

WYOMISSING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 2021-6071

Minutes September 13, 2021

The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board of School Directors convened at 4:45 p.m. in the Community Board Room with Mrs. Maria Ziolkowski, Board President presiding.

CALL TO ORDER

Following the pledge of allegiance, Mrs. Ziolkowski asked if anyone would be recording the meeting. Mr. Arnst indicated he will be recording the meeting.

Board Members Present: Mrs. Harenza (via Zoom), Mr. McCaffrey (arrived at 5:32pm), Mrs. Phillips, Mr. Pottieger, Mr. Redner, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Waxler, and Mrs. Ziolkowski.

Board Members Absent: Mrs. McAvoy.

Administrative Staff Present: Mr. Scoboria (via Zoom), Dr. Woodard, Mr. Boyer, Mr. Arnst, and Mr. Cafoncelli.

Attendees: Alex Gabryluk, Technology Support
An audience sign-in sheet is included as part of these official minutes.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Ziolkowski welcomed all and announced upcoming meetings

- School Board Business Meeting – September 27, 2021, 6:00 p.m., Community Board Room
- Committee of the Whole Meeting – October 11, 2021, 4:45 p.m., Community Board Room

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ROUTINE APPROVALS

MEETING MINUTES

Upon a motion by Mrs. Waxler second by Mr. Redner the Board approved the following minutes:

- May 10, 2021 Committee of the Whole Minutes

Yeas: Mrs. Harenza, Mrs. Phillips, Mr. Pottieger, Mr. Redner, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Waxler, and Mrs. Ziolkowski.

Absent at time of vote: Mr. McCaffrey.

Absent: Mrs. McAvoy.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

COMMITTEES

A. CURRICULUM AND TECHNOLOGY

Total Learning Experience Update – Karen DeNunzio Albright College, Science Research Institute

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Dr. Woodard introduced Karen DeNunzio, Director of Learning and Innovation for pre-college and summer programs at Albright College through the Science and Research Institute. Dr. Woodard explained WASD has established a partnership with Albright and SRI, and tonight we will hear more about the components. Dr. Woodard said we are able to include our administrators and teachers through the partnership as well as our students.

Mrs. DeNunzio thanked the Board saying it was nice to be here where learning is so important. Mrs. DeNunzio explained the Science and Research Institute moved to Albright College after 10 years at Conrad Weiser School District. Mrs. DeNunzio referred to her presentation and explained, *SRI* is a place; a program. *Total Experience Learning* (TEL) is a methodology of instruction. *Uncovering the Genius that Resides in Every Child* is a program geared for every student and is not specific to learning types.

Mrs. DeNunzio explained the pillars of SRI are a framework for integrating TEL, enabling students to bring their own creativity and innovation to their work. She further explained, they had learned through studies that there needed to be changes to innovative learning at the local level, or risk the stagnation of economic and global connectiveness for Pennsylvania. They realized, to make advances in innovation, entrepreneurship, and global connectiveness, they needed to consider the education students are getting before they move on to career, college or university experiences.

Mrs. DeNunzio explained there are three silos of education; K-12, university and college, and business and industry. They all do their best in each silo, but rarely cross over to obtain higher levels of rigor and innovation experiences for all. Mrs. DeNunzio said this is what they do at SRI, they give their students in grades 5-12 an understating of engaging in industrial level tools, machinery, or bio medicine to be able to come up with creativity and entrepreneurship ideas through the natural navigation of the sciences.

Mrs. DeNunzio shared the history and growth of the program and said last year they hosted 200 students, 10 of which were Wyomissing students attending through the PA Smart Grant scholarship awarded to SRI by the Governor. She highlighted the many benefits provided to the students participating through the scholarship.

Mrs. DeNunzio shared her personal history and educational path that brought her to the Albright SRI program. She reviewed the goals the program has achieved, the programs they offer such as summer school, dual enrollment programs, teacher development and satellite programs,

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and highlighted examples of current projects including a sample list of the many subject areas the program covered over the summer.

Mrs. DeNunzio reviewed demographics and the equitability of the program, the future plans for building a new regional center within the Albright Campus, and how they expect to expand the programs and partnerships with local districts. Mrs. DeNunzio said the goal is to develop and train educators so they can collaborate and further develop the program within their districts. Dr. Woodard shared that a group of WASD administrators and educators are currently taking part in the SRI learning and will incorporate their knowledge into WASD curriculum.

B. FINANCE AND FACILITIES

Finance / Act 1 Budget Timeline – Mr. Boyer

Mr. Boyer reviewed the budget timeline for the 2022-2023 school year beginning with development of the preliminary budget and first review of the budget in November. He said in December/January we adopt the resolution authorizing the proposed preliminary budget and advertise, or adopt an opt out resolution. January 27, 2022 is the deadline to make the 2022-23 proposed preliminary budget available for public inspection or adopt opt out resolution. Mr. Boyer reviewed the proposed upcoming budget workshop dates and remaining budget deadlines, with June 30th being the deadline to adopt the final budget.

Facilities – Mr. Cafoncelli

1. Flannery Field Sound System

Mr. Cafoncelli reviewed the timeline for the sound system saying due to COVID and procuring materials, the project is delayed until the Spring. They have rented a temporary sound system for the season which is operating for the Fall and by the Spring they expect to have the new system in place for all three fields.

2. Mr. Cafoncelli reminded the Board there were contingency funds put in place to cover items such as change orders. He explained the reasons for the change order at Wyomissing Hills and the JSHS.

- a. CO1 Hills – This was due to existing conditions found after demo. Sinks needed to be relocated to fit new casework.
- b. CO1 JSHS – This CO was because we needed access to the second floor to bring equipment in and this allowed us to stay on schedule and open school on time.

3. October Board Workshop

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Mr. Cafoncelli said there will be a building tour for the Board at an upcoming workshop in October. Mrs. McAvoy will be reaching out to establish the date and time. Additionally, Mr. Cafoncelli will plan another workshop in March.

Mrs. Taylor raised concerns regarding busing and morning drop off being held up due to the number of parent cars dropping students at Wyomissing Hills in the morning. Dr. Woodard said they have recognized the current challenges at Wyomissing Hills and they are working together with the contractors on-site, the transportation dept. and exploring other ways to decrease the drop-off times and to ensure that students who want to get breakfast have the opportunity.

C. POLICY

Mr. Boyer reviewed the typical Board process for election of PSBA officers explaining when there is more than one candidate on the ballot, the Board will usually abstain, without knowing much of the background of the candidates. The Board directed the Board Secretary to submit the vote as follows: abstain from the vote for President -Elect, and vote for the Vice President and Insurance Trust candidates as listed.

1. PSBA Election of Officers
 - a. President- Elect (1-year term)
 - 1) Sabrina Backer
 - 2) David Schaap
 - 3) Abstain
 - b. Vice President (1-year term)
 - 1) Allison Mathias
 - 2) Abstain
 - c. PSBA Insurance Trust Trustees (Term ends Dec. 31, 2024) Vote for 3
 - 1) Nathan Mains – PSBA CEO
 - 2) Richard Frerichs – PSBA Past President
 - 3) William LaCoff - PSBA Past President
 - 4) Abstain

Background Information: To comply with PSBA policy 108 as amended April 27, 2013 addressing how votes are cast by member entity boards. The Board Secretary will submit the votes electronically as required by October 16, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Waxler second by Mrs. Phillips to adjourn at 6:07 p.m.

Board Secretary