

WYOMISSING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

630 Evans Avenue
Wyomissing, PA 19610

Our Mission

The Wyomissing Area School District, in partnership with parents and community, is committed to:

- *educate all students to their fullest potential*
- *provide all students with the opportunity to acquire the knowledge and skills to be successful in the 21st century*
- *encourage all students to be productive, responsible citizens and lifelong learners.*

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Dr. Helen H. Larson, Superintendent

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Monday, March 31, 2008 – 7:30 P.M.
Wyomissing Hills All-Purpose Room

OPENING

- I. Call to Order – Mr. Daniel K. Snyder, Board President, Presiding
- II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Welcome to Visitors

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETINGS

- Work Session – Monday, April 21, 2008, 6:00 p.m., Community Board Room
- Regular Board Meeting – Monday, April 28, 2008, 7:30 p.m., Community Board Room

PRESENTATIONS

RECOGNITION

- V. Public Comment on Agenda Items

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BOARD LIAISON REPORTS

Board Liaison Reports/Additional Meeting Reports

- Personnel – Mr. Larkin/Mrs. McCready
- Curriculum – Mrs. Sakmann/Mr. Larkin
- Finance – Mr. Larkin/Mr. Fitzgerald/Mr. Portner
- Facilities – Mrs. McCready/Mr. Althouse
- Technology – Mr. Fitzgerald/Mr. Hinsey
- Policy – Mrs. Barnett/Mr. Portner
- Berks Career & Technology Center – Mr. Snyder/Mr. Portner
- Berks County Intermediate Unit – Mr. Hinsey
- Earned Income Tax – Mrs. Barnett/Mrs. McCready
- Legislative/PSBA – Mr. Fitzgerald
- Wyomissing Area Education Foundation – Mrs. Sakmann
- Joint Boroughs/District – Mr. Snyder/Mr. Hinsey

MINUTES

- I. Approve Board Meeting Minutes -
 - February 19, 2008, Work Session
 - February 25, 2008, Regular Board Meeting

BOARD MOTION

Move that the Board of School Directors approve the minutes as listed.

PERSONNEL

March 2008 Personnel Report (Report attached.)

BOARD MOTION

Move that the Board of School Directors approve the Personnel Report for March 2008.

CURRICULUM

- I. Approve Secondary English and Social Studies Textbooks –
 - Catch 22* by Joseph Heller
 - The Sound and the Fury* by William Faulkner
 - Grendel* by John Gardner

 - Battlegrounds: Geography and the History of Warfare*
Publisher: National Geographic Books, copyright 2003
- II. Approve Connect Math Grade 6 Project.

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BOARD MOTION

Move that the Board of School Directors approve Curriculum items noted

FINANCE/BUSINESS OFFICE

- I. Approve Financial Reports–February 2008 that are included in the official minute book and provided to Board members.
- II. Approve payment of properly approved vendor invoices for the General Fund, Athletic Fund, Food Service Fund, and the 2003 G.O. Bond.
- III. Approve Berks County Intermediate Unit 2008-09 Budget.

Background Information: Each of the 18 Berks County school districts is presented with the Berks County Intermediate Unit's budget for approval by the Board of School Directors. The 2008-09 budget is \$1,941,758. The individual school district's contribution to the budget is determined by a prorated formula that considers the district's aid ratio and average daily membership. Wyomissing Area School District's contribution is proposed to be \$28,752.21. This is a 15.39% increase from the 2007-08 projected actual of \$24,917.04.

- IV. Approve Berks Career & Technology Center 2008-09 Budget.

Background Information: The proposed maximum share amount for the Wyomissing Area School District is \$207,391 which is an increase of 8.4% from 2007-08. 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.

- V. Approve Budgetary Transfers in the amount of \$ _____.
- VI. Accept \$500 donation from AAA Home Mortgage LLC (Thomas Mahony) for baseball field improvements.
- VII. Approve Bayridge Consortium, Inc. Agreement for Professional Development.
- VIII. Approve Resolution amending and restating a prior resolution for the purposes of refinancing General Obligation Bonds Series 2003 and 2003A.
- IX. Approve “Desire” Resolution.
- X. Approve Electoral Debt Question.

BOARD MOTION

Move that the Board of School Directors approve the Finance/Business Office items.

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FACILITIES

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES & ATHLETICS

TECHNOLOGY

SUPERINTENDENT’S OFFICE

- I. Approve Resolution to Grant Lacrosse Athletic Club Status.
- II. Approve YMCA Proposal for Before & After School Child Care at WHEC.
- III. Approve Mr. Gregory Portner to replace Mr. John Larkin as the alternate representative to the Berks Career & Technology Center JOC Board effective immediately.

BOARD MOTION

Move that the Board of School Directors approve the Superintendent’s Office items.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- I. Treasurer’s Report

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Recognition of Visitors
*The Board welcomes comments on any school subject.
Speakers are requested to identify themselves by name and address.*

ADJOURNMENT

EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)

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PERSONNEL REPORT

- I. Approve Professional Staff Retirement Resolutions:
 - a. **Maureen R. Nolan**, Secondary Science Teacher at the JSHS, retirement effective August 15, 2008.
 - b. **Patricia A. Sabold**, Elementary Teacher at WHEC, retirement effective the end of the 2007-08 school year.

- II. Approve Professional Staff Resignation – **Jo Ellen Cobb**, Elementary Teacher (2nd grade) resignation effective at the end of the 2007-08 school year.

- III. Ratify Support Staff Termination – **Krista Mazur**, Special Education Instructional Aide at WHEC, effective February 26, 2008.

- IV. Approve Support Staff Appointments
 - a. **Jessica Hole**. Full-time Special Education Instructional Aide at WHEC, 35 hours/week at \$9.75/hour, effective April 1, 2008.
 - b. **Robert C. Sanders**, part-time Van Driver, at \$9.46 per hour, effective April 1, 2008.

- V. Approve/Ratify FMLA:
 - a. **Charmaine Beck**, Transportation Secretary, a family and medical leave of absence effective March 18, 2008, until approximately April 7, 2008.
 - b. **Michelle Kersikoski**, Elementary Teacher at WREC, a family and medical leave of absence effective March 4, 2008 until approximately March 10, 2008.
 - c. **Julie Miller**, Custodian at the JSHS, a family and medical leave of absence effective March 17, 2008 until approximately March 27, 2008.

- VI. Approve FMLA/Child Rearing Leave – **Kendall Babiarz**, Elementary Teacher at WHEC, a family and medical leave of absence and child rearing leave, effective on or about June 8, 2008, until the end of the first semester of the 2008-09 school year.

- VII. Ratify/Approve Support Staff Unpaid Leave Requests:
 - a. **Susan Bennett**, ESL Instructional Aide at WHEC, unpaid leave March 4, 5, 6, and 7, 2008.
 - b. **Amanda Johnson**, Elementary Teacher at WHEC, unpaid leave October 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 13, 2008.
 - c. **Lisa Lamp**, Cafeteria Worker at the JSHS, unpaid leave February 29, March 3, 6, and 7, 2008.
 - d. **Annemarie Melcher**, Teacher's Instructional Aide at WHEC, unpaid leave February 25, 26, and 27, 2008.

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- e. **Sheila Nastro**, Crossing Guard at WREC, unpaid leave April 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, 2008.
 - f. **Jennifer Noll**, Receptionist Monitor at WHEC, unpaid leave March 25, 26, 27, 28, 31 and April 1, 2008.
 - g. **Karen Ellis**, Part-time Special Education Instructional Aide at WHEC, unpaid leave April 11, 14, and 15, 2008.
- VIII. Approve **Mary Rebecca Freymoyer** to complete Spanish translation of PTA booklet at a stipend of \$425.00.
- IX. Ratify Supplemental Athletic Appointment effective the 2007-08 school year -**Timothy Hetrich**, JH Track 2nd Assistant Coach, 22.25 points, \$1,791.
- X. Approve Supplemental Athletic Volunteer Appointments effective the 2007-08 school year:
- a. **Fred Hierl**, JH Track
 - b. **Steven O’Neil**, SH Track
 - c. **Andrew Siggins**, SH Track
 - d. **Michael Webster**, SH Track
- XI. Approve additions/deletions to substitute list.
- XII. Approve additions to district volunteer list.

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CURRICULUM

- III. Authorize Administration to apply for the Science: It's Elementary Grant.

Background Information: The Science: It's Elementary grant is for grades 4-6. The grant is through PDE and is designed to support hands-on inquiry-based science.