

WELLSBORO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Meeting – Reorganization Meeting
December 7, 2015
High School LGI Room – 7:00 PM
MINUTES

Called to Order by Board Member Wayne Hackett (who was appointed as Nominating Chairperson at previous Board Meeting of November 10, 2015) at 7:00 PM in the Wellsboro Area High School Large Group Instruction Room, 225 Nichols Street, Wellsboro, PA 16901.

Board Member Wayne Hackett led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Visitors present: John DeLeonardis; Tricia Krick; Amy McCratic; Joann Yungwirth; Aaron Yungwirth; Tina Kreisler; Eric Kreisler; Spencer Kreisler; Wanda Keck; Doug Keck; Jane Wetherbee; Kristen West; Linda West; Donna Burrous; Blake Maxson; Sarah Wagaman; Rebecca Briggs; Tom Briggs; Cam Hubbard; Toni Burtch; Max Johnson; Tim McBride; Stormey Romana; Sydney Romana; Matt Hildebrand; Nathan Babcock; Kim Miller; Susie Karschner; Kabrie Karschner; Ben Miller; John Shaffer; John Johnston; Debbi Cooper; Anthony Cooper; Melissa Coolidge; Todd Coolidge; Edward Ryan; Jeff Wilson; Jim Reifer; Greg Carr; Jerry Richardson;

Election of Temporary President – A motion was made by Mr. Burrous, seconded by Mr. Feil, to appoint Wayne Hackett as Temporary President. (Temporary President shall be elected from the hold-over membership and preside over the election of the President, Vice-President and Assistant Secretary). The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Jane Wetherbee, Tioga County Clerk of Orphans' Court, then issued the Oath of Office to the following newly elected Board Members: Denise Sherman, Tim McCratic, John Hoover, Duane Cotner and Christopher Gastrock. There was an Exchange of Seats.

Election of President - Temporary President Hackett announced there were 3 nominations for President – Matthew Feil, Wayne Hackett and Stewart Burrous. A motion was made by Tim McCratic, seconded by Duane Cotner, to elect Matthew Feil as President.

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

Election of Vice President – Temporary President Hackett announced there were three nominations for Vice President – Tim McCratic, Christopher Gastrock and Wayne Hackett. A motion was made by Duane Cotner, seconded by John Hoover, to elect Tim McCratic as Vice President.

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

Election of Assistant Secretary – Temporary President Hackett announced there were two nominations – Susan Rudy and Wayne Hackett. A motion was made by Denise Sherman, seconded by Mr. McCratic, to elect Susan Rudy as Assistant Secretary.

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

The gavel is presented to the newly elected President, Matthew Feil, by Temporary President Hackett.

Announcement of any Executive Sessions – None

Concerned Resident Issues: Maureen Poirier spoke that she was in favor of the renovations to the athletic facility and thanked the Board that voted in favor of it. Deborah Rudy also stated she was in favor of the renovations. James Mundy addressed the Board on behalf of the football players and stated they were in favor of the facility and hoped that construction would begin soon.

Approval of Agenda – President Feil announced a correction to Section A, under Action Items, Administration and Organization, Lease Agreement between WASD and PA College of Technology. The amount should read \$32,310 and not \$32,000,000. President Feil also announced that Consent Items 1A, B, C and E (under Administration and Organization) would be moved to Action Items 1C, D, E and F (under Administration and Organization). He also added an additional Action Item under Administration and Organization – G. Appointment of Special Counsel. President Feil made the motion, seconded by Mr. McCratic, to approve the Agenda as such. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Financials – A motion was made by Mrs. Rudy, seconded by Mr. Gastrock, to approve the Financials as presented.

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

Public Comment on Title I and other Federal Programs – None

Reports were given from Student Representative, Maxwell Johnson, Superintendent Morral, Business Manager Bonnie Thompson, Elementary Principal Steven Adams, Rock L. Butler Middle School Principal Michael Pietropola, Federal Programs Coordinator/Director of Curriculum & Instruction Patrick Hewitt, HS Assistant Principal Robert Kreger, HS Principal David Krick, Supervisor of Special Education Amy Repard and Director of Buildings & Grounds Daren Bryant. A Powerpoint presentation was given by President Feil to the Board and public.

XVI. CONSENT ITEMS

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

1. ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

A. Board Meeting Location and Time (MOVED TO ACTION – XVII. Administration & Organization 1G)
Consideration of approval that the Board establish the High School Large Group Instruction Room (LGI) at 7:00 PM as the Board Meeting site and meeting time for the Year 2016.

B. Board Meeting Schedule for Year 2016 (Policy #006) (MOVED TO ACTION – XVII. Administration & Organization 1-D)
Consideration of approval to adopt the Board Meetings for Year 2016 as presented.

C. Committee Meetings Schedule for Year 2016 (Policy #006) (MOVED TO ACTION-XVII. Administration & Organization – 1E)
Consideration of approval to adopt the Committee Meetings Schedule for Year 2016 as presented.

D. Memorandum of Understanding between Penn College and WASD re: Penn College NOW Concurrent Enrollment Partnership

Consideration of approval to enter into Memorandum of Understanding with Pennsylvania College of Technology regarding Penn College NOW Dual Enrollment Program which will enable qualified WASD secondary school students to enroll in college-level courses at their secondary school during regular school day and will earn concurrent secondary school and transcribed college credit.

E. Agreement for Use of Unmanned Aerial Devices (MOVED TO ACTION-XVII. Administration & Organization 1-F)
Consideration of approval of Agreement for Use of Unmanned Aerial Devices between Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, Inc. (PIAA) and Wellsboro Area School District, as presented.

F. Agreement with Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hospital – School Bus Accident
Consideration of approval of Agreement between WASD and Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hospital concerning school bus accidents. Said Agreement to be part of the 2015-2016 WASD Emergency Response and Safe Schools Plan.

G. Second Reading and Adoption of WASD Policy #222 – Tobacco Use
Consideration of approval for the second reading and final adoption of new WASD Policy #222- Tobacco Use.

H. Proposal of NRG Controls North, Inc.
Consideration of approval of proposal furnished by NRG Controls North, Inc. to provide and install controls through the District for a period of three years for a total payment of \$55,900.

2. PERSONNEL

A. Extra-Curricular Volunteer Appointments (Policy #910)
Consideration of approval for the following extra-curricular volunteer appointments for the school year 2015-2016:

1. Kerwyn Wilcox as Rock L. Butler Middle School Volunteer Soccer Assistant Coach, effective December 8, 2015;
2. Brian Plume as Wellsboro High School Volunteer Soccer Assistant Coach, effective December 8, 2015;
3. Jeff Rupert as Wellsboro High School Volunteer Wrestling Assistant Coach, effective December 8, 2015, pending receipt of required clearances;
4. Joanne Boyd as Wellsboro High School Volunteer Cheerleading Assistant Coach, effective December 8, 2015;

B. Extra-Curricular Coaching Resignations
Consideration of approval to accept resignation letters of resignation from:

1. Leighanne Ingram as Middle School Cheerleading Advisor, effective November 12, 2015;
2. Bruce Applegate as Spring Musical Director, effective December 2, 2015;

C. Resignation Due to Retirement
Consideration of approval to accept letter of resignation due to retirement from Christina Simonis, Elementary Music Teacher, with regret, effective at the end of the 2015-16 school year.

3. CURRICULUM

A. Curriculum Change
Consideration of approval for the following addition based on recommendations of the Curriculum Council Committee Meeting of November 17, 2015:

1. Emergency Medical Responder Course – offered with Penn College as a Dual Enrollment course for students 16 years old and older who are interested in pursuing certification as EMT's, Paramedics, or first responders. Said course will

carry a .25 elective high school credit through Wellsboro and 3 college credits through Penn College (approximately 50 hour course).

4. **STUDENT**

A. **Request for Homebound Instruction**

Consideration of approval for homebound instruction for Student #5 HB 2015-16 as per her family physician for a period of approximately four (4) weeks, effective December 3, 2015.

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

XVII. **ACTION ITEMS**

1. **ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION**

A. **Lease Agreement between WASD and PA College of Technology** – A motion was made by Ms. Sherman, seconded by Mr. Gastrock, to approve to enter into a Lease Agreement with PA College of Technology for multiple rooms and offices to advance education and instruction for students enrolled at the PA College of Technology. Said Lease to include but not be limited to rent, custodial and maintenance fees, any and all applicable utilities, and parking fees. Total consideration for the term of the Lease (January 1 – December 31, 2016) totals \$32,310.00. Said Lease may be renewed for one additional year with an increase to the rental payments to an amount no greater than \$77.50 per month.

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; Mrs. Rudy, aye; Motion passed

B. **Settlement Agreement and Release** – A motion was made by Mrs. Rudy, seconded by Mr. Hackett, to approve to enter into Settlement Agreement and Release as presented.

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

C. **Board Meeting Location and Time** (MOVED FROM CONSENT ITEMS) – A motion was made by Mrs. Rudy, seconded by Mr. Hoover, to table the establishment of the High School Large Group Instruction Room (LGI) at 7:00 PM as the Board Meeting site and meeting time for the Year 2016.

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; Mrs. Rudy, aye; Motion passed;

D. **Board Meeting Schedule for Year 2016** (MOVED FROM CONSENT ITEMS) – A motion was made by Mrs. Rudy, seconded by Mr. Gastrock, to table the approval to adopt the Board Meetings for Year 2016 as presented.

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

E. **Committee Meetings Schedule for Year 2016** (MOVED FROM CONSENT ITEMS) – A motion was made by Mr. McCratic, seconded by Mr. Gastrock, to table the adoption of the Committee Meetings Schedule for Year 2016 as presented.

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

F. Agreement for Use of Unmanned Aerial Devices (MOVED FROM CONSENT ITEMS) – A motion was made by Mr. McCratic, seconded by Mr. Hoover, to table the approval of Agreement for Use of Unmanned Aerial Devices between Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, Inc. (PIAA) and Wellsboro Area School District, as presented.

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

An Executive Session was called at 8:10 PM for the purpose of personnel matter; Board reconvened at 8:38 PM.

G. Appointment of Special Counsel - A motion was originally made by Mr. Feil, seconded by Mr. McCratic, at the beginning of the meeting, to add the appointment of Sweet Stevens Katz & Williams as Special Counsel for matters determined by the Board in accordance with their fee agreement to the Agenda.

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

2. PERSONNEL

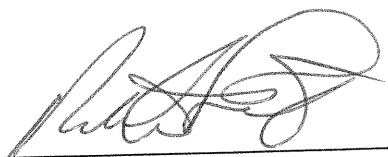
A. Extra-Curricular Hire – A motion was made by Mr. Hackett, seconded by Mrs. Rudy, to approve the following extra-curricular hire for the school year 2015-16:

1. Jake Clemens	Middle School Wrestling Head Coach	\$3,169
	Season: Nov. 16, 2015 – March 12, 2016	

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; Mrs. Rudy, aye; Motion passed;

XVIII. Public Comment – Linda West addressed the Board with questions concerning the appointment of Special Counsel. Todd Coolidge read a prepared statement in support of the Wellsboro School District, specifically, the Superintendent, the Administration, the staff, students, and the athletic complex. Melissa Coolidge questioned the Board about the hiring of special counsel and their fees and warned the Board to be careful on what they do with the funds that were donated. Tim McBride addressed the Board concerning the hiring of special counsel and their fees. Superintendent Morral then publicly announced that he had retained counsel and would be seeking damages regarding his reputation. He would be starting on use of his sick, personal and vacation time utilizing this time as we enter litigation. Those comments directly from counsel.

XIX. Adjournment – A motion was made by Tim McCratic, seconded by Mr. Hackett, to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 PM. All ayes.



Matthew Feil, President
Wellsboro Area School District
Board of Education



Linda Gamble, Board Secretary