

WELLSBORO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 5, 2019

- I. Call to Order By President, LaRue Reese at 8:12 pm in the Old Music Room, Administration Office, 227 Nichols Street, Wellsboro, PA.
- II. President Reese led the Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call of Members: LaRue Reese, Sue Judlin by phone, Christopher Gastrock, Matthew Feil, John Hoover, Tracy Doughtie, Kacy Hagan. Absent: Wayne Hackett, David Messineo

Present were the following: Dr. Brenda Freeman, Superintendent, Bonnie Thompson, Business Manager/Board Secretary, Robert Kreger, Middle School Principal, Mike Pietropola, Curriculum Director, Emily Ostrom Graham, High School Principal, Daren Bryant, Director of Buildings and Grounds

Visitors Present: Natalie Kennedy, Wellsboro Gazette, Tina Colton, Tammy Knowlton, Karen Farer
- III-a Announcement of Executive Session – Thursday, January 24, 2019 at 5:50 PM, Conference Room, for the purpose of personnel matters; Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 5:45 PM, Conference Room, for the purpose of personnel and safety;
- IV. Bonnie Thompson, Board Secretary, read into the minutes the Notice of Special Meeting.
- V. Concerned Resident Issues - None
- VI. Approval of Agenda – A motion was made by Matthew Feil, seconded by Christopher Gastrock to the approve the agenda. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- VII. ACTION ITEMS:
 1. PERSONNEL
 - A. Hire of Supervisor of Special Education – A motion was made by Matthew Feil, seconded by Christopher Gastrock to approve the hire of Elizabeth Barnhart, Ed.D as Supervisor of Special Education for the Wellsboro Area School District at a salary of \$95,000 to be pro-rated. Effective start date to be determined by the Williamsport Area School District, her present employer.

Roll call vote. All votes were affirmative. The motion carried.
 - B. Motion to Approve Extra-Duty Compensation – A motion was made by Kacy Hagan, seconded by Matthew Feil to Table until the next meeting the approval to appoint Dr. Benjamin Largey, WASD School Psychologist, to continue covering the duties of Special Education Supervisor (covering the period from August 18, 2018 until effective start date of Elizabeth Barnhart, Ed.D) for a one-time stipend of Ten Thousand Dollars and no/100 (\$10,000.00).

Roll call vote. The motion carried with negative votes by John Hoover and LaRue Reese.
- IX. Concerned Resident Issues – None

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- X. Adjournment – A motion was made by Matthew Feil, seconded by Christopher Gastrock, to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 pm. All ayes.

Bonnie Thompson, Board Secretary
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