



**6. Communications**

Karen Ruhl, Director of Communications, reported on a parent, Sergeant Lee, who came home early from a six-month deployment and surprised his children at school. Lily is in the Middle School and Caleb is at the High School. KDKA covered the story.

**7. Acknowledgements/Distinguished Achievement Award**

**8. Reports of Superintendent and Administrators**

Dr. Lippert recognized that January is School Board Appreciation Month. She presented the following board members with a Distinguished Achievement Award:

1. Debbie Mirich – service years 2003 – present
2. Mark Rosen – service years 2014 – present
3. Ronald Pasic – service years 2007 – present
4. Tracy Pustover – service years 2013 – present
5. Tracy Kosis – service years 2005 – present
6. Robert Ostrander – service years 2006 – present
7. George Bartha – service years 2013 – present
8. Edward Faux – service years 1999 – present
9. Mike Quinn – service years 2017 – present

Dr. Lippert, Dr. Shattuck, Dr. Assetta, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Ruhl, Mr. McKiernan, Dr. Hernandez, Ms. Huchko, Mrs. Gray, Ms. McClelland, Mrs. Nolan, Mr. Orr and Mr. Vattimo all thanked the board for their time, support and dedication.

Mrs. Mirich and Mr. Ostrander thanked everyone for their kind words.

**9. President's Report**

Mrs. Mirich reported on the following items:

- Kindergarten registration for 2018-2019 started
- Events coming up
  - 1/18 – McKee Talent Show at 6 pm
  - 1/25 – Middle School Talent Show at 7 pm
  - 2/1 – Donaldson Talent Show at 6 pm
  - 2/5 – Mr. WA at 7 pm
  - 2/7 – High School Variety Show

**10. Unfinished Business**

No unfinished business this month.

**11. Solicitor's Report**

Mr. Andrews thanked the Board for their service.

**12. Personnel**

Mrs. Mirich announced that the Board will abbreviate the agenda.

The Personnel portion of the Committee report was presented by Mr. Bartha:

On a motion by Mrs. Kosis, seconded by Mr. Bartha, and unanimously carried, it was moved to approve items 12.1 through 12.14 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 teachers:

Jacob Minsinger, English Language Arts teacher at the Middle School, from Master's (\$52,175) to Doctorate/National Board Certified (\$55,175) effective December 16, 2017.

Stephanie White, English Language Arts teacher at the High School, from Master's (\$52,175) to Doctorate/National Board Certified (\$55,175) effective December 16, 2017.

Deborah Stockhausen, 4th grade teacher at McKee Elementary, from Master's +15 (\$63,375) to Master's +30 (\$63,875) effective November 10, 2017.

Chrisanne Canovali, 1st grade teacher at McKee Elementary, from Master's +45 (\$101,275) to Master's +60 (\$101,775) effective November 24, 2017.

Steve Nicola, physics teacher at the High School, from Master's +45 (\$56,675) to Master's +60 (\$57,175) effective November 24, 2017.

12.3 Approving a family medical leave of absence for Mariann Bertocchi, Kindergarten teacher at McKee, beginning January 12, 2018, not to exceed 60 days.

12.4 Approving a family medical leave of absence for Melissa Bunyak, special education teacher at the Middle School, retroactive to November 30, 2017, not to exceed 60 days.

12.5 Approving a family medical leave of absence for Gwen Fuccy, 5th grade teacher at McKee Elementary, beginning December 18, 2017, not to exceed 60 days.

12.6 Approving continuing a parental leave of absence for Brittney Counihan, art teacher at Wilson Elementary, for the second semester of the 2017-2018 school year.

12.7 Approving hiring Lauren Kirkpatrick as a long term substitute art teacher at Wilson Elementary for Brittney Counihan, for the second semester of the 2017-2018 school year.

12.8 Approving the resignation of Elise Sunseri, 5th grade teacher at Donaldson Elementary, effective January 11, 2018.

12.9 Approving hiring Janet Burke as a long term substitute 5th grade teacher at Donaldson Elementary, effective (to be determined) for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year.

12.10 Approving a retirement resignation for Linda Nolfi, 3rd grade teacher at Wilson Elementary, effective the end of the 2017-2018 school year.

- 12.11 Approving a retirement resignation under the Retirement Incentive for Eric Shephard, High School Social Studies teacher, effective the end of the 2017-2018 school year.
- 12.12 Approving a retirement resignation under the Retirement Incentive for Christine Assetta, Assistant to the Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, effective August 31, 2018.
- 12.13 Approving a retirement resignation under the Retirement Incentive for Carol Bookmiller, High School librarian, effective the end of the 2017-2018 school year.
- 12.14 Hiring Chelsie Reed as a Class IV-B Lunch Aide at McKee Elementary effective January 22, 2017. Salary - \$16.67/hour.

### **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 item 13.1 on the Property & Supply - Transportation agenda.

- 13.1 Authorizing the Property and Supply Committee to approve the lowest bid complying with the bid specs for the McKee gas line repair, subsequently ratified by the Board of Directors at the February legislative meeting.

### **14. Finance**

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

On a motion by Mr. Pasic, 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 Accepting December 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 2018-1, that guarantees that the board will not exceed its PDE established Act 1 index of 2.9% (.53 mills) when adopting its millage rate for the 2018-2019 General Fund Budget.

### **15. Policy & Programs**

The Policy & Programs portion of the Committee report was presented by Mrs. Pustover:

On a motion by Mrs. Pustover, seconded by Mrs. Kosis, and unanimously carried, it was moved to approve items 15.1 through 15.3 on the Policy & Programs agenda.

- 15.1 Approving the Memorandum of Agreement with Community College of Allegheny County with West Allegheny High School for dual enrollment and an early college academy as presented.
- 15.2 Approving the student adjudication for Student A.
- 15.3 Approving the student adjudication for Student B.

**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 through 16.6 on the Athletics & Activities agenda.

- 16.1 Approving the following Musical Volunteers for the 2017-18 season. All clearance requirements have been met.  
Laura Valenti
- 16.2 Approving hiring the following volleyball coaches for the 2018 season (all clearance requirements have been met):  
3rd Asst (MS Head) - Yoko Nagao - \$4,368.52  
4th Asst (MS Asst.) - Karen Horwatt - \$3,971.38
- 16.3 Approving Terri Gazda as a volunteer coach for gymnastics for the 2017-18 season. All clearance requirements have been met.
- 16.4 Approving a 5-year Sports Medicine Contract with UPMC from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2023. Rates are listed below:  
  
2018-2019 Academic Year - \$32,000.00  
2019-2020 Academic Year - \$33,600.00  
2020-2021 Academic Year - \$35,280.00  
2021-2022 Academic Year - \$37,044.00  
2122-2023 Academic Year - \$38,896.00
- 16.5 Approving Nate Hall as the Asst. Jr. High Wrestling Coach at a prorated salary of \$1,669.29. All clearance requirements have been met.
- 16.6 Approving Josh Bears as the head golf coach for the 2018 season at a salary of \$5,673.40.

**17. Federal Programs & Legislation**

Dr. Assetta reported on the “Every Student Succeeds Act” officially being passed.

**18. Library**

Mrs. Pustover announced the following items concerning the Library:

- Homelessness Art Installation
- Tax Preparation Program
- National Aviary – January 28<sup>th</sup>
- Open Tech Hours – every other Saturday
- Star Gazing – February 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in backyard

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:

- \$5000 grant awarded from Lowe's Grant Foundation for campus beautification
- January 12<sup>th</sup> – Career Exploration Day – approximately 700 students participated
- \$30,000 donation awarded from Duquesne Light which they will use for a Smart Tiny House
- Fish Fry dates – 2/16, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16 and 3/23

**20. SHASDA**

No report this month.

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

Mr. Quinn reported on the following items:

- New nominating committee
- Induction banquet – 5/19 at the SNPJ
- Link on the West Allegheny website

**22. West Allegheny Foundation**

Mr. Quinn reported on the following items:

- Teacher's Cup – March 2<sup>nd</sup> at the High School Gym, \$8 for shirt and admission in advance, \$5 for tickets at the door. Looking for baskets to be raffles off
- Steak Fry – May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Oakdale Community Center

**23. Student Representatives**

Mackenzie Danzik and Conner Bartley reported on the following activities:

- PHSSL Drama Group placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the state overall - : Sydney Campbell, Lucia Bruschi, Casey Bachowski, Rachel Schade, Abhilasha Raghuwanshi, Victoria Sadauskas, Rain Greene, Meghan Hardiman, Rachel Zelesnik, Madison Story, Makayla Milkovich, Katie Carnot, Coline Torres, Nicholas Staub, Logan Wischmann, Roman Swasey and Cerina Wichryk. Lucia Bruschi placed in the All-State cast.
- Speech & Debate Team competed at Mars High School with middle school students Jena Curran placing third in Prose and Luke Hardiman placing sixth in Impromptu.

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- West Allegheny foundation donated gift baskets and gift cards for the high school attendance raffle held in December
- Challenge Program, Inc. recognized the following students from the 2016/2017 school year: Liam Sturgeon (Community Service), William Robertson (Academic Excellence), Tim Tan (STEM), Shannon Clontz (STEM), Amy Nolte (Attendance), Felix Perez (Academic Improvement), Nathaniel Lopez (Attendance), Harlee Turney (STEM), Dominic Patitucci (Community Service), Lauren Beck (Academic Improvement), Julianna Dominick (Academic Excellence), Kaitlyn Sibbet (STEM)
- Samantha Cox; principal, Kevin McKiernan; Aubrey Hanna; Jeremiah Brosovic; County Executive, Rich Fitzgerald; Anna Parker; teacher, Amy Schweinsberg and Rachel Jak attended the Windstax windmill installation and ribbon cutting ceremony
- Jazz Band performed for the high school
- Check out the Opioid Awareness and Prevention video created by WA sophomore Nathan Mavrigh as part of the FBI HOPE initiative and contest intended to raise awareness around opioid addiction. Please consider voting for his video by liking or sharing it on Youtube.
- Activity Period being launched at the high school.
- Winter sports
- National Youth Cyber Defense Competition – Ariel Moulinie, Derek Halbedl, Ben Schaupp, Amir Littles, Trevor King
- Mr. WA – Michael Bagnell, Stephen Abbott, Greg Stanley, Greg Shriner, Tim Tan and Ike Bauer

**24. Safe and Supportive Schools Committee**

Nothing to report. The next meeting is February 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.

**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 7:54 p.m.

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Debra A. Mirich, President

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Alyssa Athanas, Secretary