

WYOMISSING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 2006-3772

Minutes May 15, 2006

The special meeting of the Board of School Directors convened at 6:04 p.m. in the Community Board Room of the Jr./Sr. High School with Mr. Snyder, Board President, presiding.

Board Members Present: Mrs. Barnett, Mr. Deem (arr. 6:05 p.m.), Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Hinsey, Mrs. McCready, Mrs. Sakmann, Dr. Shuttlesworth (arr. 6:09 p.m.), and Mr. Snyder

Board Members Absent: Mr. Larkin

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

Attendees: List of audience included as part of these official minutes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Following the pledge of allegiance, President Snyder announced an executive session was held on May 9, and the Board took no action.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Dietz noted that the Superintendent's Report would be amended to delete personnel item A., 1., d., the appointment of Walter Wojcik, and three professional staff appointments for Joelle Ostrich, David Clewell and John Yoder added, as listed on an addendum and distributed to Board members.

It was also noted that Mr. Larry Fitzgerald should be added on Finance item A, as School Board Treasurer per Mr. Snyder's direction.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT APPROVED

A motion was made by Mrs. Barnett and seconded by Mrs. Sakmann to approve the Superintendent's Report dated May 15, 2006, with the amendments as noted.

Yeas: Barnett, Deem, Hinsey, McCready, Sakmann, Shuttlesworth, and Snyder.

Abstain: Fitzgerald

Nays: None. Motion carried.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Fitzgerald reported that a meeting took place on May 4, and there were no sitting legislators in attendance, only candidates running for office. He noted a good discussion was held on various bills that were being presented currently in the legislature.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident, Mr. Mike Fischetti, asked the Board to consider the financial impact on residents when considering the teachers' contract.

Mrs. Amy Beadle responded that it was unfair to compare what was happening with the teacher negotiations to the private sector because it is not the same.

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ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Barnett made a motion to adjourn the special meeting at 6:32 p.m., seconded by Mrs. McCready.

The Board then reconvened to begin the work session.

Arthur J. McDonnell
Board Secretary

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

I. Personnel

A) EMPLOYEE

1. Approve Professional Staff Appointments –

- a. See Addendum, English teacher at the Jr./Sr. High School, effective August 17, 2006,
- b. See Addendum, science teacher at the Jr./Sr. High School, effective August 17, 2006,
- c. **Christopher J. Stanchek**, English teacher at the Jr./Sr. High School, effective August 17, 2006, at an annual salary as consistent for a teacher in the second year of experience with a bachelor's degree, pending receipt of all necessary documents.

Background information: Christopher J. Stanchek received his bachelor's degree summa cum laude from the University of Pittsburgh, where he was honored as a Presidential Scholar and University Scholar. He is currently teaching in the Bellefonte Area School District.

- ~~d. **Walter Wojcik**, temporary part-time German teacher at the Jr./Sr. High School, effective for the 2006-07 school year, and consistent for a teacher in the master's, step 5 position, prorated to 50%.~~
- e. **Jennifer Weist**, mathematics teacher at the Jr./Sr. High School, effective August 17, 2006, at an annual salary as consistent for a teacher in the first year of experience with a bachelor's degree, pending receipt of all necessary documents.

Background information: Ms. Jennifer Weist, will graduate magna cum laude from Muhlenberg College with a B.S. in Mathematical Sciences. She was a Presidential Merit Scholarship recipient and completed her student teaching experience at East Penn and Allentown School Districts. Jennifer played college volleyball and served as a co-captain during her junior and senior years. She was named the "Player's Player" for three years.

- f. **Rhonda Ochs**, long-term substitute for secondary mathematics (for Betsy Santoro) effective May 3, 2006, through the end of the 2006-07 school year. The rate of pay, benefits included, for the duration of this assignment is consistent with a teacher in the first year of experience with a bachelor's degree, prorated effective May 3, 2006, to the end of the 2005-06 school year, and for the 2006-07 school year.

Background information: Ms. Rhonda Ochs completed her student teaching at Wyomissing Area Jr./Sr. High School. She received her B.S. Degree in mathematics from Lebanon Valley College and her certification from Albright College. She has been employed as a mathematics instructor at RACC since 1998.

2. Ratify Effective Date for Maternity/Child Rearing Leave – **Betsy Santoro**, secondary mathematics teacher, began her maternity leave on April 28, 2006.

Background information: On April 24, 2006, the School Board approved the leave request for Mrs. Santoro to be effective on or about May 12, 2006.

3. Approve Change to Professional Appointment Effective Dates –
 - a. **Danielle M. Mocerri**, secondary Spanish teacher, effective August 17, 2006.
 - b. **Andrew J. Siggins**, secondary technology education teacher, effective August 17, 2006.

Background information: On April 24, 2006, the Board approved the appointments of Danielle M. Mocerri and Andrew J. Siggins effective August 22, 2006, which is the opening in-service date; however, new teachers are scheduled for induction meetings which necessitated a change in the effective date to August 17, 2006.

4. Approve Maternity/Child Rearing Leave – **Michelle Kersikoski**, elementary teacher, has requested a maternity/child rearing leave on or about September 1, 2006, until the end of the 2006-07 school year.
5. Approve Support Staff Resignation – **Maryann Reiver**, custodian at the Jr./Sr. High School, effective May 16, 2006.
6. Ratify Support Staff Unpaid Leave of Absence – **Gail Latham**, Food Service Worker, unpaid leave on April 18, 19, 20, 21, and 24, 2006.

II. Curriculum

III. Finance

- A) Appoint School Board Treasurer for the term July 1, 2006, to June 30, 2007, with no wage payments.

Background information: Dr. Robert Shuttlesworth served in this capacity and is receptive to permitting another board member this opportunity or continuing in the same capacity.

- B) Approve Tuition Rates for 2005-06 - \$9,218.81 secondary, \$8,326.95 elementary.

Background information: The tuition charge(s) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, are based on the school's annual financial report and child accounting attendance reports submitted by the chief school administrator of the school district for the preceding school year which ended June 30, 2005. This charge(s) has been calculated in accordance with the provisions of Section 2561 of the PA Public School Code of 1949, as amended.

- C) Approve Austill's Rehabilitation Services Agreement for 2006-07

Background information: Austill's Rehabilitation Services, Inc., has provided therapy services to the district since 1997. There is no rate increase in the \$57/hour rate for the service agreement through June 30, 2007.

D) Budgetary Transfers for 2005-06 until after June 30, 2006

Background information: The audit for the 2005-06 fiscal year will take place over the summer months into the fall. Preparation for the audit will require budget transfers to be made after June 30, 2006. This agenda item will defer and approve the Director of Business Affairs to make all of the necessary budgetary transfers required for the 2005-2006 school year until after June 30, 2006.

E) Approve **Kozloff Stoudt Professional Corporation**, with **Brian F. Boland, Esq.**, for legal representation and school solicitor for the 2006-07 school year, as per the terms of the engagement letter as follows: There will be no retainer. Billing services based on shareholders of the firm at \$140 per hour, associates at \$100 per hour, and paralegals at \$85 per hour, effective July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

F) Approval to authorize **James Lillis, Esq.**, of **Kozloff Stoudt Attorneys at Law**, to enter into a stipulation granting the Tennis Park Condominiums' assessment appeal.

Background information: The Tennis Club correctly questioned their tennis courts being assessed on two parcels. The Berks County Assessment office agrees with this error.

G) Approve PA-Educator.Net Memorandum of Understanding – July 1, 2006-June 30, 2007, \$1,950

Background information: PA-Educator.net is a web-based database of teacher candidates in Pennsylvania. College students and others seeking teaching positions post their credentials through this organization. Districts use the service by sorting applicants by discipline, evaluating the credentials on line, and/or sending email information to all certified candidates explaining the position available.

IV. Facilities

V. School Activities & Athletics

A) Approve Supplemental Activity Resignations effective at the end of the 2005-06 school year –

1. **Loretta A. Minear**, Senior High Math Team Advisor
2. **B. J. Dramby**, TASAR Facilitator
3. **Andrea Landrum/Jim Comerford**, Chariot Co-Advisors

VI. Technology

VII. Policy

A) Approve First Reading of New and Revised Policies –

New Policy:

246 Student Wellness

Revised Policies:

- 311 Furloughs (administrative employees)
- 411 Furloughs (professional employees)
- 511 Furloughs (classified employees)

- 314 Physical Examination (administrative employees)
- 414 Physical Examination (professional employees)
- 514 Physical Examination (classified employees)
- 314.1 HIV Infection (administrative employees)
- 414.1 HIV Infection (professional employees)
- 514.1 HIV Infection (classified employees)
- 333 Professional Growth Requirements
- 409 Assignment and Transfer (professional employees)
- 509 Assignment and Transfer (classified employees)
- 412 Evaluation of Professional & Temporary Professional Employees
- 501 Creating a Position
- 609 Investment of District Funds

VIII. Community Relations

IX. Other Items

**Additions to
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Special Board Meeting
May 15, 2006**

I. Personnel

A) EMPLOYEE

1. Approve Professional Staff Appointments –

- **Joelle L. Ostrich**, English teacher at the Jr./Sr. High School, effective August 17, 2006, at an annual salary as consistent for a teacher in the eighth year of experience with a master's degree +30, pending receipt of all necessary documents.

Background information: Joelle Ostrich earned her B.A. in English from the Georgetown University and has two master's degrees. Joelle's first master's degree was completed at the University of Pennsylvania in education and the second is from Georgetown in liberal studies. She has taught AP courses, served as an academic dean in the Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth, and is currently teaching in the Elizabethtown Area School District. She is relocating to Berks County in July.

- **David W. Clewell**, guidance counselor at the Jr./Sr. High School, effective August 17, 2006, at an annual salary as consistent for a teacher in the eighth year of experience with a master's degree +24, pending receipt of all necessary documents.

Background information: David W. Clewell completed his undergraduate studies at Kutztown University and his master's, summa cum laude, at the same university. He is currently employed as a school counselor in the Oley Valley School District. Before becoming a school counselor, David had a variety of experiences in therapeutic and recreational programs, behavioral specialist, field services support, substance abuse, and drug and alcohol therapist. He is SAP trained and is also certified as a Peer Mediator Trainer.

- **John D. Yoder, Jr.**, earth science teacher at the Jr./Sr. High School, effective August 17, 2006, at an annual salary as consistent for a teacher in the eleventh year of experience with a master's degree +30, pending receipt of all necessary documents.

Background information: John Yoder graduated from Kutztown University with a major in earth and space science and earned a master's degree from West Chester University in physical science-earth and space science. He is currently working on his doctorate in curriculum instruction technology education at Temple University. John currently teaches at Governor Mifflin School District and serves as an adjunct professor in environmental science at Reading Area Community College. John has served as the outdoor adventure club advisor, ski/snowboard advisor, football coach, and wrestling coach.