

WEST ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

February 21, 2018

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

The West Allegheny Board of School Directors met in regular session on Wednesday, February 21, 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 7:08 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call of Directors

Present - Debbie Mirich – President
 Edward Faux Robert Ostrander
 Ronald Pasic Mike Quinn
 Tracy Pustover

Absent - George Bartha Mark Rosen
 Tracy Kosis

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

Mrs. Mirich announced that the Board met in executive session on February 14th as well as prior to tonight’s meeting in regards to personnel and potential litigation.

3. Public Comment

No comment.

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1 The board secretary previously distributed copies of the minutes from the January 17, 2018, meeting to the Board. On a motion by Mr. Ostrander, seconded by Mr. Quinn, 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 January 31, 2018 of \$25,712,614.99.

6. Communications

No communications to report this month.

7. Acknowledgements/Distinguished Achievement Award

The recipients of the Distinguished Achievement Awards are:

1. Dan Marshall, High School teacher
2. Chris Lucas, High School teacher
3. Lisa Monzo, High School teacher

8. Reports of Superintendent and Administrators

Dr. Lippert reported on the following items:

- West Allegheny School Board received 2017/18 D. Richard Wynn Distinguished School Board Award
- Skills USA Competition at Parkway
- WAMS – Attendance Tunnel – Friday February 16th
- New texting feature launched to alert parents

9. President's Report

Mrs. Mirich reported on the following items:

- WAMS Bees
 - Geography – Joseph Pustover
 - Spelling – Francis Wichryk
 - History – Michael Crowe
- Teacher's Cup on March 2nd
- Seussville Week – daily activities and at the Robinson Mall on Saturday March 3rd

10. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business this month.

11. Solicitor's Report

No report this month.

12. Personnel

Mrs. Mirich announced that the Board will abbreviate the agenda.

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

On a motion by Mr. Faux, seconded by Mr. Pasic, 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.

12.2 Approving salary adjustments for the following teachers:

Susan Dorman, grade 4 teacher at McKee, from Master's +15 (\$77,675) to Master's +30 (\$78,175) effective October 30, 2017.

Christiana D'Agostino, English as a Second Language teacher at Donaldson Elementary, from Bachelor's (\$49,675) to Master's (\$51,675) effective December 15, 2017.

Jennifer Rodgers, Life Skills teacher at Wilson Elementary, from Bachelors (\$51,175) to Master's (\$53,175) effective January 16, 2018.

12.3 Approving the promotion of Amanda DeFazio from Class III para-educator at Wilson Elementary to Class II-C pupil services clerk at the District Office, effective February 22, 2018. Salary, \$21.10/hour.

12.4 Approving hiring Mary Ann Russo as a Class-III para-educator at Wilson Elementary effective February 22, 2018. Salary - \$19.20/hour

12.5 Approving a family medical leave of absence for Amy Boesenberg, beginning on or about February 23, not to exceed 60 days.

12.6 Approving hiring Taylor Cavalovitch as a grade 4 long term substitute at Donaldson Elementary for the second semester of the 2017-2018 school year.

12.7 Approving hiring Angela Devereaux as a health and physical education long term substitute at the High School for the second semester of the 2017-2018 school year.

12.8 Approving a retirement resignation for Joyce Anderson, Class III para-educator at the High School, effective the end of the 2017-2018 school year.

12.9 Accepting the resignation of Thomas Orr, McKee Elementary Principal, effective June 30, 2018.

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 13.5 on the Property & Supply - Transportation agenda.

13.1 Approving Change Order GC-009 with Yarborough Development to demolish existing masonry walls and rebuild with gypsum board and light gauge studs at 16" o.c refer to sketches SK-1 and SK-2. Provide gypsum board ceiling between door 112 (into Natatorium) and new wall A07 at 2nd floor bleacher area per sketch SK-3 in the total amount of \$5,935.00.

13.2 Approving Change Order HC-003 with Lugaila Mechanical Inc. to provide and install cabinet heater trim kits as required for ceiling mount installation to meet ADA clearances in the total amount of \$1,400.37.

- 13.3 Approving Change Order EC-005 with Merit Electric Group Inc. to install additional data and power wiring, associated conduit and boxes for two additional TV/smartboard locations in the auxiliary gym annex and the south wall of corridor 208 in the total amount of \$931.44.
- 13.4 Awarding contract for gas line repairs at McKee Elementary School to Alex E. Paris Contracting Co. Inc. for the base bid amount of \$128,400.00 and Alternate #1 in the deduct amount of \$38,000.00 for a total contract award of \$90,400.
- 13.5 Approving Thomas & Williamson to provide design, pre-construction, and construction management services for parking lot reconfiguration at the West Allegheny High School per proposal dated January 23, 2018 in the amount of \$22,323.00.

14. Finance

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

On a motion by Mr. Pasic, seconded by Mr. Quinn, and unanimously carried, it was moved to approve items 14.1 through 14.15 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 January 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 the following tax collector compensation for the 2018-19 school year:
Findlay Township - 3,202 lines - \$19,771.71
North Fayette Township - 6,812 lines - \$39,103.26
Oakdale Borough - 773 lines - \$4,951.07
- 14.6 Approving a donation to the local volunteer fire departments in the amount of \$1,600 (\$400 per department) as the district's annual contribution.
- 14.7 Approving a donation of \$500 to the Western Allegheny Community Library for operating expenses.
- 14.8 Approving the Parkway West General Operating and Building Rental (Administrative-Jointure) Budget for 2018-19 as follows:
Parkway West General Operating Budget \$6,428,563
Parkway West Building Rental Budget \$ 703,183

West Allegheny School District's Share of Budget which reflects a \$158,460.82 increase from 2017-18 General Operating Budget
Parkway West General Operating Budget \$ 708,762.86 (\$550,302.04 in 17-18)
Parkway West Building Rental Budget \$ 65,843.54 (\$45,744.67 in 17-18)

- 14.9 The administration recommends that the Board approve the proposed 2018-19 Allegheny Intermediate Unit Program of Services Budget in the amount of \$2,086,109.00. The Allegheny County (AIU3) school districts' total contribution to the budget is \$1,765,288.00. The West Allegheny School District contribution to the Program of Services Budget is estimated to be \$57,860 (a decrease from \$59,671 in 2017-18) and will be determined by PDE according to District Aid Ratio and Weighted Average Daily Membership (WADM).
- 14.10 Approving a monetary donation of \$1,500 to help defray expenses for the annual Pow-Wow celebration to be held in June 2018.
- 14.11 Approving advertising for bids for the following: General Supplies, Arts and Crafts Supplies, Light Bulbs, Janitorial Supplies, Industrial Art Supplies and Lumber, Athletics Supplies and Equipment, Copier Paper, and HVAC Supplies.
- 14.12 Awarding a five-year agreement to DQE Communications for the district's dark fiber services in the amount of \$2,480 per month, prior to E-Rate reimbursement. The new rate represents a reduction of \$320 per month from our previous monthly rate of \$2,800.
- 14.13 Awarding Cat 6 data cabling bid to Telephonix, in the amount of \$210 per pair of network drops in accordance with the attached price lists, at a cost not to exceed \$32,620 prior to E-Rate reimbursement.
- 14.14 Awarding switching and wireless equipment bid to Reabah in accordance with the attached price lists at a cost not to exceed \$146,000 prior to E-Rate reimbursement.
- 14.15 Approving the second amendment to the current Monark Student Transportation contract agreement (6/2010 through 6/2020) as reviewed and approved by the Solicitor.

15. Policy & Programs

No items this month.

16. Athletics & Activities

The Athletics & Activities portion of the Committee report was presented by Mr. Ostrander:

On a motion by Mr. Ostrander, seconded by Mr. Quinn, and unanimously carried, it was moved to approve items 16.1 and 16.2 on the Athletics & Activities agenda.

- 16.1 Approving spring coaches for the 2018 season as presented. All clearance requirements have been met.
- 16.2 Hiring Kim Niedbala as the head football coach for the 2019-20 season contingent upon successful transition and evaluation during the 2018-19 season at a salary of \$11,603.51. He will be paid during the transition year as a first assistant at \$7,467.61

17. Federal Programs & Legislation

No report this month.

18. Library

Mrs. Pustover announced the following items concerning the Library:

- Book Bus – North Fayette Community Center – February 22nd and March 1st – 6 – 7:30 pm
- Check out an Experience – passes to Mattress Factory and Botanical Gardens available to check out
- Spring Vendor and Craft Sale – Saturday April 14th – 9 am – 1 pm
- Survey on website

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:

- Skills USA – 1st place winners in Regional
- Senior Recognition at West Allegheny – June 4th at 7 pm
- Fish Fry dates – 3/2, 3/9, 3/16 and 3/23, 2-6 pm
- Annual Spring Open House – March 6th – 5-7 pm
- Rosedale Tech hosting Women in Trades Day – March 6th – 10 am – 1 pm

20. SHASDA

Dr. Shattuck reported on the upcoming student forum meeting on March 1st. Arielle Moulinie and Amir Littles will be representing West Allegheny.

21. West Allegheny Athletic Hall of Fame

Mr. Quinn reported on the following items:

- Nominations due by Wednesday
- Induction banquet – 5/19, 6 pm at the SNPJ

22. West Allegheny Foundation

Mr. Quinn reported on the following items:

- Teacher's Cup – March 2nd at the High School Gym, \$8 for shirt and admission in advance, \$5 for tickets at the door. Looking for baskets to be raffles off
- Steak Fry – May 5th at the Oakdale Community Center

23. Student Representatives

Mackenzie Danzik and Conner Bartley reported on the following activities:

- Sophomore, Nathan Mavrigh placed third in the FBI Pittsburgh Citizens Academy PSA Competition. The high school received an award of \$1,500.
- Mr. WA – Kolbe Stout won and donated the money raised to Home for Our Troops. Mike Bagnell was named Mr. Congeniality.
- Senior, Katelyn Carnot was selected to represent West A at the PMEA District 1 Chorus Concert.

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- The speech and debate team competed at the Tri-state two-day Bethel Park tournament. Casey Bachowski placed 13th in the quarterfinals for Humorous Interpretation, Rachel Schade placed 13th in the quarterfinals in Prose, and Lucia Bruschi placed 10th for Informative Speaking. Lucia Bruschi also placed 2nd in Informative Speaking and Casey Bachowski placed 5th in Humorous Interpretation at the Mercer competition on January 26th. The team wrapped up the regular season at the West Allegheny tournament. Lucia placed 1st in informative speaking, Casey placed 4th in humorous interpretation, and Hailey Hodges and Riley Tucker placed 6th in Duo Interpretation.
- Members of the Future Educators Club have recognized inspiring teachers each month. In November, Mrs. Lambert was honored for the most giving teacher, Sgt. Major Word was given the award of the Jolliest in the month of December, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. White were honored as the most revolutionary teachers in January. Frau Zanella was the winner for the month of February and given the award of the Most Loving Teacher.
- Pep rally held for winter activities
- Ski trip to Killington, Vermont
- The girls' basketball team won their section title for the first time in school history.
- The boys' basketball team won in the first round of the WPIAL playoffs.
- The gymnastics team placed 5th in the WPIAL Team Championships. At the WPIAL Individual Championships, several of the girls earned top 6 finishes including Jordan Frasier, 3rd in floor and 4th all around, and Mia Palmer, 6th in floor, in the advanced division. In addition, in the intermediate II Silver Division, Kira Powell and Gillian Davis placed 3rd and 4th, respectively, in bars.
- National Letter of Intent day
 - Taylor Goldstrohm - Point Park University - soccer and track
 - Nathaniel Graziani and Courtney Hurey - RMU – soccer
 - Jacob Scheifelbein –West Liberty - soccer
 - Will Weber and Anthony Dellovade - Duquesne University – football
 - Hannah Cook - West Virginia Wesleyan College – swimming
 - Maddie Salek - Oklahoma State University - cross country and indoor/outdoor track.
- National CyberPatriot team, comprised of Amir Littles, Ben Schaupp, Derek Halbedl, Arielle Moulinie, and Trevor King, heading to semifinals after finishing first in the state in the gold division. The students had six hours to find cybersecurity vulnerabilities and then had to solve the issues. Chris Lucas is the coach of the team.
- Senior, Megan Ye was named a 2018 National Merit Scholarship Finalist.
- February's Indian Pride Awardees for Commitment to Learning were Connor Bartley, Katie Borgo, Trevor Clark, Karley Dunhoff, Greg Knebusch, Nate Lapin, Taylor Upperman, Lauryn Wertz, Megan Ye, and Maia Young.
- The newly formed organization at the high school, Stand Together, hosted a student led assembly to raise awareness and reduce the stigma around mental illnesses.

24. Safe and Supportive Schools Committee

Dr. Shattuck and Mrs. Pustover reported on the following items:

- Positive messages were posted on lockers and mailed to those in WAVA
- Next meeting – March 7th

24. New Business

No new business.

25. Open Forum

No comments.

26. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Faux, seconded by Mrs. Pustover, and unanimously carried, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Debra A. Mirich, President

Alyssa Athanas, Secretary