

WYOMISSING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 2014-4822

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The regular meeting of the Board of School Directors convened at 5:59 p.m. in the Community Board Room of the Jr./Sr. High School with Mrs. Butera, Board President, presiding.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Following the pledge of allegiance, Mrs. Butera asked if anyone would be recording the meeting. Becca Gregg, Reading Eagle, indicated her intent to record.

Board Members Present:

Mrs. Butera, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Heinly, Mrs. McAvoy, Mr. Painter, Mr. Portner, Mrs. Reese, Mrs. Reilly and Mrs. Seltzer.

Administrative Staff Present:

Mrs. Vicente, Mr. Stem, Mr. Boyer, Mr. Arnst, Dr. Jones and Mr. Kuhn.

Attendees:

Becca Gregg, Reading Eagle, and Shelley Filer, recording secretary. Audience sign-in sheet included as part of these official minutes.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following meeting schedules and locations were announced:

- Technology Committee Meeting – September 24, 2014, 12:00 p.m.
- Finance/Facilities Committee Meeting – October 1, 2014, 11:00 a.m.
- Curriculum Committee Meeting – October 6, 2014, 12:00 p.m.
- Personnel/Policy Committee Meeting – October 9, 2014, 12:00 p.m.
- School Board Business Meeting with Committee Reports – **Tuesday**, October 14, 2014, 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. Valentin Rodriguez, Jr. provided clarification to his comments at the June 16, 2014 meeting. He shared a proposal for establishing a regional election plan for the Board's consideration. A copy of his proposal is included in these official minutes.

Mrs. Elizabeth Heckler recalled that the difficulties that existed at the time of the merger between West Reading and Wyomissing schools still exist in terms of representation on the Board. She agrees with the proposed regional election method.

Mr. Carl Garman echoed Mrs. Heckler's comments and sees evidence that the divisiveness extends to the students as well. He also is in favor of a regional election plan.

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ROUTINE APPROVALS

MEETING MINUTES

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

- August 11, 2014 Business Meeting with Committee Reports
- August 25, 2014 Regular Business Meeting

Yeas: Butera, Davis, Heinly, McAvoy, Painter, Portner, Reese, Reilly and Seltzer.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon a motion by Mrs. Reilly, second by Mrs. McAvoy, the Treasurer's Report for August 2014 was accepted as presented.

Yeas: Butera, Davis, Heinly, McAvoy, Painter, Portner, Reese, Reilly and Seltzer.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Upon a motion by Mr. Painter, second by Mrs. Seltzer, payment of bills for the month of August 2014 was approved.

Yeas: Butera, Davis, Heinly, McAvoy, Painter, Portner, Reese, Reilly and Seltzer.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. CURRICULUM/ TECHNOLOGY

Upon a motion by Mrs. Reese, second by Mrs. McAvoy, the Board approved the Finance/Facilities agenda items as follows.

1. Approved Overnight Field Trip Request – Concert Choir, Band and Orchestra to Orlando, FL, March 29-April 1, 2015.

Yeas: Butera, Davis, Heinly, McAvoy, Painter, Portner, Reese, Reilly and Seltzer.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

B. FINANCE/ FACILITIES

Upon a motion by Mr. Portner, second by Mrs. Reilly, the Board approved the Finance/Facilities agenda items as follows.

1. Approved donations from Wyomissing Area Education Foundation as follows:
 - \$5,000 in EITC funds to purchase 30 TI-Nspire graphing calculators for the JSHS math department.

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- \$6,731 in EITC funds to be used toward equipment for Wyo5Live.
2. Approve donations from J.P Mascaro & Sons as follows:
 - \$750 towards the SWEBS program at WHEC.
 - \$750 towards the SWEBS program at WREC.
 3. Approve donations for the purchase of a field liner as follows:
 - \$493.75 from Wyomissing Area Soccer Club
 - \$493.75 from Wyomissing Area Youth Football
 - \$493.75 from Wyomissing Lacrosse
 - \$500 from Wyomissing Area Youth Baseball.
 4. Approve tuition contract with TALK Institute and School for the 2014-15 school year for one secondary student in the amount of \$67,750.
 5. Approve tax collection agreement with Barbara Reeser and Fulton Bank.
Background information: Ms. Reeser is the elected as the Tax Collector of the Borough of Wyomissing for the term expiring December 31, 2017. This agreement deputizes Fulton Bank as the Deputy Tax Collector for the District.
 6. Approve BCIU 2014-15 Special Education Agreement.
Background information: This agreement formalizes the terms and conditions of BCIU's special education programs and services. Rates for 2014-15 were already approved at the May 19, 2014 board meeting.
 7. Approve student transportation contract with River Rock Services at a rate of \$30 per day per student based on the district's total enrollment.
Background information: This agreement was for temporary transportation due to a shortage of van drivers.
 8. Approve authorization for Trane to perform a comprehensive study necessary for the Guaranteed Energy Savings Act (Act 39) in the amount of \$29,380.
Background information: The amount of \$29,380 is waived upon execution of the agreement with Trane.

Yeas: Butera, Davis, Heinly, McAvoy, Painter, Portner, Reese, Reilly and Seltzer.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

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C. PERSONNEL/
POLICY

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

Mrs. Butera thanked the departing staff members for their service.

1. RESIGNATIONS

a. Professional Staff

- 1) **Shauna Mehlbaum**, Special Education Teacher, WHEC, update effective date to September 22, 2014.
- 2) **Nicole Bahner**, .5 ESL Teacher, WREC, resignation, effective date to be determined, may be held up to 60 days.

b. Support Staff

- 1) **William Harcar**, Custodian, WREC, resignation, effective September 9, 2014.

2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

a. Professional Staff

- 1) **Matthew Babiarz**, Teacher, JSJS, Family Medical Leave, effective October 16, 2014 with a return to work date on or about December 1, 2014, followed by intermittent Family Medical Leave until February 28, 2015.

3. APPOINTMENTS

a. Professional Staff

- 1) **Marcia Hartzler**, .25 Music Teacher-Strings Program, WHEC, at an annual salary of \$10,180 based upon B/Step 1 on the WAEA Salary Schedule, pro-rated in accordance with the effective date of hire as September 23, 2014. *Background information: This vacancy is being filled due to a resignation. Ms. Hartzler's Pennsylvania Department of Education Teacher Certification is Music K-12. Her experience includes strings and orchestra instruction for students in grades 3 to 12.*

b. Support Staff

- 1) **Lydia Snow**, Special Education Instructional Aide, JSJS, updated effective date to August 26, 2014.
- 2) **Lorraine Welch**, Special Education Instructional Aide, WHEC, part-time at 6 ½ hours/day (32 ½ hours/week), at a rate of \$11.15/hour, ratified to the effective date of September 16, 2014. *Background information: This vacancy is being*

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filled as the result of a resignation.

- 3) **Dennis Lynch**, Van Driver, District-Wide, part-time at 4 hours/day (20 hours/week) at \$10.50/hour, effective September 19, 2014.

c. Athletic Staff

- 1) **Paul DeLapp**, Boys' Soccer – Assistant Coach, for the 2014-15 school year Fall Sports Season, at a pro-rated stipend of \$574.

4. SUBSTITUTES

a. Professional Staff

- 1) **Marcia Hartzler**, Teacher (Addition)

5. VOLUNTEERS

6. POLICIES

Second reading and adoption of the following policies:

002 Authority and Powers

004 Membership

100 Comprehensive Planning

Yeas: Butera, Davis, Heinly, McAvoy, Painter, Portner, Reese, Reilly and Seltzer.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Butera asked Mr. Boyer to share an update on the Assessment Board meeting regarding the LERTA with Wyomissing Square that occurred on September 15. The meeting was held to determine whether or not an appeals meeting would be held as scheduled for September 18. The attorney for the Board of Assessment Appeals indicated that he doesn't believe their Board has the right to determine the validity of LERTA based on Article 14 of the resolution and therefore, cancelled the September 18 hearing. Our solicitor is contacting their attorney for more information regarding the cancellation of the appeal hearing.

When asked by Mr. Painter whether anyone from the County attended, Mr. Boyer responded that neither a representative from the County, nor the owner of the property were present. He clarified for Mr. Painter that Article 14 refers to the point that exemption status lies with the Borough Manager of Wyomissing. Mrs. Seltzer asked when we could expect to hear more information to which Mr. Boyer replied he expected an answer later in the week. Several Board members questioned the provision of the Borough Manager of Wyomissing having the authority to determine exemption status and whether this provision is customary in all LERTA agreements or unique to this particular agreement.

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Mrs. Butera reviewed the status of the agreement with Wyomissing Borough for the use of the tennis courts by the tennis teams and its impending termination in August 2015. In response to the notice of termination received June 23, 2014, the Board requested on July 16, that the Borough forward its proposed new agreement for consideration. As we approach October 1, with no further communication on the issue, she fears the teams will be without a place to practice and compete.

Mr. Arnst provided an update on the deployment of the 1:1 devices at the JSHS. Through a collaborative effort between the high school administration, the Technology Department, and the Facilities Department, the deployment on September 17, and September 18, was a success. The technical support room opened Thursday and has been assisting students from 7:00-7:30 am each day. A more in-depth analysis of the deployment will be shared at the Technology Committee meeting on September 24.

Dr. Jones reminded everyone of the presentation on Internet Safety and Digital Citizenship for parents on September 23.

Mrs. Vicente provided a summary for the Board of the results of the on-line survey on shared values that will be part of Comprehensive Planning.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

UPDATE FROM ORGANIZATIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Portner, seconded by Mrs. Reilly to adjourn at 6:27 p.m.

Board Secretary