

# WYOMISSING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 2004-2005

## Minutes December 6, 2004

The reorganization meeting of the Board of School Directors convened at 7:40 p.m. in the Community Board Room with Mrs. Barnett, Board President, presiding.

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

Administrative Staff Present: Dr. Dietz, Mrs. Riedel, Dr. Kennedy, and Mr. McDonnell.

Attendees: Sign in sheet included as part of these official minutes.

Mrs. Barnett called the meeting to order and announced that prior to the start of the meeting, West Reading Mayor Kevin Barnhardt administered the oath of office to Mr. David M. Deem. Mr. Deem will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. Susan Guay. It was also noted that a resolution honoring Mrs. Guay for her service to the Board was prepared and will be presented. A copy of the resolution is included as part of these official minutes.

### AUDIENCE RECOGNITION

Several people in the audience commented on the administration and Board's handling of the Christopher Krow suspension.

### ELECTION OF PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Mrs. Barnett asked for nominations to elect a president pro tempore.

A motion nominating Mr. Love as president pro tempore was made by Mr. Snyder and seconded by Dr. Shuttlesworth.

There being no other nominations, Mr. Murray moved, Mrs. McCready seconded, and motion carried to close the nominations.

Mr. Love was unanimously elected president pro tempore.

### ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Mr. Love called for nominations for the office of president.

A motion was made by Mrs. Barnett and seconded by Mr. Larkin to nominate Mr. Snyder for president.

There being no other nominations, Mrs. Barnett moved, Dr. Shuttlesworth seconded, and motion carried to close the nominations.

Mr. Snyder was unanimously elected to the office of president.

The president pro tempore then vacated the chair in favor of Mr. Snyder.

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## ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Snyder called for nominations for the office of vice president.

A motion was made by Mrs. Sakmann and seconded by Dr. Shuttlesworth to nominate Mrs. McCready for vice president.

There being no further nominations, Mr. Love moved, Mrs. Barnett seconded, and motion carried to close the nominations.

Mrs. McCready was unanimously elected to the office of vice president.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

## APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO BERKS E.I.T. BUREAU

Mr. Murray was appointed as representative and Mrs. McCready as an alternate representative to the Berks E.I.T. Bureau.

## APPOINTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE & PSBA REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Love was appointed as a legislative and Pennsylvania School Board Association representative.

## APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO WAEF BOARD

Mrs. Sakmann was appointed as representative to the Wyomissing Area Education Foundation Board.

## APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Mr. Murray was appointed as representative to the District Technology Committee.

## PERSONNEL

Dr. Dietz distributed a copy of the proposed classified employee handbook and explained the need for administration to have an updated guide in their work with the support staff. He asked that any comments or questions be directed to the administration.

## POLICY

Mrs. Barnett commented that policy 202-Eligibility of Nonresident Students should be acted on immediately to make the policy applicable to a current situation.

A motion was made by Mrs. Barnett and seconded by Mr. Murray to present Policy 202-Eligibility of Nonresident Students for a first reading.

Yeas: Barnett, Deem, and Murray.

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Nays: Shuttlesworth, Larkin, Love, McCready, Sakmann, and Snyder.  
Motion defeated.

## ADOPTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2005

Upon motion by Mr. Love, second by Mrs. McCready, the Board of School Directors approved the following meeting dates for 2005.

January 24	July 25
February 28	August 22
March 28	September 26
April 25	October 24
May 23	November 29
June 27	December 5

Mr. Snyder commented that three of the meetings would not be held in the District Office Board Room. One meeting will be held at the West Reading Elementary Center, one at the Wyomissing Hills Elementary Center, and one at the Berks Career & Technology Center.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Dietz submitted his report and recommendations dated December 6, 2004.

## APPROVED SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Upon motion by Dr. Shuttlesworth, second by Mr. Murray, the Board of School Directors approved the Superintendent's Report dated December 6, 2004. A copy is included as part of these official minutes.

## NEW BUSINESS

Minutes from the BCTC November 11, 2004, meeting of superintendents and high school principals were shared with board members as part of their packet. Mr. Snyder commented that providing math and social studies is becoming administratively difficult for them to provide, but we will continue to use the math program.

## COMMITTEE STRUCTURE & +APPOINTMENTS

President Snyder distributed a committee structure document outlining the eight committees and how the committee liaisons will interact with administration and other Board members. President Snyder commented on the need to put an individual liaison with each committee to build trust between the Board members and between the Board and administration. The document he distributed is included as part of these official minutes.

Mrs. Barnett cautioned that the entire Board still should vote on decisions, and the committee structure is there to facilitate not to make decisions.

Following discussion, the following appointments were announced.

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|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Policy                        | J. Barnett & J. McCready |
| 2. Personnel                     | J. Larkin                |
| 3. Curriculum                    | J. Barnett               |
| 4. Finance                       | R. Shuttlesworth         |
| 5. Facilities                    | W. Love & D. Deem        |
| 6. School Activities & Athletics | J. McCready              |
| 7. Technology                    | W. Murray                |

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8. Community Relations                      L. Sakmann

PUBLIC COMMENT

Student Dana Rosenzweig asked why there is no longer a student board representative on the board.

Mrs. Barnett commented that in discussions some time ago, the Board decided that the student representative was not fulfilling a useful function as a Board member, and the decision was made to discontinue the practice of having a student representative on the Board. Several Board members encouraged Ms. Rosenzweig to attend meetings and bring others along to make public comment.

Mr. Snyder announced that the board would meet in executive session at the conclusion of the meeting to discuss personnel matters.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, and upon motion by Mr. Love, second by Dr. Shuttlesworth, the meeting adjourned to executive session at 8:45 p.m.

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Arthur J. McDonnell  
Board Secretary

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## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To: Members of the Board of School Directors

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

1. **Personnel**

Discussion: Support Staff Handbook

2. **Curriculum**

Approve Mandatory Full-Day Kindergarten Beginning with the 2005-06 School Year

3. **Finance**

Ratify Transportation Agreements with BCIU

Ratify a transportation agreement with the BCIU to transport one secondary student (200863) to the Janus School in Mount Joy five days per week, round trip at a cost of \$54.42 per day effective November 30, 2004 for the 2004-05 school year.

Ratify a transportation agreement with the BCIU to transport one secondary student (201497) to the Alsace School five days per week, round trip at a cost of \$32.50 per day, effective September 28, 2004 for the 2004-05 school year.

4. **Facilities**

Ratify Change Orders for Wyomissing Hills Elementary Center Project

Ratify change orders GC-20 and GC-58 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.*

5. **School Activities & Athletics**

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.