

WYOMISSING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 2012-4511

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The regular meeting with committee reports of the Board of School Directors convened at 6:02 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 (dep. 6:19 p.m.), Mr. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Helm, Mrs. McAvoy, Mr. Painter, Mr. Portner and Mrs. Seltzer.

Administrative Staff Present:

Mrs. Vicente, Mr. Stem, Mrs. Mason, Dr. Babb, Mr. Fries, Mr. Griscom, Dr. Jones, Ms. Lampe and Mr. Stoltzfus.

Attendees:

Barbara DeMoss, substituting as 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.

- Finance/Facilities Committee Meeting – October 17, 2012, - 12:00 p.m.
- Technology Committee Meeting – October 17, 2012, 3:30 p.m.
- Curriculum Committee Meeting – October 18, 2012, 2:30 p.m.
- School Board Meeting – October 22, 2012, 6:00 p.m.
- Personnel/Policy Committee Meeting – November 6, 2012, 5:00 p.m.

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

An Executive Session was held prior to the meeting. Personnel was discussed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Finance – Mr. Portner reported the next meeting is October 17. The administration is reviewing the listing for facility fees in light of recent issues. He hopes to have updated information for the October 22 meeting.
- B. Facilities – Mrs. Bamberger reported that the proposals from the interviews with architects for the turf/re-turf are still under review. She reiterated that the Board has committed to re-turfing the existing field, but should they approve installing turf on the stadium field it would be funded by a capital campaign. The interviews were conducted to hire one architect to design both projects. The boiler room project is under way. Engineers are creating the designs and specifications to go out for bid in January 2013 and work will commence after school is out in the spring. In conjunction with

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homecoming festivities, the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Archive Room will be held on October 13.

- C. Curriculum – Mrs. Davis reported that at the September 20 meeting Mr. Stem shared PSSA data, ACT scores and AP results. Dr. Jones discussed grading issues. Mr. Stem also provided an update on the music program at WREC.
- D. Technology – Mr. Fitzgerald reported that the next meeting is October 17.
- E. Personnel – Mrs. Seltzer reported that the committee met October 2. Personnel issues were discussed in Executive Session for which she could provide no details. The remaining items are listed on the agenda for vote.
- F. Policy – Mr. Painter reviewed the proposed changes to the six policies listed for a first reading on the agenda.
- G. Berks County Intermediate Unit Board Report – Mrs. Seltzer reported that a meeting was held two weeks ago. She mentioned a program held at Governor Mifflin entitled “I Love U Guys” resulting from a daughter’s final text message to her father while her classroom was being held hostage. Professional development days for counselors, nurses, and educators regarding sexting, harassment, HIV prevention, and teen pregnancy prevention tools will be held on October 18 and 20.
- H. Berks Career & Technology Center Board Report – Mr. Painter reported on a human interest story of a masonry student winning the same national award his father did while in high school. His father, who is also his teacher, presented him with the award.
- I. Berks EIT Report – Mrs. McAvoy reported that a meeting was held last week. Last year’s focus was on improved security which has been accomplished. This year’s goal is improved technology.
- J. Wyomissing Area Education Foundation – Mrs. Butera reported that at the meeting earlier in the day, the new Executive Director, Karen Moser was introduced. Mrs. Ferrandino received a grant for her kite project in her math class. Mrs. Vicente gave a presentation on the vision for the District aligned to the four pillars.
- K. Legislative Report – Mr. Fitzgerald reported he will be attending the PSBA convention in Hershey, PA.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Vicente responded to recent news articles and questions regarding settlements that have been approved by the Board. Special Education law sets limits on what information can be disclosed in an effort to protect students' privacy. There were no comments from the public

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. CURRICULUM/ TECHNOLOGY

No items.

Mrs. Vicente reported on the full-day professional development day for administrators that was held on October 5 during which time they finalized the plan for the District's instructional focus.

B. FINANCE/ FACILITIES

The Finance and Facilities items were opened for discussion. Mr. Painter asked for clarification on the Facilities Usage Fee Schedule. Mr. Portner responded that it is currently under administrative review. A new proposal will be brought before the Board for approval at the October 22 meeting. Mrs. Vicente also mentioned that the Accountability Grant monies will be used for the afterschool tutoring program.

C. PERSONNEL/ POLICY

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

During discussion Mrs. Helm suggested a review of how coaches across the board are compensated for their experience compared to new hires.

1. LEAVES

a. Professional Staff

- 1) **Kelly Keim**, 2nd Grade Teacher, WHEC, Family Medical Leave effective on or about February 8, 2013 to the end of the 2012-13 School Year with a return to work the beginning of the 2013-14 School Year.

b. Support Staff

- 1) **Barbara Brehony**, Secretary, WHEC, Family Medical Leave August 13, 2012 to October 15, 2012.

2. TRANSFERS

a. Professional Staff

- 1) **Robert Kucharczuk**, Art Teacher, from 50% WHEC and 50% WREC to WHEC for 100% of his time, effective August 20, 2012.

Background information: This change in building assignment does not affect Mr.

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Kucharczuk's full-time status.

- 2) **Michael Miller**, Art Teacher, from JSHS to 60% JSHS and 40% WREC, effective August 20, 2012.

Background information: This change in building assignment does not affect Mr. Miller's full-time status.

3. APPROVE 2012-2013 WINTER ATHLETIC COACHES/STIPENDS
4. APPROVE 2012-2013 ACTIVITIES ADVISORS/STIPENDS
5. VOLUNTEERS

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

The remaining Personnel and Policy items were opened for discussion. There were no comments or questions.

OLD BUSINESS None.

NEW BUSINESS None.

UPDATES FROM ORGANIZATIONS None.

ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by Mrs. Bamberger, seconded by Mrs. Seltzer to adjourn at 6:21 p.m.

Corinne D. Mason
Board Secretary