

WYOMISSING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 2010-4095

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The regular meeting of the Board of School Directors convened at 7:02 p.m. in the Community Board Room of the Jr./Sr. High School with Mrs. Davis, Board President, presiding.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Following the pledge of allegiance, Mrs. Davis asked if anyone would be recording the meeting. No one indicated the intent to record.

Board Members Present:

Mrs. Bamberger, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Helm, Mr. Larkin, Mr. Painter, Mr. Portner, Mrs. Sakmann, and Mrs. Seltzer.

Administrative Staff Present:

Mr. Robbins, Mrs. Mason, Dr. Pulkowski, and Mr. Fries.

Attendees:

Mr. Brian Boland, Kozloff Stoudt; Darrin Youker, Reading Eagle; and Diane Schaeffer, recording secretary. Audience sign-in sheet included as part of these official minutes.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Following the roll call by the Board secretary, Mrs. Davis welcomed everyone and noted that the Board met in executive session on Thursday, February 18, at 7:30 a.m. and also prior to this evening's meeting to discuss personnel matters.

Mrs. Davis announced that a community meeting will be held tomorrow, February 23, at 5:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium to give the community an opportunity to meet Mr. David Krem, the Board's unanimous choice for superintendent.

A special meeting of the Board is scheduled for March 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the community board room.

The following meetings are also scheduled:

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

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

ADDITION TO PERSONNEL AGENDA

Mrs. Davis noted that on the Personnel item for administrative staff appointments, Cheryl Morett should be added as Director of Special Education, at an annual salary of \$99,000 prorated.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Robbins introduced Danielle Hoffer, the architect from Gilbert Associates, who provided a 30-minute presentation on the West Reading Elementary Center project. It was noted that more information on cost estimates will be available at the March 8, 2010, meeting and approval to submit PlanCon Part A and PlanCon Part B documents will be on the March 22, 2010, agenda.

ROUTINE APPROVALS

MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Sakmann, second by Mr. Portner, to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2010 business meeting.

Mrs. Seltzer asked that page 1 of the minutes be corrected to indicate Mrs. Motze recognized the sports teams.

Yeas: Bamberger, Fitzgerald, Helm, Painter, Portner, Sakmann, Seltzer, Larkin and Davis.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion by Mr. Fitzgerald, second by Mrs. Seltzer, the Treasurer's Reports were accepted as presented.

Yeas: Bamberger, Fitzgerald, Helm, Painter, Portner, Sakmann, Seltzer, Larkin and Davis.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Upon motion by Mrs. Seltzer, second by Mr. Painter, payment of bills for the month of January 2010 was approved.

Yeas: Bamberger, Fitzgerald, Helm, Painter, Portner, Sakmann, Seltzer, Larkin and Davis.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

BOARD MEMBER PRESENTATIONS

BCIU – Mrs. Bamberger reported that a meeting was held on February 18 and paperless meetings were a topic of discussion.

BCTC – Mr. Painter reported that a meeting is scheduled for Wednesday and the over and under invoicing will be addressed. Mr. Portner commented that an independent audit is taking place. Mr. Painter noted that preliminarily, the District has been under-billed but the final amount has not been determined and immediate payment would not be expected. They have employed an acting business manager and are searching for a permanent replacement.

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WAEF – No report from Mrs. Seltzer.

Legislative Report – No report from Mr. Fitzgerald.

Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee – Mrs. Bamberger reported that the committee met on March 3.

Community Relations Ad Hoc Committee – Mrs. Seltzer indicated a meeting date was set for March 11 and an e-mail will be sent to the committee tomorrow.

FINANCE/ FACILITIES

A motion was made by Mr. Fitzgerald and seconded by Mr. Larkin to approve the Finance and Facilities agenda items as follows:

Approved Budget Transfers in the amount of \$12,929.

Approved Title III grant monies in the amount of \$10,719. This will amend the 2009-10 Budget as follows:

<i>Revenue</i>		<i>Expense</i>	
8516 Title III English Language Learner (ELL)	\$10,719	1190-121 Teacher Salaries	\$ 1,605
		2250-121 Librarian Salaries	120
		2440-191 Nurse's Aide Salary	450
		1190-220 Social Security	62
		2250-220 Social Security	5
		2440-220 Social Security	17
		1190-230 Retirement	66
		2250-230 Retirement	5
		2440-230 Retirement	19
		2271-580 Conferences	537
		2700-513 Transportation	6,700
		1190-610 Supplies	<u>1,133</u>
	<u>\$10,719</u>		\$10,719

Approved Berks County Joint Purchasing Agreement

Background: This agreement allows the Berks County Joint Purchasing Board to represent the District in the bidding process for joint purchases that it makes. It has been recommended by the Berks County Intermediate Unit's council that this agreement be approved annually by the District.

Authorized the administration to accept bids for roof work at the JSHS.

Yeas: Bamberger, Fitzgerald, Helm, Painter, Portner, Sakmann, Seltzer, Larkin and Davis.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

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CURRICULUM/ TECHNOLOGY

Upon motion by Mrs. Seltzer, and second by Mrs. Sakmann, the Board approved the field trip request to the 2010 PA State Scholastic Chess Championship on March 5-7, 2010, in Carlisle, PA.

Yeas: Bamberger, Fitzgerald, Helm, Painter, Portner, Sakmann, Seltzer, Larkin and Davis.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL/POLICY

A motion was made by Mr. Portner and seconded by Mrs. Sakmann to approve the personnel agenda items as follows:

APPROVED RETIREMENTS/RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS

- 1) Support Staff
 - a. **Gene T. Kiwak**, full-time Custodian at WHEC, retirement effective March 12, 2010.
 - b. **Megan Phillips**, part-time Special Education Instructional Aide at the JSHS, resignation effective February 19, 2010.

APPROVED LEAVES

- 1) Support Staff
 - a. **Roseann Tice**, full-time Jr./Sr. High School Office Secretary, FMLA leave from December 29, 2009 through January 22, 2010.
 - b. **Lisa Lamp**, part-time Food Service Worker at the JSHS, unpaid leave from January 19 through 25, 2010.
 - c. **Corrine Suloff**, full-time Special Education Instructional Aide at the JSHS, unpaid leave from January 29 through February 5, 2010.

APPROVED APPOINTMENTS

- 1) Administrative Staff

Cheryl A. Morett, Director of Special Education, effective date to be determined, at an annual salary of \$99,000, prorated, pending receipt of necessary documentation.
- 2) Support Staff
 - a. **Lynn Clouser**, part-time Computer Lab Aide at the JSHS, at \$12.24/hr., effective February 9, 2010, for shared hours not to exceed a maximum of 34 hours per week.

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Background Information: Mrs. Clouser will be replacing Mary Ann Gibney.

2) Supplemental Staff

Spring Athletics:

- a. **Jameson Beates**, change from Jr. High Head Coach Girls' Soccer, 27 points, \$2,282 to Girls' Soccer Varsity 2nd Asst. Coach, 25.5 points, \$2,155, effective the 2009-10 school year.
- b. **Tabitha Reed**, change from Jr. High Assistant Coach Girls' Soccer, 16.1 points, \$1,360 to Jr. High Head Coach Girls' Soccer, 26.5 points, \$2,239, effective the 2009-10 school year.
- c. **Ashley Reed**, Jr. High Assistant Coach Girls' Soccer, 15.6 points, \$1,318, effective the 2009-10 school year.
- d. **Lance Atkins**, Sr. High Co-Assistant Girls' and Boys' Track Coach 18.75 points, \$1,584, effective the 2009-10 school year.
- e. **April Manno**, Sr. High Co-Assistant Girls' and Boys' Track Coach 15.25 points, \$1,289, effective the 2009-10 school year, pending receipt of necessary documentation.

APPROVED ADDITIONAL HOURS

1) Professional Staff

- a. **Melissa Kreps**, Guidance Counselor at the JSHS, to provide in-home instruction for one secondary student ID#202248 effective January 19, 2010, through February 15, 2010, for a shared maximum not to exceed 5 hours per week at the approved contracted rate.
- b. **William Hartman**, Secondary Math Teacher at the JSHS, to provide in-home instruction for one secondary student ID#202248 effective January 19, 2010, through February 15, 2010, for a shared maximum not to exceed 5 hours per week at the approved contracted rate.

2) Support Staff (Hours required to comply with PDE mandated requirements.)

- a. **Donna Bottiglieri**, full-time Special Education Instructional Aide at WHEC, 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.
- b. **Mary Lieberman**, full-time Special Education Instructional Aide at WREC, Effective Instruction: Functional Skills training at the BCIU on January 18,

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2010, at her approved hourly rate, not to exceed a maximum of 6 hours.

- c. **Lisa Reichardt**, full-time Special Education Instructional Aide at WREC, 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.

APPROVED ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE DISTRICT SUBSTITUTE LIST (list included as part of these official minutes).

APPROVED ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE DISTRICT VOLUNTEER LIST (list included as part of these official minutes).

Yeas: Bamberger, Fitzgerald, Helm, Painter, Portner, Sakmann, Seltzer, Larkin and Davis.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mr. Robbins introduced Cheryl Morett, the new Director of Special Education, who hopes to begin in April.

Mrs. Davis thanked Mr. Kiwak for his dedicated service to the District, most recently at Wyomissing Hills Elementary Center.

PROGRAM

Upon motion by Mrs. Seltzer and second by Mr. Painter, the Board of School Directors approved the 2010-11 school calendar. Copy included as part of these official minutes.

Yeas: Bamberger, Fitzgerald, Helm, Painter, Portner, Sakmann, Seltzer, Larkin and Davis.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mr. Robbins noted that February 21 and April 25, 2011 are designated as possible snow make-up dates.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Davis announced that an AFSCME negotiations meeting is scheduled for March 2 at 4:00 p.m. Also, the WAEA negotiations meeting scheduled for February 16 was cancelled.

Mrs. Davis commended the custodial staff for the good job that was done in removing snow.

Mrs. Davis announced that 24 applications for the superintendency were received but in order not to compromise the search being conducted by

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Education Consultants, information was not released.

Mr. Robbins noted that he met with the Wyomissing and West Reading Borough officials to continue communications and discuss shared services and costs for large equipment purchases. Discussion also included the topic of a school resource officer, the snow situations and decisions that are involved, and also shared resources for the libraries which are underfunded. Mr. Shane Keller will be the contact person during the West Reading Elementary Center project.

Mr. Robbins noted that he and Mr. Fries will continue to meet with the Borough officials.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Robbins congratulated Tim Hetrich on his recent honor as the Middle States Council 2010 Social Studies Teacher of the Year. He will be recognized this week at the Middle States conference which includes Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware and New York.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Peter Schiaroli asked what the 3.06% increase in the 2009-10 budget would equate to in dollars.

Mrs. Mason said she could not provide that number at that moment.

Mr. Schiaroli asked if the public will be informed as to how the Taylor Swift donation will be spent.

Mr. Robbins said he will have a report at the March 8 meeting.

Mr. Schiaroli asked the Board if they looked at the Pottstown School District's PSSA results and the level of proficiency in reading and math and how they compared to Wyomissing.

Mr. Robbins stated that proficiency information on the District is available but we are still waiting for the "report card" from the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Several Board members commented that they had looked at information on adequate yearly progress and for improvement levels at a rate that shows strong growth.

Mr. Schiaroli quoted a comment made by Mr. Painter in 2009 that indicated he thought the new superintendent must live in our community.

Mrs. Davis responded by saying the characteristics and traits became more important than the residency issue.

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Mr. Schiaroli asked if the superintendent's contract would include language that would protect the District.

Mr. William Murray asked for more information on the interview process used by the Board.

Mr. Larkin stated that the candidates were interviewed by the Board and they made the choice of Mr. Krem.

Mr. Murray asked what the salary would be for the new superintendent.

Mrs. Davis indicated that a contract is still being negotiated and in draft form and will be made available after it is signed. She reiterated that the Board feels that Mr. Krem is clearly the top choice.

Mr. James Cardi noted that all of the Board members are on record as saying they want to reduce administrator costs.

Mr. Cardi asked what legal fees were incurred by the firm handling the property tax assessment appeals and the recent assessment filed by Sovereign Bank. Mr. Boland indicated he would be able to provide that information to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Larkin, seconded by Mrs. Sakmann to adjourn at 8:21 p.m.

Corinne D. Mason
Board Secretary