

# WYOMISSING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 2012-4423

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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, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Helm, Mrs. McAvoy, Mr. Painter, Mr. Portner and Mrs. Seltzer.

Administrative Staff Present:

Mrs. Vicente, Mrs. Mason, Mr. Fries, Mr. Griscom, Mr. Jones, Ms. Lampe, Mrs. Morett, Mrs. Schwenk, and Mr. Stoltzfus.

Attendees:

Mr. David Kostival, Reading Eagle, Chelsea Melcher, student representative, and 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.

- Finance/Facilities Committee Meeting – March 21, 2012, 12:00 p.m.
- Technology Committee Meeting – March 21, 2012, 3:30 p.m. - **Canceled**
- Curriculum Committee Meeting – March 22, 2012, 2:30 p.m.
- School Board Meeting – March 26, 2012, 6:00 p.m.
- Personnel/Policy Committee Meeting – April 10, 2012, 5:00 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 the Board met in Executive Session before the meeting and also following the February 27, 2012 meeting. Personnel was discussed and no action was taken.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Finance – Mr. Portner reported that the committee met on February 21, 2012. Items discussed are listed on the agenda. The next meeting will focus on the budget.
- B. Facilities – Mrs. Bamberger reported that the committee met on February 21, 2012. Mr. Fries informed the committee that the WREC project is completed except for a few punch list items. At the top of the list of priority projects for Facilities is the sidewalk renovation project. An athletic field task force is also meeting to determine what to do with the turf field since it is past its life expectancy.

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- C. Curriculum – Mrs. Davis reported that the committee discussed graduation requirements and mapped out the year for future curriculum topics. The next meeting is March 22 and the Technology Committee is invited to attend because the committee will review an iPad pilot program.
- D. Technology – No report.
- E. Personnel – Mrs. Seltzer reported that the items discussed were either included on the agenda two weeks ago or on this agenda.
- F. Policy – Mr. Painter reported that 10 policies are listed for first reading on the agenda. He reviewed the changes and rationale for the changes to each policy.
- G. Ad Hoc Committees
  - Community Relations – No report.
- H. Berks County Intermediate Unit Board Report – Mrs. Seltzer announced that BCIU is working on their budget and is anticipating lots of layoffs. They will be offering their Chinese program again in May. The next meeting is next week.
- I. Berks Career & Technology Center Board Report – Mr. Painter announced that the next meeting is March 28.
- J. Berks EIT Report – Mrs. McAvoy announced the next meeting is March 27.
- K. Wyomissing Area Education Foundation – Mrs. Butera reported that the next meeting is March 13.
- L. Legislative Report – No report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT**

**A. CURRICULUM/  
TECHNOLOGY**

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

Mrs. Vicente gave an overview of the recommended changes. Mrs. Butera mentioned that a parent expressed that having Presidents' Day as a snow makeup day precluded people from taking an extended weekend for skiing. Although there had been previous discussion of having a break in February it was discounted due to preparations for PSSAs.

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1. Approved 2012-13 District Calendar.

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

## B. FINANCE/ FACILITIES

The Finance and Facilities items were opened for discussion. There were no questions or comments.

## C. PERSONNEL/ POLICY

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

### 1. APPOINTMENTS

#### a. Professional Staff

- 1) **Jennifer Texter**, Special Education Teacher, WHEC, at an annual salary to be determined by the new contract, but based upon B-Step 1 (\$40,720) according to the 2010-2011 salary matrix, effective March 13, 2012  
*Background information: Ms. Texter worked during the 2011-2012 School Year as a Long Term Substitute Teacher in the Special Education Department. She is filling the contracted position vacated by Cayla Printz.*

#### b. Support Staff

- 2) **Susan Kroninger**, Medical Access Secretary, Special Education Department, at an hourly rate of \$17.86, effective March 26, 2012.  
*Background information: The Medical Access Secretary position was approved in 2011; however, the position was not filled. This position is funded through Medical Access money.*
- 3) **Elba Beltran del Rio**, Special Education Instructional Aide, WHEC, at an hourly rate of \$10.96, 35 hours per week, effective date to be determined.  
*Background information: Ms. Beltran del Rio is filling a vacancy created by a resignation.*
- 4) **Carol Eck**, Special Education Instructional Aide at WHEC, at an hourly rate of \$10.96, 35 hours per week, effective March 26, 2012.

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*Background information: Ms. Eck is filling a vacancy created by a resignation.*

c. Supplemental Staff

- 1) **Keith Arnold**, Summer Safari Coordinator, at a stipend of \$3,000, effective summer 2012.

*Background information: The stipend is covered by tuition for the Summer Safari Program.*

2. LEAVES

a. Professional Staff

- 1) **Jeannie Reid**, Special Education Teacher, Jr./Sr. High School, return from FML effective March 5, 2012.

- 2) **Karen Tripolitis**, Kindergarten Teacher, WHEC, FML effective March 30, 2012 until a date to be determined.

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

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

**OLD BUSINESS** None.

**NEW BUSINESS** None.

**HEARING FROM WAEA** None.

**HEARING FROM AFSCME** None.

**HEARING FROM WAEF** None.

**HEARING FROM PTA** None.

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## HEARING FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Chelsea Melcher reported on the following activities at the Jr./Sr. High School:

- Sports teams' and individual accomplishments.
- Wyomissing Quiz Bowl placed in the top 1/3 of the county.
- Three students participated in regional chorus. One of the three qualified for state chorus.
- The Jr. High drama performance of *The Best of Both Worlds* was a success.

At Mrs. Davis' request, Mr. Mike Miller provided details on the upcoming reception and dinner March 26 in the JSHS cafeteria for the Japanese students visiting the United States that came about as an extension of his participation in the Fulbright teacher exchange program last summer. Board members and administrators were invited to attend.

Mrs. Butera mentioned that Wyomissing Area also has several swimmers participating in the state championships.

## ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Bamberger, seconded by Mr. Portner to adjourn at 6:33 p.m.

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Corinne D. Mason  
Board Secretary