

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

May 17, 2023

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

The West Allegheny Board of School Directors met in regular session on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, in the District Office Board Room located at Wilson Elementary School. The President, Mr. Robert Ostrander, presided. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call of Directors

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

Absent - Debbie Mirich

Also Present - Mr. Anthony Giglio, Solicitor
Dr. Jerri Lynn Lippert, Superintendent
Dr. Chris Shattuck, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. George Safin, Business Manager
Mrs. Alyssa Athanas, Board Secretary

Mr. Ostrander announced that Mrs. Mirich was absent due to her attending Parkway graduation.

Mr. Ostrander announced that the Board met in executive session on May 10 and prior to tonight’s meeting regarding legal matters and personnel.

3. Public Comment

No public comments.

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1 The board secretary previously distributed copies of the minutes from the April 12, 2023, and April 19, 2023, meetings to the Board. On a motion by Mr. Hancock, 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 April 30, 2023 of \$41,401,602.93.

6. Communications

Dr. Lippert read an appreciation letter from a parent of a graduating senior.

7. Acknowledgements/Distinguished Achievement Award

Dr. Lippert recognized the following individuals:

- Mike Short – semi-finalist as National Teacher of the Year
- Renae Castelluci – Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) state finalist
- T.J. Fox – marching band participated in the Pegasus Parade at the Kentucky Derby and won 1st place

8. Reports of Superintendent and Administrators

Dr. Lippert discussed the following activities:

- Donation from Boardwalk Group – robotic arm
- Battle of the Books
- Move Up Day – 5th grade goes to Middle School
- 7th and 8th grade Honors Night
- Track and Field Day
- Senior Awards Night
- Jazz Band Concert
- 8th grade Washington D.C. trip
- Rising 6th grade parent orientation
- Senior Celebration
- Graduation

9. President's Report

Mr. Ostrander thanked Alex Booth and Connor Frank for serving as Student Representatives this year.

10. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business this month.

11. Solicitor's Report

No report.

12. Personnel

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 12.3 on the Personnel agenda.

- 12.1 Approving the list of professional and support substitutes as presented.

PROFESSIONAL SUBSTITUTES

Moutenay, Christopher \$135/day

Leslie, Abigail \$135/day

SUPPORT SUBSTITUTES

Musleh, Jessica \$15/hour

Borgo, Kaitlin \$15/hour

Efaw, Penny \$15/hour

Fisher, Annastasia \$15/hour

Flinchbaugh, Sharon \$15/hour

Biroscak, Janice \$15/hour

- 12.2 Approving George Safin as the School District Treasurer and Purchasing Agent for the 2023-24 school year.

- 12.3 Approving the resignation of Stephanie White, high school English teacher, effective the end of the 2022-23 school year.

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 Bryan Ayers and Kyrie Mackenzie as bus drivers for the District. All requirements have been met.

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 14.5 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 Approving the Cafeteria Report as presented to the Board Members.
- 14.4 Accepting April Activity Reports as presented to the Board Members.
- 14.5 Approving awarding bids for the following: General Supplies, Arts and Crafts Supplies, Light Bulbs, Janitorial Supplies, Industrial Arts Supplies and Lumber, Athletics Supplies and Equipment, and Copier Paper.

- 14.6 On a motion by Mr. Bartha, seconded by Mrs. Kosis, and unanimously carried through a roll call vote, it was moved to approve the proposed final 2023-24 general fund budget with revenues of \$78,620,167 and expenditures of \$78,891,349 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). It should be noted that this budget and millage rate is not official until the passage of the final general fund budget on June 21, 2023.

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. Kosis, and unanimously carried, it was moved to approve item 15.1 on the Policy & Programs agenda.

- 15.1 Approving the Comprehensive Services Agreement and Special Education Addendum with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for the 2023-24 school year as presented.

16. Athletics & Activities

The Athletics & Activities 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 16.1 and 16.2 on the Athletics & Activities agenda.

- 16.1 Approving hiring Ben O'Connor as the boys head basketball coach for the 2023-24 season at a salary of \$10,339.86. All clearance requirements have been met.

- 16.2 Amending Item 16.2 from July 20, 2022 as follows:
Stage Manager - Andrew Peters - \$2,083.88 to \$4,583.88

17. Federal Programs & Legislation

Dr. Nelson reported on the increased federal fund budget for Title I, Title II and Title IV.

Mrs. Adams gave an update on the English Second Language transition from Donaldson to McKee. Mrs. Adams thanked the Board for approving a partnership with CCAC to provide adult English class.

Mr. Bartha asked for this to be ongoing and put in with the budget process going forward.

18. Student Representatives

Alex and Connor reported on the following activities:

- Academics
 - AP Testing is wrapping up this Friday
 - Keystone testing will conclude at the end of next week
 - This has been the smoothest testing sessions that we've had, and students are feeling confident with their tests.
 - Senior Awards night will be held next Tuesday to honor seniors that are receiving scholarships or department awards.

- Athletics
 - Softball played in the quarter final game at 3:00 pm today at Boyce Mayview Park in Upper St. Clair Township vs. our next-door neighbor and section rival, South Fayette. Unfortunately, they lost.
 - WPIAL individual track & field finals begin at 11:00am today at Slippery Rock University. Those winning or making qualifying marks for the PIAA finals will advance Memorial Day weekend to Shippensburg University to compete, May 26/27 in the traditional championship format.
 - Kaitlyn Eger: Pole Vault and 100-meter hurdles
 - Luke Bovalina: 110-meter hurdles and 300-meter hurdles
 - Grace Pedockie: Javelin
 - Cody Mankowski: High Jump
 - Andrea Hamilton: 400-meter relay and 400-meter run
 - Aubrey Kubiak: 400-meter relay and Long Jump
 - Ashley Mosesso: 400-meter relay and 100 meters
 - Ella Smith: 400-meter relay and 200 meters
 - Grace Fritzman: 1600 meters
 - Brennan McClafferty: 400 meters
 - Baseball also play in their postseason action today as the #11 seed in the 5A WPIAL baseball tournament. They are currently facing Peters Township, the #6 seed at W&J College Field. The winner will advance to the quarter final round and face Penn-Trafford early next week at a site and time still to be determined.
- Culture
 - We are in the midst of celebrating our seniors. On Friday we got our caps and gowns. Monday launched our Senior Hall of Fame Week. Tomorrow will be our Senior Game and Movie Night. We will be watching High School Musical 3 on the Football Field. Next week will be Senior Breakfast week.
 - The Prom was a really big hit. Everyone loved the DJ and the theme. Everyone had a lot of excitement and enjoyed the event.
- Arts
 - The Show Choir is preparing the Seniors for the Senior Song which will be Goodbye Yellow Brick Road by Elton John.
 - SingFest was just held here last Friday. It was a great opportunity to bring districts together for a fun filled performance.
 - We had one student, McKenzie Heidenreich, who is a Gene Kelley finalist nomination for the best supporting actress. This is her second year in a row for being a finalist.
 - Marching Band is currently preparing the next football season with the Try It Out days occurring after school starting tomorrow.

Alex and Connor both thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve.

19. Library

Mrs. Pustover reported on the following activities:

- Red Cross babysitting class
- Dementia friend's information sessions

- Stepping stones with Pittsburgh Class Center
- Experience passes are available to check out
- More than books can be borrowed – go pro camera, leaf blower, wifi hotspots, etc.

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

No report.

25. New Business

No report.

26. Open Forum

No comments.

27. Adjournment

On a motion by Mrs. Pustover, seconded by Mrs. Kosis, and unanimously carried, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Robert Ostrander, Board President

Alyssa Athanas, Board Secretary