

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

December 14, 2022

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

The West Allegheny Board of School Directors met in regular session on Wednesday, December 14, 2022, in the District Office Board Room located at Wilson Elementary School. The Vice President, Mrs. Tracy Pustover, presided. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call of Directors

Present -	Tracy Pustover – Vice President	
	George Bartha	Joel Colinear
	Kevin Hancock	Todd Kosenina
	Tracy Kosis	Mark Rosen

Absent -	Robert Ostrander
	Debbie Mirich

Also Present -	Mr. William Andrews, Solicitor
	Dr. Jerri Lynn Lippert, Superintendent
	Dr. Chris Shattuck, Assistant Superintendent
	Dr. Shana Nelson, Assistant to the Superintendent
	Mrs. Tammy Adams, Assistant to the Superintendent
	Mr. George Safin, Business Manager
	Mrs. Alyssa Athanas, Board Secretary

Mrs. Pustover announced that the Board met in executive session on December 7 and prior to tonight's meeting regarding personnel.

3. Public Comment

No public comments.

4. Approval of Minutes

- 4.1 The board secretary previously distributed copies of the minutes from the November 16, 2022, meeting to the Board. On a motion by Mr. Rosen, seconded by Mrs. Kosis, and unanimously carried, it was moved to approve the minutes as distributed.

5. Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report from last month was read by Mr. George Safin, Business Manager, and accepted by the board indicating a balance on November 30, 2022 of \$59,098,962.72.

6. Communications

No communications this month.

7. Acknowledgements/Distinguished Achievement Award

Dr. Lippert recognized the recipient of the Distinguished Achievement Award this month. It was Kasen Hartman, a 9-year-old who saved a boy on the bus ride home.

8. Reports of Superintendent and Administrators

Dr. Lippert discussed the following activities:

- Holiday concerts
- Holiday break
- Elf on the Shelf

9. President's Report

Mrs. Pustover apologized on behalf of Mr. Ostrander and Mrs. Mirich for not being present. She wished everyone a joyous holiday.

10. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business this month.

11. Solicitor's Report

Mr. Andrews reported that the WA High School Show Choir was on during the Steeler's game. He also wished everyone a happy holiday.

12. Personnel

Mrs. Kosis presented the Personnel portion of the Committee report:

On a motion by Mrs. Kosis, seconded by Mr. Hancock, 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 family medical leave of absence for Christa Lancaster, Wilson grade 5 teacher, effective January 3, 2023, not to exceed 60 days.

12.3 Approving continuing a parental leave of absence for Stephanie White, high school English teacher, through the end of the 2022-23 school year.

12.4 Approving hiring Daniel Gorman as a Class I-C custodian, effective date to be determined. Salary, \$24.42/hour.

- 12.5 Approving an Early Retirement Incentive for WAEA members as presented effective June 2023 or June 2024.
- 12.6 Approving hiring Michael Holzer as a Class I-C custodian, effective date to be determined. Salary, \$24.42/hour.

13. Property & Supply

The Property & Supply portion of the Committee report was presented by Mr. Rosen:

On a motion by Mr. Rosen, seconded by Mrs. Kosis, and unanimously carried, it was moved to approve item 13.1 on the Property & Supply agenda.

- 13.1 Approving the following bus drivers for the district. All requirements have been met.

Chelsie Borchert
Daniel Page
Pamela Connor

14. Finance

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

On a motion by Mr. Bartha, seconded by Mrs. Kosis, and unanimously carried, it was moved to approve items 14.1 through 14.8 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 December Activity Reports as presented to the Board Members.
- 14.4 Approving Cafeteria Reports as presented to the Board Members.
- 14.5 Approving increasing the hourly solicitor rate with Andrews and Price to \$130/hour effective January 1, 2023 (this is an increase of \$10/hour) and the monthly retainer to \$600 (this is an increase of \$50/month).
- 14.6 Approving a real estate tax assessment appeal with ESA PA Properties, LLC (Extended Stay America) for commercial property in North Fayette Township as presented and recommended by the solicitor.
- 14.7 Approving a real estate tax assessment appeal with Queen Realty Investment, LLC for commercial property in Findlay Township as presented and recommended by the solicitor.

- 14.8 Approving authorizing the finance team to consider the issuance of its General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2023 (the “2023 Bonds”) for the purpose of financing district capital improvements and does hereby (i) authorize the School District's Administration to work with PNC Capital Markets LLC, as Investment Banker, and Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, as Bond Counsel, with respect to the proposed issuance of the 2023 Bonds and (ii) authorize Dinsmore & Shohl LLP to take such actions as may be required to prepare the proceeding for the approving of the 2023 Bonds as required by the Local Government Unit Debt Act (including, specifically, the publishing of required notices).

15. Policy & Programs

No report.

16. Athletics & Activities

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

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

- 16.1 Approving Ben Brosche as a musical/arts volunteer for 2022-23 school year. All clearance requirements have been met.

17. Federal Programs & Legislation

No report this month.

18. Student Representatives

Alex Booth and Connor Frank reported on the following activities:

- Academics
 - Keystone Winter Wave Testing is wrapping up this week
- Activities
 - NHS members have been wrapping gifts and being assistants in teacher's classrooms. We've been able to wrap gifts for the angel tree and to help teachers with their personal wrapping for the holiday season.
- Athletics
 - Hockey won on Monday!
 - Basketball season for boys and girls has started.
 - The boys won against Wheeling Park! They blew them away with a 7-0 victory!
 - Rugby winter practices started on Monday
 - Softball's Breakfast with Santa was a hit! The athletes were able to use the money to buy gifts for students in need
- Culture
 - Senior Polar Express Day is next Friday, December 23

- Arts
 - Music call backs were today
 - The Art Club made holiday coloring books and are selling them for \$5 while also spotting student art work
 - WAHS Band Concert is next Tuesday, December 20
 - The band also had their cookie drive on Sunday
 - WAHS Chorus Concert is next Thursday, December 22
 - WAHS will be hosting WACA Honors Band on January 23 and 24 with an evening concert on January 24

19. Library

Mrs. Pustover reported on the following activities:

- \$18k matching funds during Love Your Library month.
- Library cards were distributed to new students
- Spanish story time
- Sensory story time
- Elementary paper party
- Teen paint night
- Domestic violence awareness night
- Internet safety night

Please visit the Library and their website for more information
www.westernallegHENYlibrary.org.

20. Parkway West CTC

No report.

21. SHASDA

No report.

22. West Allegheny Athletic Hall of Fame

No report.

23. West Allegheny Foundation

No report.

24. Wellness and Safe Schools Committee

Dr. Shattuck reported that the next meeting will be held on January 10.

25. New Business

No report.

26. Open Forum

Jamie Sanabria, North Fayette, asked about the meeting minutes and the Reorganization meeting agenda. She also asked if meetings could be recorded and posted afterwards. Mrs. Pustover responded.

27. Adjournment

On a motion by Mrs. Kosis, seconded by Mr. Rosen, and unanimously carried, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Tracy Pustover, Board Vice President

Alyssa Athanas, Board Secretary