

WYOMISSING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 2004-2005

Minutes November 22, 2004

The regular meeting of the Board of School Directors convened at 7:52 p.m. in the Community Board Room with Mrs. Barnett, Board President, presiding.

Board Members Present: Mr. Larkin, Mr. Love, Mrs. McCready, Mr. Murray, Mrs. Sakmann, Mr. Snyder, Dr. Shuttlesworth, and Mrs. Barnett.

Administrative Staff Present: Dr. Dietz, Mrs. Riedel, Mr. Hartman, Dr. Kennedy, Mrs. Whye, Mr. Dawson, Mrs. Motze, Mrs. Zerr, Mrs. Simyak, Mr. Babb, Mrs. Schaeffer, Recording Secretary.

Attendees: See list included as part of these official minutes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Barnett called the meeting to order.

Mr. Love welcomed Dr. Allmon, Executive Director of the Berks County Intermediate Unit.

AUDIENCE RECOGNITION

None.

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Upon motion by Mrs. McCready, and second by Dr. Shuttlesworth, the minutes of the following business and committee meetings and financial reports were approved as presented and included as part of these official minutes.

Athletic Committee	October 25, 2004
Policy Committee Meeting	October 25, 2004
Regular Board Meeting	October 25, 2004
Curriculum Committee Meeting	October 25, 2004
Special Board Meeting	November 1, 2004
Finance Committee Meeting	November 15, 2004
General Purpose Meeting	November 15, 2004

FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a) Ratification of payment of properly approved vendor invoices for the General Fund and 2001 and 2003 G.O. Bond - November 2004
- b) Treasurers Report – October 2004
- c) Activities Account – October 2004
- d) Food Services Statement - October 2004
- e) Athletic Department Statement - October 2004

Yeas: Larkin, Love, McCready, Murray, Sakmann, Shuttlesworth, Snyder, and Barnett.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATES

- ❖ Dr. Dietz reported that the Board reorganization meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2004. He also noted that the business meeting dates for 2005 would be advertised in the newspaper. The Board business meetings are held the fourth Monday of each month, unless it is a holiday, and the December meeting for reorganization is held the first week of the month.
- ❖ Mrs. Riedel noted that the high school is requesting 5 new courses for board approval, and information is included as part of the board packet.
- ❖ Dr. Dietz provided a goal update. The District is focusing on improving procedural systems. Enhancing safety and security and ways to improve both external and internal public relations are also among the list of goal items.

POLICY

Mrs. Barnett noted that discussion on Policy 202 Eligibility of Nonresident Students would be deferred until the December 6 meeting.

APPROVED ADOPTION OF POLICIES

Upon motion by Mr. Snyder, second by Mr. Murray, the Board of School Directors approved the following policies for a second reading/adoption:

New Policy #122.1 Co-Curricular Advisors
Revised Policy #140 Charter Schools
New Policy #251 Homeless Students
Revised Policy #407 Student Teachers/Interns

Yeas: Larkin, Love, McCready, Murray, Sakmann, Shuttlesworth,
Snyder, and Barnett.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

FINANCE

Dr. Dietz noted that the authorization to proceed with plans for full-day kindergarten would be an item on the December 6, 2004, agenda.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT & ADDENDUM

Dr. Dietz submitted his report and recommendations dated November 22, 2004, and an addendum dated November 22, 2004.

APPROVED SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Upon motion by Mrs. McCready, second by Dr. Shuttlesworth, the Board of School Directors approved the superintendent's report and addendum dated November 22, 2004. A copy is included as part of these official minutes.

Yeas: Larkin, Love, McCready, Murray, Sakmann, Shuttlesworth,
Snyder, and Barnett.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

APPROVED RESOLUTION TO REFUND BONDS

Upon motion by Dr. Shuttlesworth, second by Mr. Love, the following resolution was approved by the Board of School District:

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Resolved, that the School District proceed with refunding its series of 2001 Bonds, provided that the District can realize a savings of at least 2.5% of the outstanding issue as a result of such refunding; and

Further resolved, that the District hereby engages RBC Dain Rauscher and Concord Public Finance to work with its administration and solicitor to accomplish said refunding; and

Further resolve, that the administration is authorized to proceed with and implement the refunding of its series of 2001 bonds on the terms set for herein.

Yeas: Larkin, Love, McCready, Murray, Sakmann, Shuttlesworth, Snyder, and Barnett.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Many residents addressed the board and urged them to consider reinstating Mr. Christopher Krow as a high school math teacher and varsity track coach. Mr. Krow was suspended after being arrested and charged with a felony on October 14.

Dr. Dietz stated that counsel had not yet had an opportunity to debrief the Board about events earlier in the day involving Mr. Krow, and they were not in a position to make any immediate decisions.

After several residents asked for more communication from the District, Mrs. Barnett stated that the goal is to get information out to the public as soon as possible.

Solicitor Socrates Georgeadis explained that the method for handling situations such as this are set forth in the School Code. An immediate resolution is not always possible because other agencies are involved such as the police department and district attorney. The decision as to whether to reinstate Mr. Krow is a complicated and difficult one and more time is needed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned to executive session to discuss personnel matters at 8:28 p.m.

Diane J. Schaeffer
Recording Secretary

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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To: Members of the Board of School Directors

A. The superintendent respectfully submits the following information and recommendations for Board approval:

1. Personnel

a. Approve Resignation Date for Director of Business Affairs

Approve December 12, 2004 as the effective resignation date for Stephen B. Skrocki, Director of Business Affairs.

Background information: Mr. Skrocki's resignation (with an effective date to be determined) was approved July 19, 2004 at the General Purpose meeting of the Board of School Directors.

b. Approve Start Date for Director of Technology Services

Approve December 6, 2004 as the effective start date for Timothy Laubach, Director of Technology Services.

Background information: Mr. Laubach's appointment as Director of Technology Services (with an effective date to be determined) was approved at the November 1, 2004 General Purpose meeting.

c. Ratify Support Staff Appointment

Tonya Miller, Teacher's Instructional Aide at Wyomissing Hills Elementary Center, 15 hrs./week during the school year, at a rate of \$9.25/hr., effective November 15, 2004.

d. Approve Support Staff Resignation

Sally Moyer, Jr./Sr. High School Library Aide (Clerical and Instructional Support), has submitted a letter of resignation effective November 29, 2004.

2. Curriculum

a. Approve New Courses for 2005-06 School Year

Science Curriculum

Forensic Science	Course #232 (Grades 11 & 12)	.5 credit	first sem.
Environmental Science	Course #234 (Grades 11 & 12)	.5 credit	second sem.

Note: Biology and Chemistry are pre-requisites for these elective courses.

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English

Cinema Literacy: Film

History & Aesthetics	Course #360 (Grades 10-12)	.5 credit	first sem.
Literature and Film	Course #362 (Grades 10-12)	.5 credit	second sem.

Note: These are academic courses with 9th grade English as a pre-requisite.

Family and Consumer Sciences

Child Development and

Nutrition Course #915 (Grade 11 requirement) .5 credit

Note: This course would be taught in conjunction with course 914 to meet the state academic standards requirements in Family and Consumer Science that are currently not being addressed. The course would be piggybacked with 914 so all 11th graders could take both required courses during their junior year.

3. Finance

a. Ratify Substitute Bus Driver

Vincent Long as a substitute bus driver effective November 8, 2004.

Background information: A list of bus drivers was approved at the August 23, 2004 Board meeting with the provision that additional names could be added or deleted at the discretion of the administration.

b. Approve to Advertise for Bid

Approve to advertise for bids for the West Reading Elementary Center modular project.

Background information: The Board of School Directors approved proceeding with the modular project at West Reading Elementary Center at the General Purpose meeting on July 19, 2004.

c. Approve Increase in Tax Certification Fee

Approve an increase in the tax certification fee from \$10.00 to \$20.00 effective January 1, 2005.

Background information: Tax certification fees apply when the District is asked by title companies and mortgage companies to certify the status of a property owner's real estate tax payment. The certifications are performed internally in the business office, and the increase in fee is designed to make the District's charges more comparable to other districts.

d. Ratify Agreement With Berks County Intermediate Unit

Ratify an agreement between the Wyomissing Area School District and the Berks County Intermediate Unit for special education programs and services effective July 1, 2004 for the 2004-2005 school year. A copy of this agreement is included as part of the Board packet.

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e. Ratify Special Education Tuition Costs

Ratify special education tuition costs in the amount of \$21,000 for an out-of-district placement of one elementary student (202460) to attend the Albright Learning Center for the 2004-05 school year.

f. Approve Special Education Agreement

One secondary special education student will attend the Janus School for the remainder of this school year and the 2005-06 school year. The district will pay the cost of tuition and transportation.

g. Approve Final Budgetary Transfers for 2003-04

Approve final budgetary transfers for the 2003-04 school year as listed on the attachment included as part of the Board packet.

h. Ratify After-School Reading Instructors

Ratify the following instructors for the after-school Reading Support Program at West Reading Elementary Center for the hours as noted at the rate of \$28.00 per hour effective November 15, 2004.

Andrea Bensusan and Kate Aurentz	sixth grade reading	max. 20 hours (shared)
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Background information: At the October 25, 2004 Board meeting Andrea Bensusan was approved as the instructor for the after-school reading program for sixth grade. Andrea and Kate will now share this responsibility.

4. Facilities

a. Ratify Change Orders for Wyomissing Hills Elementary Center

Ratify change orders HVAC-1, HVAC -2, PC-6, PC-7, EC-10, and GC-50 to GC57 as listed on the attached Change Order Summary sheet included as part of the Board packet.

Background information: Approval was given by the Board of School Directors to the Superintendent to approve change orders under \$20,000, but ratification is needed by the Board.

b. Ratify Change Order for Jr./Sr. High School Bleacher/Field Observation Facility

Ratify a change order in the amount of \$3,142.00 to MCA Construction, Lancaster, PA to provide and install galvanized angle, rise covers and footboard to close the opening at the top of the last bleacher seat and underside of the C-channel framing along the front elevation of the press box.

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5. School Activities & Athletics

a. Approve Supplemental Appointments

Trevor Brenner, Varsity 2nd Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach, 29.75 points, at an annual salary of \$2,306, effective for the 2004 -05 school year.

Zachary Haas, Jr. High Head Boys' Basketball Coach, 30 points, at an annual salary of \$2,325, effective for the 2004-05 school year.

Jarrad Gruber, Jr. High Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach, 18 points, at an annual salary of \$1,395, effective for the 2004-05 school year.

b. Approve Elimination of Clubs

Approve elimination of the Junior/Senior High Odyssey of the Mind Clubs effective for the 2004-05 school year. (See attached letter from Jim Comerford and Susan Derr).

6. Technology

7. Community Relations

Recommended Action

The Superintendent recommends that the Board of School Directors approve the recommendations in the Superintendent's report as listed above.

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ADDENDUM

1. Personnel

e. Approve Professional Staff Appointment

Jane C. Ney, part-time learning support teacher at West Reading Elementary Center, 4 hrs./day at \$28.00/hr., effective November 30, 2004.

Background information: The addition of this position was approved at the regular board meeting on October 25, 2004.

f. Approve Support Staff Resignation

Kevin Lehr, Teacher's Instructional Aide and Cafeteria Monitor at Wyomissing Hills Elementary Center, has submitted a letter of resignation effective November 29, 2004.

5. School Activities & Athletics

c. Approve Supplemental Appointment

Joseph Alcaro, Jr. High Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach, 18 points, at an annual salary of \$1,395, effective for the 2004-05 school year.