

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

July 20, 2022

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

The West Allegheny Board of School Directors met in regular session on Wednesday, July 20, 2022, in the District Office Board Room located at Wilson Elementary School. The President, Mr. Robert Ostrander, presided. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call of Directors

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| Present - | Robert Ostrander – President | Tracy Pustover – Vice President |
| | Joel Colinear | Todd Kosenina |
| | Tracy Kosis | Debbie Mirich |
| | Mark Rosen | |

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| Absent - | George Bartha |
| | Kevin Hancock |

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| 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 |

Mr. Ostrander announced that the Board met in executive session prior to tonight's meeting.

3. Public Comment

No comment.

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1 The board secretary previously distributed copies of the minutes from the June 15, 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 the last two months was read by Mr. George Safin, Business Manager, and accepted by the board indicating a balance on June 30, 2022 of \$29,830,174.89.

6. Communications

No communications this month.

7. Acknowledgements/Distinguished Achievement Award

The recipients of the Distinguished Achievement Awards are:
Michael Kercher and Ryan Neergaard

8. Reports of Superintendent and Administrators

Dr. Lippert discussed the following activities:

- Beginning of school
- Orientations
- Teachers returning
- Day of Caring

9. President's Report

No report this month.

10. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business this month.

11. Solicitor's Report

No report this month.

12. Personnel

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

On a motion by Mrs. Mirich, seconded by Mrs. Kosis, and unanimously carried, it was moved to approve items 12.1 through 12.17 on the Personnel agenda.

12.1 Approving summer hours for the following employees:

High School guidance – not to exceed 500 hours
Middle School guidance – not to exceed 150 hours

12.2 Approving hiring Tiffany Hopkins as a Class IV-B 3.75-hour server at the high school effective with the start of the 2022-23 school year. Salary, \$18.81/ hour.

12.3 Approving hiring Michelle Gadsby as a Class IV-A 6-hour cook at the high school effective with the start of the 2022-23 school year. Salary, \$20.24/ hour.

12.4 Approving hiring Chrysti Scozio as a Class IV-B 3.75-hour server at Donaldson Elementary effective with the start of the 2022-23 school year. Salary, \$18.81/ hour.

12.5 Approving hiring Mary Ann Naughton as a Class IV-B 5-hour server at the middle school effective with the start of the 2022-23 school year. Salary, \$18.81/ hour.

- 12.6 Approving Marcy Gates as a Class IV-B 5.25-hour server at the Middle School effective the start of the 2022-23 school year. Salary, \$18.81/hour.
- 12.7 Approving hiring Tiffany Metz as a Class IV-B lunch aide at the middle school effective with the start of the 2022-23 school year. Salary, \$18.81/ hour.
- 12.8 Approving hiring Jamie Holmes as a Class IV-B lunch aide at Wilson Elementary effective with the start of the 2022-23 school year. Salary, \$18.81/ hour.
- 12.9 Approving hiring Margie Ruffing as a Class IV-B lunch aide at Wilson Elementary effective with the start of the 2022-23 school year. Salary, \$18.81/ hour.
- 12.10 Approving hiring Heather Carter as a Class IV-B lunch aide at Donaldson Elementary effective with the start of the 2022-23 school year. Salary, \$18.81/ hour.
- 12.11 Approving hiring Melissa McCreedy as a Class IV-B lunch aide at McKee Elementary effective with the start of the 2022-23 school year. Salary, \$18.81/ hour.
- 12.12 Approving hiring Angie Ciammaichella as a Class IV-B lunch aide at McKee Elementary effective with the start of the 2022-23 school year. Salary, \$18.81/ hour.
- 12.13 Approving hiring Gunnery Sergeant Robert Rainis as a JROTC instructor at the high school effective August 1, 2022, at a salary of \$79,775 plus a relocation stipend up to \$10,000.
- 12.14 Approving the resignation of Shannon David, long-term special education substitute at the high school, effective July 12, 2022.
- 12.15 Approving hiring Jennifer Craig as a special education long-term substitute at the high school for the 2022-23 school year. Salary, Bachelor's first step, \$49,775.
- 12.16 Approving the resignation of Taylor Scurci, Class III paraprofessional at Wilson Elementary, effective July 18, 2022.
- 12.17 Approving Dr. Jerri Lynn Lippert to the position of district superintendent for a third contract term effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2028 subject to the terms and conditions presented by the solicitor.

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 items 13.1 through 13.3 on the Property & Supply agenda.

- 13.1 Approving the 2022-23 Bus Schedules as presented.
- 13.2 Approving a two-year annual maintenance agreement with Vance's Landscaping for the Donaldson baseball field, high school softball field and middle/high school combo field effective August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2024.

- 13.3 Approving Kenneth Miller as a bus driver for the District. All requirements have been met.

14. Finance

The Finance portion of the Committee report was presented by Mrs. Kosis:

On a motion by Mrs. Kosis, seconded by Mrs. Mirich, and unanimously carried, it was moved to approve items 14.1 through 14.7 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 Approving the Cafeteria Reports as presented to the Board Members.
- 14.4 Accepting July Activity Reports as presented to the Board Members.
- 14.5 Authorizing the District to utilize the following purchasing consortiums for the 2022-23 fiscal year:
- PEPPM Technology Purchasing Program
 - PA COSTARS Statewide Cooperative Purchasing Program
 - Keystone Purchasing Network (KPN)
 - AIU Electricity and Natural Gas Consortium
 - AIU Purchasing Consortium
 - US Communities Cooperative Purchasing Program
 - OMNIA purchasing cooperative program/Amazon.com (formerly a part of US Communities Cooperative)
 - South Hills Area Council of Governments Purchasing Consortium
 - Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing
- 14.6 Approving a real estate tax assessment settlement appeal with Pittsburgh PA Restaurant, LP (Industry Public House) for commercial property in North Fayette Township as recommended by the solicitor.
- 14.7 Approving the Voluntary Student Accident Insurance Policy through the District's agent, Goodwin and Gruber, at a cost of \$70 per student for school time coverage and \$150 per student for 24-hour coverage (no increase over 2021-22). Costs are paid by the parents.

15. Policy & Programs

The Policy & Programs portion of the Committee report was presented by Mr. Kosenina:

On a motion by Mr. Kosenina, seconded by Mrs. Kosis, and unanimously carried, it was moved to approve items 15.1 through 15.4 on the Policy & Programs agenda.

- 15.1 Recommending approval of the West Allegheny School District 2022-2025 special education plan submission as per the requirements set forth by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.
- 15.2 Approving the School Resource Officer Agreement with North Fayette Township for a five-year term beginning August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2027 as presented.
- 15.3 Approving the School Resource Officer Agreement with Findlay Township for a five-year term beginning August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2027 as presented.
- 15.4 Approving professional learning contract renewal with Carnegie Learning for 7-12 Mathematics teachers at a cost not to exceed \$36,000.

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. Mirich, and unanimously carried, it was moved to approve items 16.1 through 16.3 on the Athletics & Activities agenda.

- 16.1 Approving hiring the 2022 fall coaches and volunteers as presented. All clearance requirements have been met.
- 16.2 Approving the marching band and arts supplemental positions for the 2022-23 school year as presented.
- 16.3 Approving John Hornung to provide strength training and conditioning services effective August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023 at a cost not to exceed \$65,000.

17. Federal Programs & Legislation

No report.

18. Student Representatives

No report for the summer.

19. Library

Mrs. Pustover reported on the following activities:

- Summer library program
- Looking to hire new people
- New app

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

20. Parkway West CTC

Mr. Ostrander reported that there is preliminary work being done on the masonry program.

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 a meeting will be held on August 3rd at 4 pm.

25. New Business

No report.

26. Open Forum

John Campbell, Oakdale, asked if WAVA will start on August 23.
Dr. Lippert responded yes.

Jamie Sanabria, Oakdale, asked about the teacher/staff social media policy.
Dr. Lippert responded.

Ray Marinpetro, North Fayette, asked about item 13.2, when will someone be on site to begin working on the baseball field maintenance. He also asked about a policy for funding a portion of WPIAL/State Championship rings. Dr. Lippert and Mr. Colinear responded.

27. Adjournment

On a motion by Mrs. Pustover, seconded by Mrs. Kosis, and unanimously carried, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Robert Ostrander, Board President

George M. Safin, Pro-Tem Secretary