

WELLSBORO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Work Session
March 5, 2019

MINUTES

I. Called to Order by President LaRue Reese at 6:32 PM in the Old Music Room, Administration Office, 227 Nichols Street, Wellsboro, PA.

II. Roll Call of Members: Ms. Kacy Hagan; Mr. John Hoover; Mr. Wayne Hackett; Mrs. Tracy Doughtie; Mr. LaRue Reese; Members absent: Mr. Chris Gastrock; Mr. Matthew Feil; Mrs. Sue Judlin; Mr. Dave Messineo;

Present were the following: Administrators: Mr. Robert Kreger; Mr. Mike Pietropola; Mrs. Emily Graham; Dr. Brenda M. Freeman, Superintendent; Press present: Natalie Kennedy (Wellsboro Gazette); Linda Gamble, Acting Board Secretary (for Bonnie Thompson); Karen Farrer; Shane Cleveland, Bryan Murphy;

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

IV. Dr. Freeman spoke to the Board about a possible 2019 Fall Semester Internship of Debra Brelsford-Roby working with the District's At Risk Youth;

V. Dr. Freeman addressed the Board concerning Quad 3's layout of floor plans, especially that of the Rock L. Butler Middle School. She advised that an email would be sent to all board members with a layout of the buildings prepared by Quad 3 (Sam Scarantino).

VI. Graduation Requirements – Dr. Freeman reviewed Policy #217 – Graduation Requirements. She advised the Board that she would like to have a Volunteers policy adopted within the next month. The Programs & Policy Committee will consider it.

VII. Security/Resource Officer – Dr. Freeman advised the Board that there is a possibility that the Boro Police could possibly have a police officer in the school buildings 4 hours per day. Because of the specialized training that is necessary, we could possibly have this officer in the buildings in the next school year. The officer would be having lunch with the students, sitting in hallways, etc. This has received a positive response from the public. Chief Bodine has to get the Borough Council to sanction it. He feels he has enough manpower available to put an officer in the schools 4 hours as a community function. Board Member Kacy Hagan questioned about the cost of this after a couple of years when the Police Force did not have the manpower to provide such an officer.

VIII. Dr. Freeman reviewed the Joint Resolution Urging the General Assembly to Adequately Invest in public Schools and Students. She was directed to have it on the Board Agenda.

IX. Mike Pietropola presented to the Board, two text books for adoption by the Board – Foundations of Restaurant Management and Culinary Level 1 and 2. The books cost \$98 per book which has been already budgeted. He said that they plan to purchase approximately 20 books. There is a cost of \$300 for a teacher's kit.

X. Dr. Freeman presented the 2019-2020 School Calendar to the Board for questions.

XI. There was a discussion and review of the WASD 2019-2020 Curriculum Guide by Mike Pietropola, Curriculum Director/Principal of Academic Affairs.

Attachment VII-A

XII. Bryan Murphy, Network Administrator spoke concerning the many options of replacing computers at the High School this summer. Emily Graham, High School Principal, also spoke to the Board concerning the use of the computers.

XIII. There was discussion among the Board Members on WASD Policy #006.1 (Board Member Participation at Public Meetings via Electronic Communications.) Directed to have it on the next Work Session Agenda.

Public Comment – None

Adjournment – The Work Session was adjourned by President Reese at 7:36 PM.

LaRue Reese, President
Board President
Wellsboro Area School District

Linda K. Gamble
Acting Board Secretary
Wellsboro Area School District