

WEST ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

November 14, 2018

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

The West Allegheny Board of School Directors met in regular session on Wednesday, November 14, 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 7:01 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
	Chip McCarthy	Robert Ostrander
	Tracy Pustover	

Absent -	Tracy Kosis	Ronald Pasic
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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

3. Public Comment

No comment.

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1 The board secretary previously distributed copies of the minutes from the October 17 2018, meeting to the Board. On a motion by Mr. Ostrander, seconded by Mr. Bartha, 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 October 31, 2018 of \$45,936,620.71.

6. Communications

Mrs. Mirich read a thank you card from Mr. Quinn’s family.

7. Acknowledgements/Distinguished Achievement Award

Mrs. Pustover recognized the winners of the Safe and Supportive Schools anti-bullying poster contest.

- Middle School – Casey Yonker
- Donaldson – Delaney Geiges
- Wilson – Irena Santoro
- McKee – Emma Short

The recipients of the Distinguished Achievement Awards are:

1. Katherine McClelland, High School Academic Principal
2. Cheryl McHome, High School Assistant Principal
3. Lisa Wilson, Superintendent Secretary

8. Reports of Superintendent and Administrators

Dr. Lippert provided an update on the elementary school redistricting plan.

Dr. Lippert recognized the following quarterly Framework for Excellence Award winners:

1. Kateri Meinert, Chris Bielecki and Laura Montecalvo
2. Cheryl McHome, Louis Didio, Rick Smith, Amanda Spada, Samantha Petrick, Rachel Ochsenhirt, Suzanne Lambert, Bryan Cornell, Lisa Carter, Kristy Bennett, Lauren Barry, Kim Pijanowski, Matt Kropf, Mike Vattimo, James Hamilton and Jessica Keys
3. Sharon Lepri, Val Meehan, Krista Dapper, Jeff Kiser, Jonathan Denk, Jess Henry, Todd Rasbach, Jacob Minsinger and Renee Treonze
4. Tina Seybold, Kristin Martin, Ruth Bowers

Dr. Lippert recognized Sergeant Mike Hayes who was awarded the Student Resource Officer of the Year award in the state of PA.

9. President's Report

Mrs. Mirich reported on the following items:

- Holiday Performances
- Middle School welcomed Salva Dut, New York Times best-selling author of a Long Walk to Water, where the WAMS PTA presented a check to his foundation that they raised during their walk-a-thon
- 8th graders held video conference with Neil Schusterman, teen author

10. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business this month.

11. Solicitor's Report

Mr. Andrews announced that the Board held executive sessions on November 7 and 14 for personnel, litigation, and student matters.

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. Faux, and unanimously carried, it was moved to approve items 12.1 through 12.6 on the Personnel agenda.

- 12.1 Approving the list of professional and support substitutes as presented.
- 12.2 Approving a salary adjustment for the following teacher:
Kimberly Buser, elementary math coach, from Master's +60 (\$66,975) to Doctorate (\$67,975) effective August 17, 2018.
- 12.3 Approving an intermittent family leave of absence for Amberleigh Werling, kindergarten teacher at McKee Elementary, effective October 4, 2018, not to exceed 45 days.
- 12.4 Approving the promotion of Rose Ourada to Class III paraprofessional at Wilson Elementary effective November 15, 2018. Salary for this position is \$19.63/hour.
- 12.5 Approving the resignation of Bonnie Jean James, Class IV-B lunch aide at Donaldson Elementary, effective October 26, 2018.
- 12.6 Approving the resignation of Jacob Minsinger, English teacher at the Middle School, effective December 22, 2018.

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. Pustover, 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-020 for the high school athletic project with Yarborough Development to repair pool heater piping and installation of new temperature and flow sensors damaged by the pool contractor while completing new 10" drain line in the credit amount of \$3,988.71.
- 13.2 Approving Change Order HC-004 for the high school athletic project with Lugaila Mechanical for repair to pool heater piping and installation of new temperature and flow sensors damaged by the pool contractor while completing new 10" drain line at a total cost of \$3,988.71.
- 13.3 Approving Change Order SC-001 for the high school parking lot and loop reconfiguration with McElroy Paving for replacement of the existing 10" storm pipe that was beginning to fail located between the two existing storm inlets scheduled to remain in the amount of \$2,300.

- 13.4 Approving Change Order SC-002 for the high school parking lot and loop reconfiguration with McElroy Paving to excavate 15' and install conduit from a quazite box in sidewalk area to another existing quazite to power the new site lighting in the amount of \$900.

14. Finance

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

On a motion by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Ostrander, and unanimously carried, it was moved to approve items 14.1 through 14.4 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 Approving the Construction Fund and Construction Treasurer's Reports as presented to the Board Members.
- 14.3 Accepting October Activity Reports as presented to the Board Members.
- 14.4 Approving the purchase of 60 additional band uniforms as presented to the board through DeMoulin Bros. & Co. at a cost not to exceed \$33,547.45.

15. Policy & Programs

No report.

16. Athletics & Activities

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

On a motion by Mr. Ostrander, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, and unanimously carried, it was moved to approve item 16.1 through 16.8 on the Athletics & Activities agenda.

- 16.1 Approving the following coaches for the 2018-19 winter season:

Carl Yanek - 1st Asst. Wrestling Coach - \$6,347.46

Reggie Wells - Girls Basketball Volunteer
- 16.2 Approving Mara Greer as the Musical Director for the 2018-19 school year at a salary of \$4,460.05.
- 16.3 Approving a request from the Marching Band and Chorus to attend an overnight trip to Virginia to perform in the Parade of Nations from April 25-28, 2019. Cost to the District is \$360 for substitutes.
- 16.4 Approving a request from Sergeant Major Word and Major Orient for the Junior ROTC to attend an overnight trip to Richmond, VA from February 13-16, 2019. Cost to the District is \$570 for substitute teacher and nurse.

- 16.5 Approving a request from the Ski Club to attend an overnight trip to Vermont, from Thursday, January 17-21, 2019. Cost to the District not to exceed \$760 for substitute teachers.
- 16.6 Approving a request from the Swimming and Diving Team to attend the Central York High School Swimming Invitational in York, PA from January 11 - 13, 2019 at a cost to the District of \$90 for the team entry fee.
- 16.7 Approving an overnight trip request for the Varsity Wrestling Team to attend the Top Gun Wrestling Tournament in Alliance, Ohio, from January 17-19, 2019. Cost to the District is \$425 for tournament entry fee.
- 16.8 Approving an overnight trip request for the Varsity Wrestling Team to attend the Buckeye Local Wrestling Tournament in Rayland, Ohio, on February 19, 2019. Cost to the District is \$300 for tournament entry fee.

17. Federal Programs & Legislation

Dr. Nelson reported on the Title I parent workshop held on November 13 at McKee. Book Bingo is the next event on March 5 at McKee.

18. Library

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

- Book Sale – November 15 (9-8), 16 (9-2) and 17 (9-1)
- Blood Drive – November 15, 9-2
- Gingerbread House Workshop – November 25 (1:30-3:30) and November 26 (10:30-12), sign up by November 19

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:

- Representatives from Parkway will be visiting the High School to present info on current programs – January 18
- Industry workers will be at Parkway to talk about their careers – December 5

20. SHASDA

Mr. Rosen announced that he and Dr. Shattuck will be attending the next meeting on November 15.

21. West Allegheny Athletic Hall of Fame

Mr. Rosen reported that the sign is up at the High School stadium and the plaques are currently being made.

22. West Allegheny Foundation

No report this month.

23. Student Representatives

Shannon Clontz reported on the following activities:

- **School Events**

- The National Honors Society annual Junior/Senior Powderpuff Game was played on Thursday, November 8. Each year, students are asked to donate non-perishable food items for the West Allegheny Food Pantry, and this year, each team was given an incentive. The grade that donated the most food items would start the game with 3 points. The senior class donated the most, with both classes' donations adding up to an estimated total of 800 food items! The National Honors Society also raised \$2,800 in ticket sales and concessions. This money will go toward their shopping trip to buy toys for less fortunate children in the community. This well-fought game ended with a victory for the senior girls, 31-19.
- The Central Blood Bank hosted a blood drive at West Allegheny Senior High School on Thursday, November 1. This allowed students (ages 16+), teachers, and other members of the community to have an easily accessible area to donate blood for general purposes in hospitals and other medical facilities.
- The announcement of this year's spring musical is being held on Tuesday, November 20 in the high school chorus room! Director/Choreographer Mara Greer and Assistant Director/Co-Choreographer Mike Greer, as well as Mr. Snyder, will make the announcement, and will release information for auditions and a tentative schedule for the season! We are looking forward to another great, successful show like the ones we've produced in the past!
- The annual senior volleyball tournament is coming up next Wednesday during the half day, where each senior English class will compete in the tournament. Following the completion of the half day, many more students will engage in a dodgeball tournament fundraiser, sponsored by the girls' softball team. Students created teams of 10, and will, once again, compete to become champions in the school.
- Students in Career Readiness English and Manufacturing Technology will have the opportunity to visit CCAC Skilled Trades and Services Fair at West Hills Campus on Tuesday, November 20, where they will experience a preview of various trades, careers and programs.

- All freshmen students will visit Penn State Beaver on Thursday, November 29, where they will participate in four activities that allow them to explore career and post-secondary options. These stations include a career exploration activity and college preview, team-building activities with the admission staff, a campus tour of student facilities, and lunch at the campus dining hall with PSU staff.
- A group of seniors will have the opportunity to attend and observe an open-heart surgery.
- **Sports**
 - We are heading to Hershey! On Tuesday, November 13 at Fox Chapel High School, our boys' soccer team defeated Franklin Regional 2-1 in the state semi-final competition. The last time these two teams met, Franklin Regional delivered a loss to West A in the WPIAL finals. As a result of the victory, our boys are headed to Hershey on Friday to compete in the state finals against Strath Haven, the District 1 champion.
 - Also, this Friday, November 16th, our football team will travel to West Mifflin High School to play in the WPIAL semi-final game against Gateway, who are currently ranked #1 in the state. This will surely be a very competitive and emotional game, as it comes down to Coach Palko's final moments as a coach for West Allegheny.

Dr. Lippert invited the Board members to the High School for a breakfast on Monday, November 19. They will be awarding monetary awards to students for the AP program.

24. Safety and Wellness Committee

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

- Next meeting being held on December 4
- November 29, 6-8 pm, meet and greet with the student services department

24. New Business

No new business.

25. Open Forum

Dave Volmer, Findlay, shared positive feedback on the Middle School Earthkeepers trip, High School open house and High School swimming pool facility.

Troy Lucas, Oakdale, started to voice his opinion regarding the baseball coach position. Mr. Andrews interrupted. This needs to be discussed in executive session.

Kurt Frasier, parent – non-resident, discussed the Gymnastics program.

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26. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Faux, seconded by Mr. Rosen, and unanimously carried, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Debra A. Mirich, President

Alyssa Athanas, Secretary