

WELLSBORO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education
Work Session
August 2, 2016

MINUTES

Called to Order by President Matthew Feil at 6:02 PM in the High School Large Group Instruction Room, 225 Nichols Street, Wellsboro, PA.

Roll Call of Members: Mr. John Hoover; Mr. Wayne Hackett; Mr. Tim McCratic; Ms. Denise Sherman; Mr. Matthew Feil; Members absent: Mr. Stewart Burrous; Mr. Christopher Gastrock; Mr. Duane Cotner; Mrs. Sue Judlin;

Present were the following: Administrators: Mr. Steven Adams; Mr. Robert Kreger; Mr. Daren Bryant; Mr. Patrick Hewitt; Mr. Mike Pietropola; Dr. Brenda Freeman, Superintendent; Mrs. Bonnie Thompson; Press present: Tammy Knowlton; Natalie Kennedy (Wellsboro Gazette); Diane Eaton (Williamsport Sun-Gazette); Linda Gamble, Board Secretary; Shane Cleveland; Darin Rathbun representing Hunt Engineers;

Linda Gamble, WASD Board Secretary, read into the Minutes the Notice of Work Session.

IV. Discussion of Athletic Field Complex – Mr. Rathbun from Hunt Engineers advised the Board of the developments concerning the athletic field and the construction going on. Shop drawings have been coming in – bleachers and color selection. Work with the contractors is progressing well. Safety is most important and in particular, student safety. Movement of top soil – much discussion regarding the removal and the stockpiling and then the movement of the stock pile to Middle School. If we can create 2 stockpiles, we will not be interrupting activities down at the Middle School. (Removal of the top soil will be done after the project is completed, probably in the spring). He advised that they are moving toward the goal of having the field ready by October 1st. Darin stated he might have some potential costs savings including concrete stairs (precast vs. concrete) Matt asked about a change order. Once bids are awarded, we would get details of items. When might we have these? Darin stated that he is in the process of obtaining these. No idea of potential savings... Darin advised that the conservation district representative was at the field and found everything in order. There was also discussion about the Nikegrind fill.

V. Discussion of permanent financing – Bonnie Thompson, Business Manager, advised that the bids were due on August 3rd. Bids will have to be sent to Jonathan Cox, Christ Lantz and Les Bear. She did request of the Board their approval that she put on a RFP for banking services to the local banks. That item will appear on the August Agenda. Mrs. Thompson also told the Board that Drew Seeling, High School Industrial Technology teacher, had some equipment that is no longer in use. The FFA is having a fund raiser (auction) at the Whitneyville Fairgrounds on September 24th. According to our District policy, we can dispose of this in this way. Our Maintenance Department is compiling a list of their own and will supply the listing next week. Discussion followed about the results of the computer sale that was recently held.

VI. Buildings & Grounds Update – Daren Bryant, our Director of Buildings & Grounds, reported on the following:

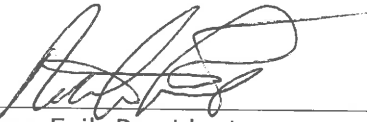
1. Heat wheel / Freq drive repair – officially completed;
2. Concrete Alternatives project – referred the Board to pictures that were handed out at the Work Session;
3. Tremco Roof Project – has been completed as of June 29, 2016;
4. Summer painting – referred the Board to a paint list that was handed out at the Work Session;

5. L.E.D. light conversion project – reported a projected annual savings of \$2500 – use in the High School Commons Area;
6. Ash trees (7) removal – these have been removed (between elementary schools)
7. Field project update – we pretty much discussed this in the beginning of this work session;

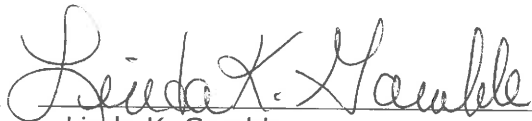
Discussion followed concerning enrollment figures; cyber charter schools; possible renovations at the High School to provide a cyber classroom with an aide present who would work with the District librarian.

VI. Public Comment – None

VII. Adjournment – The Work Session was adjourned by President Feil at 7:47 PM.



Matthew Feil, President
Board President
Wellsboro Area School District



Linda K. Gamble
Board Secretary
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