

**WEST ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**  
**OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

**June 20, 2018**

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

The West Allegheny Board of School Directors met in regular session on Wednesday, June 20, 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 7:04 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	Ronald Pasic
	Tracy Pustover	

Absent -	Tracy Kosis	Mike Quinn
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Also Present - Mr. William Andrews, Solicitor  
Dr. Jerri Lynn Lippert, Superintendent  
Dr. Christopher Shattuck, Assistant Superintendent  
Dr. Chris Assetta, Assistant to the Superintendent  
George Safin, Business Manager  
Also other staff members and parents

Mrs. Mirich announced that the Board met in executive session on May 29, June 13 and prior to tonight's meeting in regards to personnel and legal matters.

**3. Public Comment**

No comment.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

4.1 The board secretary previously distributed copies of the minutes from the May 16, 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 April 30, 2018 of \$26,150,441.75.

**6. Communications**

Nothing to report.

**7. Acknowledgements/Distinguished Achievement Award**

Nothing to report.

**8. Reports of Superintendent and Administrators**

Dr. Lippert reported on the following items:

- Live stream of graduation
- District mandatory shutdown – Friday, June 22 - Monday, July 9
- Required readings

**9. President's Report**

Mrs. Mirich reported on the varsity softball and baseball teams having outstanding seasons this year.

**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.

Mr. Bartha presented the Personnel portion of the Committee report:

On a motion by Mr. Bartha, seconded by Mr. Pasic, and unanimously carried, it was moved to approve items 12.1 through 12.8 on the Personnel agenda.

- 12.1 Approving the resignation of Jena Turner, Class III para-professional at Wilson Elementary, effective the end of the 2017-18 school year.
- 12.2 Approving the retirement resignation of Barbara Martincic, Class II-A secretary at the Middle School, effective August 6, 2018.
- 12.3 Approving the retirement resignation of Charles Battelle, Class I-C custodian at the High School, effective August 15, 2018.
- 12.4 Approving hiring Kristen Tunno as a long-term substitute kindergarten teacher at McKee Elementary, for Mariann Bertocchi who is on leave, retroactive to January 11, 2018. Salary, first step of the Bachelor's salary scale, \$48,675, prorated.
- 12.5 Approving a salary adjustment for the following teacher:  
Lynn Birnie, High School guidance counselor, from Master's +45 (\$101,275) to Master's +60 (\$101,775) effective May 5, 2018.

- 12.6 Approving Dr. Neha Kumar, Moon Diamond Dental, as the contracted school dentist for the district for the 2018-2019 school year at a cost of \$1.60/student (same as 2017-2018).
- 12.7 Approving Dr. David Quinn for the 2018-2019 school year as the contracted school eye doctor at \$1.60/exam (same as 2017-2018).
- 12.8 Approving Allegheny Medical to provide school physician services for the 2018-2019 school year at a cost of \$6,695 (an increase of 3% over last year).
- 12.9 On a motion by Mr. Bartha, seconded by Mr. Pasic, and unanimously carried, it was moved to approve hiring Cheryl McHone as the High School Assistant Principal effective July 1, 2018 at a salary of \$85,000.

Mrs. Mirich welcomed Mrs. McHone. Mrs. McHone thanked the Board for the opportunity.

On a motion by Mr. Bartha, seconded by Mr. Pasic, and unanimously carried, it was moved to approve items 12.10 through 12.12 on the Personnel agenda.

- 12.10 Approving an MOU detailing revised Class IV-A and Class IV-B job descriptions as presented.
- 12.11 Approving Karen Ruhl as the Communications and Public Relations Coordinator for the district effective July 1, 2018, at a salary of \$51,550.
- 12.12 Approving Renee Taddeo as the Middle School Secretary replacing Barb Martincic who retired effective August 6, 2018. Salary - \$23.53/hr.

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

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

On a motion by Mr. Faux, seconded by Mr. Ostrander, and unanimously carried, it was moved to approve items 13.1 and 13.2 on the Property & Supply - Transportation agenda.

- 13.1 Approving Change Order EC-007 with Merit Electric Group, Inc. to provide 120V power to three (3) access control door power supplies that were not shown on the drawings at a cost of \$725.15.
- 13.2 Approving Changer Order EC-008 with Merit Electric Group, Inc., to provide the following miscellaneous filter room connections necessary to power the new pool equipment on emergency power at a cost not to exceed \$1,841.66:
  - 1. Provide new 3P30A breaker in the existing emergency panel board.
  - 2. Provide new 30A fused disconnect, fuses and associated wiring from disconnect to UV system.
  - 3. Provide power to the existing pool heater make up air unit per request of the School District.

**14. Finance**

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

On a motion by Mr. Pasic, seconded by Mr. Rosen, and unanimously carried, it was moved to approve items 14.1 through 14.10 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 Approving Resolution 2018-2 regarding the 2018-19 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion as presented.
- 14.6 Approving the final 2018-19 general fund budget with revenues of \$63,276,231 and expenditures of \$64,387,251, containing a property tax millage rate of 18.51. This millage rate reflects no increase to our property tax levy (which equates to no millage increase).
- 14.7 Approving the District's liability insurance renewals with Liberty Mutual, through the Peterson Agency, at a cost not to exceed \$104,000.
- 14.8 Approving the District's workers' compensation insurance renewal with Berkshire Hathaway through AON Risk Management at a cost not to exceed \$258,000.
- 14.9 Approving the reclassification of parcel #408-S-1 in Collier Township/Chartiers Valley School District based upon the recommendation of the solicitor.
- 14.10 Approving the AFLAC Section 125 plan as presented.

**15. Policy & Programs**

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

On a motion by Mrs. Pustover, seconded by Mr. Pasic, and unanimously carried, it was moved to approve item 15.1 through 15.5 on the Policy & Programs agenda.

- 15.1 Approving the Arts Education Collaborative consultants to assist the fine arts department in Phase II of curriculum modification for the 2018-2019 school year at a cost not to exceed \$6,719.29. (Companion item #15.2 previously approved in March 2018.)
- 15.2 Approving University of Pittsburgh Institute for Learning (IFL) consultants to assist the K-12 mathematics department in professional learning/assessment development in grades K-12 for the 2018-2019 school year at a cost not to exceed \$42,790.00.

15.3 Approving Marianne O'Connor as a grade 6-8 mathematics consultant for the 2018-2019 school year at a cost not to exceed \$7,500.

15.4 Approving the following textbook adoptions for the 2018-2019 school year:

Ancient World History by History Alive for grade 6 and Medieval World History by History Alive for grade 7 at a cost not to exceed \$47,519.50.

U.S. History Beginnings to 1877 by National Geographic for grade 8 at a cost not to exceed \$23,881.25.

U.S. History 1877 to Present by National Geographic for grade 9 at a cost not to exceed \$24,350.00.

American Government for grade 10 by Magruder Pearson at a cost not to exceed \$16,379.76

AP American Government for grade 10 by Pearson at a cost not to exceed \$14,412.85.

World Cultures for grade 11 by Pearson at a cost not to exceed \$16,984.30.

AP World Cultures for grade 11 by Bedford at a cost not to exceed \$6,824.02.

School To Career by Goodheart Wilcox for Junior Seminar at a cost not to exceed \$4,569.95.

15.5 Approving Coro Pittsburgh for administrative team professional development in the summer of 2018 for a cost not to exceed \$2,000.

## **16. Athletics & Activities**

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

16.1 On a motion by Mr. Ostrander, seconded by Mr. Bartha, and unanimously carried, it was moved to approve a request from Kevin Amos for the Boys Varsity Soccer team to attend camp at Slippery Rock University from August 11-16, 2018, at no cost to the District.

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

Dr. Assetta reported on the Title I reading program.

## **18. Library**

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

- Hoopla app
- Check out an experience
- Summer reading is available

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:

- Senior Recognition at West Allegheny well attended
- 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Camp – June 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> – 8 am – 3 pm
- Air Force Association partnering with University of Pittsburgh to host a cyber camp – July 23 – 27
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**20. SHASDA**

No report this month.

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

No report this month.

**22. West Allegheny Foundation**

Mrs. Mirich reported that two scholarships were given to seniors.

**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**

No comments.

**26. Adjournment**

On a motion by Mr. Pasic, seconded by Mr. Ostrander, and unanimously carried, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

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Debra A. Mirich, President

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George M. Safin, Pro-Tem Secretary