aye; Mr. Hackett, aye; Motion passed; Board Member Mrs. Rudy was absent;

C. WASD Board Meeting Location and Time – A motion was made by Mr. Hackett, seconded by Mr. Gastrock, to establish the Wellsboro Area High School Large Group Instruction Room (LGI) at 6:30 PM as the Board Meeting site and meeting time for the Year 2016.

Upon a roll call vote: Mr. McCratic, aye; Mr. Hoover, aye; Mr. Feil, aye; Mr. Burrous, aye; Mr. Hackett, aye; Mr. Gastrock, aye; Mr. Cotner, aye; Ms. Sherman, aye; Motion passed; Board Member Mrs. Rudy was absent;

D. WASD Board Meeting Schedule for Year 2016 – A motion was made by Ms. Sherman, seconded by Mr. Cotner, to adopt the WASD Board Meeting Schedule for Year 2016 as presented.

Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cotner, aye; Mr. Feil, aye; Mr. Gastrock, aye; Mr. McCratic, aye; Mr. Hackett, aye; Ms. Sherman, aye; Mr. Burrous, aye; Mr. Hoover, aye; Motion passed; Board Member Mrs. Rudy was absent.

E. WASD Work Session Schedule for Year 2016 - A motion was made by Mr. Hoover, seconded by Mr. McCratic, to adopt the WASD Work Session Schedule for Year 2016 as presented.

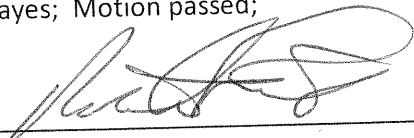
Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Hoover, aye; Mr. Burrous, aye; Mr. Sherman, aye; Mr. Hackett, aye; Mr. McCratic, aye; Mr. Gastrock, aye; Mr. Feil, aye; Mr. Cotner, aye; Motion passed; Board Member Mrs. Rudy was absent;


F. Appointment of WASD Interim Solicitor – A motion was made by Mr. Gastrock, seconded by Ms. Sherman, to appoint Patrick J. Fanelli, Esquire, Fanelli/Willett Law Offices, 2875 Route 764, Suite 4, Duncansville, PA 16635 as WASD Interim Solicitor until such time as a newly appointed WASD Solicitor is hired. Rate of pay for services will be \$125.00 per hour for all general solicitorship work and a rate of \$100 per hour for time spent traveling to the District.

Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cotner, aye; Mr. Feil, aye; Mr. Gastrock, aye; Mr. McCratic, aye; Mr. Hackett, aye; Ms. Sherman, aye; Mr. Burrous, aye; Mr. Hoover, aye; Motion passed; Board Member Mrs. Rudy was absent;

VIII. Concerned Resident Issues – John Peropat of Wellsboro, PA addressed the Board with a correction to Mr. Beiber's comment made in the beginning of the meeting.

IX. Adjournment – A motion was made by Mr. Hackett, seconded by Mr. Gastrock, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM. All ayes; Motion passed;


Matthew Feil, President
Wellsboro Area School District
Board of Education


Linda K. Gamble
WASD Board Secretary