

**BURRELL SCHOOL DISTRICT
AGENDA MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 8, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

The Burrell School District Board of Directors Agenda Meeting was streamed live on YouTube and called to order at 7:12 PM by President Shank.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Shank asked all present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following responded to Roll Call: Dr. Rachel Linderman, Mrs. Genia Koziarski, Mrs. LeeAnn S. Guido, Mrs. Pam Key, Mr. Rick Kaczor, Mr. Christopher S. Wojcik, Mr. Tom Deiseroth and Ms. Tricia Shank. The following member was absent: Mrs. Gretchen V. Beveridge. Also in attendance were: Dr. Shannon L. Wagner, Superintendent, Dr. Gregory Egnor, Director of Student Services, and Mrs. Jennifer S. Callahan, Business Administrator/ Board Secretary.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 – 6:45 PM AND IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MEETING –
PERSONNEL AGENDA**

SEPTEMBER 15, 2020 – 7:00 PM – PERSONNEL AGENDA

Ms. Shank announced the Board’s Executive Sessions.

The Board reviewed items scheduled for the regular meeting to be held on September 15, 2020.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – AGENDA ONLY

Ms. Shank asked the public to wait on Covid items until after the Covid-19 update presentation.

Mrs. Callahan reported one comment on Covid agenda item and one comment on non-agenda item.

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION AND STANDING COMMITTEES

SUPERINTENDENT – DR. WAGNER:

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION

APPROVAL OF ANNUAL REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY #918 – TITLE I PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Dr. Wagner explained that as a result of receiving federal Title I funding each year, the Board is required to review the policy annually. She stated that no changes are recommended at this time.

Motion by: Mr. Kaczor

Seconded by: Dr. Linderman

Roll Call: All in Favor

Motion carried.

2020-2021 COVID-19 UPDATE – INFORMATION

Dr. Wagner reported on the following Covid related matters:

- FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: Transportation went well; working through technology issues; still distributing technology; dismissal slower than would like, but working through staggering and meeting guidelines under health and safety plan; students were responding and participating virtually

Mrs. Guido asked if anyone was aware of the traffic problem at Bon Air and Stewart Schools.

Dr. Wagner responded that it is likely due to more parents driving students. She stated they will continue to work with the city and see if we can get it better streamlined.

- FOOTBALL FIELD: New completion date is October 23, 2020; there is time between turf installation and track installation so there will likely be a window of time to hold some home football games and soccer games. Upcoming construction meeting Thursday. Goal is to have some home games for the fall season.

Delay completion date due to multiple items –

- Started late due to Covid
- Westmoreland Conservation district delay with hillside
- Track angle change caused slight delay
- Retaining wall on hillside being changed
- Drainage and elevation issues in front of concession stand area
- Bedrock where new goalposts being installed; adjustments needed
- WG Land has written letter for architect to review

- ATHLETIC EVENTS

Dr. Wagner asked Mr. D'Angelo to review some of the ideas he has been working on relating to this matter so far, although it is possible that the Senate could vote and change guidelines again.

Mr. D'Angelo summarized potential plans:

- Update allowed spectators with limits of 250 outdoors and 25 indoors
- Indoors, such as volleyball, greater restrictions; outdoor provides some flexibility
- He would likely recommend:
 - Football: move band performance to before game and those parents then leave; player parents and cheer could attend game.
 - Suggests 2 parents per senior athlete and 1 per underclassman with some kind of pass for entrance
 - 49 athletes, 23 cheer (14 athlete seniors/7 cheer seniors); with game helpers, coaches, opposing team, still would be slightly over 250
 - Soccer/tennis/cross country/golf would open it up to 250 limit and track people or issue pass/tickets

Mr. Kaczor asked if we have to include players in the count.

Mr. D'Angelo replied yes.

Mr. Wojcik asked if there could be two separate venues, one outside fence and one inside fence.

Mr. D'Angelo responded the he believes the guidance intention is that it is counted as one event.

Mr. Kaczor suggested the same procedure for soccer as football with two spectators per player.

Mr. D'Angelo stated we want to also consider students being able to attend.

Dr. Linderman stated it makes sense that if we give out a voucher for football, then give those out as well for other sports, then allow the remaining at the door.

Mr. D'Angelo responded that he agrees with Dr. Linderman.

Mr. Kaczor stated students are in school with more than 250, so why not at events.

Dr. Wagner explained that we can do an educational event with just our students and could do above 250, but then parents could not attend.

Mrs. Koziarski stated she believes parents should take priority.

Mr. D'Angelo explained the indoor guideline is 25. He indicated that for volleyball there is not enough room for spectators just based on team and coach numbers. He stated that he intends to stream games live so families can watch.

Mr. D'Angelo explained that we have an auxiliary gym above the gym that he can place additional team members.

Mrs. Koziarski suggested that players could be in a separate room so parents could be present in auxiliary gym.

Mr. D'Angelo responded that he believes players should be in the room of the event and he is attempting to make it work that way. He also suggested streaming the event to the library where one parent could attend while being in the building in case of injury/emergency.

Mr. D'Angelo suggested band performance nights be held on non-athletic nights so that they can perform for spectators. He stated we will likely not be able to have traditional senior night and/or homecoming, so we are looking at some alternative events.

Dr. Wagner asked Mr. D'Angelo to discuss visitor team spectators.

Mr. D'Angelo stated we cannot permit visiting team spectators for football/volleyball due to the numbers. We could possibly allow for soccer, but it would require communication.

Mr. D'Angelo stated we would also need to discuss if we are charging for tickets or not. He added that the standard throughout the state is no type of concession stand.

Dr. Wagner stated that everything could change depending on legislation.

Mr. D'Angelo stated that if the decision is left up to school district, he believes a safe capacity is 50%, which would permit a decent number of spectators.

Mr. Kaczor stated it is something that can be discussed next week and suggested thinking about if spectators of opposing teams would be permitted to attend.

Mr. D'Angelo added that New Kensington-Arnold School District is not allowing outside fans at their facility for this Friday's varsity football game.

Mr. Wojcik asked if Mr. D'Angelo has something that could be put together to submit if legislation passes in the senate.

Mr. D'Angelo replied yes, we would modify our current Health and Safety Plan for school activities.

Mrs. Koziarski stated it sounds like we just need to wait.

Ms. Shank asked if activities open up for spectators, would any concession be considered.

Mr. D'Angelo stated he does not believe it is the priority.

General discussion ensued regarding concession sales, booster fund raising, and food.

Dr. Linderman stated she believes 50% capacity makes sense.

Mrs. Guido asked if 50% capacity passes, does that go across the board for all events.

Dr. Wagner responded that she is not sure if the current legislation includes all items.

Mr. Wojcik believes it should be similar for other events and may have to stream as well.

Mr. D'Angelo stated that BoxCast live streaming is the service that he is planning to use. He indicated there could be some opportunities for advertisements and streaming of other events. He added the he believes it is a nice program and would work best for our district.

General discussion ensued regarding advertising capability and streaming/broadcasting of student activities.

Board members thanked Mr. D'Angelo for his efforts on this matter.

DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES – DR. EGNOR:

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH WESTMORELAND INTERMEDIATE UNIT FOR USE OF FUNDS IDEA-B FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Dr. Egnor explained that this annual agreement outlines how the funds will be distributed and that we will follow allowable use of funds.

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH WESTMORELAND INTERMEDIATE UNIT FOR USE OF FUNDS IDEA-619 FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Dr. Egnor stated that similarly, this agreement is for IDEA-619 use of funds.

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH WESTMORELAND INTERMEDIATE UNIT FOR ESL SERVICES FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Dr. Egnor stated this is an annual agreement to monitor ESL students.

PERSONNEL – MS. SHANK (Attachment 9A-1)

Motion by: Mrs. Koziarski

Seconded by: Mrs. Guido

Roll Call: All in Favor

Motion carried.

NORTHERN WESTMORELAND CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER REPORT – MR. WOJCIK/DR. LINDERMAN

Dr. Linderman reported the following:

- Classes started on August 26
- Dr. Wagner is now superintendent of record
- Received about \$45,000 in grant to update for Covid compliance
- Space is adequate to accommodate students
- Students have been in school for 2 weeks

WESTMORELAND INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT – MRS. BEVERIDGE

PSBA LIAISON REPORT – MRS. KEY

Mrs. Key stated she will have a report next week.

BUSINESS – MRS. CALLAHAN:

APPROVAL OF PSBA ELECTION VOTING FOR THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATES AS PSBA OFFICERS/TRUSTEES: PRESIDENT-ELECT: DAVID HEIN; VICE PRESIDENT: SABRINA BECKER OR DANIEL O’KEEFE; TREASURER: MICHAEL GOSSERT; WESTERN AT LARGE: MARSHA PLETA; PSBA INSURANCE TRUST TRUSTEES: MICHAEL FACCINETTO AND MARIANNE NEEL

Mrs. Callahan stated that as a member of Pennsylvania School Board Association, the Board will be asked to vote on candidates for PSBA officers and trustees next week and the results will be submitted to PSBA as our District’s vote.

APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER GC-2 TO W.G. LAND COMPANY, LLC FOR HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM TRACK AND FIELD RENOVATIONS PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$0.00 FOR SLOPE STABILIZATION AS PER RECOMMENDATION OF GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEER

Mrs. Callahan stated that we have a change order for slope stabilization at an increase of \$41,134 which is offset by deletion of the concrete retaining wall not needed and deletion of 92 linear feet of 8’high fence, resulting in net change to total contract of \$0.00.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Callahan stated there are no communications at this time.

REQUESTS FOR USE OF BUILDINGS

Mrs. Callahan stated there are no building requests for consideration at this time.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Marci Ireland, 217 Kentucky Drive

- Would like to ask the board members to consider allowing spectators at games, and to look for a solution to having spectators at indoor sports.
- Could you please also reconsider the cancellation of cheer and band if the field can be ready in time for any home games?
- What is the status of the field?

Mr. Shank asked what is she referring to about cheer/band.

Dr. Wagner stated she thinks it is based on old information that has since changed. She added that marching band and cheer are not traveling to away games.

Ms. Shank believes we have discussed everything and it looks like we are headed in right direction.

Mr. D'Angelo stated that the football league collectively agreed that band/cheer is not traveling to away events. He stated this is unfortunate, but we are looking to provide other opportunities.

Dana Wurzer, 197 Hartge Road

- I have written many emails asking to please allow spectators to be able to attend the soccer games. This is my son's senior year. I am his biggest fan and supporter. I also want to be there in case there would be an injury. He was injured his sophomore year. His collarbone was broken during the Valley game at Valley.
- To further talk about parents and support people being able to be spectators at the soccer games. Governor Wolf has taken the wording "Visitors and spectators are prohibited from attending in-person sports-related activities" out of the order. And 250 people are allowed to watch sports outside. Please pass this and allow me and others to not miss out on missing any more sports. Thank you!

Ms. Shank stated we have covered her comments/questions.

Valerie Wojcik, 136 Illinois Drive

- Over the weekend we attended a place (in PA) looking at the 20 basketball courts being used. Minimum 25 people on the court and unlimited spectators per girl. All inside and social distancing wasn't a problem. I questioned why on earth high school sports are limited to 25 people indoors. 250 outdoor. Which is pretty much no one.

Knowing we never had a Covid outbreak all season. The players won't have the adrenaline rush of the crowd roars. The excitement of the cheering. I feel there is NO reason parents shouldn't be able to watch their kids play high school sports. Please reconsider. Thank you

Ms. Shank asked if she is referring to a club sport and do the same state requirements apply.

Dr. Wagner replied no.

Dr. Linderman stated it is life that the same rules don't apply to all the same. All that a school district can do is to follow rules that apply to school districts if mandated from the governor's office. None of us like it and we are frustrated, but we still have to follow the mandates.

Ms. Shank commented that many of the people who are experiencing this at events are speaking to legislators and they are making great strides at helping to make it equal and make sense.

Mrs. Guido stated she believes it is important to note that everyone here seems to be on same page to be as liberal as possible with mandates.

Dr. Linderman stated she understands that sports are important on so many levels. It's not just winning or scholarships; there is so much involved. She stated she thinks we all understand that and are going to do the best we can to get as many as involved as possible. She added she is heartbroken that children are so frustrated that they are not doing things.

Mrs. Key added it is not just sports, it is the arts as well. She stated she thinks everyone is trying to figure it out, but it is hard and the last thing we want is for an outbreak to occur.

Dr. Wagner stated it is about finding the balance.

Carrie Brothers, 157 Clinton Avenue

- Is there some kind of policy that at least one parent should be able to attend a game, home and away games, regarding possible injury at a sporting event? I just wondered if anyone thought of the scenario that if a child got seriously injured while playing a game, at least one parent would be present. Just looking at this from a different angle.

Ms. Shank stated we covered this earlier and we have a plan for parents to attend.

Dr. Wagner added that we can control home events, but we cannot control the away events.

Jamie Marchlewski, 121 Arizona Drive

- If we have the capability to increase the events to 50% would that mean cheer and band could now attend the away games

Mr. D'Angelo responded that we don't know until that happens, but we would be in favor of cheer and band attending away games.

Mrs. Guido asked for clarification on shields being permissible face covering.
Dr. Wagner stated that PDE permits face shields, but the district prefers masks.

General discussion ensued regarding masks.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kaczor made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Koziarski, that the Board adjourn the meeting at 8:08 PM.

Roll Call: All in Favor.

Jennifer S. Callahan
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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ROLL CALL

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EXECUTIVE SESSION-
SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 – 6:45 PM AND IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MEETING –
PERSONNEL AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 15, 2020 – 7:00 PM – PERSONNEL AGENDA AND POTENTIAL
LITIGATION

Ms. Shank announced the Board’s Executive Sessions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Agenda Meeting – August 11, 2020
Regular Meeting – August 18, 2020

- TREASURER’S REPORT (Attachment 9-1)**
FOOD SERVICE FUND REPORT (Attachment 9-2)
STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND REPORTS (Attachment 9-3)
NURSE’S REPORT - None

Motion by: Mrs. Koziarski

Seconded by: Mr. Kaczor

Roll Call: All in Favor

Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – AGENDA ONLY

Mrs. Callahan announced that public comments are being held until after agenda Item 11a-4 if they are related to Covid or school activities.

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION AND STANDING COMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION – DR. WAGNER:

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION

Dr. Wagner recognized the following:

Students, staff and families working together for the start of the school year.

ANNUAL REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY #918 – TITLE I PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT – INFORMATION

Dr. Wagner stated the annual review was discussed and approved at last week's agenda meeting.

2020-2021 COVID-19 UPDATE – INFORMATION

Dr. Wagner shared with the Board the start of school and other information at last week's agenda meeting.

APPROVAL OF MODIFICATION TO HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN FOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Dr. Wagner stated that she and Mr. D'Angelo, Athletic Director, continue to monitor state mandates, legislation and guidelines. Accordingly, the District's Health & Safety Plan for School Activities for spectators at events is being modified.

Based on the requirements, the following spectator procedures will be in place for each sport:

Requirements for Visiting School Spectators

- Spectators from the visiting team are not permitted to attend football and indoor events at Burrell School District due to the maximum restrictions.
- Spectators from visiting teams are permitted to attend soccer, cross country, tennis, and golf contests at Burrell School District.
- A face covering must be worn at all times and social distancing of at least 6' must occur.

Social Distancing and Face Coverings

- All spectators must wear a face-covering and maintain 6' of social distancing whether inside or outside.
- Spectators are expected to maintain at least 6' of social distance between each family. If spectators do not follow social distancing and facial covering guidelines, the school district may be forced to remove the spectator and/or eliminate spectators altogether from athletic events.

Football Events

- Band members and cheerleaders will be present along with spectators as identified below.
- Spectator breakdown for football games:
 - o 2 tickets per senior football player, band member and cheerleader.
 - o 1 ticket per underclassmen football player, band member and cheerleader.

Soccer, Tennis, Cross Country, and Golf

- The maximum number of attendees at any one event must not exceed 250 at any time.

Volleyball and other Indoor Sports

- Spectator breakdown:
 - o 2 tickets per senior player
 - o 1 ticket per underclassmen player

Live Streaming

The school district will continue to stream varsity football, soccer and volleyball home events. Away events will be streamed when possible/feasible.

Concessions

No concessions for the fall season. If current mandates remain in place, concessions will not be permitted.

Dr. Wagner asked if Board members had any comments or questions.

Ms. Shank asked if based on current rulings, should we amend it for indoor sports, such as volleyball, and allow 1 parent per player to be in the gym.

Mrs. Koziarski stated she would like to see the same spectator requirements as football with 2 per senior and 1 per underclassman.

Ms. Shank asked what would we do about library and could we give 2nd ticket to underclassmen for library.

Mr. Price, Solicitor, stated that spectators could be upstairs in auxiliary gym and players, officials and coaches in main gym and these would be considered separate areas.

Ms. Shank asked if there is a separate entrance to the upper gym and how many spectators fit.

Mrs. Koziarski commented there are about 23 players on the volleyball team.

Mrs. Guido stated that if we are making an accommodation and going to stretch limits about what we are doing, we should be specific about only allowing parents to be there who need to be there (JV/Varsity).

General discussion ensued about volleyball, JV/Varsity, number of players and spaces, parents, social distancing and dividing areas into pods.

Mr. D'Angelo explained bleachers are separated, so could be separate areas for each team and coaches in the lower bleachers.

Ms. Shank stated it seems we have the space and just need to manage it properly.

Mr. Price explained the motion based on the discussion.

Mrs. Koziarski asked to clarify the plans for the band for football games.

Mr. Kaczor stated he has no problem with the outdoor parts of this modification, but he has a problem with indoor procedures. He stated life is not fair and this year is what it is. He added he is having a problem with allowing too many people indoors.

Mrs. Key asked if we require spectators to social distance and wear a mask, who will enforce it and what if they refuse?

Mr. D'Angelo stated we call the police.

Mr. Kaczor asked if this were only a student event, could all students be here?

Dr. Wagner replied yes if we can social distance and wear masks.

Mr. Kaczor – if students want to show up couldn't we have that?

Dr. Wagner replied no because there are players from other schools.

Ms. Shank asked Mrs. Callahan to read public comments:

Linda Armstrong, 533 Burgley Avenue

- Band performing at start of football game.
- Would like band members to remain for entire football home games.
- Band was recently informed of the proposal to the school board as follows:
The Burrell Marching band would perform prior to start of football game with 2 tickets for parents to come and watch performance. Then once the performance is over, all members of band and families are asked to leave the stadium. By doing this it would allow for cheer and football to have 2 parents attend the home game and underclassman would receive 1 ticket. I truly believe this should be about the student

experience for them all. I am a parent and would gladly sacrifice not being in the stands if this meant all students of band, cheer and football could be in the stands. The experience is about the kids being present at the games, cheering for the football team, cheerleaders cheering with the band. They all interact and feed off one another. By eliminating the band you are excluding the band members from this amazing time with their peers. I would ask that you please reconsider the current proposal and allow the band to remain in the stands for the home games

Carla Luke, 250 Clarendon Avenue

- I would like to ask the board to reconsider the band students' involvement for home games. While I am all for parents being at the games, I don't feel it should be at the expense of another student. The band students work endless hours perfecting their performances. They participate during the ENTIRE game not just the beginning half. I don't feel that is it fair that the band students miss out on their game. They work just as hard as both the football players and cheerleaders. If you don't believe me, you should attend band camp. So much has been taken away from all of our kids this year. The band, cheerleaders and football players should stand together during this time.
- Please let the band participate in the full game.

Jeremy Luke, 250 Clarendon Avenue

- This action on the school board is unacceptable. Is one sport more important than the other? I don't feel that it is right that the cheer parents and football parents get to come watch the game, what about the band parents? I enjoy watching the band support their team throughout the entire game not just the National Anthem. It is not fair that you take this experience away from the band, just because the parents want to go watch the game. The GAME includes ALL the students - football players, cheerleaders and the BAND! If this is something that is truly being considered then it needs to be equal across all the sports. Cheerleaders can support the team after halftime and the football players need to split up into two groups.... Just so the parents can attend the game. Don't create division among the students - Create a TEAM. A TEAM that includes all of them.
- Please reconsider Band attending the entire game - they deserve the right to be there. This is their game, not the parents.

Janene Krajci, 2752 Harvey Avenue

- I am asking the committee to please reconsider not allowing the band to be present for the upcoming home games. I understand that the attendance is limited and that allowing the band to stay for the game means that no parents would be able to attend. However, the game will be live streamed for families to watch and we are all required to make small sacrifices during this pandemic. Saying that the band is not important enough to be in attendance is a devastating statement to our students who have worked hard for several years doing something they love. They have supported the team in rain, sleet and snow in past years and would happily do so this year as well. Please consider the senior class band members who have spent their high school career enjoying what they do in the stands. By not allowing them to stay for the game this year, you are taking away the last opportunity they have to sit in those stands with their friends and cheer their team on. You are teaching underclassmen who are part of the band that their support of the team

isn't really necessary and that they are somehow less important than the football players. I am so disappointed that this is even an issue - the kids (players, band members and cheerleaders) are who really matter and they should be given an equal opportunity to do what they love. Thank you for your consideration.

Cortney Montgomery, 305 Michigan Avenue

- I do not agree with having the band come for the start of home games but then leaving so cheer and football parents can stay. The band students should be just as important to the school as cheer and football students.

Nicole Battle, 429 Chicago Avenue

- I feel that ALL of the band students are just as much as part of the Friday nights as the football and cheer students. These kids practice and are just as dedicated to their sport as are the football and cheer students. It is completely unfair to all the band students to have to leave after the start of the game!

Michelle Watkins, 3301 Milligantown Road

- Agenda item 10, band to leave and not stay for the football game. I would like to express my opinion on the band not being able to stay for the football game. I think you should let them stay and play at the games. It is tough enough on these kids with all these new rules and guidelines. It going to be hard enough for the football team not to have their friends and family not to cheer them on, at least let the band fill in a little of their void. Let them play so that these kids all know that we all are cheering them on through the band. I fell that music will help boost everyone's spirits, especially now. So please let the band stay and play throughout the games, let the band be our support for these kids. Thank you

Jennifer Goulet Micholas, 2756 Van Buren Drive

- Agenda item 10: Please reconsider only having the band at the start of home games and then leave, I have 2 kids in band and I am very sad for these kids they have lost so much already and they have always been a team with cheer and football. I am so so upset please reconsider for the sake of the kids!

Glenn Matovcik, 330 Donnell Road

- We believe the band kids should get to enjoy a Friday night at the game. Our band kids put as much hard work in as the cheerleaders do. Our school is widely recognized for music not letting our kids take part is wrong.

Diane Hill, 3044 Leechburg Road, Apt. A

- I believe it is very important to have the band students play during the football game. I don't believe the band parents and students were asked this question but I think it's in their best interest for their overall School experience to have the band members along with the cheerleaders and football players all be present at the games. I feel very strongly that the band students should not be excluded from this experience to perform at the games. Thanks

Aaron J. Schlager, 127 Arizona Drive

- Please reconsider the band only being there at the beginning
- My daughter is a senior it's their last season with band they should be able to stay and enjoy the game and play as they have for years the pandemic created a mess but isn't it our responsibility to help keep them safe and still have the experiences that make high school memorable as for seniors they worked so hard all these years to only have it taken away at the end let them stay!!!!!!

Charles Roman, 2809 Thor Drive

- Please reconsider proposal letting the high school band perform during one home game.
- The Burrell marching band would appreciate your support in regards to this issue.

Jamie Marchlewski, 121 Arizona Drive

- For the home football games I feel ALL the kids should be included in this event (football-cheer-band) if that means parents can't be there due to the limit maybe just let senior parents only. I feel it's more important for the kids to perform

Linda Roman, 700 2nd Avenue Apt. 306 Tarentum, PA 15084

- Why would it not be possible for the band and color guard to perform one hour before the football games. After all those students in the band and the color guard should have a chance to perform for their parents. Hey it's some of the students senior year. Please try to consider this matter for the students' sake.

Shelby Wlodarczyk, 229 Pearl Drive

- I am commenting in regards to Mr. D'Angelo's recommendation re: home football game attendance specifically related to the band. It is my understanding that the recommendation does not allow the band to attend the home games & will dismiss them prior to the game to allow for other spectators/parents. As a parent of a senior, I understand that this may be a last opportunity to watch our children, however I feel strongly that as parents we should sacrifice that opportunity to allow ALL of our students who have worked hard this season to participate in the event itself. Thank you for taking this into consideration.

Cheryl Usko, 3148 Vermont Drive

- As a parent of a senior in marching band, I feel as though she and the entire band should be able to attend the entire football game. This is all about our children and I am willing to sit out so that the kids can participate. It is especially hard for our seniors, there are no do overs. I have attended and volunteered every game since her 8th grade year. This year is a hard one to swallow but I feel that band should be included and not just before the game and then asked to leave. I am respectfully asking that our band kids attend the games also. Thank you for your consideration.

Linda Armstrong, 533 Burgley Avenue

- Is band allowed to stay for the entire football game?
- We had been told we are to perform at 5:15 pm and leave after performance. Then cheer and football would enter?

Lisa Obrien, 2769 Harvey Avenue

- Please consider allowing the cheer team and band to attend away games. Will there even be a home game? The streaming of the football game was awful!

Dr. Wagner stated that the decision to allow people to attend away games is not our District's decision. She also stated that Mr. D'Angelo is continuing to work through the streaming issue. She explained the issue at the Valley football game with the hotspot and stated that tonight's Volleyball game streaming seems much better.

Ms. Shank confirmed that marching band and cheer are staying for entire game. She also thanked Mr. D'Angelo for figuring out how to make it work. She thanked band parents for their comments.

Mrs. Key stated she appreciates how band parents are willing to give up their attendance for kids to be there.

Mrs. Koziarski added kudos to band parents.

Mr. Kaczor asked if we could set up a screen in parking lot and allow for 250 people watch the game or possibly just students.

Dr. Wagner stated she would not suggest that for social distancing and supervision.

Mrs. Guido commented that she believes it would be a social distancing nightmare.

General discussion ensued regarding estimated numbers that would be in attendance.

Mr. D'Angelo stated there are separate bleachers so we could have two separate physical spaces of 250.

Mr. Kaczor asked if we could do 2 tickets per player and some students.

Mr. D'Angelo replied he will have to check the numbers.

Mrs. Guido stated that she feels that is complicating things and believes it should be 2 tickets per senior member and 1 per underclass to be consistent between football and volleyball.

Mr. D'Angelo stated soccer and other sports could be unlimited up to 250.

Mr. Wojcik asked if band parents leave after half time, could we allow others to attend.

General discussion ensued regarding people coming and leaving at halftime and the difficulty that presents.

Mr. D'Angelo stated it is possible, but would require additional staff and he prefers to use passes/sign up instead.

Ms. Shank stated she believes all comments and opinions have been heard and asked the Solicitor for the next step.

Mr. Price replied that based on Board input, he believes the motion on the table would be to accept the proposal of Dr. Wagner with the following changes: all spectators have mask and social distance 6 feet except those in same household; football: 2 tickets per senior player, cheerleader, band member; 1 ticket for all other football players, cheerleader, band member; volleyball: 2 tickets senior player; 1 for all other players; remainder of sports capped at 250.

Mrs. Koziarski made a motion to accept Dr. Wagner's proposal on Modification of Health and Safety Plan for School Activities with the following changes: all spectators wear a mask and social distance 6 feet, except those in same household; Football: 2 tickets per senior player, cheerleader, band member and 1 ticket for all other football players, cheerleader, band member; Volleyball: 2 tickets senior player, 1 ticket for all other players; remainder of sports capped at 250, seconded by Mrs. Guido.

Roll Call: All in Favor

Motion carried.

DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES – DR. EGNOR:

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH WESTMORELAND INTERMEDIATE UNIT FOR USE OF FUNDS IDEA-B FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR (Attachment 9-4)

Motion by: Mr. Deiseroth

Seconded by: Mr. Wojcik

Roll Call: All in Favor

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH WESTMORELAND INTERMEDIATE UNIT FOR USE OF FUNDS IDEA-619 FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR (Attachment 9-5)

Motion by: Mr. Deiseroth

Seconded by: Mrs. Koziarski

Roll Call: All in Favor

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH WESTMORELAND INTERMEDIATE UNIT FOR ESL SERVICES FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion by: Mr. Kaczor

Seconded by: Mrs. Guido

Roll Call: All in Favor

Motion carried.

PERSONNEL – MS. SHANK (Attachment 9-6)

Motion by: Mrs. Koziarski

Seconded by: Mrs. Guido

Roll Call: All in Favor, except Mr. Kaczor abstained for #37 Motion carried.

NORTHERN WESTMORELAND CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER REPORT – MR. WOJCIK/DR. LINDERMAN

Members received a summary of the August 20, 2020 meeting. Mr. Wojcik reported there is a meeting on Thursday and will report next month.

WESTMORELAND INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT – MRS. BEVERIDGE

Members received a summary of the August 25, 2020 meeting.

PSBA LIAISON REPORT – MRS. KEY

Mrs. Key reported the following:

- HB2787 headed to Governor Wolf regarding sporting events giving school boards the ability to determine guidelines
- Future is uncertain as it has been reported that Governor Wolf will veto
- Senate issued statement and will call for override vote

BUSINESS – MRS. CALLAHAN:

APPROVAL OF PSBA ELECTION VOTING FOR THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATES AS PSBA OFFICERS/TRUSTEES: PRESIDENT-ELECT: DAVID HEIN; VICE PRESIDENT: SABRINA BECKER OR DANIEL O'KEEFE; TREASURER: MICHAEL GOSSERT; WESTERN AT LARGE: MARSHA PLETA; PSBA INSURANCE TRUST TRUSTEES: MICHAEL FACCINETTO AND MARIANNE NEEL

Mrs. Callahan stated that as a member of PSBA, the Board is asked to approve election voting on candidates for PSBA officers and trustees. There is only one office that Board members need to select a candidate, so please do so when you make the motion.

Mrs. Koziarski asked if any Board member has an opinion regarding vice president candidate.

Ms. Shank suggested Daniel O'Keefe.

Mr. Kaczor made a motion to approve the PSBA election voting for the following candidates as PSBA Officers/Trustees: President-Elect: David Hein; Vice President: Daniel O'Keefe; Treasurer: Michael Gossert; Western at Large: Marsha Pleta; PSBA Insurance Trust Trustees: Michael Faccinetto and Marianne Neel, seconded by Mr. Wojcik.

Roll Call: All in Favor

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER GC-2 TO W.G. LAND COMPANY, LLC FOR HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM TRACK AND FIELD RENOVATIONS PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$0.00 FOR SLOPE STABILIZATION AS PER RECOMMENDATION OF GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEER

Mrs. Callahan stated the change order was explained last week and is mainly for slope stabilization at an increase of \$41,134, which is offset by deletion of the concrete retaining wall not needed and deletion of 92 linear feet of 8'high fence, resulting in net change to total contract of \$0.00.

Motion by: Mr. Deiseroth

Seconded by: Mrs. Koziarski

Roll Call: All in Favor

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Callahan reported that Board members received one item of communication for their review.

REQUESTS FOR USE OF BUILDINGS

None.

PAYMENT OF BILLS (Attachment 9-7)

Motion by: Mr. Kaczor

Seconded by: Mr. Deiseroth

Roll Call: All in Favor

Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Linda Armstrong, 533 Burgley Avenue

- Thank you for hearing and listening to us! We are grateful for you all for taking the time to read each and every one of the band comments! We truly understand and appreciate all you are doing in this very challenging life we are faced with. Again Thank you all!!!

OTHER REMARKS

Mrs. Key asked about the item of communication received. She asked if tennis team is due for new uniforms.

Mr. D'Angelo reported the girls tennis uniforms were purchased in fall of 2017-2018; we have increased the number of participants and about 11 students are wearing older uniforms. He stated there was discussion with grant funding for getting uniforms, but after reviewing all of the other needs of older uniforms in other sports. He stated that he hopes to purchase new tennis uniforms for next fall.

Ms. Shank asked if the program has doubled.

Mr. D'Angelo stated there are almost 20 participants each year since he has been here.

Dr. Wagner commented it could be due to Mr. Reddick coaching.

Ms. Shank asked if other teams had older uniforms that needed replaced through the grant funds.

Mr. D'Angelo discussed some of the other items purchased with grant funds.

Ms. Shank asked if we would possibly budget funds for next fall to get uniforms.

Mrs. Guido commended teachers for all they have done over the first week. She has seen that they are working hard and is pleased to see their dedication.

Ms. Shank explained that teachers don't stop when the school day ends.

Mrs. Guido thanked the administration team and Mr. D'Angelo for coming up with an alternative plan before coming to tonight's meeting. She stated she appreciates that band parents were heard. She added that this proves how student focused the administration team is by coming up with a solution to the problem.

Dr. Wagner stated we have a good team and Mr. D'Angelo does an exceptional job.

Mr. Kaczor asked if state passing HB2787 stays, could the school district choose to make a different plan? He mentioned previously discussed considering 50% capacity but now feels 25% is a better number. He asked what happens if it is before the next board meeting. He stated he feels we are doing fine and there is no sense in having that many spectators.

Ms. Shank stated they would need to see how people would fit.

Mrs. Koziarski asked how is it going with virtual students. Are parents permitted to engage or participate in a teacher conversation? Has it been addressed with parents?

Dr. Egnor mentioned a similar situation was brought to his attention today.

Dr. Wagner stated she has not had anyone say anything like this to her. She added she has participated last two days in art class with 4-5 virtual students and has not interacted with parents. She indicated it is likely an anomaly.

Mrs. Koziarski suggested maybe it should be stated that parents should not be engaging or participating.

Dr. Wagner explained that students are to have devices muted unless speaking because the parent should not be addressing it during class.

Mr. Price commented that the teacher can mute the student and parent should not be disrupting a class.

General discussion ensued regarding virtual learning etiquette and classroom management.

Mrs. Key commented that after school tutoring has been offered in past and asked if it will happen this year.

Dr. Wagner replied that it has not been offered yet, but it is going to be offered to make sure student needs are met.

Ms. Shank commented that since students are staying away from paper/textbooks, she is concerned with that for different types of learners; all day and all night on a computer is difficult.

Dr. Wagner stated we are still using materials and doing things differently with them such as taking pictures of work, etc. She added the High School typically leaves text book at home, but it is different across the district based on what is being used and how it is accessed.

General discussion ensued regarding consumables, how they are being used, how teachers are reviewing work and that it varies by teacher.

Mrs. Koziarski asked if Penn State New Kensington has a tutoring program.

Dr. Wagner replied she is not sure, but can check into it.

General discussion ensued regarding the time it takes to teach and check in when some students are at home and some in the classroom.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kaczor made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Koziarski, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:56 PM.

Roll Call: All in Favor.

Jennifer S. Callahan
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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