

**WELLSBORO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING**

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

8:30 PM

LGI Room, Wellsboro High School

Called to Order by President Matthew Feil at 9:00 PM in the LGI Room, Wellsboro High School, 225 Nichols Street, Wellsboro, PA.

President Feil led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Members: Mr. Duane Cotner; Mr. John Hoover; Mr. Wayne Hackett; Mr. Timothy McCratic; Mr. Stewart Burrous; Ms. Denise Sherman; Mr. Matthew Feil; Board Member Christopher Gastrock was absent;

Present were the following: Patrick Hewitt, Acting Superintendent; Mrs. Bonnie Thompson, Mr. Steve Adams, Mr. Michael Pietropola, Mr. Robert Kreger; Mr. Daren Bryant; Natalie Kennedy (Wellsboro Gazette) and Diane Eaton (Williamsport Sun-Gazette); Linda Gamble, WASD Board Secretary; Visitors: Al Bieber; Tina Kreisler; JoAnn Yungwirth; Becky Briggs; Lauren Morral; Ben Miller; John Johnston; Kacy Hagen; David Messineo; Dick Miskovitz; Matt Hildebrand; Brian Kennedy; Anna Vail; Shane Mascho; Donna Burrous;

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

President Matthew Feil read the Guidelines for Public Comment

Concerned Resident Issues – None

Board Member Tim McCratic made a motion, seconded by John Hoover, to add a Motion (A) to the Agenda for the appointment of Christopher Lantz, Esquire of Cox, Stokes and Lantz, Attorneys at Law, to be the District Solicitor at a rate of \$125 per hour, effective immediately.

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

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

ACTION ITEMS:

1. ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

A. Appointment of District Solicitor – A motion was made by Mr. McCratic, seconded by Mr. Hoover, for the appointment of Christopher Lantz, Esquire of Cox, Stokes & Lantz, Attorneys at Law, to act as District Solicitor at the rate of \$125.00 per hour, effective immediately.

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

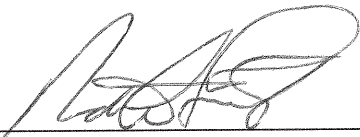
B. Appointment of New School Board Member – A motion was made by Mr. Cotner, seconded by Mr. Hoover, for the appointment of Susan Judlin as a member of the Wellsboro Area School District Board of School Directors to fill Susan Usavage-Rudy's unexpired term. Said appointment will be effective beginning February 2, 2016 through the first Monday of December, 2017.

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

Concerned Resident Issues – Anna Vail of Wellsboro, PA addressed the Board with her concern of the appointment of Chris Lantz as District Solicitor. She asked them to check into why Chris Lantz left,

Susan Judlin was sworn in as School Board Director by Linda Gamble, notary public.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.



Matthew Feil, President
Board of Education
Wellsboro Area School District



Linda K. Gamble, Board Secretary
Wellsboro Area School District