

WYOMISSING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

630 Evans Avenue
Wyomissing, PA 19610

The regular meeting of the Board of School Directors convened at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Board Room of the Jr./Sr. High School with Mr. Snyder, Board President, presiding.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Following the pledge, the secretary called the roll of board members.

Board Members Present: Mrs. Barnett, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Hinsey, Mr. Larkin, Mrs. McCready, Mrs. Sakmann, Dr. Shuttlesworth, and Mr. Snyder.

Board Member Absent: Mr. Deem

Administrative Staff Present: Dr. Larson, Dr. Kennedy, Mrs. Motze, and Mr. McDonnell.

Attendees: Mr. Brian Boland, Kozloff Stoudt; Mr. Darrin Youker, Reading Eagle; and recording secretary, Diane Schaeffer. Sign-in sheet included as part of these official minutes.

WELCOME

President Snyder announced that an executive session was held at the conclusion of the work session on April 16, 2007, to discuss personnel matters, and the board took no action. He noted an executive session to discuss personnel matters would be held at the conclusion of the Board meeting.

He welcomed everyone and asked for public comments on agenda items.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments on agenda items.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETINGS

Mr. Snyder announced the next scheduled meetings for May 14, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. and May 21, 2007, at 7:30 p.m.

LIAISON REPORTS

Mr. Fitzgerald, Legislative Liaison, reported that a meeting with legislators is scheduled for May 31, 2007, at the BCIU at 7:00 p.m.

President Snyder noted that the date conflicts with the Baccalaureate service. Mr. Fitzgerald stated he would attend the meeting and the deadline for submitting items to PSBA is July 13, 2007. Mr. Snyder noted that further discussion would be needed.

Mrs. Sakmann reported that the Wyomissing Area Education Foundation scholarship award program would be held on May 3, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in the board conference room.

APPROVED MEETING

Upon motion by Mrs. Barnett, seconded by Mrs. McCready, the minutes of the following meetings were approved and included as part of these

MINUTES

official minutes.

- Minutes of March 19, 2007 Work Session
- Minutes of March 26, 2007 Board Meeting

Yeas: 8.

Nays: 0. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL
CORRECTION

Mr. Snyder noted that Personnel Report item IV. Professional Appointment for Michelle Davis, should indicate a salary of \$141.38 per day.

APPROVED
PERSONNEL REPORT

Upon motion by Dr. Shuttlesworth, seconded by Mrs. McCready, the Personnel Report with the correction as noted, for April 24, 2007, was approved and is included as part of these official minutes.

Yeas: Barnett, Fitzgerald, Hinsey, Larkin, McCready, Sakmann, Shuttlesworth, and Snyder.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

CURRICULUM

Upon motion by Mrs. Sakmann, seconded by Mrs. McCready, the textbooks for secondary social studies, English, Science, and Math were approved as detailed on the list included as part of these official minutes.

Yeas: Barnett, Fitzgerald, Hinsey, Larkin, McCready, Sakmann, Shuttlesworth, and Snyder.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Dr. Larson provided a handout to the Board with additional information requested on the intervention classes held in the high school.

FINANCE/BUSINESS
OFFICE

The following finance/business office items were presented for board approval.

APPROVED PAYMENT
OF INVOICES

Upon motion by Mr. Fitzgerald, seconded by Mrs. Sakmann, the Board approved the payment of vendor invoices for the General Fund, Athletic and Food Service Funds and the 2003 G.O. Bond.

Yeas: Barnett, Fitzgerald, Hinsey, Larkin, McCready, Sakmann, Shuttlesworth, and Snyder.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

APPROVED
RESOLUTION – TAX
ON PAYMENTS

Upon motion by Mrs. McCready, seconded by Mrs. Barnett, the Board approved Resolution No. 04-27-07 Payment of School Real Property Taxes on Installment Basis. Copy of resolution included as part of these official minutes.

Yeas: Barnett, Fitzgerald, Hinsey, Larkin, McCready, Sakmann, Shuttlesworth, and Snyder.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

RATIFIED TUITION
AGREEMENT

Upon motion by Mrs. Barnett, seconded by Mrs. Sakmann, the Board approved the tuition contract agreement with Opportunities School for one elementary student, ID201553, to attend Opportunities School from April 19, 2007, to June 13, 2007, at a prorated daily rate based on a monthly charge of \$2,500.

Yeas: Barnett, Fitzgerald, Hinsey, Larkin, McCreedy, Sakmann, Shuttlesworth, and Snyder.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

APPROVED BCTC
BUDGET

Upon motion by Mrs. McCreedy, seconded by Mrs. Barnett, the Board approved the Berks Career and Technology Center budget for 2007-08 with total expenditures of \$13,465,036 with the Wyomissing Area portion estimated at \$185,009.

Yeas: Barnett, Fitzgerald, Hinsey, Larkin, McCreedy, Sakmann, Shuttlesworth, and Snyder.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mr. McDonnell informed the Board that a revised Treasurer's Report was prepared and distributed for their review.

APPROVED
FINANCIAL REPORTS

Upon motion by Mrs. Barnett, seconded by Mrs. Sakmann, the Board approved the March 2007 financial reports.

Yeas: 8.

Nays: 0. Motion carried.

FACILITIES

There were no agenda items.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
& ATHLETICS

Mrs. Motze introduced Chris Blickley, the new senior high girls' basketball coach.

TECHNOLOGY

Mrs. Barnett inquired about funding for security, and Dr. Larson responded that it will be funded with bond money remaining from the high school building project.

Mr. Fitzgerald asked if we are going to fill the vacant technology position. Dr. Larson responded that Mr. Laubach wants to wait to fill the vacancy until next school year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
OFFICE
ADOPTED POLICY 830

Upon motion by Mrs. Barnett, seconded by Mr. Larkin, the Board approved the following items on the Superintendent's Report:
Adopted new policy 830-Breach of Computerized Personal Information.

APPROVED FIELD TRIP

Approved the Senior High Concert Band and Orchestra trip to participate in an adjudicated festival, work with a clinician, and perform in a Disney World Park in Orlando, Florida, during spring break, March 13-17, 2008.

APPROVED
CALENDAR
ADJUSTMENT

Approved the adjustment to the school calendar because school was closed due to inclement weather on February 14 & 15, 2007. The calendar will be adjusted to indicate the last student day as June 8, and the last teacher in-service .5 day as June 11, 2007.

APPROVED
ADDITIONAL
SECONDARY MATH
POSITION

Approve an additional secondary math position at the Jr./Sr. High School effective the 2007-08 school year.

Background: The Jr./Sr. High School would benefit from an additional math position for the following reasons:

- *Additional intervention classes could be offered (Strategies)*
- *Class sizes could be reduced*

APPROVED
HOMEBOUND
INSTRUCTION

Approved homebound instruction for one grade 12 student, ID200957, effective April 24, 2007, for a maximum of 5 hours per week until the end of the 2006-07 school year.

APPROVED ROTARY
INTERNATIONAL
YOUTH EXCHANGE
PROGRAM

Approved Rotary International Youth Exchange Program.

Background: Rotary International Youth Exchange Program has a 40-year history of hosting and placing over 1,000 students abroad. The Wyomissing Area School District has long-standing ties to the Local West Reading-Wyomissing Rotary Club.

Yeas: Barnett, Deem, Fitzgerald, Hinsey, Larkin, McCready, Sakmann, Shuttlesworth, and Snyder.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Dr. Larson noted that last week was “Staff Appreciation Week” and the PTA recognized the entire staff with a special treat each day, including a wonderful luncheon buffet.

ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORTS

The Treasurer’s Report and Tax Collector’s Report are included as information with no action required by the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Barnett noted that custodial staff members appear to be changing shifts and questioned if a shift change required Board action.

Mrs. Barnett requested that the district report card be discussed at the next work session.

None.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Cafurello asked if a committee was appointed to interview for the high school principal and if a task force was formed to meet on the West Reading Elementary Center.

Dr. Larson indicated work on filling the principal position is beginning and no one has been appointed to a task force on the West Reading Elementary Center.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. McCready

and seconded by Mr. Hinsey to adjourn at 7:56 p.m.

Arthur J. McDonnell
Board Secretary

April 24, 2007

PERSONNEL REPORT

- I. Approve Administrator Resignation – **William E. Hartman**, Principal of the Jr./Sr. High School effective June 30, 2007, and authorize his employment as a secondary math teacher effective the beginning of the 2007-08 school year in accordance with the agreement as presented.
- II. Approve Professional Resignation – **Sal Ferrarello**, Secondary Mathematics Teacher, effective at the end of the 2006-07 school year.
- III. Approve Administrator's Effective Employment Date – **Aaron Roberts**, Assistant Elementary School Principal, effective May 7, 2007. (Mr. Roberts appointment was approved on March 7, 2007.)
- IV. Approve Long-Term Substitute Appointment – **Michelle Davis**, Part-time (.6) Intervention Coordinator at Wyomissing Hills Elementary Center, based on M, Step 5, prorated at 60% salary, (\$141.38 per day, with no health benefits) effective April 16, 2007, through the first semester of the 2007-08 school year.
- V. Approve Professional Appointments –

- a. **Michelle Kersikoski**, Part-time (.5) Intervention Coordinator at West Reading Elementary Center, based on M, Step 10, prorated at 50% salary, \$27,700, effective the 2007-08 school year.

Background Information: The position was approved on March 19, 2007, by the School Board as part of the 2007-08 staffing recommendations.

- b. **Julie L. Linsey**, Chemistry Teacher at the Jr./Sr. High School effective the 2007-08 school year, at M, Step 12, \$58,600, pending receipt of all necessary documents.

Background Information: Julie L. Linsey graduated magna cum laude from Muskingum College in New Concord, OH with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry and mathematics and received teaching certifications in chemistry, mathematics, and physics. She completed her Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT)-Mathematics from the University of Cincinnati. Since 2005 she has been teaching chemistry at Mainland Regional High School in Linwood, NJ. Previously her teaching experience includes: Physics/Mathematics for three years at Harrison High School, Harrison, OH; Chemistry/Physics for one year at Taylor High School, Cleves, OH; Mathematics for three years at Meade County High School, Brandenburg, KY; and Chemistry/Physics for two years in Poca High School, Poca, WV.

Mrs. Linsey will replace Wendy Merz who has resigned effective at the end of the 2006-07 school year.

- VI. Approve Homebound Instructor – **Kim Lally**, Guidance Counselor, to provide homebound instruction for one grade 12 student for a combined maximum of 5 hours per week effective April 24, 2007, to the end of the 2006-07 school year, at the contract rate of \$30.50 per hour.
- VII. Ratify Support Staff Resignations –
- a. **James Weitzel**, part-time food service worker at West Reading Elementary Center, effective March 30, 2007.
 - b. **Lisa Schell**, part-time food service worker at Wyomissing Hills Elementary Center, effective April 20, 2007.
- VIII. Approve Support Staff Transfer – **Shari Kelly**, part-time (4) hours per day food service worker at the Jr/Sr. High School will transfer to part-time (5) hours per day food service worker at West Reading Elementary Center, effective April 30, 2007. Shari is replacing James Weitzel who resigned.
- IX. Approve/Ratify Support Staff Appointments –
- a. **Suzanne Herbst**, part-time Food Service Worker at Wyomissing Hills Elementary Center, 3.5 hours per day at \$9.65 per hour during the school year, effective April 25, 2007, pending receipt of all necessary documents. Suzanne is replacing Lisa Schell who resigned.
 - b. **Wendy Brent**, part-time Food Service Worker at the Jr./Sr. High School, 4 hours per day at \$8.04 per hour during the school year, effective April 23, 2007, pending receipt of all necessary documents. Wendy is replacing Shari Kelly who is transferring to the West Reading Elementary Center.
- X. Ratify Supplemental Athletic Resignation – **Matthew Heaney**, Jr. High Track Assistant Coach, effective March 28, 2007.
- Background Information: Mr. Heaney worked 12 days of the 41-day season and will receive a prorated stipend of \$30.54 per day for a total of \$366.*
- XI. Ratify Supplemental Athletic Appointments –
- a. **Michael Vecchio**, Jr. High Track Assistant Coach, 16.75 points, at a prorated salary of \$32.00 per day for 29 days for a total of \$928, effective March 29, 2007.
 - b. **Christopher Blickley**, Sr. High Girls' Basketball Head Coach, 58 points, salary to be determined in accordance with the point value established for the 2007-08 school year.
- XII. Approve Revised Position Guide – Assistant Superintendent.

- XIII. Ratify Effective Date for Support Staff Transfer – **Benito Diaz**, full-time, second shift custodian effective April 10, 2007.

Background Information: On February 26, 2007, the Board approved the transfer of Mr. Diaz from Grounds/Maintenance Worker to full-time, second shift, 12 month custodian, at no change in salary, with the effective date to be determined.

- XIV. Ratify/Approve Support Staff Unpaid Leave Request and Extension to Leave –

- a. **Shari Kelly**, part-time Food Service Worker at the Jr./Sr. High School, unpaid leave March 22, 23, & 26, 2007.
- b. **Linda Newkirk**, part-time Food Service Worker at the Jr./Sr. High School, extension to unpaid leave from April 11-20, 2007. (Board approved March 26–April 10, 2007 leave on January 22, 2007.)

- XV. Approve District volunteer list.

- XVI. Approve substitute list for professional/support staff.