

WILSON BOROUGH, PA
February 7, 2022

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 personnel, safety, and student issues.

The session was called to order at 6:49 p.m. by Mrs. Judith Herbstreith, President, with the following members present: Ms. Janis Krieger, Mr. Johnathan Jones, Mrs. Holly Waugh, Mr. Scott Wamsley, 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, and Mr. John Martuscelli, High School Principal.

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 7:03 p.m. by Mrs. Judith Herbstreith, President, with the following members present: Ms. Janis Krieger, Mrs. Holly Waugh, Mr. Johnathan Jones, Mr. Scott Wamsley, 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; Mr. Don Spry, Solicitor; Mrs. Laura Samson, Supervisor of Student Services; Mr. John Martuscelli, High School Principal; Mr. Ian Beitler, High School Assistant Principal; Mr. Anthony Tarsi, Intermediate School Principal; Ms. Katie Pietrouchie, Intermediate School Assistant Principal; Mr. Michael Chromey, Avona Elementary Principal; Mr. Kevin Steidle, Williams Township Elementary Principal; Mrs. Amy Austin, Wilson Borough Elementary Principal; Mr. Garry Musselman, Technology Coordinator; Dr. Alexandra Mindler, K-12 Online Warrior Academy Coordinator and Mr. Clayton Washburn, Student Representative.

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

- Policy #4146 – Tax Sheltered Annuities

Result of vote: Aye 8; Nay 0; Absent 0.

The Superintendent presented his report.

Mr. Washburn reported the following on Student Affairs:

- The High School play will be presented on March 3rd, 4th, and 5th.
- GSA will hold a day of silence in April.
- The Key Club is working on the following:
 - Valentine's Day candy grams
 - Blood drive
 - An additional Make a Wish event
- The Student Council is sponsoring a Sadie Hawkins Dance on February 11th.
- The Tribe will be present at all senior nights.
- The pep band was at Senior Night for wrestling and basketball.
- Junior class is coming up with another fundraiser.
- Wilson Buddies will be doing a Mod Pizza fundraiser in February.
- Concert band is getting ready for the Spring Concert.
- Jazz band is preparing for their first competition.
- Band is starting a string ensemble.
- Band Front Twirling Club started.
- NHS is planning a bingo fundraiser.
- The Debate Team is moving onto the second concept.
- FBLA is waiting to see if they get into states.
- Basketball senior night went well.
- Cheering is preparing for Nationals in Florida.
- The Warrior Club is doing a winter door decorating contest.
- Seniors are looking into potential class trips.

Mrs. Herbstreith reported the following on Legislative issues:

- A thank you to Linda for passing along the website information showing state revenue is not keeping pace with instructional costs:
 - Instructional Cost 34% Special Education Cost 50%
 - State Revenue 1% State Revenue 12%
 - Charter School Expense ↑ 207%
 - Governor Wolf will unveil the budget on February 8th.

Ms. Krieger reported the following on the Community College:

- On February 3rd, we met on campus for the first time in almost two years. The guest speaker was Becky Bradley, Executive Director of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission, a post she has held since August of 2013. She spoke on the following topics:
 - Transportation
 - Climate Innovation
 - Shopping Mall Redevelopment
 - Freight Infrastructure
 - Digitalization of almost everything

- Despite COVID 19, the Lehigh Valley has been growing consistently (4,000 people)
- Enrollment is down approximately 8% from last year.
- The Governor awarded a Manufacturing Grant to NCC for almost \$200K, which will fund a 7 week; 150 hour program to introduce manufacturing occupations to veterans, Covid-19 fall outs, out of school youth and others.
- NCC received a PNC Foundation Grant to support the economic empowerment of black and low-moderate income communities.
- Spring Theater offerings are Cloud 9 and Xanadu.
- Two NCC students made history as they were sworn into Easton and Bethlehem City Councils.

Mrs. Palinkas reported the following on the Career Institute:

- Their last meeting was held on February 3rd.
 - Sampled cupcakes for the upcoming competition
- Appointed an instructor for Adult Education – Automotive and Welding.

There was no report presented on the Intermediate Unit. 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:

- Revision to the Health and Safety Plan:
 - No longer required to do contract tracing. Contact tracing will be done on an as needed basis.

There was no report presented for the Technology Committee. Dr. Mindler reported the following on K-12 Warrior Academy:

- The numbers are steady.

There was no report presented on Facilities Operations. Mrs. Palinkas reported the following on the Athletic Committee:

- Varsity W shout out to the custodians, Alex, Maureen, and security for doing a wonderful job throughout the winter sports season.

Dr. Wright reported the following on Excellence in Education:

- Their last meeting was held on January 31st.
 - Three year comprehensive plan was reviewed. February 7th was the start of the 28 day public review period.

Mrs. Herbstreith reported the following on Wilson Area Partners in Education Foundation:

- Focused on new initiatives developed by Executive Director.
- Scholarship application for graduating seniors is now available.
- Working on the Warrior Challenge (May 25th).

Mrs. Waugh reported the following on the LINCS:

- Their last meeting was held on February 1st.
- The new Director successfully submitted grant reports.
- Looking for corporate support to replace the garden.
- A gift card bingo will be held at the Intermediate School on April 30th.
- Lisa at the food bank is working with St. John's Church in Williams Township regarding food donations for three seniors in Williams Township who do not drive but need food supplements.

There was no report presented on WASD Ally Team.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Shawn Musco
85 Kichline Road
Hellertown, PA
- Masking

Jessica Engler
160 Kichline Road
Hellertown, PA
- Masking & Tiered Mitigation System

Greg Washburn
905 Raubsville Road
Easton, PA 18042
- Coach Horton

Hallie Washburn
905 Raubsville Road
Easton, PA 18042
- Coach Horton

Matthew Takacs
2438 Birch Street
Easton, PA 18042
- Masking

Dawn Takacs
2438 Birch Street
Easton, PA 18042
- Masking

Tanya Bush
202 High Street
Glendon, PA
- Masking

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

- Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 10, 2022.
- Treasurer's Report, as attached, be accepted and filed for audit
- January 2022 Investment Schedule, as listed and attached; be accepted and filed for audit
- Regular bills in the amount of \$ 737,694.95
- Cafeteria bills in the amount of \$ 88,444.18
- Capital Projects \$ 0.00
- Retiree bills in the amount of \$ 2,297.33
- Capital Reserve \$ 0.00

Result of vote: Aye 8; Nay 0; Absent 0.

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

Finance

- Concern Behavioral Health – Attendance Social Worker - \$75/hour – 20 hours/week until the end of the 2021-22 school year
- Intermediate School and High School Activity Funds - Quarterly Reports

Result of vote: Aye 8; Nay 0; Absent 0.

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

Personnel

- Retirement with regrets for losing two of our wonderful staff and teachers
 - Donna Chuss – Wilson Area High School – Special Education Teacher – effective end of 2021-2022 school year

- Linda Jo David – Wilson Area Intermediate School – Guidance Counselor – effective end of 2021-2022 school year
- Retirement
 - Frank Moskella – Avona Elementary School – Part-time Custodian – effective January 28, 2022

Result of vote: Aye 8; Nay 0; Absent 0.

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

- Resignations
 - Melissa Garner – Wilson Area High School – French Teacher – effective January 28, 2022
 - Elise Leblond – Wilson Borough Elementary and Avona Elementary Schools – RTII Intervention Teacher – effective January 20, 2022 – retained for 60 days or until a suitable candidate is found
 - Dana Weidaw – Williams Township Elementary – Blended Classroom Aide – effective April 13, 2022
- Appointments
 - Scott Kiskaddon – Temporary Professional Employee – Wilson Area Intermediate School (7th Grade Math/English Language Arts Teacher) – Bachelors +15, Step 1 – salary \$50,278.00 – effective February 28, 2022 – pending receipt of Act 168 Disclosure Forms
 - Jimena Carias-Zunga – Temporary Professional Employee – Wilson Area High School (Spanish Teacher) – Masters, Step 1 – salary \$51,478.00 – effective April 11, 2022 – pending receipt of Act 114 and 168 Disclosure Forms
 - Kiana Unangst – Wilson Borough Elementary School – Part-Time Instructional Aide - \$23.02/hour – effective February 8, 2022
 - Thabiana Jeanty – Wilson Borough Elementary School – Blended Classroom Instructional Aide - \$23.02/hour – effective February 8, 2022
 - Michael Fleming – Head Football Coach – stipend \$11,253.00 – effective 2022-2023 season

Result of vote: Aye 8; Nay 0; Absent 0.

Moved by Baskwell, seconded by Sunderlin, and carried by roll call vote that the Board approve the following:

- Reappointments
 - Field Hockey
 - Scott Horton – Head Coach
 - Kimberly Horton – Assistant Coach
 - Jennifer Shunk – Volunteer Coach
 - Ella Foulk – Volunteer Coach
 - Brian Herncane – Volunteer Coach

Result of vote: Herbstreith – Yes; Jones – Abstain; Krieger – Yes; Wamsley – Abstain; Palinkas – No; Waugh – Yes; Baskwell – Yes; Sunderlin – Yes; Motion Passed.

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

- Substitutes
 - Kathleen Mazur – WASD Certified PK-12
 - Reece Holmes – WASD Certified PK-12 and Instructional Aide
 - Dianara Vazquez – WASD Certified PK-12 and Instructional Aide
 - Jessice Vickers – WASD Certified PK-12 and Instructional Aide – pending receipt of Act 168 Disclosure form
 - Kacy Brown – Instructional Aide – pending receipt of Act 168 Disclosure Form
 - Meagan Dorsey – WASD Certified PK-12 Teacher and Instructional Aide – pending receipt of Act 168 Disclosure Forms

Result of vote: Aye 8; Nay 0; Absent 0.

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

- Curriculum and Instruction
 - Wilson Area High School – Homebound Instruction Request
 - Student #250191

Result of vote: Aye 8; Nay 0; Absent 0.

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

- Wilson Area High School – Request to Waive Policy #5118.4: Enrollment – Non-Resident Students – Requirements for a Senior
 - Student #220370
- Wilson Area High School – Expulsion Agreement
 - Student #240078
- Revision to the Wilson Area School District 2021-2022 Health and Safety Plan
- Intermediate School Student Expulsion Addendums:
 - Student #260333
 - Student #250349

Result of vote: Aye 8; Nay 0; Absent 0.

Next Regular School Board Meeting – Monday, March 7, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

Moved by Jones, seconded by Wamsley, and carried by voice vote that the Board approve the meeting be adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Result of vote: Aye 8; Nay 0; Absent 0.

STEPHANIE L. ARNOLD
Secretary