

WELLSBORO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Board of Education Meeting – Reorganization Meeting  
December 6, 2017  
High School LGI Room – 6:00 PM  
**MINUTES**

Called to Order by President Matthew Feil at 6:05 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: Mr. Christopher Gastrock, Mr. Wayne Hackett, Mr. Matthew Feil, Ms. Denise Sherman, Mrs. Sue Judlin, Mr. David Messineo and Mr. John Hoover.

Present were the following: Dr. Brenda Freeman, Superintendent; Mrs. Bonnie Thompson, Business Manager; Steven Adams, Elementary Principal; Michael Pietropola, Middle School Principal; Robert Kreger, High School Principal; Amy Repard, Supervisor of Special Education; Daren Bryant, Director of Buildings & Grounds; Patrick Hewitt, Federal programs Coordinator/Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Natalie Kennedy (Wellsboro Gazette); Linda Gamble, WASD Board Secretary; Elizabeth Poirier, High School Student Representative (substitute);

Visitors Present: Gail Miller; Ryan Stough; Elizabeth Poirier; Emma Poirier;

Election of Temporary President – A motion was made by Chris Gastrock, seconded by Sue Judlin, to appoint John Hoover as Temporary President. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote;

Swearing in of new elected Board Members Matthew Feil, David Messineo, Susan Judlin and Wayne Hackett, by Linda Gamble, Board Secretary.

Election of President – A motion was made by Matt Feil, seconded by John Hoover, to appoint Christopher Gastrock as President of the School Board for Year 2028. Motion to close the nominations for President made by Matt Feil, seconded by John Hoover.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Feil, aye; Mr. Gastrock, aye; Mr. Hackett, aye; Ms. Sherman, aye; Mr. Hoover, aye; Mrs. Judlin, aye; Mr. Messineo, aye; Motion passed;

Election of Vice President – A motion was made by Dave Messineo, seconded by Sue Judlin, to appoint Wayne Hackett as Vice-President of the School Board for Year 2018. A motion was made by Chris Gastrock, seconded by John Hoover, to appoint Matthew Feil as Vice-President of the School Board for Year 2018. Motion to close the nominations for Vice President made by Matt Feil, seconded by John Hoover.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Feil approving Matt Feil as Vice President; Mr. Gastrock approving Matt Feil as Vice President; Mr. Hackett approving Matt Feil as Vice President; Ms. Sherman approving Matt Feil as Vice President; John Hoover approving Matt Feil as Vice President; Mrs. Judlin approving Matt Feil as Vice President; Motion passed;

Election of Assistant Secretary – A motion was made by Matt Feil, seconded by Chris Gastrock, to appoint Denise Sherman as Assistant Secretary of the School Board for the Year 2018. Motion to close the nominations for Assistant Secretary made by Matt Feil, seconded by Chris Gastrock.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Feil, aye; Mr. Gastrock, aye; Mr. Hackett, aye; Ms. Sherman, aye; Mr. Hoover, aye; Mrs. Judlin, aye; Mr. Messineo, aye; Motion passed;

Announcement of Executive Session - Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 5:15 PM, High School Faculty Room, for the purpose of legal and personnel;

Concerned Resident Issues - None

Approval of Agenda – A motion was made by Mr. Hackett, seconded by Mr. Feil, to approve the Board Agenda. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Board Minutes/Financials – A motion was made by Mr. Feil, seconded by Mr. Hoover, to approve the Board Minutes/Financials as presented:

- A. Minutes of regular Board Meeting of November 14, 2017;
- B. Financial Reports:
  - 1. Board Summary Report
  - 2. 2017-18 General Fund Invoices
  - 3. 2017-18 School Lunch Fund Invoices

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment on Title I and other Federal Programs: None

Reports given by:

Student Representative Substitute from the High School  
Dr. Brenda Freeman, Superintendent;  
Bonnie Thompson, Business Manager;  
Steve Adams, Mike Pietropola, Rob Kreger, Pat Hewitt; Amy Repard, Daren Bryant; Board Members;

**XV. CONSENT ITEMS**

A motion was made by Mr. Feil, seconded by Mr. Hoover, to approve the Consent Items as presented.

**1. ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION**

**A. Board Meeting Location and Time**

Consideration of approval that the Board establish the High School Large Group Instruction Room (LGI) at 6:30 PM as the Board Meeting site and meeting time for the Year 2018.

**B. Board Meeting Schedule for Year 2018**

Consideration of approval to adopt the Board Meetings for Year 2018 as presented.

**C. Work Session Schedule for Year 2018**

Consideration of approval to adopt the Work Session Schedule for Year 2018 as presented.

**D. Mansfield University Internship Affiliation Agreement**

Consideration of approval for Mansfield University Internship Affiliation Agreement, said Agreement shall provide practical experience pursuant to the terms of the Agreement and serve as an internship site offering facilities, resources and supervision to students. Said Agreement shall be in effect for a period of five (5) years.

2. **PERSONNEL**

A. **Conference Request**

Consideration of approval for the following conference requests:

1. Brigette Ostrom-Largey to attend "Code. Org 5-K Workshop", on January 24, 2018 in Williamsport, PA (approximate costs of \$70.64 to be paid from Building Budget)
2. Amy Repard, Supervisor of Special Education, to attend "Secondary Transition: Indicator 13 Requirements", in Canton, PA on December 8, 2017; (approximate costs of \$17.66 to be paid out of Special Education Budget)
3. Carly Bowen-Clark, and Brandie Boyce, Elementary Teachers, to attend "Foundations for Inquiry-Based Teaching & Learning", Coudersport, PA on December 5 & 6, 2017 (approximate costs of \$246 to be paid from Building Budget).

B. **Support Staff Resignation**

Consideration of approval to accept letter of resignation from:

1. Katharine Sammons, High School Custodian, effective December 22, 2017;

C. **Resignation of School Board Director**

Consideration of approval to accept resignation of Duane Cotner, with regret, School Board Member of the Board of Education for the Wellsboro Area School District, effective November 16, 2017.

D. **Extra-Curricular Appointment for School Year 2017-18**

Consideration of approval for the extra-curricular appointment of Mark Taylor as Volunteer Odyssey of the Mind Coach (Middle School), effective December 7, 2017 for the school year 2017-18.

E. **Resignation Due to Retirement**

Consideration of approval to accept letter of resignation due to retirement from Verla Bryant, Elementary Teacher, with regret, effective June 7, 2018 or the last teacher day of the school year.

3. **STUDENT**

A. **In Lieu of Expulsion Agreement**

Consideration of approval for the following In Lieu of Expulsion Agreements:

1. Student #3 E – 2017-18;

4. **OTHER**

A. **Additions to 2017-18 WASD Substitute List**

Consideration of approval for the additions to the 2017-18 WASD Substitute List as presented.

B. **Approval of Van Drivers/Van Aides for School Year 2017-18**

Consideration of approval for the following Van Drivers / Van Aides for School Year 2017-18: **Benedicts Bus Service:**

Trina Casher – Van Aide

Bonnie Stanley – Van Aide

**Correll Student Transport:**

Laura Schumacher – Van Aide

Brenda Perry – Van Driver

Renee Seymour – Van Driver

Richard Correll – Van Driver

Linda Carson – Van Driver

Casey Simons – Van Driver  
Valentina Sitko – Van Driver

Upon a Roll Call Vote: Mr. Messineo; Mrs. Judlin, aye; Mr. Hoover, aye; Ms. Sherman, aye; Mr. Hackett, aye;  
Mr. Gastrock, aye; Mr. Feil, aye; Motion passed;

XVI. **ACTION ITEMS**

1. **ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION**

A. Approval of Receipt of Private Monies in School Year 2017-18 – A motion was made by Mr. Feil, seconded by Mrs. Judlin, to approve the following private monies received by Wellsboro Area School District in School Year 2017-18:

1. Donation from Delta Kappa Gamma (International Society for Key Women Educators) in the amount of \$250.00 as a classroom Enrichment Grant to high school teacher, Lara Miller Owlett, to further her project in French Class creating children's books to be sent to Haiti.

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

B. Memorandum of Understanding between Penn College NOW Concurrent Enrollment Partnership and WASD – A motion was made by Mr. Feil, seconded by Mr. Messineo, to approve the District to enter into Memorandum of Understanding with PA 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.

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

2. **PERSONNEL**

A. Removal of Employee – A motion was made by Mr. Feil, seconded by Mr. Hoover, to accept letter of resignation of Sheila Yungwirth, Don Gill Special Education Instructional Aide, effective November 14, 2017.

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

B. Hire of Wellsboro Area School District Crossing Guard for School Year 2017-18 – A motion was made by Mr. Feil, seconded by Mr. Hoover, to approve the following individual as Wellsboro Area School District Crossing Guard during the school year 2017-18. Rate of pay will be \$7.25 per hour, one (1) hour per school day:

1. Spencer Wetzel

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

C. Extra-Curricular Hire – A motion was made by Mr. Feil, seconded by Mr. Hoover, to approve the following extra-curricular hire for the school year 2017-18:

1. Simone Lichty as High School Girls Basketball Assistant Coach (season: November 17, 2017 - March 24, 2018) for a stipend of \$2,874;

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

D. Administrative Transfer – A motion was made by Mr. Feil, seconded by Mr. Messineo, to approve the transfer of Michael Pietropola from Rock L. Butler Middle School Principal, to Curriculum Director/Principal of Academic Affairs, effective January 2, 2018 at a salary of \$93,500 prorated.

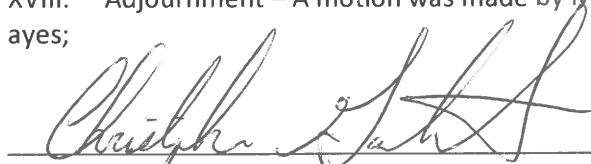
Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Feil, aye; Mr. Gastrock, aye; Mr. Hackett, aye; Mr. Hoover, aye; Ms. Sherman, aye; Mr. Messineo, aye; Mrs. Judlin, aye; Motion passed;

E. Support Staff Hire – A motion was made by Mr. Feil, seconded by Mr. Hoover, to approve the hire of Peggy Dombach as Rock L. Butler Middle School Custodian, part-time (5 hrs. per day/12 months), effective December 7, 2017 at a rate of \$10.00 per hour during the first 60-working day probationary period. Upon satisfactory completion of that period, pay rate will be \$11.14 per hour.

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

XVII. Public Comment – Board Member Matt Feil expressed his appreciation to the FFA for the Christmas wreaths prepared by the students for the board members. President Gastrock expressed his congratulations to Pat and Mike.

XVIII. Adjournment – A motion was made by Mr. Feil, seconded by Mr. Hoover, to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 PM. All ayes;



Christopher Gastrock, President  
Wellsboro Area School District  
Board of Education



Linda K. Gamble, Board Secretary  
Wellsboro Area School District  
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