

WILSON BOROUGH, PA

February 6, 2023

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

An Executive Session of the Wilson Area School District Board of Directors was held in the William P. Tollinger Administration Building, 2040 Washington Blvd., Easton, PA 18042 on the above date for two personnel issues and student issues.

The session for personnel #1 and student issues was called to order at 6:46 p.m. by Mrs. Judith Herbstreith, President, with the following members present: Ms. Janis Krieger, Mr. Johnathan Jones, Mrs. Holly Waugh, Mrs. Maggie Hall, Mrs. Linda Baskwell, Mrs. Molly Sunderlin and Mrs. Allyson Palinkas. Also present: Mr. Doug Wagner, Superintendent, Ms. Stephanie Arnold, Business Manager/Secretary and Dr. Dave Wright, Assistant Superintendent and Alyssa Hicks, Solicitor (6:57 p.m.). Mr. John Martuscelli, High School Principal, Mr. Ian Beitler, High School Assistant Principal, and Mr. Jeffrey Breidinger, Jr., Athletic Director were present in personnel #1 only.

REGULAR MEETING:

The regular meeting of the Wilson Area School District Board of Directors was held in the William P. Tollinger Administration Building, 2040 Washington Blvd., Easton, PA 18042 on the above date.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Mrs. Judith Herbstreith, President, with the following members present: Ms. Janis Krieger, Mr. Johnathan Jones, Mrs. Holly Waugh, Mrs. Maggie Hall, Mrs. Linda Baskwell, Mrs. Molly Sunderlin and Mrs. Allyson Palinkas. Also present: Mr. Doug Wagner, Superintendent; Ms. Stephanie Arnold, Business Manager/Secretary; Dr. Dave Wright, Assistant Superintendent; Ms. Alyssa Hicks, Solicitor; Mr. John Martuscelli, High School Principal; Mr. Ian Beitler, High School Assistant Principal; Mr. Michael Chromey, Intermediate School Principal; Ms. Jennifer Burd, Intermediate School Assistant Principal; Mr. Kevin Steidle, Williams Township Elementary Principal; Mrs. Amy Austin, Wilson Borough Elementary Principal; Mrs. Laura Samson, Director of Student Services; Dr. Alexandra Mindler, Supervisor of Curriculum and Instructional Technology; Mr. Garry Musselman, Technology Coordinator and Ms. Ava Houser, Student Representative.

The Board reviewed the agenda.

The Board conducted an interview of the following candidate to fill the vacancy in Region II for the balance of the term.:

- Jeffrey Breidinger, Sr.

Moved by Krieger, seconded by Jones, and carried by voice vote that the Board approve the following:

- Jeffrey Breidinger, Sr. as Board Member for Region II

Result of vote: Aye 8; Nay 0; Vacant 1.

Mrs. Kelly Baltz, Notary, swore in Mr. Jeffrey Breidinger, Sr. as a Board Member to fill the open seat in Region II.

Mr. Wagner reviewed the following policy:

- Policy #1335: Wilson Area School District Hall of Fame

There were no communications to be read.

The Superintendent presented his report.

Ms. Houser reported the following on Student Affairs:

- The Tech Crew is currently building the set for Pippin.
- The Senior Class made a \$520.00 profit from their Crispy Cream Fundraiser.
- Winter Track – 3K time trials were held.

Mrs. Herbstreith reported the following on Legislative issues:

- USDA Regulations - Looking to limit sugars and sodium in school meals. This change is set to begin in the 2024-2025 school year. The implementation will be phased in through 2027.
 - New regulations include:
 - New limits on sugar to represent no more than 10% of calories per meal starting in the 2025-26 school year.
 - A 10% reduction to current sodium limits for the 25-26 school year with another 10% decline for the 27-28 school year.
 - Eighty percent of grains will be required to be whole grains and remaining grains must be enriched.
 - New regulation on flavored milk is still under consideration. Proposed rules include not allowing flavored milk until either the fifth or eighth grades.

Ms. Krieger reported the following on the Community College:

- The Spring Semester is underway. Enrollment is up 3%.
- NCC has been chosen as the leader in the Adult Continuing Education Category in Lehigh Valley's Who's Who in Business for 2022.
- Winter graduation was held on January 28th. Graduates ranged in age between 18-72.
- Women's volleyball finished 10th in the Nation in their division.
- Men's volleyball finished 4th in the Nation in their division.
- The Board retreat was held the week of January 30th.

Mrs. Palinkas reported the following on the Career Institute:

- A hold has been placed on the expansion project.
- They will re-apply to use ESSER Grant funds for HVAC replacement.
- Four Wilson students placed in Skills USA.

Mrs. Baskwell reported the following on the Intermediate Unit:

- A report was sent to all Board Members prior to tonight's meeting.
- Schools are obligated to approve the Operating Budget. The increase this year is 3.97%.
 - WASD obligation:
 - 2022-23 \$15,620.13
 - 2023-24 \$16,010.64
- The Board would like a representative from the Intermediate Unit to present their budget at an upcoming Board Meeting.

There was no report presented on Wilson Area Education Association. There was no report presented on Curriculum and Grants. Mrs. Samson reported the following on Student Services:

- CONCERN Agreement – Agreement reflects the increase in therapy cost for mental health.
- CONCERN Agreement – Add additional position in behavioral services due to change in licensure.
- In collaboration with Valley Youth House, 7th and 8th grade students will have the opportunity to participate in 15 sessions of the Community Builders Program at no cost.

There was no report presented for the Technology Committee. There was no report for K-12 Warrior Academy. There was no report presented on Facilities Operations. There was no report presented on Athletic Committee. There was no report presented on Excellence in Education. Mrs. Herbstreith reported the following on Wilson Area Partners in Education Foundation:

- Their last meeting was held in January.
- They are trying to promote the Foundation to community members.
- Scholarship Applications are due on March 10th.
- The next Warrior Spirits event will be held at Boser Geist at the Silk Mill.
- Looking to re-do marketing materials.

Mrs. Waugh reported the following on the LINCS:

- Their next meeting will be held on February 7th.

Mr. Wagner reported the following on the WASD Ally Team:

- Their last meeting was held on January 26th. They have reviewed their goals and are working on revising the Action Plan.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Melody Johnson
2030 Washington Blvd.
Easton, PA
- Racial issues on video that is circulating

Moved by Palinkas, seconded by Baskwell, and carried by voice vote to approve the following:

- Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 9, 2023.
- Treasurer's Report, as attached, be accepted and filed for audit
- January 2023 Investment Schedule, as listed and attached; be accepted and filed for audit
- Regular bills in the amount of \$ 892,368.15
- Cafeteria bills in the amount of \$ 125,736.94
- Capital Projects \$ 0.00
- Retiree bills in the amount of \$ 0.00
- Capital Reserve \$ 0.00

Result of vote: Aye 9; Nay 0; Absent 0.

Moved by Palinkas, seconded by Sunderlin and carried by voice vote that the Board approve the following:

Finance

- TRC Environmental Corporation – Pre-demolition hazardous building materials survey at Williams Township Bus Garage - \$3,450.00
- CONCERN Behavioral Health – 2% rate increase for 2022-23 for School-Based Outpatient counseling services – Group Therapy \$44/per hour/per client
- CONCERN Behavioral Health – addition of Behavior Therapist services - \$11/15 minute unit

Result of vote: Aye 9; Nay 0; Absent 0.

Moved by Krieger, seconded by Hall, and carried by voice vote that the Board approve the following:

Personnel

- Retirement with regrets and appreciation
 - Dr. David Wright – Assistant Superintendent – effective July 31, 2023

Result of vote: Aye 9; Nay 0; Absent 0.

Moved by Waugh, seconded by Palinkas and carried by voice vote that the Board approve the following:

- Retirement
 - Gerald Leh – Part-Time Regular 2-Run Bus Driver – effective February 1, 2023
- Appointments
 - Christina Everett – Assistant Track Coach – stipend \$4,424.00 – effective start of 2022-2023 season
 - Austin Warman – Assistant Track Coach – stipend \$4,424.00 – effective start of 2022-2023 season
 - Mariah Loughney – Girls' Softball JV Coach – stipend \$3,665.00 – effective start of 2022-2023 season

- Charles Horvath – Volunteer Baseball Coach – effective start of 2022-2023 season
- Substitute
 - AnnaMaria Maris – WASD Certified PK-12 – pending receipt of Act 168 Disclosure Form
 - Robert Young – Van Driver

Result of vote: Aye 9; Nay 0; Absent 0.

Moved by Waugh, seconded by Krieger, and carried by voice vote that the Board approve the following:

- Curriculum and Instruction
 - New High School Course Approval
 - Forensic Science

Result of vote: Aye 9; Nay 0; Absent 0.

Moved by Palinkas, seconded by Jones, and carried by voice vote that the Board approve the following:

- Wilson Area High School – Expulsion Agreement
 - Student #250223
- Home School Student – Permission to Participate
 - Hunter Stasak - Baseball
- Wilson Area High School Cheerleading – NHSCC Nationals – Trip to Orlando, Florida – February 8 to February 14, 2023 – No Cost to District, only District transportation needed to Allentown International Airport.

Result of vote: Aye 9; Nay 0; Absent 0.

Next Regular School Board Meeting – Monday, March 6, 2023 – 7:00 p.m. – Administration Building.

Moved by Hall, seconded by Jones, and carried by voice vote that the Board approve the meeting be adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Result of vote: Aye 9; Nay 0; Absent 0.

STEPHANIE L. ARNOLD
Secretary