

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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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Monday, February 11, 2008 – 6:00 P.M.
Community Board 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 / Public Comment on Agenda Items

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETINGS

- Work Session – Tuesday, February 19, 2008, 6:00 p.m.
- Regular Board Meeting – Monday, February 25, 2008 7:30 p.m.
- Facilities Project Meeting – Wednesday, February 27, 2008, 7:00 p.m. (HS Auditorium)

INTERVIEWS

Interviews for the school board vacancy will be conducted from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Applicants are:

Kurt Althouse
Andrew Bowman
William P. Murray
Michael J. Rogers
Michael T. Mitchell, Sr.
Karen McAvoy

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SUPERINTENDENT’S OFFICE

I. Approval to apply for two grants -

a. Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools Grant Program -

The U.S. Department of Education is providing \$96,000,000 in the form of competitive grants to school districts for the purpose of:

- *improving and strengthening emergency management plans*
- *training school personnel and students in emergency procedures*
- *coordinating with local government, law enforcement, public safety, public health and mental health agencies.*

School districts applying to the Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools grant program must address the four phases for emergency management: Prevention-Mitigation, Preparedness, Response and Recovery. (See attached program description for more details.)

The administration respectfully requests the Board’s approval to apply for \$100,000 from the grant program. The deadline for submitting the grant proposal is February 19, 2008. The length of the grant is from July 1, 2008, to January 1, 2010. Recipients of the funds will be notified in June 2008.

b. Classrooms for the Future Grant Funding -

We are seeking Board approval to pursue Classrooms for the Future (CFF) grant funding for the 2008-09 school year. Based on current technology tools in place (documented through the PATI, Pennsylvania Technology Inventory, data) and current levels of funding, Wyomissing Area School District would be eligible to receive approximately \$400,000.

Classrooms for the Future is designed to ensure there are laptops, digital cameras, interactive whiteboards, and LCD projectors in public high school English, math, science and social studies classrooms across Pennsylvania. A robust companion professional development program and grant-subsidized CFF coach guarantee that high school teachers are prepared to integrate these and other technologies into their instructional practices.

Districts have local control and may determine which equipment they will deploy as well as how they will deploy it. Some schools have provided every core content area classroom with a full complement of equipment. Other districts have chosen to provide laptops for every student. Still others have deployed banks of computers in some classrooms, one-to-one computing in other content areas with classroom carts of mobile laptop computers in others.

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Since Wyomissing Area is eligible to participate in Year 3 of implementation of CFF, it is advisable for a team of administrators, technology team members, and high school teachers to attend a CFF overview on March 5, 2008, to be prepared to apply for this grant.

More information about the Classrooms for the Future initiative is available at <http://www.pde.state.pa.us>.

BOARD MOTION

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

FACILITIES REPORT

- I. Athletic Fields Update – J. McCready

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)