

WYOMISSING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 2012-4418

Minutes February 27, 2012

The regular meeting of the Board of School Directors convened at 6:05 p.m. in the Community Board Room of the Jr./Sr. High School with Mrs. Davis, Board President, presiding.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Following the pledge of allegiance, Mrs. Davis asked if anyone would be recording the meeting. No one indicated the intent to record.

Board Members Present: Mrs. Bamberger, Mrs. Butera, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Helm, Mrs. McAvoy, Mr. Painter, Mr. Portner and Mrs. Seltzer .

Administrative Staff Present: Mr. Krem, Mrs. Mason, Mr. Babb, Mr. Fries, Mr. Griscom, Ms. Lampe and Mr. Stoltzfus.

Attendees: David Kostival, Reading Eagle, Doug Brown, student representative, and Shelley Filer, recording secretary. Audience sign-in sheet included as part of these official minutes.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Following the roll call by the recording secretary, Mrs. Davis welcomed everyone and announced that an Executive Session was held prior to the meeting to discuss legal and personnel items. No action was taken

The following meeting schedules and locations were announced:

- Policy/Personnel Committee Meeting – March 6, 2012, 5:00 p.m.
- School Board Business Meeting with Committee Reports – March 12, 2012, 6:00 p.m.
- Curriculum Committee Meeting March 22, 2012, 2:30 p.m.
- Finance/Facilities Committee Meeting – March 21, 2012, 12:00 p.m.
- Technology Committee Meeting – March 21, 2012, 3:30 p.m. - **Canceled**
- School Board Business Meeting – March 26, 2012, 6:00 p.m.

All listed meetings are held in the Community Board Room of the Jr./Sr. High School unless otherwise noted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Mike Mitchell commented on the proposed salary of the Dean of Students and also commented on the approval of the Program of Studies relative to the timing of course selection and the resolution to study staffing.

ROUTINE APPROVALS

MEETING MINUTES

Upon a motion by Mrs. Seltzer, second by Mr. Painter, the Board approved the following minutes.

- January 9, 2012 Business Meeting with Committee Reports
- January 23, 2012 Regular Business Meeting

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Yeas: Bamberger, Butera, Davis, Fitzgerald, Helm, McAvoy, Painter, Portner and Seltzer.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon a motion by Mr. Portner, second by Mr. Fitzgerald, the Treasurer's Report for January 2012 was accepted as presented.

Yeas: Bamberger, Butera, Davis, Fitzgerald, Helm, McAvoy, Painter, Portner and Seltzer.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Upon motion by Mrs. Butera, second by Mrs. Seltzer, payment of bills for the month of January 2012 was approved.

Yeas: Bamberger, Butera, Davis, Fitzgerald, Helm, McAvoy, Painter, Portner and Seltzer.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. CURRICULUM/ TECHNOLOGY

Upon a motion by Mrs. Seltzer, second by Mrs. McAvoy, the Board approved the Curriculum/Technology agenda item as follows:

Mrs. Davis presented the highlights of the proposed changes including revision to Investigative Studies, changes in math due to BCTC eliminating their math programs, the requirement of students to enroll in one world history class beginning with the Class of 2016, the revised gifted program and Keystone Exams.

1. Approved Program of Studies 2012-13.

Yeas: Bamberger, Butera, Davis, Fitzgerald, Helm, McAvoy, Painter, Portner and Seltzer.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

B. FINANCE/ FACILITIES

Upon a motion by Mr. Painter, and second by Mr. Portner, the Board approved the Finance/Facilities agenda items as follows:

Mrs. Butera mentioned that Mrs. Beane has also previously made the donation to the school district for her volunteer services.

Mrs. Davis also thanked WAEF for their generous donations.

1. Approved Budget Transfers in the amount of \$31,175.

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2. Approved donation from Jennifer Beane in the amount of \$250 through the Walmart Volunteerism Always Pays program.
3. Approved the following donations from Wyomissing Area Education Foundation:
 - \$1,545.89 to cover initial startup costs for the Reading Apprenticeship Program which will target inexperienced readers across all disciplines.
 - \$1,549.54 to cover the cost of six Nook 3-readers for the JSHS Library to encourage student reading and participation in a state book award contest.
4. Approved extension to agreement with Herbein + Company, Inc. for the years ending June 30, 2012, 2013 and 2014.
Background information: The fee for the 2012 year is \$19,250 which is no change from 2011.
5. Approved Resolution directing the administration to study the staffing needs of the District based upon instructional requirements and enrollment.
Background information: This resolution is being adopted at the recommendation of our solicitor.
6. Approved Bogia Engineering Inc. to provide professional engineering services for: (1) repairs and replacement to sidewalks, (2) macadam parking lot and driveway paving at the JSHS and (3) completion of an overall District pavement assessment and maintenance plan in the total amount of \$15,000.
7. Approved addendum to evacuation agreement with Spruce Manor.

Yeas: Bamberger, Butera, Davis, Fitzgerald, Helm, McAvoy, Painter, Portner and Seltzer.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

C. PERSONNEL/ POLICY

Upon a motion by Mr. Painter second by Mrs. Butera, the Board approved the Personnel/Policy agenda items as follows:

During discussion, Mrs. Bamberger asked for a brief Executive Session to get some clarification on a personnel issue. The Board recessed at 6:19 p.m. for a brief time and the meeting resumed at 6:25 p.m.

1. APPOINTMENT

a. Administrative Staff

- 1) **Tony Alvarez**, Dean of Students at JSHS, 10-

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month position, \$70,000, effective August 15, 2012.

2. RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS

a. Professional Staff

- 1) **Elizabeth Shaak**, French Teacher, Jr./Sr. High School, resignation effective February 24, 2012.

b. Support Staff

- 1) **Robert Troxel**, part-time van driver, termination effective February 27, 2012.

3. LEAVES

a. Professional Staff

- 1) **Jeannie Reid**, Special Education Teacher, Jr./Sr. High School, FML effective February 22, 2012 until a date to be determined.
- 2) **Brenda Phillips**, Teacher, Jr./Sr. High School, intermittent FML effective February 29, 2012 until a date to be determined.

b. Support Staff

- 1) **Karen Stavarski**, Special Education Secretary, District Office, FML effective February 22, 2012 to March 2, 2012.

4. ADDITIONS TO THE DISTRICT SUBSTITUTE LIST

a. Professional Staff

- 1) **Douglas Shuey**, Music Teacher, effective February 28, 2012.

b. Support Staff

- 1) **John P. Thomas, Jr.**, custodian, effective February 28, 2012 pending receipt of necessary documentation.
- 2) **Gary Zuchowski**, custodian, effective February 28, 2012 pending receipt of necessary documentation.
- 3) **William Shurr**, custodian, effective February 28, 2012 pending receipt of necessary documentation.

5. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE DISTRICT VOLUNTEER LIST *(See Attached List)*

6. POLICIES

Second reading and approval of the following policies:

- 113 Special Education
- 113.3 Screening and Evaluations for Students with Disabilities
- 229 Student Fund Raising
- 620 Fund Balance

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Yeas: Bamberger, Butera, Davis, Fitzgerald, Helm, McAvoy, Painter, Portner and Seltzer.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Davis praised Melissa Devlin and Jennifer Mangold for their leadership efforts in organizing the mini-THON.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

**HEARING FROM
WAEA**

None.

**HEARING FROM
AFSCME**

None.

**HEARING FROM
WAEF**

None.

**HEARING FROM
THE PTA**

None.

**HEARING FROM
STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE**

Doug Brown reported on the following activities:

- Model UN individual students who garnered honors at the competition at Georgetown University.
- Junior High Drama Club presentation March 2-3 of *Best of Both Worlds*.
- Seventeen students in grades 7-9 were selected to participate in Jr. High County Chorus.
- High School Camerata will perform the National Anthem at a Royals hockey game.
- Senior Thomas Taylor will compete in the New Balance Indoor National Championships in NYC.
- Mini-THON raised \$10,526.38, had more than 120 students who participated in the 12-hour fundraiser, and was by all accounts a resounding success.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Seltzer, seconded by Mrs. Helm to adjourn at 6:35 p.m.

Corinne D. Mason
Board Secretary