

WYOMISSING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

630 Evans Avenue
Wyomissing, PA 19610

Our Mission

The Wyomissing Area School District, in partnership with parents and community, is committed to:

- *educate all students to their fullest potential*
- *provide all students with the opportunity to acquire the knowledge and skills to be successful in the 21st century*
- *encourage all students to be productive, responsible citizens and lifelong learners.*

Board of School Directors

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Mrs. Anne P. Seltzer

Non Members

Mrs. Corinne D. Mason, Board Secretary
Dr. Pamela R. Pulkowski, Assistant Superintendent

Ex Officio Member

Mr. David H. Robbins, Acting Superintendent

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Monday, January 25, 2010 – 7:00 P.M.
Community Board Room

1. **Call to Order – Mrs. Michelle M. Davis, Board President, Presiding**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Announcement of Recording by the Public**
4. **Roll Call**
5. **Welcome to Visitors & Announcement of Meetings**

- Committee of the Whole – Monday, February 8, 2010, 6:00 p.m.
- School Board Meeting – Monday, February 22, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

All listed meetings will be held in the Community Board Room at the Jr./Sr. High School.

6. **Public Comment on Agenda Items**

Speakers are requested to identify themselves by name and address.

7. **Recognition**

Fall Sport Team Champions – Girls' Cross Country Team
Girls' Tennis Team
Berks County Coach of the Year

Jon Yorgey, Grounds Foreman

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8. Routine Approvals

MOTION

- A. It is recommended that the Board of School Directors approve the minutes of the following meetings:

- November 23, 2009 Business Meeting
- December 7, 2009 Reorganization Meeting
- December 15, 2009 Special Meeting.

MOTION

- B. It is recommended that the Board of School Directors accept the Treasurer's Report.

MOTION

- C. It is recommended that the Board of School Directors approve payment of bills for the months of November and December 2009, as listed in the financial packet.

- 1) General Fund Account Check Summary
- 2) Athletic Fund Account Check Summary
- 3) Food Service Account Check Register
- 4) Student Activity Account Check Register
- 5) Capital Reserve Fund Accounting Check Register

9. Presentation by Board Members

- A. Secretary's Correspondence – Mrs. Mason
- B. Berks County Intermediate Unit Board Report – Mrs. Bamberger
- C. Berks Career & Technology Center Board Report – Mr. Painter
- D. Berks EIT Report – Mr. Larkin
- E. Wyomissing Area Education Foundation – Mrs. Seltzer
- F. Legislative Report – Mr. Fitzgerald
- G. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

10. Finance and Facilities

MOTION

It is recommended that the Board of School Directors approve the following Finance and Facilities items:

- A. Approve Budget Transfers in the amount of \$84,056.
- B. Approve donation from Taylor Swift in the amount of \$25,000 to be used for educational projects or books and supplies for the JSHS.
- C. Approve donation from Wyomissing Area Education Foundation in the amount of \$1,300 to be used toward the purchase of guitars for the JSHS Music Program.
- D. Approve donations from Wyomissing Area Education Foundation in the amount of \$1,000 to be used toward the cost of whiteboard installation at WHEC.
- E. Approve donation from the Wyomissing Area PTA in the amount of \$2,224.65 to be used toward the cost of whiteboard purchases at WHEC.

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- F. Approve Agreement and Declaration of Trust establishing the Berks County School Districts Health Trust (attachment provided in the Board packet for the January 11, 2010 meeting).
- G. Approve appointment of Corinne D. Mason as the management representative for a two-year term to the Berks County School District Health Trust.
- H. Approve the agreement between the District and Wyomissing Area Club Lacrosse. (attachment provided in the Board packet for the January 11, 2010 meeting).
Background information: This agreement elevates the program from club status to a fully recognized varsity athletic team for the Spring 2010 season and recognizes that the sport will be fully funded by the Club.
- I. Approve John A. Larkin as first alternate voting delegate and Gregory L. Portner as second alternate voting delegate for the tax collection committee for Berks County as per Act 32 of 2008.
- J. Approve Gilbert Architects as the architect for the West Reading Elementary Center project and to enter into contract negotiations.
- K. Approve resolution authorizing James M. Lillis and Kozloff Stoudt to represent the Wyomissing Area School District and to intervene in the appeal filed by Sovereign Bank with the Berks County Court of Common Pleas regarding their property tax assessment appeal per Resolution No. 1-25-10-01 (attachment provided in the Board packet for the January 11, 2010 meeting).
- L. Approve submission of delinquent real estate taxes to BMF Law Group.
Background information: The District has entered into a Board contract for the collection of delinquent real estate taxes with BMF Law Group. The amount of the 2009 delinquent real estate taxes is \$511,462.34.
- M. Approve Resolution No. 1-25-10-02 not to raise taxes above the index of 2.9% for the 2010-2011 school year. (see packet enclosure).
Background Information: Section 311(d)(1) of SS Act 1 permits a school district to elect to adopt a resolution indicating it will not raise the rate of any tax for the support of public schools for the following fiscal year by more than its index. Adoption of this resolution may be done in lieu of a preliminary budget. This resolution is to be adopted by January 29, 2010.
- N. Approve the tuition agreement with Opportunities School for 2009-10 for one elementary student, ID 203955, at the prorated amount of the annual \$26,000 tuition.

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11. Curriculum and Technology

MOTION

It is recommended that the Board of School Directors approve the following Curriculum items:

- A. 2010 Program of Studies
- B. Field Trip Request – Penn State Invitational Track Meet @ Penn State University on January 22-23, 2010

12. Personnel and Policy

MOTION

It is recommended that the Board of School Directors approve the following Personnel and Policy items:

A. RETIREMENTS/RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS

- 1) Administrative Staff
 - a. **Dr. Karen Zerr**, Director of Special Education, resignation effective January 29, 2010.
- 2) Professional Staff
 - a. **Corinne Fecho Yanes**, Secondary Math Teacher at the JSHS, resignation effective January 15, 2010.
- 3) Support Staff
 - a. **Jessica Hole**, full-time Special Education Instructional Aide at WHEC, resignation effective January 15, 2010.
 - b. **Mary Ann Gibney**, part-time Computer Lab Aide at JSHS, resignation effective January 20, 2010.
 - c. **Dawn Schropp**, part-time Crossing Guard and part-time Cafeteria Monitor at WREC, termination effective December 4, 2009.
- 4) Supplemental Staff
 - a. **Corinne Fecho Yanes**, SAP Team Facilitator, resignation effective January 15, 2010, Junior Class Advisor, resignation effective January 15, 2010, and Memory Book Advisor, resignation effective June 9, 2010.
 - b. **William Dramby**, Student Council Sr. High Advisor, effective the end of the 09-10 school year.

B. LEAVES

- 1) Professional Staff
 - a. **Melissa Devlin**, Secondary English Teacher at the JSHS, FMLA/Child Rearing Leave on or about April 13, 2010, through the end of the 2009-10 school year.
 - b. **Dana Lloyd**, Secondary English Teacher at the Jr./Sr. High School, Extension of Child Rearing Leave through the end of the 2009-10 school year.
 - c. **Mary Reinert**, Learning Support Teacher at the JSHS, unpaid leave December 9, 10 and 11, 2009.

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- 2) Support Staff
 - a. **Susie Froehlich**, full-time Special Education Instructional Aide at the JSHS, unpaid leave from December 2, 2009, through a date to be determined.
 - b. **Suzanne Herbst**, part-time Food Service Worker at WHEC, unpaid leave December 21, 22 and 23, 2009.
 - c. **Sheilah Nestro**, part-time Crossing Guard at WREC, unpaid leave January 6-12, 2010.

C. APPOINTMENTS

- 1) Administrative Staff
 - a. Resolution 1-25-10-03 to extend the contract for **Mr. David H. Robbins**, Acting Superintendent, until a permanent Superintendent is hired or June 30, 2010.
(Resolution included as part of board packet.)
 - b. **Robert Reese**, Interim Director of Special Education, effective January 20, 2010, at a daily rate of \$425/day, pending receipt of necessary documentation.
 - c. **William E. Griscom, Jr.**, Director, Technology Services and Curriculum Integration, effective February 26, 2010, at an annual salary of \$87,000, pro-rated, pending receipt of necessary documentation.
Background Information: Mr. Griscom will be replacing Mr. Gall.
- 2) Professional Staff
 - a. **Marina Romanski**, Long-Term Substitute English Teacher at the JSHS, at an annual salary to be determined by the new contract, but based on M, Step 1, \$41,650 prorated, effective the second semester of the 2009-10 school year.
Background Information: Mrs. Romanski will be the long-term substitute for Dana Lloyd.
 - b. **Ashley Reed**, Long-Term Substitute Math Teacher at the JSHS, at an annual salary to be determined by the new contract, but based on B, Step 1, \$38,750, prorated, effective January 13, 2010.
Background Information: Ms. Reed will be a long-term substitute for the vacancy created by Ms. Fecho Yanes' resignation.
 - c. **Joelle Ostrich**, Support Teacher for Marina Romanski, LTS English Teacher, for the second semester of the 2009-10 school year at a stipend of \$250.
 - d. **Jennifer Wise**, Support Teacher for Ashley Reed, LTS Math Teacher, for the second semester of the 2009-10 school year at a stipend of \$250.
- 3) Support Staff
 - a. **Elizabeth Barrer**, from part-time Special Education Instructional Aide at WHEC, 6.5 hrs./day, \$10.61/hr., to full-time Special Education Instructional Aide at WHEC, 7 hrs./day, \$10.61/hr., effective January 26, 2010.
Background Information: Ms. Barrer will be replacing Ms. Hole.
 - b. **Robert Sanders**, part-time Crossing Guard at WREC, at a rate of \$12.15/hr., effective January 26, 2010.
Background Information: Mr. Sanders has been a substitute with the District and will be replacing Ms. Schropp.

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- 4) Supplemental Staff
- a. **Dana Quinlivan**, SAP Team Facilitator, at an amount of \$350.00, effective the second semester of the 2009-10 school year.
 - b. **Jennifer Wise**, Junior Class Advisor, 16.5 points, \$1,394.00, pro-rated, effective the second semester of the 2009-10 school year.
 - c. **Scott Angstadt**, WREC Hand Bell Choir Advisor, change in salary from 10.5 points, \$877.00 to 10.5 points, \$887.00, effective the 2009-10 school year.
 - d. **Jennifer Mangold**, Summer Safari Coordinator, at a stipend of \$3,000.00, effective January 26, 2010, for the 2009-10 school year. *(This position is partially paid through the Summer Safari tuition.)*
 - e. **Michele Hetrich**, Summer Academy Coordinator, at a stipend of \$2,000.00, effective January 26, 2010, for the 2009-10 school year. *(This position is paid completely through Title III funds.)*
 - f. **Carey Manzollilo**, Field Hockey Varsity Head Coach, 38 points, \$3,211.00, effective the 2010-11 school year.
 - g. **Piera Snyder**, Field Hockey Varsity Asst. Coach, 22.6 points, \$1,910.00, effective the 2010-11 school year.
 - h. **Chris Kersikoski** - JH Head Baseball Coach, change to base points/salary from 18.1 points, \$1,529.00 to 28.5 points, \$2,408.00, effective the 2009-10 school year.
 - i. **Michael Kuczala** – JH 2nd Assistant Baseball Coach, change in base points/salary from 7 points, \$592.00 to 15.5 points, \$1,310.00, effective the 2009-10 school year.

D. ADDITIONAL HOURS

- 1) Support Staff (Hours required to comply with PDE mandated requirements.)
- a. **Scott Gehman**, full-time Special Education Instructional Aide at the JSHS, Behavior Strategies training at the BCIU on January 18, 2010, at his approved hourly rate, not to exceed a maximum of 6 hours.
 - b. **Bernadette Lis**, full-time Special Education Instructional Aide at the JSHS, Effective Instruction: Functional Skills training at the BCIU on January 18, 2010, at her approved hourly rate, not to exceed a maximum of 6 hours.
 - c. **Arlene Wagner**, full-time Special Education Instructional Aide at the JSHS, Effective Instruction: Functional Skills training at the BCIU on January 18, 2010, at her approved hourly rate, not to exceed a maximum of 6 hours.
- 2) Nursing Staff
- a. **Mary Hollinger**, School Nurse at WHEC, administration of H1N1 flu vaccines to District families and employees, at the current work outside of contract rate, for a total of 10.5 hours on December 16-18, 2009, and 4 hours on January 13, 2010.
 - b. **Sally McNichol**, School Nurse at the JSHS, administration of H1N1 flu vaccines to District families and employees, at the current work outside of contract rate, for a total of 9.5 hours on December 16-18, 2009.
 - c. **Tina O'Hara**, Health Room Assistant at WHEC, administration of H1N1 flu vaccines to District families and employees, at her currently hourly rate, for a total of 10.5 hours on December 16-18, 2009, and 4 hours on January 13, 2010.

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- d. **Laura Schaeffer**, School Nurse at WREC, administration of H1N1 flu vaccines to District families and employees, at the current work outside of contract rate, for a total of 3.5 hours on December 16, 2009, and 3 hours on January 13, 2010.
 - e. **Susan Bailey**, Substitute Nurse, administration of H1N1 flu vaccines to District families and employees, at the approved substitute rate for 3.5 hours each day on December 16-18, 2009, and January 13, 2010.
- E. VOLUNTEERS FOR WINTER SPORTS (Pending receipt of necessary documentation.)
- 1) **Mark Burkholder** – Boys and Girls Bowling
 - 2) **Richard Hoffmaster, Nicholas Johnson and Kristi Bricker** – Girls Basketball
 - 3) **Al Silveri, Jeff Frank, and J. Christopher Froelich** – Varsity Wrestling
 - 4) **Andrew Kidd and Andrew Cammarano** – Boys’ Basketball
 - 5) **Stacy Fritz** – Cheerleading
 - 6) **Daniel Batz** – Jr. High Boys’ Basketball
 - 7) **Joseph Allen, Ty Smith, Tim Hetrich and Lance Atkins** – Winter Track
- F. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE DISTRICT SUBSTITUTE LIST (list provided in the Board packet for the January 11, 2010 meeting).
- G. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE DISTRICT VOLUNTEER LIST (list provided in the Board packet for the January 11, 2010 meeting).
- H. POLICIES
- 1) Adoption of Policies
 - Policy 202 – Eligibility of Nonresident Students
 - Policy 913 – Nonschool Organization/Groups/Individuals
13. **Program**
- MOTION**
- It is recommended that the Board of School Directors approve the decision to decline participation in the Pennsylvania Department of Education “Race to the Top” initiative.
14. **Old Business**
15. **New Business**
16. **Public Participation**
- The Board welcomes comments on any school subject.
Speakers are requested to identify themselves by name and address.*
17. **Adjournment**