

WYOMISSING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 2012-4521

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The regular meeting with committee reports 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, Mrs. Helm, Mrs. McAvoy, Mr. Painter, Mr. Portner and Mrs. Seltzer.

Board Member Absent Mr. Fitzgerald

Administrative Staff Present: Mrs. Vicente, Mr. Stem, Mrs. Mason, Mr. Alvarez, Dr. Babb, Mr. Griscom, Dr. Jones, Ms. Lampe, Mrs. Morett, Mrs. Schwenk and Mr. Stoltzfus.

Attendees: Shelley Filer, recording secretary. An audience sign-in sheet is included as part of these official minutes.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following meeting schedules and locations were announced.

- Personnel/Policy Committee Meeting – November 6, 2012, 5:00 p.m. – **Personnel Cancelled**
- Finance/Facilities Committee Meeting – November 14, 2012, - 12:00 p.m.
- Technology Committee Meeting – November 14, 2012, 3:30 p.m. - **Cancelled**
- Curriculum Committee Meeting – November 15, 2012, 2:30 p.m. - **Cancelled**
- School Board Meeting – November 19, 2012, 6:00 p.m.

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

Mrs. Davis announced that an Executive Session was held prior to the meeting to discuss negotiations.

RECOGNITION

Dr. Jones recognized the Physical Education staff because the high school received the honor of being the 2011-2012 State Champion School for Physical Fitness in Pennsylvania.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Finance – Mr. Portner reported the items for discussion on the agenda were moved forward from the committee meeting of two weeks ago. The next meeting is November 14.
- B. Facilities – Mrs. Bamberger reported that the last meeting was two weeks ago. She commended Mr. Fries, his staff, and Mr. Stoltzfus

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for their hard work to resolve storm-related issues and reschedule games.

- C. Curriculum – Mrs. Davis reported that Mr. Stem gave an in-depth presentation on the Pennsylvania Teacher Effectiveness Pilot Program.
- D. Technology – Mrs. Seltzer reported that Mr. Griscom provided the committee with a detailed update on the status of technology in the district – where we are and where we are going.
- E. Personnel – Mrs. Seltzer reported there are no items for discussion at the scheduled meeting for November 6.
- F. Policy – Mr. Painter reported that the committee will meet November 6 to discuss two policies.
- G. Berks County Intermediate Unit Board Report – Mrs. Seltzer reported there is a meeting next week.
- H. Berks Career & Technology Center Board Report – Mr. Painter reported on the October 24 meeting. A Wyomissing Area student won a first place award at Shocktoberfest for creativity and originality on her presentation. Overall BCTC enrollment is down for the third straight year which mirrors declining enrollment in Berks County districts; however, Wyomissing Area enrollment in BCTC has increased significantly.
- I. Berks EIT Report – Mrs. McAvoy reported the next meeting is November 7.
- J. Wyomissing Area Education Foundation – Mrs. Butera reported the next meeting is November 13.
- K. Legislative Report – No report due to Mr. Fitzgerald's absence.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. CURRICULUM/ TECHNOLOGY

Upon a motion by Mr. Painter, second by Mrs. Seltzer, the following Curriculum/Technology item was approved:

In response to Mrs. Helm's request for clarification, Mrs. Vicente explained that a teacher is approved to provide instruction in the student's home because he/she is unable to attend school.

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1. Approved homebound instruction for secondary student ID#201587, effective November 5, 2012 to November 29, 2012 for a maximum of five hours per week, not to exceed 15 hours total for the entire period.

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

Absent: Fitzgerald

Nays: None. Motion carried.

**B. FINANCE/
FACILITIES**

The Finance and Facilities items were opened for discussion. Mrs. Davis explained the process in selecting a solicitor. Our current solicitor agreement expires December 2. Requests for proposals were sent to three firms. The proposals of the two firms who responded were made available to Board members for review. Mrs. Seltzer expressed concern over travel expenses and whether or not the practice of inviting counsel to the meeting only on an as needed basis would continue. Another concern she expressed was the timeliness of responses when a matter is referred to the solicitor. Several Board members felt the practice of counsel attending meetings on an as needed basis should continue. Mrs. Vicente also mentioned that the Board has afforded administration the opportunity to have the solicitor attend Board prep meetings if legal input is needed.

**C. PERSONNEL/
POLICY**

Upon a motion by Mrs. Butera, second by Mr. Portner, the following Personnel/Policy items were approved:

1. TERMINATION

a. Supplemental Staff

- 1) **Francesco Scarpino**, Assistant Coach Girls Soccer, Jr./Sr. High School, effective September 21, 2012.

Background: There were not enough students participating to justify the continuation of this coaching position. Mr. Scarpino will be compensated for the first half of the season only.

2. LEAVES

a. Professional Staff

- 1) **William Dramby**, Teacher, Jr./Sr. High School, Family Medical Leave effective September 19, 2012 until September 27, 2012 with a return date of September 28, 2012. Intermittent Family Medical Leave beginning September 28, 2012 until a date to be determined.

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b. Support Staff

- 1) **Bruce Henne**, Crossing Guard, WREC, unpaid time off effective October 29, 2012 to November 2, 2012 with a return to work date of November 5, 2012.

3. CHANGE/ADDITION TO WAGES

a. Professional Staff

- 1) **Lee Marie Gallagher**, Jr./Sr. High School Teacher, work outside contract hours for homebound instruction provided to student #201587 for a maximum of 5 hours per week, but not to exceed 15 hours total for the period effective November 5, 2012 through November 29, 2012.

4. SUBSTITUTES

a. Support Staff Addition

- 1) **Jesse Willman** - Food Service Worker, Crossing Guard, Café/Recess Monitor

5. VOLUNTEERS

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

Absent: Fitzgerald

Nays: None. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Davis read the various accomplishments of the fall sports teams. Athletes will be invited to attend the November 19 Board meeting for formal recognition.

UPDATES FROM ORGANIZATIONS

Kami Fecho, Vice President of WAEA read a prepared statement urging settlement of a fair and equitable contract.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Seltzer, seconded by Mrs. McAvoy to adjourn at 6:23 p.m.

Corinne D. Mason
Board Secretary