

WYOMISSING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 2014-4767

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The regular meeting of the Board of School Directors convened at 6:05 p.m. in the Community Board Room of the Jr./Sr. High School with Mrs. Butera, Board President, presiding.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Following the pledge of allegiance, Mrs. Butera asked if anyone would be recording the meeting. No one indicated the intent to record.

Board Members Present:

Mrs. Butera, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Heinly, Mrs. McAvoy, Mr. Painter, Mr. Portner, Mrs. Reese, Mrs. Reilly and Mrs. Seltzer.

Administrative Staff Present:

Mrs. Vicente, Mr. Stem, Mr. Boyer and Mr. Fries.

Attendees:

Becca Gregg, Reading Eagle, and Shelley Filer, recording secretary. Audience sign-in sheet included as part of these official minutes.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Butera announced that an Executive Session was held at 5:45 pm prior to the meeting to discuss a legal matter and no action was taken. Another Executive Session will be held following the meeting at an off-site location to discuss a personnel item.

The following meeting schedules and locations were announced:

- Technology Committee Meeting – May 28, 2014, 12:00 p.m.
- Curriculum Committee Meeting – June 2, 2014, 12:00 p.m.
- Finance/Facilities Committee Meeting – June 4, 2014, 11:00 a.m.
- Personnel/Policy Committee Meeting – June 5, 2014, 12:00 p.m.
- School Board Business Meeting with Committee Reports – June 16, 2014, 6:00 p.m.
- School Board Business Meeting – June 23, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

All listed meetings are held in the Community Board Room of the Jr./Sr. High School unless otherwise noted.

Mr. Porter announced that the Technology Committee Meeting has been cancelled.

RECOGNITION

Mrs. Vicente reported that Vincent Truehart, a Wyomissing student in BCTC's Communication Media Technology program, has received honorable mention in a recent C-SPAN video contest. To recognize his accomplishments, C-SPAN is going to BCTC on May 29, for a 30-minute assembly to present his certificate followed by tours of the C-SPAN bus that has a multimedia presentation center promoting C-SPAN's educational and programming resources.

Mrs. Vicente and the Board recognized two employees retiring from the District. Craig Fries, Director of Buildings and Grounds, retires after six years with the District. The Board honored him with a "tongue and cheek"

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presentation of the tools of his trade. Mrs. Vicente, using “action research” read comments from various staff members about what Mr. Fries’ service meant to them. Three students honored Colleen Paulson with a statement, a poem, flowers and balloons expressing the impact she has had on students in her 35 years of teaching. Board members also personally commented on the influence she had on their children. Mr. Fries and Mrs. Paulson were presented with an engraved clock and a resolution, a copy of which is included in these official minutes.

Mrs. Vicente thanked Meghan Filoon and presented her with a bouquet of flowers in appreciation for her service of two years as PTA President. She then introduced Joanne Weller who will take over the office of President.

Mrs. Butera called for a recess at 6:28 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rick Johnston requested that mowing on a Saturday be done later than 6:15 a.m.

Rita Ditsky expressed her displeasure that taxes are being raised again.

Lisa Sohn inquired as to the maximum amount the Board is willing to spend on the appeal process for the fence project.

John Larkin, Jr. asked if consideration has been given to having lacrosse games at Flannery Field where gate access is already controlled. Mrs. Butera said the Board would follow up with the Athletic Director.

Rajavel Jagadesan expressed his frustration with the protracted battle concerning the fence. He recommended letting both sides campaign for their viewpoints and have a vote. Polling stations would be less expensive than what has already been expended.

Martha Good stated that the Board is offering our students the best public education in the state of Pennsylvania and is embarrassed that the Board is being maligned in the battle over the fence.

ROUTINE APPROVALS

MEETING MINUTES

Upon a motion by Mr. Painter, second by Mrs. Seltzer, the Board approved the following minutes:

- April 7, 2014 Business Meeting with Committee Reports
- April 28, 2014 Regular Business Meeting

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Yeas: Butera, Davis, Heinly, McAvoy, Painter, Portner, Reese, Reilly and Seltzer.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon a motion by Mr. Painter, second by Mrs. Reese, the Treasurer's Report for April 2014 was accepted as presented.

Yeas: Butera, Davis, Heinly, McAvoy, Painter, Portner, Reese, Reilly and Seltzer.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Upon a motion by Mrs. Seltzer, second by Mr. Portner, payment of bills for the month of April 2014 was approved.

Yeas: Butera, Davis, Heinly, McAvoy, Painter, Portner, Reese, Reilly and Seltzer.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. CURRICULUM/ TECHNOLOGY

Upon a motion by Mr. Portner, second by Mrs. McAvoy, the Board approved the Curriculum/Technology agenda items as follows.

1. Approved Class of 2014 Graduates pending compliance with all requirements.

Yeas: Butera, Davis, Heinly, McAvoy, Painter, Portner, Reese, Reilly and Seltzer.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

B. FINANCE/ FACILITIES

Upon a motion by Mrs. Reilly, second by Mrs. Davis, the Board approved the Finance/Facilities agenda items as follows.

1. Approved the following donations from the Wyomissing Area Education Foundation:
 - \$11,850 for tablet/keyboard devices for the 5th grade math classroom.
 - \$500 in McCullough funds towards 6th grade camp.
 - \$765 in McCullough funds towards AP tests.
2. Approved donation from Ms. Carol Labate of 250 mat boards for use by the art department.

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3. Approved donations for 6th grade camp as follows:

• Mr. & Mrs. Saeeduddin Ahmed	\$ 50.00
• Dr. & Mrs. John Altomare	50.00
• Dr. & Mrs. Ali Amin	1,000.00
• Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Asare	50.00
• Mr. & Mrs. Ravi Kumar Bojja	25.00
• Mr. & Mrs. Jason Brunner	25.00
• Mr. & Mrs. Charles Busack	25.00
• Mr. & Mrs. Carter Cheskey	50.00
• Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Dautrich	5.00
• Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Decker	50.00
• Mr. & Mrs. Michael Dowling	50.00
• Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Garapola	100.00
• Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Gardecki	25.00
• Mr. & Mrs. Fred Hafer	50.00
• Mr. & Mrs. Jason Hurleman	25.00
• Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kuhn	100.00
• Dr. & Mrs. Sanand Menon	50.00
• Mr. & Mrs. Steven Pottieger	50.00
• Mr. & Mrs. Eric Riddle	50.00
• Mr. & Mrs. John Sachenik	50.00
• Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Seley	10.00
• Mr. & Mrs. Henry Stratton-Brown	50.00
• Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Tomczak	20.00
• Dr. Lorena Tribe	25.00
• <u>Drs. Bryan & Karen Wang</u>	<u>50.00</u>
	\$2,035.00

4. Approved Berks County Joint Purchasing bids as follows:

Art Supplies:

The Art Store, Inc.	\$ 687.30
Cascade School Supplies	171.04
Commercial Art Supply	116.16
Discount School Supply	18.20
Kurtz Bros.	384.45
Nasco	55.00
National Art and School Supplies	945.70
Pyramid School Products	200.34
S&S Worldwide	76.41
School Specialty	1,355.99
<u>Triarco Arts & Crafts</u>	<u>0.98</u>
Total	\$4,011.57

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Custodial Supplies:

Calico Industries, Inc.	\$ 623.96
Central Poly Corp	1,620.00
Clean Image, Inc.	5,812.38
Hassinger & Company, Inc.	691.25
Hillyard, Inc.	17,466.50
Interboro Packaging Corporation	886.80
Pennsylvania Paper and Supply	821.50
Phillip Rosenau Co., Inc.	23.94
<u>Xpedx</u>	<u>3,190.00</u>
Total	\$31,136.33

5. Approved BCIU service rates for 2014-15.
Background information: See attachments for Early Intervention, Special Education and IT rates.
6. Approved Standard ESY Agreement with Pennsylvania Devereux for one elementary student, ID no. 205033, for the period June 30, 2014 through August 22, 2014 at a cost of \$425 per education day.
7. Approved educational placement regarding student ID no. 203109 as follows:
 - 2014 Summer \$8,990
 - 2014-15 \$49,115
 - 2015 Summer \$9,440
 - 2015-16 \$51,571
 - 2016 Summer \$9,912
8. Approved interscholastic student accident insurance premium in the amount of \$7,498 for 2014-15.
Background information: This is an increase of 3.0% from 2013-14. Coverage is through American Management Advisors, Inc.
9. Approved submission of delinquent per capita tax to Statewide Tax Recovery in the amount of \$15,708.
Background information: The full listing will be available from the Business Administrator.
10. Approved Gregory Portner as Board Treasurer for the term July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 with no wage payments.
Background information: Per school code, the Board shall annually, during the month of May, elect a treasurer to serve for

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one year, beginning the first day of July following such election.

11. Authorized the Business Administrator to print per capita bills dated July 1, 2014 under the same terms and rates as authorized for the July 1, 2013 bills.

Background information: To more efficiently schedule printing and staff time for preparation of the 2014 per capita bills, the Business Administrator has requested authorization to print these bills prior to adoption of the final budget and approval of the tax rates. Bills will be printed using the same terms and conditions as used for 2014 per capita bills.

12. Authorized administration to advertise and accept bids for security upgrades to the JSHS main entrance and lobby.

Yeas: Butera, Davis, Heinly, McAvoy, Painter, Portner, Reese, Reilly and Seltzer.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mrs. Butera thanked WAEF and the community members for their generous donations.

**C. PERSONNEL/
POLICY**

Upon a motion by Mrs. Reese, second by Mr. Painter, the Board approved the Personnel/Policy agenda items as follows.

1. RESIGNATIONS

a. Supplemental Staff

- 1) **William Rowley**, Assistant Coach-Boys' and Girls' Track, JSHS, resignation effective March 1, 2014.
- 2) **Kayla Carson**, Assistant Coach-Girls' Lacrosse, JSHS, resignation, effective May 5, 2014.

2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

a. Professional Staff

- 1) **Amber Rishel**, Psychologist, Family Medical Leave, effective August 19, 2014 to October 14, 2014, with a return to work date of October 15, 2014.

b. Support Staff

- 1) **Patricia Magrann**, Special Education Instructional Aide, WHEC, unpaid leave of absence, May 8, 9, 12, 2014. Returning to work on May 13, 2014.
- 2) **Michele Krick**, Classroom Instructional Aide, WHEC, unpaid leave of absence on or about June 4, 5, 6, 2014.

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3. POSITION CHANGE

a. Professional Staff

- 1) **Christine Mohler**, from Life Skills Teacher, JSHS, to Transition Coordinator, District-wide, effective August 19, 2014, wages are in accordance with her current level/step on the WAEA Salary Matrix. Subsequent wage changes will be in accordance with the WAEA Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Background information: This position is being filled as the result of the promotion of the previous Transition Coordinator.

4. APPOINTMENTS

a. Professional Staff

- 1) **Greta Jones**, Special Education Teacher (Life Skills), JSHS, effective August 12, 2014, at an annual salary to be determined by the new WAEA contract, but based upon B/Step 1 (\$40,720) according to the WAEA salary matrix for the 2013-14 school year. Subsequent wage changes will be in accordance with the WAEA collective bargaining agreement.

Background Information: Ms. Jones acquired her Bachelor of Science Degree from Albright University. Her PA Department of Education certifications include: Special Education N-12, Middle School English 7-9, English 7-12, and Elementary Education K-6. This position is being filled as a result of a position transfer.

- 2) Approved the following teachers who will be working in the Summer Reading Academy Program effective June 23, 2014 to July 17, 2014 at a rate of \$32/hr., not to exceed 16 hours/week:
 - a) Nicole Bahner
 - b) Meredith Emkey
 - c) Shauna Eastadt
 - d) Lauren Fiorentino
 - e) Caitlin Gibbs
 - f) Erika Homan
 - g) Bridgette Kozuch
 - h) Holli Noll

b. Supplemental Staff

- 1) **Justin Schaeffer**, Boys' Soccer – Varsity Assistant Coach, for the 2014-15 Fall Sports Season at a stipend of \$1,703.

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Yeas: Butera, Davis, Heinly, McAvoy, Painter, Portner, Reese, Reilly and Seltzer.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

The remaining Personnel and Policy items were opened for discussion. There were no questions or comments.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Butera announced that the next Zoning Board Hearing for the fence permit appeal is Tuesday, May 27, at 2:00 pm in the Wyomissing Library.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Painter reported that the property with the LERTA agreement has been subsequently sold. The Board is investigating how the sale impacts the agreement and whether the Board has the responsibility to take any action.

Mr. Portner provided an update on the WAEA contract that expires June 30. Negotiations have been ongoing since January and he hopes to have the new contract in place for July 1. Mrs. Davis commented that this has been the most collaborative and collegial process she has experienced.

Mrs. Davis announced that the Boys' Tennis team won the state championship again. Boys' and Girls' Track also had a fine showing at Districts.

Resident William Murray encouraged the Board to read the LERTA agreement and Memorandum of Understanding and not just rely on the solicitor's advice. He said it clearly states in the MOU that in the event of the sale of the property, prior written permission is needed from the school district, the county, and the borough for the agreement to continue.

UPDATE FROM ORGANIZATIONS

Meghan Filoon expressed her appreciation on behalf of the PTA for the supportive working relationship between the District and the PTA.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. McAvoy, seconded by Mrs. Seltzer to adjourn at 7:04 p.m.

Board Secretary