

WYOMISSING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 2020-5788

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The regular meeting with committee reports of the Board of School Directors convened at 6:04 p.m. in the Community Board Room of the Jr./Sr. High School with Mrs. Ziolkowski, Board Vice President, presiding.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Board Members Present:

Mrs. Harenza, Mrs. McAvoy, Mr. McCaffrey (by phone), Mrs. Phillips, Mr. Redner (by phone), Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Waxler, and Mrs. Ziolkowski.

Board Members Absent:

Mr. Pottieger

Administrative Staff Present:

Mr. Scoboria, Dr. Woodard, Mr. Boyer, Mr. Arnst, and Mr. Cafoncelli.

Attendees:

Keith Dmochowski, Reading Eagle, and Shelley Filer, recording secretary. An audience sign-in sheet is included as part of these official minutes.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Board Workshop Meeting – March 2, 2020, 4:45 p.m.
- Committee of the Whole Meeting – March 9, 2020, 4:45 p.m.
- School Board Business Meeting – March 23, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

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

Mrs. Ziolkowski announced an Executive Session was held before the meeting and another will be held after the meeting for personnel matters.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Ashley Dasika reported on the following clubs/activities:

- The Wyomissing Area Mini-THON hosted the first Faculty Game Night. Teachers from throughout the District participated with proceeds contributing to the club's overall donation to Four Diamonds Fund. Their overnight Mini-THON event is February 28-29. Public Hour will take place on Friday from 7-9 PM, and community members are encouraged to attend.
- The service club organized a collection drive for canned goods for this year's Canstructure competition taking place on March 7, at the Berkshire Mall. Their canned good donations will then be donated to the Helping Harvest food bank.
- The Junior High Drama club presented their show *The Little Mermaid* this past weekend.
- The Ski Club visited Vermont on their annual field trip this past weekend.
- The senior high Music Department visited NYC to see *Aladdin* on Broadway on February 16, and numerous Wyomissing Area

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students have been invited to participate in district and county groups this year.

- Members of the Junior High Math Team competed in the PA Math League Contest this month, and Senior High math team members took the AMC math test on February 5.
- The STEAM club is scheduled to meet soon with Mr. Rothenberger, the president of Clover Farms, to show him the beginning of their Smart Vending Machine project. They recently used their 3D printer to print parts for the mini-machine they are creating.
- The Environmental club is working on preparing for Earth Day with a large Earth Day event coming up at Happy Hollow.

Keira Auchenbach reported on the following athletic and academic events:

- Indoor track has members advancing to the States competition which will take place on March 1. Additionally, the team has set five new school records this season. Ben Kuhn, Cadi Hoke, NaShawn Dunbar, Rebecca Kotula, Ciera Ponton, and Caroline Allen all contributed to these new records at a recent meet.
- Many athletes in numerous sports are moving towards district competition in Winter Sports.
- Students are excited for the beginning of Spring Sports next week.
- Hannah Hurleman placed 1st in the 100 free event, and placed in all other events at the CPL Championship meet.
- Seniors have the opportunity to apply for various WAEF scholarships, with the deadline approaching in early March.
- Induction to the National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society is in March.

LIAISON REPORTS

- A. Berks County Intermediate Unit Board Report – Mrs. Taylor said the meeting was held February 20. They ratified an agreement with PDE to provide technical assistance to support the PA science standards revision process for Keystone Exams.
- B. Berks Career & Technology Center Board Report – Mrs. Waxler said the meeting is later in the week.
- C. Berks EIT Report – No report.
- D. Wyomissing Area Education Foundation – Mr. McCaffrey said the meeting was February 18. They welcomed new Board member Laura Waetjen and are still trying to recruit additional new members. Dr. Liskey's energy turbine grant was approved. WAEF is celebrating its 25th anniversary and is increasing pledge drives.

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WAEF will be raising funds for the new sound system in the JSHS auditorium.

E. Legislative Report – No report

F. PTA – Mrs. Phillips said the next meeting is March 3.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Jesse Willman stated he was dissatisfied with how the social media hoax regarding a threat was communicated to parents. He was also upset that his absence note for keeping his children at home was rejected. Mr. Scoboria said the reason was not an excused absence that PDE guidelines allow.

ROUTINE APPROVALS

MEETING MINUTES

Upon a motion by Mrs. McAvoy, second by Mrs. Waxler, the Board approved the following minutes:

- January 27, 2020 School Board Business Meeting

Yeas: Harenza, McAvoy, McCaffrey, Phillips, Redner, Taylor, Waxler, and Ziolkowski.

Absent: Pottieger

Nays: None. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon a motion by Mrs. Taylor, second by Mrs. McAvoy, the Treasurer's Report for January 2020 was accepted as presented.

Yeas: Harenza, McAvoy, McCaffrey, Phillips, Redner, Taylor, Waxler, and Ziolkowski.

Absent: Pottieger

Nays: None. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Upon a motion by Mrs. Harenza, second by Mrs. Waxler, payment of bills for the month of January 2020 was approved.

Yeas: Harenza, McAvoy, McCaffrey, Phillips, Redner, Taylor, Waxler, and Ziolkowski.

Absent: Pottieger

Nays: None. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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A. CURRICULUM/ TECHNOLOGY

Upon a motion by Mrs. Waxler, second by Mrs. McAvoy, the following Curriculum/Technology items were approved.

1. Approved the 2020-21 School Calendar
2. Approved Overnight Field Trip Requests
 - a. PMEA Region V Choral Festival, East York HS, February 27-29, 2020
 - b. PMEA All-State Festival, Kalahari Conference Center, April 22-25, 2020
 - c. Music Department Performance Trip, Nashville, TN, March 24-29, 2021
3. Approved expulsion of secondary student ID#302488 effective February 6, 2020.

Yeas: Harenza, McAvoy, McCaffrey, Phillips, Redner, Taylor, Waxler, and Ziolkowski.

Absent: Pottieger

Nays: None. Motion carried.

B. FINANCE/ FACILITIES

Upon a motion by Mrs. McAvoy, second by Mrs. Waxler, the following Finance/Facilities items were approved.

1. Approved budget transfers in the amount of \$1,750.
2. Approved donation of \$800 to cover cost of advertising for Outdoor Classroom Project.
3. Approved donation of \$2,650 from the Wyomissing Area PTA to cover deposit for 6th camp at Camp Conrad Weiser.
4. Approved BCIU Budget for 2020-21.
Background information: BCIU budget reflects a 0% increase over the 2019-20 budget.
5. Approved submission of delinquent real estate tax to ENM Law Group in the amount of \$375,302.76.
6. Approved proposal with Bogia Engineering Inc. for crosswalk flashing signal plan for Woodland Road at Wyomissing Hills Elementary Center in the amount of \$9,800.
Background information: Included with the plan will be a diagram, details for crossing, improvements to the existing ADA ramps, update to existing limits to be constant with the rest of the property and an update of the existing equipment to current standards.

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7. Approved purchase of a 2020 Ford F-250 Maintenance Vehicle from Tom Masano Ford in the amount of \$48,216.
Background information: The quote reflects COSTAR pricing.

Yeas: Harenza, McAvoy, McCaffrey, Phillips, Redner, Taylor, Waxler, and Ziolkowski.

Absent: Pottieger

Nays: None. Motion carried.

**C. PERSONNEL/
POLICY**

Upon a motion by Mrs. Waxler, second by Mrs. Taylor, the following Personnel/Policy items were approved and ratified.

Mr. Scoboria recognized Christine Ross for her nearly sixteen years of service to the District.

1. POSITION GUIDES

a. Confidential Staff

- 1) **PIMS and Child Accounting Coordinator** (formerly Coordinator of Child Accounting and Central Registration)
Background information: This position guide has been updated to our most current format and to reflect current job duties more accurately.

2. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS

a. Administrative Staff

- 1) **Kate Bobst**, Principal, WHEC, resignation effective June 30, 2020, per the terms of the written agreement.

b. Confidential Staff

- 1) **Christine Ross**, Payroll Coordinator, District Office, retirement effective last working day July 9, 2020.

c. Support Staff

- 1) **Kristin Batastini**, Food Service Worker, WHEC, resignation effective last day worked November 20, 2019.
- 2) **Kelsey Domin**, Instructional Aide - Reading, WHEC, resignation effective last day worked January 23, 2020.
- 3) **Steven Giles**, Food Service Worker, JSBS, resignation effective last paid day February 14, 2020.
- 4) **Suzanne Herbst**, Food Service Worker, WHEC, retirement effective last working day April 30, 2020.

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- 5) **Melvin Ojeda**, Custodian, JSHS, resignation effective last day worked January 29, 2020.
- d. Athletic Staff
 - 1) **Stephen Buynovsky**, Varsity Boys' Volleyball Assistant Coach, JSHS, end of seasonal employment effective last day worked May 14, 2019.
 - 2) **Jordan Kern**, Varsity Girls' Volleyball Assistant Coach, JSHS, end of seasonal employment effective last day worked October 26, 2019.
 - 3) **Bryan Weber**, Boys' Lacrosse Assistant Coach, JSHS, resignation effective last day worked May 2, 2019.
3. REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE LEAVES OF ABSENCE PER ATTACHED.
4. APPOINTMENTS
 - a. Professional Staff
 - 1) **Laura Noey**, 3rd Grade Long-term Substitute Teacher, WHEC, B/Step 1, \$48,210, pro-rated in accordance with an effective date of March 11, 2020 through the last day of the first semester of the 2020-21 contracted school year.
Background information: Ms. Noey received a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies and Early Childhood Studies from Radford University and a Master in the Art of Teaching from Mary Grove College. She was previously employed by Boone County Schools. This position is being filled due to a leave of absence.
 - b. Support Staff
 - 1) **Denise Berndt**, Instructional Aide – Reading, WHEC, 5 ½ hours/day at a wage rate of \$11.55/hour, effective March 2, 2020.
Background information: This position is being filled due to a resignation
 - 2) **Davina Minton**, Part-time Food Service Worker, WHEC, 3 hours/day at a wage rate of \$11.04/hour, ratification effective February 10, 2020.
Background information: This position is being filled due to a resignation.
 - c. Supplemental Staff

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- 1) **Kami Fecho**, Extended School Year (ESY) Coordinator, for the 2020 Extended School Year (ESY) summer program at a stipend of \$3,250.

5. PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEE STATUS

Approved tenure for the following Professional Staff:

- 1) **Devon Benensky**
- 2) **Lauren Fiorentino**
- 3) **Colleen Fontaine**

6. POSITION/HOURS CHANGE

a. Support staff

- 1) **Gail Werner**, Part-time Food Service Worker, JSHS, 4 hours/day to Part-time Food Service Worker, JSHS, 5 hours/day, ratification effective February 4, 2020, no change in wage rate.
Background information: This position's hours are being increased while another currently vacant position is being decreased by an equal amount.

7. TRAINING HOURS

a. Support Staff

- 1) Approved the following paraprofessionals to complete required CPR/First Aid Certification Training on February 26, 2020, and receive compensation at their regular hourly rate of pay up to 3 hours:
 - a) **Kathleen Hipszer**
 - b) **Marie Minnich**
 - c) **Amanda Mohn-Wolfe**
 - d) **Linda Wynne**
- 2) Ratified the following food service worker to complete required Serve Safe Food Handlers Training on February 11, 2020, and receive compensation at her regular hourly rate of pay up to 1 ½ hours:
 - a) **Robin Ambrosiani**

8. SUBSTITUTES

a. Support Staff (Deletions)

- 1) **Steven Giles**, Custodian
- 2) **Davina Minton**, Food Service Worker and Cafeteria Monitor ratification effective last day worked February 5, 2020

b. Support Staff (Additions)

- 1) **Kristin Batastini**, Food Service Worker

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9. APPROVED NEW APPOINTMENTS TO THE 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR SPRING COACHES AND ASSOCIATED STIPEND PER ATTACHED.
10. RATIFIED THE APPOINTMENT TO THE 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR CO-CURRICULAR ADVISORS AND ASSOCIATED STIPEND PER ATTACHED.
11. VOLUNTEERS

Yeas: Harenza, McAvoy, McCaffrey, Phillips, Redner, Taylor, Waxler, and Ziolkowski.

Absent: Pottieger

Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

OLD BUSINESS None.

NEW BUSINESS None.

UPDATES FROM ORGANIZATIONS None.

ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by Mrs. Waxler seconded by Mrs. McAvoy to adjourn at 6:24 p.m.

Board Secretary