

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

June 15, 2022

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

The West Allegheny Board of School Directors met in regular session on Wednesday, June 15, 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 7:06 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call of Directors

Present -	Robert Ostrander – President	
	George Bartha	Joel Colinear
	Kevin Hancock	Todd Kosenina
	Tracy Kosis	Debbie Mirich

Present via phone - Tracy Pustover – Vice President
Mark Rosen

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

3. Public Comment

No comment.

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1 The board secretary previously distributed copies of the minutes from the May 11, 2022, and May 18, 2022, meetings to the Board. On a motion by Mr. Bartha, 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 May 31, 2022 of \$34,681,403.69.

6. Communications

No communications this month.

7. Acknowledgements/Distinguished Achievement Award

The recipient of the Distinguished Achievement Award is Sherri Peternel from Citgo. Citgo donated to West A Closets, a charity run by Students in Action. Mr. Bartha thanked Sherri for Citgo's partnership with West Allegheny.

8. Reports of Superintendent and Administrators

Dr. Lippert discussed the following activities:

- Graduation
- Senior Celebration
- District shutdown – returning July 11

9. President's Report

Mr. Ostrander thanked the staff and students for a great year. He wished everyone a Happy Summer.

10. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business this month.

11. Solicitor's Report

Mr. Andrews announced that the Board met in executive session regarding personnel and safety prior to tonight's meeting, and last week regarding legal.

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 12.23 on the Personnel agenda.

- 12.1 Approving the resignation of Sue Ann Dale, Class II-A student services secretary effective July 15, 2022.
- 12.2 Approving the resignation of Dorothy Diskin, Class IV-B server at Donaldson Elementary, effective May 27, 2022.
- 12.3 Approving a parental leave of absence for Lauren Corrado, high school English/special education teacher, beginning the start of the 2022-23 school year through March 13, 2023.
- 12.4 Approving Shannon David as a long-term substitute English teacher at the high school for the 2022-23 school year. Salary, Step 1 Bachelor's, \$49,775.
- 12.5 Approving Christine LaGrosse as a long-term substitute Kindergarten teacher at Wilson Elementary for the 2022-23 school year. Salary, Step 1 Bachelor's, \$49,775.

- 12.6 Approving Brooke Wilson as a long-term substitute grade 4 teacher at Donaldson Elementary for the first semester of the 2022-23 school year. Salary, Step 1 Bachelor's, \$49,775, prorated.
- 12.7 Approving Kylie Martin as a long-term substitute grade 2 teacher at Donaldson Elementary for the first semester of the 2022-23 school year. Salary, Step 1 Bachelor's, \$49,775, prorated.
- 12.8 Approving Avery Naleppa as a long-term substitute grade 1 teacher at Wilson Elementary for the first semester of the 2022-23 school year. Salary, Step 1 Bachelor's, \$49,775, prorated.
- 12.9 Approving hiring Kelly Cosnek as the Class II-A student services secretary effective June 20, 2022. Salary - \$24.60/hour.
- 12.10 Approving the promotion of Lindsey Pekala to Class III paraprofessional at Wilson Elementary effective with the start of the 2022-23 school year. Salary \$20.48/hour.
- 12.11 Approving hiring Renee Gillpatrick as a Class III paraprofessional at McKee Elementary effective with the start of the 2022-23 school year. Salary - \$20.48/hour.
- 12.12 Approving the promotion of Cindy Antos to Class III paraprofessional at the middle school effective with the start of the 2022-23 school year. Salary \$20.48/hour.
- 12.13 Approving hiring Dawn Stang as a Class III paraprofessional at Wilson Elementary effective with the start of the 2022-23 school year. Salary - \$20.48/hour.
- 12.14 Approving the promotion of Karen Fittipaldo to Class III paraprofessional at McKee Elementary effective with the start of the 2022-23 school year. Salary \$20.48/hour.
- 12.15 Approving hiring Sarah Dischinger as a Class III paraprofessional at Wilson Elementary effective with the start of the 2022-23 school year. Salary - \$20.48/hour.
- 12.16 Approving increasing the support substitute hourly compensation rate to \$15 effective July 1, 2022.
- 12.17 Approving increasing the professional substitute daily compensation rate to \$135 for days 1-60, \$150 for days 61+ effective July 1, 2022.
- 12.18 Approving Allegheny Medical to provide school physician services for the 2022-23 school year at a cost of \$7,535.28, which is an increase of 3% over last year.
- 12.19 Approving Dr. T.J. Ameredes, Advanced Dentistry Ameredes & Associates, as the contracted school dentist for the district for the 2022-23 school year at a cost of \$1.60/student, which is at the same cost as 2021-22.
- 12.20 Approving Dr. David Quinn for the 2022-23 school year as the contracted school eye doctor at \$1.60/exam, which is the same cost as 2021-22.

- 12.21 Accepting the resignation of Brittany Taylor, high school guidance counselor, effective immediately.
- 12.22 Approving hiring Amanda Pegher as a guidance counselor at the high school effective with the start of the 2022-23 school year. Salary, Step 5 Master's, \$55,775.
- 12.23 Approving the resignation of Louis Didio, high school physics and mathematics teacher, effective June 30, 2022.

13. Property & Supply

The Property & Supply 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 item 13.1 on the Property & Supply agenda.

- 13.1 Awarding the Food Service Equipment Construction, Contract Number 2022-01-A, for the West Allegheny Food Service Capital Equipment Project to TriMark USA in the base bid amount of \$313,067.00 with no alternates for a Total Contract Amount of \$313,067.00.

14. Finance

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

On a motion by Mr. Bartha, seconded by Mrs. Mirich, 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 Approving the Cafeteria Reports as presented to the Board Members.
- 14.4 Approving the final 2022-23 general fund budget with revenues of \$75,085,506 and expenditures of \$73,114,548 containing a property tax millage rate of 18.51. This millage rate reflects no increase to our property tax levy (which equates to no millage increase).
- 14.5 Approving Resolution 2022-2 regarding the 2022-23 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion as presented.
- 14.6 Approving Resolution 2022-3 making a declaration of official intent for capital expenditures to be reimbursed from subsequent tax-exempt borrowings.
- 14.7 Approving the District's workers' compensation insurance renewal for the 2022-23 fiscal year with Berkshire Hathaway through AON Risk Management at a cost not to exceed \$236,507.

- 14.8 Approving the District's liability insurance renewals with Utica Mutual Insurance Co., through the Peterson-Strouse Agency, for the 2022-23 fiscal year at a cost not to exceed \$129,992.

15. Policy & Programs

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

On a motion by Mr. Hancock, seconded by Mrs. Mirich, and unanimously carried, it was moved to approve items 15.1 and 15.2 on the Policy & Programs agenda.

- 15.1 Approving the Emergency Instructional Time application (Section 520.1 of the PA School Code) for the 2022-23 school year as presented along with submission to the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

- 15.2 Approving the contract with the Pennsylvania School Boards Association for a comprehensive policy review at a cost not to exceed \$6,900.

16. Athletics & Activities

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

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

- 16.1 Approving a request from Kevin Amos for the Boys Varsity Soccer team to attend camp at PIA Academy in Erie, PA from August 14-19, 2022, at no cost to the District.

17. Federal Programs & Legislation

No report.

18. Student Representatives

No report for the summer.

19. Library

Mrs. Pustover reported that there are many activities available. Please visit the Library and their website for more information www.westernallegHENYlibrary.org.

20. Parkway West CTC

Mr. Ostrander reported that there will be new programs available. Higher enrollment is projected for next year.

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

No report.

25. New Business

No report.

26. Open Forum

Jamie Sambria, Oakdale, voiced her concerns over the social media program and second steps alternative.

John Campbell, Oakdale, asked if Parkway has a safety plan in place like West Allegheny does.

Mr. Ostrander responded.

27. Adjournment

On a motion by Mrs. Mirich, seconded by Mrs. Kosis, and unanimously carried, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Robert Ostrander, Board President

Alyssa Athanas, Board Secretary