

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

September 19, 2018

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

The West Allegheny Board of School Directors met in regular session on Wednesday, September 19, 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 7:07 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	Chip McCarthy
	Robert Ostrander	Tracy Pustover

Absent - Ronald Pasic

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 personnel and student matters.

Mrs. Mirich introduced the new student representatives, Shannon Clontz and Tanner Prevade.

3. Public Comment

No comment.

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1 The board secretary previously distributed copies of the minutes from the August 15, 2018 meeting to the Board. On a motion by Mr. Ostrander, 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 August 31, 2018 of \$39,746,997.78.

6. Communications

Dr. Lippert shared a thank you card from Dr. Chris Assetta.

7. Acknowledgements/Distinguished Achievement Award

The recipients of the Distinguished Achievement Awards are:

1. Liz Marshall – Wilson Secretary
2. Ron Neurohr, Leah Shuck, Mike Short – High School Teachers
3. Linda Reilly – Monark bus driver

8. Reports of Superintendent and Administrators

Dr. Lippert reported on the following items:

- #WA CARES – Theme for the year
- CCAC partnership

9. President's Report

Mrs. Mirich reported on the following items:

Upcoming Open Houses:

- High School – September 18
- Wilson – September 24 & 25
- McKee – September 26
- Donaldson – September 27
- Middle School – October 4

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 12.15 on the Personnel agenda.

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- 12.1 Approving the list of professional and support substitutes as presented.
- 12.2 Approving the resignation of Kristie Gizienski, Wilson Elementary literacy coach, effective October 12, 2018.
- 12.3 Approving a salary adjustment for the following teacher:
Kristina Tissue, Donaldson Special Education teacher, from Master's (\$52,775) to Master's +15 (\$53,775) effective August 15, 2018.
- 12.4 Approving a parental leave of absence, following her maternity disability leave, for Lauren Petraglia, math teacher at the Middle School, effective on or about November 15, 2018 through the remainder of the 2018-19 school year.
- 12.5 Approving an intermittent family medical leave of absence for Beth Koraido, grade 2 teacher at Donaldson Elementary, effective August 15, 2018, not to exceed 60 days.
- 12.6 Approving an intermittent family medical leave of absence for Bart Ingram, Class I-C custodian at the High School, effective August 15, 2018, not to exceed 60 days.
- 12.7 Approving an intermittent family medical leave of absence for Kathy Wilkinson, Class III paraprofessional at the Middle School, effective August 15, 2018, not to exceed 60 days.
- 12.8 Approving an unpaid leave of absence for Ashley Tomaceski, .5 music teacher at McKee Elementary, effective September 17, 2018, through the end of the first semester of the 2018-19 school year.
- 12.9 Approving hiring Kristen Tunno-Orndoff as a grade 1 long-term substitute teacher at Wilson Elementary, additional teacher, effective September 4, 2018 for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year. Salary, first step of the Bachelor's salary scale, \$48,775, prorated.
- 12.10 Approving hiring Kelly Mancuso as a long-term substitute math teacher at the middle school for Lauren Petraglia, effective September 20, 2018, for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year. Salary, first step of the Bachelor's salary scale, \$48,775, prorated.
- 12.11 Approving hiring Kelly Cosnek as Class IV-B lunch aide at Wilson Elementary, effective September 4, 2018. Salary for this position is \$17.04/hour.
- 12.12 Approving hiring Amy Oberg as Class IV-B lunch aide at Donaldson Elementary, effective September 4, 2018. Salary for this position is \$17.04/hour.
- 12.13 Approving hiring SueAnn Dale as Class IV-B lunch aide at McKee Elementary, effective August 29, 2018. Salary for this position is \$17.04/hour.
- 12.14 Approving hiring Bonnie Jo Morrison as Class V bus aide, effective August 27, 2018. Salary for this position is \$17.04/hour.
- 12.15 Approving hiring Shelley Mann as Class V bus aide, effective September 4, 2018. Salary for this position is \$17.04/hour.

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 item 13.1 on the Property & Supply - Transportation agenda.

- 13.1 Approving Change Order EC-009 with Merit Electric to provide and install 4 illuminated “Area of Rescue” signs as required per direction of the building inspector at a cost of \$2,255.28.

14. Finance

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

On a motion by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mrs. Kosis, and unanimously carried, it was moved to approve items 14.1 through 14.5 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 August Activity Reports as presented to the Board Members.
- 14.4 Approving a real estate tax assessment appeal with Summit Park LLC for commercial property in North Fayette Township as recommended by the solicitor.
- 14.5 Approving a real estate tax assessment appeal with Homewood House Associates for commercial property in Findlay Township as recommended by the solicitor.

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 on the Policy & Programs agenda.

- 15.1 Approving Reading Horizons as a Tier III reading intervention program at a cost not to exceed \$25,000.

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 16.3 on the Athletics & Activities agenda.

- 16.1 Approving Aaron McKinney as the head varsity wrestling coach for the 2018-19 winter season at a salary of \$8,788.80. All clearance requirements have been met.

16.2 Approving the resignation of Madison Davis, 3rd assistant cheerleading coach, effective August 27, 2018.

16.3 Approving Nick Kolarac as a boys soccer volunteer for the 2018 fall season. All clearance requirements have been met.

17. Federal Programs & Legislation

Dr. Nelson reported on Wind Time. In addition, she will be meeting with the Literacy Specialists and Principals.

18. Library

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

- Truck Touch – September 29 – 11 – 2 pm Clinton Park
- Boy Scout Troop 830 will have a Flag Retirement Drop Box
- Fall for Your Library – Celebrations – September 22 – 6-10 pm
- Love Your Library Month

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:

- Blood Drive – 9/19 & 9/20, 8-2
- School Way – new app
- Skills USA – Christine Walter from Moon Area won Nationals two years in a row

20. SHASDA

First Meeting is Thursday, September 27.

21. West Allegheny Athletic Hall of Fame

Mr. Rosen reported that the 2018 inductees would be honored at the first home football game in October. In addition, signs are being made to recognize all inductees.

22. West Allegheny Foundation

Mrs. Mirich wanted to remind all teachers that they could donate money directly from their paychecks to the Foundation.

23. Student Representatives

Shannon Clontz and Tanner Prevade reported on the following activities:

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- This year's Fall Play is starting up, with rehearsals under way for Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. Senior Casey Bachowski will play the lead role of Alice, with supporting roles played by students ranging from grades 9-12. The dates for the play are October 20th, 21st, and 27th.
- This year's Career and College Fair took place on Thursday, September 13. Colleges from all around Pennsylvania as well as from surrounding states attended this event. In addition, representatives from trade unions, career pathways, and branches of the military were present. This event organized by our guidance department provided juniors and seniors with the opportunity to meet with representatives in order to broaden horizons during the search process as well as improve their application, whether that be through their transcript, essay, or even just allowing the representatives to put a face to a name.
- Along with the Career and College Fair, school clubs and classes had their chance to engage students in numerous activities through the activity fair on Tuesday, September 18. Clubs ranging from the Future Medical Professionals Club, to Future Business Leaders of America, to the Family & Consumer Science Club, and many more increased interests in prospective students through presentations at their table or booth. In the evening parents and community members were invited to the Academic and Activities Fair, commonly named Open House, and were able to see the various clubs available, hear from their child's teachers, and interact with various representatives from each department, Parkway West, the community library and the CCBC Aviation Academy.
- School counselors also recently visited senior English classrooms to review the next steps in the career or college planning process, transcript requests and requesting letters of recommendation in Naviance, resume writing, and sending SAT/ACT scores to respective institutions.
- The start of the school year also means that sports teams are back. Tennis has recently competed in their Mac tournaments; Senior Madison Cunningham led the team to the semi-finals where they came up just short of a spot in the final match. Golf competes in the sectional championships on Tuesday September 18, following that on Wednesday the 19th Golf then competes in the Mac championship, after that they are back in action on Thursday. Golfs record: 5-2. Girls' volleyball has a record of 3-1, and cross country's season has only just begun. Boys and girls soccer have also had a very successful year so far: boys are undefeated and ranked #1 in the section, and the girls soccer team has a record of 3-1.
- This Friday Football is featured in the game of the week, which will air live on TV on 22 the point, as they take on Upper St Clair. Football had a tough loss last week to Peters Township but hope to rebound in the right direction.
- Senior Juliana Dominick initiated a new recycling program in the district. A genuinely environmentally conscientious person, she realized that her peers are just unsure as to how they can make an impact in the community. She was inspired by these classmates and decided that she wanted to educate on a large scale and see these changes occurring within the district. She hopes to help others truly understand how they can make an impact on the environment by separating what can be recycled and what cannot. In each classroom, there are flyers dedicated to explaining what can be done to conserve the environment as well as a physical explanation that paper and plastic must go into recycling bins, while still being mindful and aware of certain exceptions.

24. Safety and Wellness Committee

Mrs. Pustover announced that there would be four meetings throughout the year. The first meeting will be held on October 3, 5:30 – 7 pm.

24. New Business

No new business.

25. Open Forum

Nothing to report.

26. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mrs. Kosis, and unanimously carried, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Debra A. Mirich, President

Alyssa Athanas, Secretary