

WYOMISSING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Board Work Session Minutes
August 15, 2007

The Wyomissing Area School District Board of School Directors' work session convened at 6:10 p.m. with President Snyder presiding.

PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE

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

Board Members Present: Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Deem (arrived 6:22 p.m.), Mr. Hinsey, Mr. Larkin (arrived 6:49 p.m.), Dr. Shuttlesworth (arrived 6:14 p.m.), Mrs. McCready, Mrs. Sakmann, and Mr. Snyder.

Board Members Absent: Mrs. Barnett

Administrators Present: Mr. Ashton, Mr. Babb, Mrs. Mason, Dr. Speace, Ms. Garman, Mrs. Motze, Mr. Laubach, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Roberts, Mrs. Simyak, Mrs. Whye, and Dr. Larson.

Others Present: Brenda Phillips, Margaret Shomgard, Chris Rada, Diane Schaeffer, recording secretary, and residents Mike Mitchell, Sr. and Chris Krow.

Mr. Snyder welcomed everyone and announced the next meeting would be held on August 20, 2007, at 7:30 p.m.

Teachers Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Shomgard, and Mr. Rada provided a power point presentation on the Spanish Club trip to Mexico in June. They shared photos and highlighted the academic and cultural experiences enjoyed by the 13 students. They also complimented the students for their exemplary behavior.

Liaison Reports –

Dr. Larson suggested that the liaisons meet the first week of each month prior to the agenda preparation which occurs during the second week of the month. She noted that some meetings were already scheduled for the August and September.

Personnel –

Dr. Shuttlesworth asked what plans were being made to fill the Director of Business Affairs position. Dr. Larson reported she is working with retired business manager Nick Sosik to determine the best plan of action and provide insights that she will share with the board.

Ms. Garman presented a report on the tasks completed by the Personnel Department during the past few weeks.

Dr. Larson introduced Dr. Cynthia Speace, the new high school principal.

There was no further discussion on the personnel report items that will be on the next agenda for approval.

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Curriculum –

The proposed field trip requests for the 2007-08 school year were included as part of the board packet for approval at the next meeting.

Finance –

Mrs. Motze, Athletic Director, provided the following information on donations received from the community:

Family donation of \$25,000 to the athletic department that will be used to purchase new weight room equipment.

Donation of \$5,000 to be used for purchase and installation of a baseball scoreboard at the senior high field from the following organizations and individuals - Wyomissing Area Little League \$2,500, WA Baseball Booster Club \$2,000, and Mr. Randy Miller \$500.

There was no further discussion on the finance items that will be on the next agenda for approval.

Facilities –

Mr. Dawson reported that staff member, Jon Yorgey, has helped to improve the condition of the fields and maintain them.

School Activities & Athletics –

There were no agenda items.

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Mr. Laubach reported that web site improvements are being made and should be rolled out by October.

Superintendent's Office –

Dr. Larson explained that Ohio State had requested the district's participation in an internet-based study of sports injuries. Statistical data will be provided with no breach in confidentiality. Dan Giesen, the district's athletic trainer, will be the point person to enter the data.

Dr. Larson presented the new district calendar that was prepared with the assistance of the Berks County Intermediate Unit.

Mrs. Sakmann expressed her concern that the athletic events were not printed on the calendar.

Dr. Larson responded that athletic events often change from the schedule that is printed on the calendar, and the new web site will contain more up-to-date athletic information for the public.

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Mrs. McCready said she thought that the new initiative to mail the calendar to all residents was a good idea.

Mr. Snyder said the community relations liaison could work with administration to decide on a theme and make decisions on the publication of next year's calendar.

New Business – None.

Old Business – None.

Public Participation – None.

Mr. Snyder announced that the board would meet in executive session to discuss real estate after a five minute break. The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Corinne D. Mason
School Board Secretary