

WYOMISSING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 2014-4740

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The regular meeting of the Board of School Directors convened at 5:59 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. Butera, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. McAvoy, Mr. Painter, Mr. Portner, Mrs. Reese, Mrs. Reilly and Mrs. Seltzer.

Board Member Absent: Mr. Heinly

Administrative Staff Present: Mrs. Vicente, Mr. Stem, and Mr. Griscom.

Attendees: David Kostival, Reading Eagle, and Shelley Filer, recording secretary. Audience sign-in sheet included as part of these official minutes.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following meeting schedules and locations were announced:

- Technology Committee Meeting – Wednesday, March 26, 2014, 12:00 p.m.
- Curriculum Committee Meeting – Monday, March 31, 2014, 12:00 p.m.
- Finance/Facilities Committee Meeting – Wednesday, April 2, 2014, 11:00 a.m.
- Personnel/Policy Committee Meeting – Thursday, April 3, 2014, 12:00 p.m.
- School Board Business Meeting with Committee Reports – Monday, April 7, 2014, 6:00 p.m.
- School Board Business Meeting – Monday, April 28, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ROUTINE APPROVALS

MEETING MINUTES

Upon a motion by Mr. Painter, second by Mr. Portner, the Board approved the following minutes:

- February 10, 2014 Business Meeting with Committee Reports
- February 24, 2014 Regular Business Meeting

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Yeas: Butera, Davis, McAvoy, Painter, Portner, Reese, Reilly and Seltzer.

Absent: Heinly

Nays: None. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S
REPORT**

Upon a motion by Mrs. Seltzer second by Mrs. McAvoy, the Treasurer's Report for February 2014 was accepted as presented.

Yeas: Butera, Davis, McAvoy, Painter, Portner, Reese, Reilly and Seltzer.

Absent: Heinly

Nays: None. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Upon a motion by Mr. Portner, second by Mrs. Reilly, payment of bills for the month of February 2014 was approved.

Yeas: Butera, Davis, McAvoy, Painter, Portner, Reese, Reilly and Seltzer.

Absent: Heinly

Nays: None. Motion carried.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

**A. CURRICULUM/
TECHNOLOGY**

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

1. Approved Overnight Field Trip Request – PMEA All-State Festival, Mechanicsburg, PA, March 26-29, 2014.

Yeas: Butera, Davis, McAvoy, Painter, Portner, Reese, Reilly and Seltzer.

Absent: Heinly

Nays: None. Motion carried.

**B. FINANCE/
FACILITIES**

Upon a motion by Mrs. Reese, and second by Mrs. McAvoy, the Board approved the Finance/Facilities agenda items as follows.

During discussion Mrs. Seltzer asked about the Poetry Bomb Project. Mrs. Vicente explained that it was a creative project between the Language Arts and Art teachers.

Mr. Portner asked about the level of funding to-date for the 6th grade camp. Mr. Stem said he would find out and provide an update to the Board.

Mr. Painter asked if the Lacrosse Club donation was sufficient to run the team. Mrs. Vicente responded that the gracious donation was specifically

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earmarked for Lacrosse and will sustain the program for a while even though it is under the umbrella of athletics.

Mrs. Butera thanked the various donors for their generous contributions.

Mrs. Vicente commented that the donation for the camcorder allows WYO5Live mobility in their broadcasting.

Mrs. Butera mentioned that the proposed contract with XO Communications is a big step toward the 1:1 laptop initiative.

1. Approved donation from the Wyomissing Lacrosse Club in the amount of \$19,000 to be used towards the lacrosse program.
2. Approved donation from the Wyomissing Hills Citizens Social Committee in the amount of \$500 to be used towards 6th grade camp.
3. Approved donations from the Wyomissing Area Education Foundation as follows:
 - \$3,549 for a camcorder for the WYO5Live Studio.
 - \$850 towards classroom and library books in memory of Delaney Brown.
 - \$900 towards the 6th grade Poetry Bomb Project.
4. Approved Berks Career & Technology Center 2014-15 Budget.
Background information: The proposed maximum share amount for the Wyomissing Area School District for 2014-15 is \$272,359 which is an increase of 8.15% from 2013-14. The individual school district's contribution to the budget is determined by a proportionate share calculation that looks at audited enrollment figures from the three previous years.
5. Approved tax collection agreement with Denise DeAntonio and Fulton Bank.
Background information: The Borough has appointed Ms. DeAntonio as the Tax Collector of the Borough of West Reading to serve for the term expiring December 31, 2015. This agreement deputizes Fulton Bank as the Deputy Tax Collector for the District.
6. Approved a one-year contract with XO Communications starting on July, 1, 2014 in the amount of \$4,105.28 per month for a 300 MB Internet connection. This contract supersedes the existing three-year contract that ends on June 30, 2015.
Background information: After the e-rate discount is applied, the

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monthly payment drops to \$1,970.53. This expense is accounted for in the 2014-15 IT Budget. The current contract is \$2,750 monthly for a 45 MB connection.

Yeas: Butera, Davis, McAvoy, Painter, Portner, Reese, Reilly and Seltzer.

Absent: Heinly

Nays: None. Motion carried.

C. PERSONNEL/ POLICY

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

1. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

a. Professional Staff

- 1) **Danielle Gingrich**, Spanish Teacher, JSHS, Family Medical Leave effective the first day for teachers in the 2014-15 school year, return to work effective December 2, 2014.

b. Support Staff

- 1) **Pamela Anzulewicz**, Food Service Worker, JSHS, unpaid Leave of Absence June 2, 2014 to June 6, 2014 returning to work June 9, 2014.
- 2) **Ashlynnne Khaldaoui**, Classroom Instructional Aide, WHEC, unpaid Leave of Absence, May 1, 2, 5, 6, 2014, return to work on May 7, 2014.
- 3) **Mary Lieberman**, Special Education Instructional Aide, WREC, end Family Medical Leave effective March 4, 2014 and return to work effective March 5, 2014.
- 4) **Sheilah Nestro**, Crossing Guard, WREC, unpaid Leave of Absence April 9, 2014 to April 16, 2014.
- 5) **Barry Matz**, Inventory Specialist, JSHS, Family Medical Leave, effective April 29, 2014, returning on or about May 28, 2014.
- 6) **Loni Pottieger**, Attendance Secretary, JSHS, unpaid Leave of Absence, June 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 2014, return to work June 23, 2014.

2. APPOINTMENTS

a. Administrative Staff

- 1) **Mark Boyer**, Business Administrator, District Office, update effective start date to April 7, 2014.

b. Support Staff

- 1) **Pamela Gartner**, Part-time Library Aide, WHEC, update effective start date to March 19, 2014.

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- 2) **Tamara DeLoretta**, Part-time Classroom Instructional Aide, WREC, 5 ½ hours/day (27 ½ hours/week), \$10.50/hour, effective April 7, 2014.
- 3) **Steven Holst**, Full-time Special Education Instructional Aide, WHEC, 7 hours/day (35 hours/week), \$11.55/hour, effective March 26, 2014.

3. TRANSFER

a. Support Staff

- 1) **Linda Wynne**, Special Education Instructional Aide, JSHS, transfer to WHEC effective the first staff day of the 2014-15 school year, wages in accordance with current AFSCME agreement. *Background information: Ms. Wynne will finish her assignment at the JSHS for the 2013-14 school year and will be reassigned to WHEC the beginning of the 2014-15 school year. This is based upon student need.*

4. SUBSTITUTES

a. Professional Staff

- 1) **Robert Evans**, Guest Teacher (Addition)

b. Support Staff

- 2) **Timothy Antosy, Jr.**, Custodian (Addition)

5. VOLUNTEERS

6. POLICIES

Second reading/Adoption of the following policies:

412 Evaluation of Professional and Temporary Professional Employees

913 Nonschool Organizations/Groups/Individuals

Yeas: Butera, Davis, McAvoy, Painter, Portner, Reese, Reilly and Seltzer.

Absent: Heinly

Nays: None. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Butera reported that in May 2013 when the Board voted to refinance the bond issue, they set a minimum of \$250,000 in savings. The percentage at the time would have yielded approximately \$217,000. As of the vote at the last Board meeting the percentage at the time of the refinancing has yielded a savings of \$385,000 over five years.

Mrs. Seltzer asked for clarification about a notice in a PSBA publication she saw regarding increasing the length of a school day to make up time for

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snow days. Mrs. Vicente clarified that the proposal in in the form of a bill and has not yet passed legislation so it will have no impact on this school year.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

UPDATE FROM ORGANIZATIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Portner, seconded by Mrs. McAvoy to adjourn at 6:10 p.m.

Board Secretary