

WYOMISSING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 2013-4548

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The regular meeting of the Board of School Directors convened at 6:02 p.m. in the Community Board Room of the Jr./Sr. High School with Mrs. Butera, Board President, presiding.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Board Members Present:

Mrs. Bamberger, Mrs. Butera, Mrs. Helm, Mr. Larkin, Mrs. McAvoy, Mr. Painter, Mr. Portner and Mrs. Seltzer.

Board Member Absent

Mrs. Davis

Administrative Staff Present:

Mr. Stem and Mrs. Mason and Mrs. Morett.

Attendees:

Jeffrey Litts, Esq, Kegel Kelin Almy & Lord, LLC, Becca Gregg, Reading Eagle, and Shelley Filer, recording secretary. Audience sign-in sheet included as part of these official minutes.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Following the roll call by the Board secretary, Mrs. Butera welcomed everyone and announced that an Executive Session was held prior to the meeting for to discuss personnel and legal issues and would reconvene following the meeting for further discussion on legal matters.

The following meeting schedules and locations were announced:

- Personnel/Policy Committee Meeting – February 5, 2013, 5:00 p.m.
- Finance Committee Meeting – February 6, 2013, 12:00 p.m.
- School Board Business with Committee Reports – February 11, 2013, 6:00 p.m.
- Curriculum Committee Meeting – February 13, 2013, 2:30 p.m.
- Facilities Committee Meeting – February 20, 2013, 12:00 p.m.
- School Board Business Meeting – February 25, 2013, 6:00 p.m.
- Technology Committee Meeting – February 27, 2013, 6:00 p.m.

All listed meetings are held in the Community Board Room of the Jr./Sr. High School unless otherwise noted.

RECOGNITION

On behalf of Mrs. Vicente who was unable to attend due to illness, Mr. Stem recognized the Board members for volunteering their time and the numerous contributions to the District students, staff, and faculty in observance of January being School Board Member Recognition Month.

REPORT FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

On behalf of June Chiango, Mr. Stem reported on the following activities at the Jr./Sr. High School:

- Concert band's combined performance with Schuylkill Valley.
- Indoor track's competitions at Penn State and the New York Armory.

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- Recognition of the football team, cheerleaders, and band at the Reading Royals hockey game.
- WAMA's second annual Sweet Sunday fundraiser featuring student performances by choral, band, and orchestra ensembles.
- NAIMUN's upcoming competition in Washington, DC.
- Girls' and boys' basketball team accomplishments.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ROUTINE APPROVALS

MEETING MINUTES

Upon a motion by Mrs. Helm, second by Mrs. McAvoy, the Board approved the following minutes.

- December 3, 2012 Reorganization Meeting
- December 3, 2012 Business Meeting
- December 10, 2012 Special Board Meeting

Yeas: Bamberger, Butera, Larkin, Helm, McAvoy, Painter, Portner and Seltzer.

Absent: Davis

Nays: None. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon a motion by Mr. Painter second by Mr. Portner, the Treasurer's Report for November and December 2012 was accepted as presented.

Yeas: Bamberger, Butera, Larkin, Helm, McAvoy, Painter, Portner and Seltzer.

Absent: Davis

Nays: None. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Upon motion by Mrs. Seltzer, second by Mr. Larkin, payment of bills for the months of November and December 2012 were approved.

Yeas: Bamberger, Butera, Larkin, Helm, McAvoy, Painter, Portner and Seltzer.

Absent: Davis

Nays: None. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. CURRICULUM/ TECHNOLOGY

Upon a motion by Mrs. McAvoy and second by Mr. Larkin, the Board approved the Curriculum/Technology agenda item as follows:

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1. Approved homebound instruction for secondary student ID#201370 from January 8, 2013 to January 28, 2013 for a maximum of 5 hours per week.

Yeas: Bamberger, Butera, Larkin, Helm, McAvoy, Painter, Portner and Seltzer.

Absent: Davis

Nays: None. Motion carried.

B. FINANCE/ FACILITIES

Upon a motion by Mrs. Seltzer, and second by Mr. Painter, the Board approved the Finance/Facilities agenda items as follows.

During discussion Mrs. Bamberger requested that the item on the boiler project be pulled from the agenda. Mrs. Seltzer and Mr. Painter agreed to the amended motion.

Mr. Portner asked how the amount of delinquent taxes compared to previous years. Mrs. Mason indicated that it is the smallest increase (less than about 1.5%) since she has been here. She announced a corrected amount due to last minute payments received.

Mrs. Mason reported that the Board and administration have worked hard to provide the resolution to not raise taxes above the 1.7% index. The deficit will be somewhere between \$900,000 and \$1.1 million which they will work to decrease over the next few months. The biggest impact on the budget is the increase in PSERS contributions. Approximately \$2.5 million has been set aside to help offset the 12.5% increase over the next five years.

1. Approved Budget Transfers in the amount of \$127,596.78.
2. Approved the following donations from the Wyomissing Area Education Foundation:
 - \$1,118 towards the purchase of skeletal models for the JSHS.
 - \$500 towards the purchase of supplies for the JSHS Project Help Desk.
 - \$447.85 and \$1,247.35 towards the purchase of bucket fillers for WREC.
 - \$1,302.15 towards the purchase of dissection tools and anatomy models for the JSHS.
3. Approved donation through the Development Office from Charles and Katie Odell in the amount of \$300 towards the District's communications system.
4. Approved the following donations through the Development Office

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towards the purchase of stage lighting:

- Hirneisen Electric in the amount of \$2,000.
- NRG Building Services in the amount of \$500.

5. Approved Berks County Joint Purchasing bids for copy paper as follows:

Lindenmeyr Munroe	\$ 9,840.00
Contract Paper Group	<u>187.02</u>
Total	\$10,027.02

6. Approved submission of delinquent real estate taxes to ENM Law Group in the amount of ~~\$570,603.48~~. (As corrected by Mrs. Mason, the figure should be \$559,321.88.)

7. Approved Resolution No. 1-28-13-01 not to raise taxes above the index of 1.7% for the 2013-14 school year.

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 31, 2013.

Yeas: Bamberger, Butera, Larkin, Helm, McAvoy, Painter, Portner and Seltzer.

Absent: Davis

Nays: None. Motion carried.

**C. PERSONNEL/
POLICY**

Upon a motion by Mrs. Bamberger, second by Mrs. McAvoy, the Board approved the Personnel/Policy agenda items as follows.

1. APPROVAL OF LETTER OF AGREEMENT

a. Professional Staff

- 1) Request approval of WAEA Letter of Agreement for Christine Helinek, Art Teacher, WHEC/WREC, for the 2012-13 school year.

2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

a. Support Staff

- 1) **Patricia Magrann**, Instructional Aide, WHEC, unpaid leave of absence, March 13, 14, 15, 2013.

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3. APPOINTMENTS

a. Professional Staff

- 1) **Amber Morris**, Psychologist, District-wide, effective date to be determined, at a pro-rated annual salary to be determined by the new contract, but based on M+30, Step 3 (\$49,920 according to the 2010-2011 salary matrix).
Background information: Ms. Morris is a Pennsylvania Department of Education certified School Psychologist (K-12). In addition to her experience as a school psychologist, Ms. Morris has an extensive background providing therapeutic services to children/adolescents with varied diagnoses. This position was approved at the June 25, 2012 Board of Directors Meeting and will be funded by Medical Access funds.

4. ADDITIONAL HOURS

a. Professional Staff

- 1) **John Yoder**, Teacher, Jr./Sr. High School, to provide homebound instruction to secondary student #201370, January 8, 2013 to January 28, 2013, maximum 5 hours per week, at the WAEA wage rate for work contract outside work hours.

5. SUBSTITUTES

a. Professional Staff (Additions)

- 1) **Andrew Childs**, Teacher

6. POLICIES

Second reading and adoption of the following policy:
249 - Bullying/Cyberbullying

Yeas: Bamberger, Butera, Larkin, Helm, McAvoy, Painter, Portner and Seltzer.

Absent: Davis

Nays: None. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

UPDATE FROM ORGANIZATIONS

None

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Larkin, seconded by Mrs. Bamberger to adjourn at 6:22 p.m.

Corinne D. Mason
Board Secretary