

WEST ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

May 16, 2018

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

The West Allegheny Board of School Directors met in regular session on Wednesday, May 16, 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 7:09 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
	Tracy Kosis	Robert Ostrander
	Tracy Pustover	Mike Quinn

Absent -	George Bartha	Ronald Pasic
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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
Alyssa Athanas, Board Secretary
Also other staff members and parents

Mrs. Mirich announced that the Board met in executive session on May 9 in regards to personnel, as well as prior to tonight’s meeting in regards to litigation, personnel and real estate.

3. Public Comment

No comment.

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1 The board secretary previously distributed copies of the minutes from the April 18, 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 April 30, 2018 of \$26,150,441.75.

6. Communications

Dr. Lippert read a thank you from Rebecca Tomazich.

7. Acknowledgements/Distinguished Achievement Award

The recipients of the Distinguished Achievement Awards are:

1. Sergeant Mike Hayes, School Resource Officer
2. Kateri Meinert, Students Against Destructive Decisions club sponsor
3. Kennan Grabner, Peer to Peer group sponsor
4. Dana McCaskey, Middle School Talent Show and Gold Night organizer

8. Reports of Superintendent and Administrators

Dr. Lippert reported on the following items:

- Gene Kelly Award nominations, May 26
- 8th grade career projects showcase, May 10
- Track & field day for all elementary schools, May 11
- Senior celebration and declaration, May 18
- Schools to Watch Award celebration, May 18
- Sergeant Hayes and Mrs. Grabner discussed the Peer to Peer Empowerment
 - Jody Klebick, Regional Executive Director of the Jefferson Awards
 - WA won the Silver Banner
 - Jules Domenick shared their presentation

9. President's Report

Mrs. Mirich reported on the following items:

- Middle School Show Choir participated in the High Notes Festival
- Donaldson Student Council, sponsored by Tiffany Mangan, traveled to Animal Friends to make a donation, as well as donated to the North Fayette K-9 Fund and Heroes Supporting Heroes.

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 Mrs. Kosis:

On a motion by Mrs. Kosis, seconded by Mr. Quinn, 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 an intermittent family medical leave for Amberleigh Werling, Kindergarten teacher at McKee Elementary beginning April 19, 2018 through the end of the 2017-18 school year and continuing through the beginning of the 2018-19 school year, not to exceed 60 days.
- 12.3 Approving the retirement resignation of Donna McCrory at Class II-B clerk at Donaldson Elementary, effective August 16, 2018.
- 12.4 Approving the retirement resignation of Jean Opfermann, Payroll Specialist, effective August 31, 2018.
- 12.5 Approving summer hours for the following employees
High School nurse – not to exceed 20 hours
Middle School nurse – not to exceed 20 hours
McKee School nurse – not to exceed 20 hours
Wilson School nurse – not to exceed 20 hours
Donaldson School nurse – not to exceed 20 hours
- 12.6 Approving summer hours for the following employees:
High School guidance – not to exceed 400 hours
Middle School guidance – not to exceed 150 hours (plus 100 hours for peer mediation)
- 12.7 Approving summer hours for the following employees:
High School attendance clerk – not to exceed 70 hours
Middle School clerk – not to exceed 70 hours
- 12.8 Approving a salary adjustment for the following teacher:
Tina Seybold, literacy specialist at McKee Elementary, from Master's +30 (\$70,675) to Master's +45 (\$71,175) effective April 9, 2018.
- 12.9 Approving hiring Amanda Spada as a High School English teacher effective with the start of the 2018-19 school year. Salary - 1st step of the Master's salary scale - \$50,775.
- 12.10 On a motion by Mrs. Kosis, seconded by Mr. Quinn, and unanimously carried, it was moved to approve Melissa Wagner as the McKee Elementary Principal effective July 1, 2018, at a salary of \$105,750.

Mrs. Wagner thanked the Board for the opportunity.

On a motion by Mrs. Kosis, seconded by Mr. Quinn, and unanimously carried, it was moved to approve item 12.11 on the Personnel agenda.

- 12.11 Approving George Safin as the School District Treasurer and Purchasing Agent for the 2018-19 school year.
- 12.12 On a motion by Mrs. Kosis, seconded by Mr. Ostrander, and unanimously carried, it was moved to approve Mark Kern as the second school resource officer effective the beginning of the 2018-19 school year. (Companion Item 15.1, April 2018)
Mr. Kern thanked the Board for the opportunity.

On a motion by Mrs. Kosis, seconded by Mr. Quinn, and unanimously carried, it was moved to approve items 12.13 through 12.15 on the Personnel agenda.

- 12.13 Approving an intermittent family medical leave of absence for Barbara Bell, Class IV-A cook at the Middle School beginning May 7, 2018, not to exceed 60 days.
- 12.14 Approving the resignation of Martha Engel, Class 2-C clerk at the High School, effective the end of the 2017-18 school year.
- 12.15 Approving the resignation of Bill Engel, Class 1-C custodian, effective August 1, 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 Mrs. Kosis, and unanimously carried, it was moved to approve items 13.1 through 13.3 on the Property & Supply - Transportation agenda.

- 13.1 Approving the following bus drivers. All requirements have been met.
James Yeshke
Diane Justice
- 13.2 Approve Change Order GC-012 to Yarborough Development to perform an epoxy repair at a crack in the north wall of the pool equipment room for the total amount of \$1,635.00.
- 13.3 Approve Change Order GC-013 to Yarborough Development to build a new metal stud/gypsum wall to divide the two teaching areas in the JROTC classroom to include a new 5'-0" x 7'-0" framed opening and double door for the total amount of \$6,800.00.
- 13.4 Approve Change Order GC-014 to Yarborough Development to infill/ardex level existing concrete and install new VCT flooring in bleacher seating area and aux. gym annex classroom; provide trim at edge of bleacher deck for the total amount of \$4,712.00.
- 13.5 Approve Change Order GC-015 to Yarborough Development to furnish and install a surge tank lid and deck mount fill tube at the pool deck for the total amount of \$2,659.00.
- 13.6 Approve Change Order EC-006 to Merit Electric to provide 120V power in addition to the 24-volt power specified for seven fire/smoke dampers throughout the project for the total amount of \$2,555.03
- 13.7 Approving awarding the site construction contract for the West Allegheny High School Parking Lot Reconfiguration Project to McElroy Paving Company, Inc. in the base bid amount of \$297,000 and the alternate bid amount of \$180,000 for a total contract award of \$477,000.

14. Finance

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

14.5 On a motion by Mr. Rosen, seconded by Mrs. Kosis, and unanimously carried, it was moved to approve the proposed 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). It should be noted that this budget and millage rate is not official until the passage of the final general fund budget on June 20, 2018.

On a motion by Mr. Rosen, seconded by Mrs. Kosis, and unanimously carried, it was moved to approve items 14.1 through 14.4 and 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 April 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.

14.6 Approving awarding bids for the following: General Supplies, Arts and Crafts Supplies, Light Bulbs, Janitorial Supplies, Industrial Arts Supplies and Lumber, Athletics Supplies and Equipment, and Copier Paper.

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 Dr. Tammy Baumann as a grade K-5 mathematics assessment consultant at a cost not to exceed \$2,275 on May 29-30, 2018.

16. Athletics & Activities

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

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

16.1 Approving a 2-year service agreement extension with Focus Human Performance Programs, LLC for the 2018-19 and 2019-20 school years at an annual cost not to exceed \$49,560, which reflects no increase in cost, and is in accordance with the terms of the 2017-18 agreement.

- 16.2 Approving hiring the following swimming coach (all clearance requirements have been met) to replace Bill Layton.
Swimming 3rd Assistant - Jennifer Graham - \$4,150.09

17. Federal Programs & Legislation

Dr. Assetta reported on the end of year meeting held with Title I parents.

18. Library

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

- Summer Learning Kick Off – June 2, 6-8 pm
- Father’s Day mug painting fundraiser
- Hoopla app

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:

- 9th Annual Summer Camp – June 27th and 28th – 8 am – 3 pm
- Senior Recognition at West Allegheny – June 4th at 7 pm

20. SHASDA

No report this month.

21. West Allegheny Athletic Hall of Fame

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

22. West Allegheny Foundation

Mr. Quinn reported on their 1st Annual Steak Fry. In addition, an organizational meeting will be held in June.

23. Student Representatives

Mackenzie Danzik and Conner Bartley reported on the following activities:

- Stand Together group members have been interacting with students during lunch periods and giving away cookies and gum for “Stick it to Stigma” and “Stick Together.” They also went to the Heinz History Center to present how their first year went with raising awareness for mental health.
- The “Drowsy Chaperone” cast was nominated for seven Gene Kelly Awards, which included Best Musical.
- April’s Indian Pride awardees for demonstrating initiative and adaptability were Camryn Tudor, Caya Chiodo, Noah Scheider, and Zachary Davidson.

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- Parkway students were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society. The new members inducted were Mariah Bagdon, Will Cinna, Daniel Gibson, and Hailee Kaulfers. Existing members were Lane Hallam, Michael Lynch, Amanda Rubis, and Brianna Watters.
- The Art Show opens up next Thursday night and closes next Saturday. Not only are Art students showcased, Ms. Shuck is welcoming all musical acts to perform.
- The FCS club ran a “Cupcake War” within each second period class. Loose change was collected among the classes and Mrs. McFate’s winning class raised \$90.76. The high school raised just over \$472, which will all be donated to Beverly’s Birthdays.
- For the month of March, the Future Educators club chose Mr. Barry as the teacher with the most charming teacher award. The club chose Mr. Barry as he maintains a positive attitude and a continuous smile.
- The guidance department at the high school sponsored a March Madness event for attendance. Mr. Hovanec’s first period class had the best attendance out of every first period class in the high school. They were awarded with a pancake breakfast on April 20.
- The Future Educators club nominated Mr. Nicola as the most humorous teacher at the high school. He was nominated for the laughter and charm that he brings to his classroom.
- SADD hosted Cara Filler, a motivational youth speaker for sophomores, juniors, and seniors on April 27. Cara wanted to inspire students to stand up for themselves and their friends by sharing advice on risky behavior.
- The Marching Pride got the opportunity to perform the National Anthem at the Pirate game on April 28.
- The chorus got the chance to travel to Cedar Point to take part in their Music in the Parks festival. They earned second place at the festival and got to sit in on the Women’s Choir rehearsal.
- In sports, the WPIAL playoffs have begun for the baseball and softball team. The baseball team shares the section title with Moon. The softball team won the section for the 4th year in a row. The girls track team won the MAC and the boys continue to compete. Shea Downing, Austin Hendrick, and Seth Rosen made First Team All-Section for baseball and Logan Malatak made second team. The first team all section selections for softball were Taylor Cummings, Mackenzie Partyka, Taylor Goldstrohm, Savannah Lewis, Ashley Seamon and Megan Pollinger. Britney Wilson earned a second team honor. Section coach of the year was awarded to Coach McFate as well. Ashley Seamon was also named a 2018 Scholar Athlete.

Mrs. Mirich wished the Mackenzie and Conner the best in their future endeavors. Conner will be attending Duquesne University and Mackenzie will be attending Kent State University.

24. Safe and Supportive Schools Committee

Mrs. Pustover reported on their last meeting held May 2. The following items were discussed:

- Safety updates
- Drug and alcohol policy review
- Work with Wellness Committee

24. New Business

No new business.

25. Open Forum

No comments.

26. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Ostrander, seconded by Mrs. Kosis, and unanimously carried, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Debra A. Mirich, President

Alyssa Athanas, Secretary