

**WEST ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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

**July 18, 2018**

**1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance**

The West Allegheny Board of School Directors met in regular session on Wednesday, July 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 7:15 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Roll Call of Directors**

Present -	Debbie Mirich – President George Bartha Tracy Kosis Ronald Pasic Mike Quinn	Mark Rosen – Vice President Edward Faux Robert Ostrander Tracy Pustover
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Absent - All members were present.

Also Present - Mr. William Andrews, Solicitor  
Dr. Jerri Lynn Lippert, Superintendent  
Dr. Christopher Shattuck, Assistant Superintendent  
Dr. Shana Nelson, Assistant to the Superintendent  
Tammy Adams, Assistant to the Superintendent  
George Safin, Business Manager  
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 legal and personnel.

**3. Public Comment**

No comment.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

4.1 The board secretary previously distributed copies of the minutes from the June 20, 2018 meeting to the Board. On a motion by Mr. Pasic, seconded by Mrs. Kosis, 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 June 30, 2018 of \$21,247,255.96.

**6. Communications**

Dr. Lippert shared a letter that Dickinson High School wrote to show their appreciation for everything that West Allegheny did to help them after Hurricane Harvey.

**7. Acknowledgements/Distinguished Achievement Award**

Nothing to report.

**8. Reports of Superintendent and Administrators**

Dr. Lippert introduced Dr. Shana Nelson and Mrs. Tammy Adams who are new to Board Meetings.

**9. President's Report**

Mrs. Mirich thanked all of the staff for their work during the summer.

**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 the agenda.

Mrs. Kosis presented the Personnel portion of the Committee report:

On a motion by Mrs. Kosis, seconded by Mr. Bartha, and unanimously carried, it was moved to approve items 12.1 through 12.6 on the Personnel agenda.

12.1 Approving hiring Janet Burke as a long-term substitute 5th grade teacher at Donaldson Elementary for the 2018-19 school year. Salary, first step of the Bachelor's salary scale, \$48,775.

12.2 Approving the promotion of Michele Nolte, from Class II-C 10-month clerk at the high school to a Class II-B 12-month clerk at Wilson Elementary effective August 16, 2018. Salary, \$22.69/hour.

12.3 Approving a family medical leave of absence for Alyssa Roberts, middle school mathematics teacher, beginning the start of the 2018-19 school year, not to exceed 60 days.

12.4 Approving hiring Scott Smith as the Facility Services Supervisor effective July 23, 2018, at a salary of \$65,000 (pending receipt of favorable clearances).

12.5 Approving the Settlement Agreement as presented by the solicitor.

- 12.6 Approving a family medical leave for Samantha Sepesy, Wilson grade 4 teacher, beginning August 15, 2018, not to exceed 60 days.

### **13. Property & Supply – Transportation**

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

On a motion by Mr. Faux, seconded by Mrs. Kosis, and unanimously carried, it was moved to approve items 13.1 through 13.4 on the Property & Supply - Transportation agenda.

- 13.1 Approving Change Order GC-016 with Yarborough Development for the high school addition and renovation project to remove and replace existing damaged plaster ceiling areas at the natatorium and 1st floor stairwells (work was not identified for repair on the construction drawings) at a cost of \$4,988.00.
- 13.2 Approving change order GC-017 with Yarborough Development at the high school addition and renovation project to furnish and install four additional area of rescue signs as required by local building inspector for final occupancy at a cost of \$783.00.
- 13.3 Approving the 2018-19 Bus Schedules as presented.
- 13.4 Approving the McKee sanitary sewer lining project with Insight Pipe Contracting L.P. at a cost of \$33,503.25 and a unit price of \$32.75 per linear foot under the PA Costars program per proposal dated July 3, 2018.

### **14. Finance**

Mr. Pasic presented the Finance portion of the Committee report:

On a motion by Mr. Pasic, seconded by Mrs. Kosis, and unanimously carried, it was moved to approve items 14.1 through 14.6 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 June 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 Authorizing the District to utilize the following purchasing consortiums for the 2018-19 fiscal year:  
PEPPM Technology Purchasing Program  
PA COSTARS Statewide Cooperative Purchasing Program  
Midwestern Intermediate Unit Smart Contract Technology Purchasing Program  
Keystone Purchasing Network (KPN)  
AIU Electricity and Natural Gas Consortium  
US Communities Cooperative Purchasing Program

- 14.6 Approving the Voluntary Student Accident Insurance Policy through the District's agent, Goodwin and Gruber, at a cost of \$70 per student for school time coverage and \$150 per student for 24-hour coverage (no increase over 2017-18). Costs are paid by the parents.

## **15. Policy & Programs**

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

On a motion by Mrs. Pustover, seconded by Mrs. Kosis, and unanimously carried, it was moved to approve item 15.1 through 15.2 on the Policy & Programs agenda.

- 15.1 Approving an addendum to Dr. Tammy Baumann as a grade K-5 mathematics assessment consultant from \$2,275 (approved in May 2018 - Item 15.1) to \$5,425 for an additional three days of support at a cost of \$1,050 per day.
- 15.2 Approving revisions to School Board Policy 6300 - School Attendance Policy as presented. This is the first of two required readings.

## **16. Athletics & Activities**

Mr. Ostrander presented the Athletics & Activities portion of the Committee report.

On a motion by Mr. Ostrander, seconded by Mrs. Kosis, and unanimously carried, it was moved to approve item 16.1 through 16.4 on the Athletics & Activities agenda.

- 16.1 Approving hiring the 2018 fall coaches and volunteers as presented. All clearance requirements have been met.
- 16.2 Approving the marching band and arts supplemental positions for the 2018-19 school year as presented.
- 16.3 Approving a request from Sara Ferko and Jennifer Cook for members of the National Honor Society to attend a leadership conference in Hershey, PA from August 2-3, 2018, at no cost to the district.
- 16.4 Approving hiring Jen Rogers as the head girls' basketball coach for the 2018-19 season. Salary - \$9,277.06

## **17. Federal Programs & Legislation**

Dr. Nelson reported on PSSA tests and Chapter 4.

## **18. Library**

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

- Gold Star Status
- Dine & Donate – Panda Express – July 19, 3-9 PM
- Fall for the Library – September 22

- Current programs
- Hoopla app

Use your library and as always, please visit the Library and their website for more information [www.westernallegHENYlibrary.org](http://www.westernallegHENYlibrary.org).

**19. Parkway West CTC**

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

- Updates to the campus
- Air Force Association partnering with University of Pittsburgh and Robert Morris to host a cyber camp – July 23 – 27
- AYA Instruments donated a complete solar system

**20. SHASDA**

No report this month.

**21. West Allegheny Athletic Hall of Fame**

No report this month.

**22. West Allegheny Foundation**

No report this month.

**23. Student Representatives**

No report this month.

**24. Safe and Supportive Schools Committee**

No report this month.

**24. New Business**

No new business.

**25. Open Forum**

Dr. Lippert addressed the audience regarding the summer reading program.

Mandy McQuaide, North Fayette, presented a signed petition to Dr. Lippert. The following individuals voiced their concerns regarding the summer reading program:

Mandy McQuaide (North Fayette), Janna Marsh (Findlay), Rebecca Kuhn (Findlay), Sherry Nolan (North Fayette), and Teanna Tracy (North Fayette)

Haley Comer-Williams, Findlay, voiced her concern surrounding the wrestling coach/program.

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**26. Adjournment**

On a motion by Mr. Faux, seconded by Mrs. Kosis, and unanimously carried, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

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Debra A. Mirich, President

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Alyssa Athanas, Secretary