

# WYOMISSING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 2020-5814

## Minutes April 27, 2020

The regular meeting with committee reports of the Board of School Directors convened at 6:00 p.m. in a virtual meeting by Zoom with Mr. Redner, Board President, presiding.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Board Members Present  
via Zoom:

Mrs. Harenza, Mrs. McAvoy, Mr. McCaffrey, Mrs. Phillips,  
Mr. Pottieger, Mr. Redner, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Waxler, and Mrs.  
Ziolkowski.

Administrative Staff  
Present via Zoom:

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

Attendees via Zoom:

Shelley Filer, recording secretary. Two members of the public logged in.

### MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Committee of the Whole Meeting – May 11, 2020, 4:45 p.m.
- School Board Business Meeting – May 26, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

All listed meetings will be held virtually until the situation with COVID-19 changes.

### LIAISON REPORTS

- A. Berks County Intermediate Unit Board Report – Mrs. Taylor said a virtual meeting was held April 16. A new representative from the Kutztown Area School District joined the Board. Agreements were ratified for continuation of services. Early intervention and Head Start services are being provided virtually. The next meeting is May 21.
- B. Berks Career & Technology Center Board Report – Mrs. Waxler said a virtual meeting was held April 22. Enrollment is up 113 students from last year, 41 of which are first-year seniors under a new program being offered. BCTC is using flexible instruction and students will have completed 178 of 180 days. The student-built house has been completed and will be on the market soon. Following the retirement of their photography instructor, the course will change to cinematography to add variety to the major. Summer construction STEAM camps have been canceled. Summer internships will be shortened from eight weeks to five weeks and available sites have been reduced. A \$93,000 donation will provide for some stipends for the interns.
- C. Berks EIT Report – Mr. Boyer said the next quarterly meeting is scheduled for July 30, 2020.
- D. Wyomissing Area Education Foundation – Mr. McCaffrey emailed a report to the Board listing the scholarship winners for the year. Dr.

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Amin donated an extra \$8,000 to provide additional scholarships as there were many deserving students to consider. Mr. McCaffrey said a virtual meeting was held April 14. The online auction will launch on May 9, and be active until May 15, as the main fundraising activity. Already 50 items have been received. He asked the Board to share the message on Facebook. The next meeting is June 9.

E. Legislative Report – No report.

F. PTA – Mrs. Phillips said all meetings and events have been canceled. PTA is doing the 1st Day School Supplies boxes for the 2020-21 school year. Purchase information can be found on the District's website on the Community page PTA link.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **ROUTINE APPROVALS**

### MEETING MINUTES

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

- March 23, 2020 School Board Business Meeting

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

Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

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

During discussion Mrs. Waxler asked for clarification on the payment to the bus contractor. Mr. Boyer said the payment was for services up to the closure date of March 13, 2020.

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

Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

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

Nays: 0. Motion carried.

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**SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT**

Mr. Scoboria provided several updates and thanked those involved for their contributions:

- There is no concrete information from Gov. Wolf's office on the reopening of schools. Administration will continue to follow updates.
- Students, staff, and parents continue to move forward in the online instruction format.
- The District continues to provide breakfast and lunch for students on Mondays and Wednesdays at the main entrance of each school from 11:00-12:30. The number of meals provided has been increasing.
- Dr. Woodard, Mrs. Lengle and principals have continued to provide social/emotional support and resources for students.
- The JSHS was recently recognized on the list of best high schools by *US News & World Report*.
- The Wyo Drama Club was recognized for their recent "No One is Alone" virtual performance.
- Several district groups have organized donations to support the front-line workers in the fight against COVID-19.
- Principals are communicating alternative dates and plans to recognize students including graduation and the prom.
- The Athletic Department is developing ways to recognize the student athletes and provide a virtual signing day.
- Students have contributed to the Monday morning announcements on Facebook and created the most recent issue of the e-newsletter.
- WAEF donated 50 iPads and funds from the online auction will be used to purchase a new sound system for the auditorium.

**A. CURRICULUM/  
TECHNOLOGY**

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

1. Approved new book titles for JSHS English Department reading lists:
  - a. Summer Reading
    - 1) Grade 12 Honors – *Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance* by Angela Duckworth
    - 2) Grade 12 Comprehensive – *The Playbook: 52 Rules to Aim, Shoot, and Score in This Game Called Life* by Kwame Alexander
    - 3) Grade 11 - *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson
    - 4) Grade 11 Comprehensive - *For Every One* by Jason Reynolds

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- 5) Grade 8 Accelerated - *1919: The Year That Changed America* by Martin W. Sandler
- b. Regular Curriculum
  - 1) High School Reading – *Yaqui Delgado Wants to Kick Your Ass* by Meg Medina
2. Approved expulsion of secondary student ID#302177 effective April 6, 2020.

Yeas: Harenza, McAvoy, McCaffrey, Phillips, Pottieger, Redner, Taylor, Waxler, and Ziolkowski  
Nays: 0. Motion carried.

**B. FINANCE/  
FACILITIES**

Upon a motion by Mr. McCaffrey, second by Mrs. Ziolkowski, the following Finance/Facilities items were approved.

1. Approved resolution to temporarily extend the deadline of April 15, 2020, for 90 days to July 15, 2020, for both filing the tax return and paying the tax for the Mercantile/Business Privilege Tax Annual 2019 Final/2020 Estimated Return.
2. Approved temporary reduction from required 100% estimate to a requested 50% estimate of Business Privilege Tax for filing date of July 15, 2020.
3. Approved WAEF donation in the amount of \$16,447.50 for additional iPads for elementary students at WHEC
4. Approved the purchase of Cisco Collaboration Flex Plan Webex Calling in the amount of \$157,050 from Weidenhammer.  
*Background information: Payment is made on an annual basis of \$31,410 per year over a five-year term.*
5. Approved the purchase of Meraki Switches from EPlus Technology in the amount of \$115,170.22.  
*Background information: This purchase is through a Category 2 eRate PEPPM Mini-bid. Contract# 528897. Fifty percent of the \$115,170.22 will be reimbursed through eRate funding.*
6. Approved AIA Agreement with Crabtree, Rohrbaugh & Assoc. for Option #4 of the Feasibility Study.  
*Background information: Option #4 includes renovations and/or additions to all three buildings. This agreement authorizes administration to build the scope of the project with district stakeholders.*

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7. Authorized administration to proceed with the paving project deemed vital for safety of facility operations.

*Background information: This project was previously approved and scheduled for completion during the summer. Due to school closure as a result of COVID-19, it is recommended that the project be completed as soon as possible for the safety of operations.*

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

Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### C. PERSONNEL/ POLICY

Upon a motion by Mrs. McAvoy, second by Mr. Pottieger, the following Personnel/Policy items were approved and ratified.

Mr. Scoboria thanked Mrs. Filer for her 14 years of service, supporting several superintendents and many Board members.

#### 1. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS

##### a. Confidential Staff

- 1) **Shelley Filer**, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, District Office, retirement effective June 1, 2020.

#### 2. APPROVED LEAVES OF ABSENCE PER ATTACHED.

#### 3. APPOINTMENTS

##### a. Professional Staff

- 1) **Danielle Faust**, Special Education Long-term Substitute Teacher, JSHS, B/Step 2, \$49,831, pro-rated for an effective term of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of the 2020-21 contracted school year.

*Background information: Ms. Faust received her Bachelor of Science in Education from Mercer University. She was previously employed by WASD and Pottsgrove School District. This position is being filled due to leave of absence.*

- 2) **Crystal Rivero**, Science Teacher, JSHS, M/Step 1, \$55,335, effective the beginning of the 2020-21 contracted school year.

*Background information: Mrs. Rivero received her Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University of Miami and her Master of Science in Education from the University of Bridgeport. She was previously employed by Alachua County Public Schools and Kingsway Regional School*

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*District. This position is being filled due to a retirement.*

- 3) **Meghan Smith**, Math Teacher, JSHS, M/Step 1, \$55,335, effective the beginning of the 2020-21 contracted school year.

*Background information: Mrs. Smith received her Bachelor of Science in Accounting from the University of Delaware and her Master of Arts in Mathematics Education from Loyola University. She was previously employed by Fairfax County Public Schools. This position is being filled due to a retirement.*

### 4. POLICIES

First reading and adoption of the following policies:

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| 335 | Family and Medical Leaves (Attachments only) |
| 626 | Federal Fiscal Compliance                    |

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

Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Redner congratulated and thanked Mrs. Filer for her service, in particular her assistance in acclimating him to his position as Board President.

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

### OLD BUSINESS

None.

### NEW BUSINESS

Upon a motion by Mrs. Waxler, second by Mrs. McAvoy, the Board of School Directors approved the following

1. Appointed Terrie A. Taylor representative to the Berks County Intermediate Unit Board for a three-year term from July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2023.

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

Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Harenza asked for confirmation that someone responded to the email the Board received from a community member. Dr. Woodard responded that she spoke with the individual.

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**UPDATES FROM  
ORGANIZATIONS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mrs. Waxler seconded by Mrs. Phillips to adjourn at 6:29 p.m.

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Board Secretary