

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

Wednesday, March 2, 2016

5:00 PM

LGI Room, Wellsboro High School

MINUTES

Called to Order by Vice President Timothy McCratic at 5:01 PM in the LGI Room, Wellsboro High School, 225 Nichols Street, Wellsboro, PA.

Vice President McCratic led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Members: Mr. Duane Cotner (via speaker phone); Mr. John Hoover; Mr. Timothy McCratic; Mrs. Susan Judlin; Mr. Stewart Burrous; Mr. Matthew Feil (via speaker phone); Mr. Christopher Gastrock; Board Members Wayne Hackett and Denise Sherman was absent;

Present were the following: Patrick Hewitt, Acting Superintendent; Mrs. Bonnie Thompson, Mr. Steve Adams, Mr. Michael Pietropola, Mr. Robert Kreger; Natalie Kennedy (Wellsboro Gazette) and Diane Eaton (Williamsport Sun-Gazette); Linda Gamble, WASD Board Secretary; Visitors: Linda West; Lisa Higham; Daren Getty; Kevin Post; Ben Miller; Lauren Morral; Stephen Boyce; Deven Martin; Marc Rice; Sarah Wagaman;

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

Concerned Resident Issues – Linda West, of Wellsboro, PA addressed the Board concerning why the Board is going outside to hire another auditing firm.

Board Member Susan Judlin made a motion, seconded by Chris Gastrock, to add a motion to the Agenda under Action Items, (B) - Approval of Exception to WASD Policy #34 – Section: Administrative Employees, Title: Sick Leave. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Board Member John Hoover made a motion, seconded by Chris Gastrock, to add a motion to the Agenda under Action Items, (C) – Approval of Resolution prepared by Chris Lantz regarding Friday checks. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

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

ACTION ITEMS:

1. ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

A. Approval of Keinsel Kuntz Leshner, LLP – A motion was made by Mr. Hoover, seconded by Mr. Gastrock, for the approval of hiring Reinsel Kuntz Leshner, LLP, 320 Market Street, Suite 373 East, Harrisburg, PA for the purpose of conducting an audit for the Wellsboro Area School District, effective March 2, 2016 at a rate of \$100 - \$330 per hour dependent on what service is provided.

At 5:21 PM, a motion was made by Christopher Gastrock, seconded by John Hoover, to hold an Executive Session for the purpose of a legal matter;

The Board reconvened at 5:44 PM.

Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cotner, (via speaker phone); Mr. Feil, (via speaker phone) aye; Mr. Hoover, aye; Mr. McCratic, aye; Mr. Burrous, nay; Mr. Gastrock, aye; Mrs. Judlin, aye; Motion passed; Board Members Wayne Hackett and Denise Sherman were absent.

B. Approval of Exception to WASD Policy #334 – Section: Administrative Employees, Title: Sick Leave – A motion was made by Mr. Feil, seconded by Mr. Hoover, to allow an Administrator to donate a total of fifteen (15) sick days to a WASD Employee for humanitarian reasons during the 2015-16 school year. This is also an exception to WASD Sick Leave Donation Policy Guidelines, revised July 13, 2004.

Upon a roll call vote: Mrs. Judlin, aye; Mr. Hoover, aye; Mr. Cotner, aye; Mr. McCratic, aye; Mr. Feil, aye; Mr. Gastrock, aye; Mr. Burrous, aye; Motion passed; Board Members Wayne Hackett and Denise Sherman were absent.

C. Approval of Resolution – A motion was made by Mr. Gastrock, seconded by Mr. Hoover, to approve Resolution of the Wellsboro Area School District of Tioga County, Pennsylvania directing the Administration to stop the practice known as “Friday Checks”.

Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Cotner, aye; Mr. Gastrock, aye; Mr. Burrous, aye; Mr. Feil, aye; Mr. McCratic, aye; Mr. Hoover, aye; Mrs. Judlin, aye; Motion passed; Board Members Wayne Hackett and Denise Sherman were absent.

Concerned Resident Issues:

Linda West, Wellsboro, PA addressed the Board with questions concerning the hiring of the private auditing firm. She asked how far back (years) the Board ordered the audit for.

Deven Martin, Wellsboro, PA questioned the Board about whether they have contacted the Business Office concerning the Friday checks. He also questioned the Board how many of the board members talked with the Auditor General’s Office.

Adjournment: Mr. Gastrock made a motion to adjourn at 5:56 PM, seconded by John Hoover. All ayes.



Timothy McCratic, Vice President
Board of Education
Wellsboro Area School District



Linda K. Gamble, Board Secretary
Wellsboro Area School District