

WEST ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

April 18, 2018

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

The West Allegheny Board of School Directors met in regular session on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, in the District Office Board Room located at Wilson Elementary School. The President, Mrs. Debbie Mirich, presided. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call of Directors

Present -	Debbie Mirich – President	Mark Rosen – Vice President
	George Bartha	Edward Faux
	Robert Ostrander	Tracy Pustover

Absent -	Tracy Kosis	Ronald Pasic
	Mike Quinn	

Also Present - Mr. William Andrews, Solicitor
Dr. Jerri Lynn Lippert, Superintendent
Dr. Christopher Shattuck, Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Chris Assetta, Assistant to the Superintendent
Alyssa Athanas, Board Secretary
Also other staff members and parents

Mrs. Mirich announced that the Board met in executive session prior to tonight’s meeting in regards to personnel and legal.

3. Public Comment

No comment.

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1 The board secretary previously distributed copies of the minutes from the March 21, 2018, meeting to the Board. On a motion by Mr. Ostrander, seconded by Mr. Faux, and unanimously carried, it was moved to approve the minutes as distributed.

5. Treasurer’s Report

5.1 The treasurer’s report was read by Mr. George Safin, Business Manager, and accepted by the board indicating a balance on February 28, 2018 of \$30,591,265.32, and a balance on March 31, 2018 of \$27,222,183.87.

6. Communications

Mrs. Mirich read a thank you from the Library for a donation from West Allegheny.

7. Acknowledgements/Distinguished Achievement Award

The recipients of the Distinguished Achievement Awards are:

1. Terisa Sharlow, Laura Jack, Darren Humbert and Mark Hoffman – Music Teachers
2. Erica Cicero, Meredith Gillo, Laura Montecclavo and Katie Zanella – sponsors of Stand Together, a student driven club raising awareness and reducing the stigma surrounding mental health and substance abuse

8. Reports of Superintendent and Administrators

Dr. Lippert reported on the following items:

- Music department honored with the best communities for Music Education Designation, NAMM
- Six 2018 Golden Apple Awards, teachers nominated – Jess Henry, Sharon Lepre, Gabby Monti, Kris Lucas, Dan Marshall and Lisa Monzo
- Kristy Bennett, HS learning support teacher, Be There Educator Award finalist

9. President's Report

Mrs. Mirich reported on the following items:

- Gold Card annual luncheon and musical performance – thank you to Karen Ruhl, the food service group, the custodians and West Allegheny arts
- Battle of the Books
- Gabby Barrett, American Idol contestant, visited Donaldson

10. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business this month.

11. Solicitor's Report

No report this month.

12. Personnel

Mrs. Mirich announced that the Board would abbreviate a portion of the agenda.

The Personnel portion of the Committee report was presented by Mr. Rosen:

On a motion by Mr. Rosen, seconded by Mr. Bartha, and unanimously carried, it was moved to approve items 12.1 through 12.9 on the Personnel agenda.

12.1 Approving the list of professional and support substitutes as presented.

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- 12.2 Approving hiring Hannah Nohe as a special education teacher at Wilson Elementary effective with the start of the 2018-19 school year. Salary - 10th step of Bachelor's scale - \$54,275.
- 12.3 Approving Meredith Rea as a 5th grade teacher at Wilson Elementary effective with the start of the 2018-19 school year pending receipt of certification from PDE. Salary - 1st step of Bachelor's scale - \$48,775.
- 12.4 Approving Rebekah Tomazich as a 5th grade teacher at Wilson Elementary effective with the start of the 2018-19 school year. Salary - 3rd step of Bachelor's scale - \$49,775.
- 12.5 Approving Jessica Keys as an English teacher at the high school effective with the start of the 2018-19 school year. Salary - 1st step of Master's +30 scale - \$52,775.
- 12.6 Approving Michele Meola as a Class IV-B lunch aide at McKee Elementary effective April 23, 2018. Salary - \$16.67/hour.
- 12.7 Approving amending the salary and step for Rachel Ochsenhirt, high school chemistry/biology teacher, previously hired March 21, 2018 (Item 12.8) from Bachelor's Step 5 (\$50,775) to Bachelor's Step 6 (\$51,275) effective with the start of the 2018-19 school year.
- 12.8 Approving a parental leave of absence for Mariann Bertocchi, kindergarten teacher at McKee Elementary, beginning April 19, 2018, through the remainder of the 2017-18 school year.
- 12.9 Approving promoting Anita Krisovenski from Class IV-B server at the Middle School to Class IV-A account handler at Donaldson Elementary effective April 19, 2018. Salary for this position, \$18.99/hour.

13. Property & Supply – Transportation

The Property & Supply - Transportation portion of the Committee report was presented by Mr. Faux:

On a motion by Mr. Faux, seconded by Mr. Ostrander, and unanimously carried, it was moved to approve items 13.1 through 13.3 on the Property & Supply - Transportation agenda.

- 13.1 Approving Harry Jackson as a bus driver for the district. All requirements have been met.
- 13.2 Authorizing advertisement for bids to reconstruct gymnasium parking lot and loop at West Allegheny High School.
- 13.3 Approving Change Order GC-11 to Yarborough Development for the high school project to repair ceramic tile in stairwell 109/213 and paint with “zolutone” style paint for the total amount of \$8,974.00.

14. Finance

The Finance portion of the Committee report was presented by Mr. Bartha:

On a motion by Mr. Bartha, seconded by Mr. Faux, and unanimously carried, it was moved to approve items 14.1 through 14.5 on the Finance agenda.

- 14.1 Approving the payment of bills from the General Fund as per list presented to the Board Members.
- 14.2 Accepting March Activity Reports as presented to the Board Members.
- 14.3 Approving the Construction Fund and Construction Treasurer's Reports as presented to the Board Members.
- 14.4 Approving Cafeteria Reports as presented to the Board Members.
- 14.5 Approving a Food Service Management Contract with Nutrition, Inc. effective 7/1/18 for the 2018-19 school year to operate in accordance with a food service budget including revenues of \$1,231,689.57, expenditures of \$1,250,920.99, and a guaranteed loss of \$19,231.42.

15. Policy & Programs

The Policy & Programs portion of the Committee report was presented by Mrs. Pustover.

On a motion by Mrs. Pustover, seconded by Mr. Faux, and unanimously carried, it was moved to approve item 15.1 on the Policy & Programs agenda.

- 15.1 Approving an additional school resource officer position in partnership with North Fayette Township, at 50% cost sharing, with a district annual contribution of \$46,527, beginning with the 2018-19 school year.

16. Athletics & Activities

No report this month.

17. Federal Programs & Legislation

Dr. Assetta reported on the Every Student Succeeds Act.

18. Library

Mrs. Pustover reported on the following items concerning the Library:

- Currently under construction this spring
- Book Bus – North Fayette Community Center – 6-7:30 pm every Thursday evening until May 31st
- Blood Drive – May 5th, 9-2
- Online survey

Use your library and as always, please visit the Library and their website for more information www.westernallegHENYlibrary.org.

19. Parkway West CTC

Mr. Ostrander reported on the following items concerning Parkway West CTC:

- National Technical Honor Society
 - Inductees – Mariah Bagdon, Will Cenna, Daniel Gibson and Hailie Kaulfers
 - Current members – Lane Hallam, Michael Lynch, Amanda Rubis and Breanne Watters
- Senior Recognition at West Allegheny – June 4th at 7 pm
- 9th Annual Summer Camp – June 27th and 28th – 8 am – 3 pm
- Blood Drive – May 2nd and 3rd – 8 am – 2 pm

20. SHASDA

Mr. Rosen announced that the student conference will be held on April 28th.

21. West Allegheny Athletic Hall of Fame

Mr. Rosen reported that the induction banquet will be held on May 19th at the SNPJ.

22. West Allegheny Foundation

Mrs. Mirich reported that the Steak Fry will be held on May 5th, from 6-10, \$25

23. Student Representatives

No report this month.

24. Safe and Supportive Schools Committee

Mrs. Pustover reported that the next meeting will be held on May 2nd at 5:30 pm.

24. New Business

No new business.

25. Open Forum

No comments.

26. Adjournment

On a motion by Mrs. Pustover, seconded by Mr. Rosen, and unanimously carried, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

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Debra A. Mirich, President

Alyssa Athanas, Secretary