

**WYOMISSING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**School Board Work Session Minutes**  
**April 18, 2006**

The Wyomissing Area School District Board of School Directors' work session convened at 6:00 p.m. in the Community/Board Room.

Board Members Present: Mrs. McCready, Mrs. Barnett, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Hinsey, Mr. Larkin, Mrs. Sakmann, and Mr. Snyder.

Board Members Absent: Mr. Deem and Dr. Shuttlesworth

Administrators Present: Mr. McDonnell, Dr. Riedel, Dr. Kennedy, Mr. Hartman, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Babb, Mr. Laubach, Mrs. Motze, Dr. Zerr, Mrs. Whye, Mrs. Steele, Mrs. Simyak, Mrs. Mason, and Dr. Dietz.

Others Present: Amy Stewart-Himes, Gail Porrazzo, Shirley Gashi, Mike Miller, and Tim Hetrich

Mr. Snyder announced that the Board had an executive session for personnel reasons at the conclusion of the March 27, 2006, Board meeting, and they would meet at the conclusion of the work session to discuss personnel matters. He noted that no action was taken at the session on March 27, 2006, nor would any action be taken later this evening.

I. Personnel –

The Superintendent reviewed the personnel items that will appear on next week's agenda and indicated there would be a food service position added for approval.

II. Curriculum –

Dr. Riedel submitted information on the secondary level summer programs for the board's review.

The Board agreed to place the curriculum items on the next agenda.

III. Finance –

Mr. McDonnell discussed the Emmaus Bond Authority borrowing of \$1.4 million and said that the documents would be ready for signature at the next meeting. He said that after the borrowing is approved at the April meeting, the money would be available in approximately 30 days, and received in late May.

Mrs. Steele presented the food service budget for 2006-07 using a Powerpoint presentation and proposed scenarios increasing the lunch prices by 5 cents and 10 cents, recommending the administration increase the cost by 5 cents this year and possibly 5 cents next year.

The Board recommended to the administration that the lunch prices be raised 10 cents this year.

Mr. McDonnell presented the revenue projections for 2006-07 using a Powerpoint presentation. He also presented a preliminary budget for 2006-07 stating that the three biggest impacts on the budget are salaries, benefits, and special education costs. Based on those major impacts, the budget expenditures are in excess of the proposed revenue at the present tax rates. As a result, the administration is recommending increasing taxes to the limit of the Act 72 index of 3.9% or .87 mils. The additional funds needed to balance the approximately \$1.4 million deficit will come from the projected fund balance of June 30, 2006.

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The Board agreed to place the Finance items on the next agenda.

IV. Facilities –

Mr. Dawson provided an update on the Jr./Sr. High School and auditorium projects.

V. School Activities & Athletics –

No agenda items noted.

VI. Technology –

Mr. Laubach reported that the new phone system wiring is being completed by the Berks County Intermediate Unit and is currently on schedule.

VII. Policy –

The revised Policy 808 – Food Services and new Policy 808.1 – Charging Against Cafeteria Accounts, will be added to the agenda for board approval.

VIII. Community Relations –

Superintendent Dietz reviewed the changes in the school calendar and commented that the graduation date does not change and is scheduled for June 2, 2006.

IX. Other Items –

Mrs. Simyak reported on the kindergarten registration sessions held in early April. She reported that 108 children are currently enrolled for kindergarten in the fall.

X. Discussion Items –

Dr. Dietz read a letter from Mrs. Shomgard, Spanish teacher, relative to the wonderful experience the students had recently on their field trip to Costa Rica.

XI. Public Comments – None

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m., and Mr. Snyder announced that the Board would meet in executive session for personnel reasons.

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Arthur J. McDonnell  
School Board Secretary