

WILSON BOROUGH, PA
October 17, 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, Legal/Litigation and Student Issues.

The session was called to order at 6:33 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.

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 7:12 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; Mr. Don Spry, 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; Ms. Katie Pietrouchie, Avona Elementary 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.

There were no communications to be read.

The Superintendent presented his report.

The Board reviewed the agenda.

Ms. Houser reported the following on Student Affairs:

- Student Council
 - The Homecoming Dance was great. There were 450 students in attendance.
- Rival Week – Hallway decorating begins on October 24th for all grade levels.
- Fall play preparation is going well.
- National Honor Society is starting to prepare Thanksgiving baskets.
- SADD – Red Ribbon Week will be held the week of October 24th.
- Field Hockey ended their season with a record of 15-1-1.
- Cross Country placed 4th in the Colonial League and Districts.

Ms. Herbstreith reported the following on Legislative issues:

- Government Accountability Office:
 - The United States Government Accountability Office research shows charter schools that received Charter School Program (CSP) Awards, closed at lower rates than charter schools that were not awarded CSP.
 - Charter School Program State Educational Agencies/State Entities awards is the largest CSP grant program. About 14% of charter schools (638 schools) that received CSP State Awards closed or never opened. The 638 schools received about \$152M of the approximately \$2B provided in CSP State Awards during fiscal years 2006-2020.

Ms. Krieger reported the following on the Community College:

- Their last meeting was held on October 6th at their Monroe Campus.
- Dr. Judy Rex proposed the continuation of the following Associate of Science degree programs:
 - Dental
 - Diagnostic Medical Stenography
 - Funeral Services (top in the country)
- Dr. Mike McGovern – Interim Executive at the Monroe Campus reported the following:
 - Enrollment numbers are up.
 - Students are trying to rebuild connections & community partnerships.

- Talks among the Board Members have started regarding the construction of a Dome Field at the Northampton Campus.
 - Turf fields will be constructed.
 - The project would be in conjunction with Keystone and St. Luke's.

Mrs. Palinkas reported the following on Career Institute of Technology:

- Open House will be held on November 16th from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- The Marketing Retail Store is now open.
- The house project is going well. They are prepping the project for the winter season.
- Culinary Arts went to the Agency on Aging and created cakes for those 100 years or older.
- 50 students are participating in Skills USA.

Mrs. Baskwell reported the following on the Intermediate Unit:

- A report was sent by Linda to all the Board Members prior to tonight's meeting.
- Various workshops are being offered that are open to anyone.

There was no report presented on Wilson Area Education Association. Dr. Wright reported the following on Curriculum and Federal Grants including Title II Program:

- Pre-K Counts
 - Currently they occupy three classrooms.
 - There are 47 students currently enrolled – 6 more are starting 10/24.
 - Pre-K received an increase in funding this year.
 - Currently Pre-K students are receiving breakfast, lunch and snacks.

Mrs. Samson reported the following on Student Services:

- Bus Patrol will go live on 10/31
 - We will be doing a PR Campaign in conjunction with National Bus Safety Week.
 - Bus Patrol is sending out a press release.
 - Information will be posted on the District FaceBook page.
 - During a ten day test, there were 33 incidents.
- An update was provided on Student Assistance Programs particularly for addressing vaping. The District is partnering with the Center for Humanistic Change to provide the following grade level appropriate programs:
 - K-4 Second Step
 - 5-6 PATHS
 - 6-8 Botvin Life Skills
 - 9-12 Project Toward No Drug Use

Mr. Musselman reported the following on Technology Committee:

- End User meetings
 - Focus on action plan for goal.
 - Analyze use and assess technology.
 - Assessment will be done via a survey.

Dr. Mindler reported the following on K-12 Warrior Online Academy:

- It was a successful start to the school year.
- Low cyber enrollment; many students have returned to in person instruction.

Ms. Arnold reported the following on Facilities Operations:

- Pool testing - locally acceptable chemical levels.
- Awaiting approval from the state to open the pool.

Mrs. Palinkas reported the following on the Athletic Committee:

- The community pep-rally and bonfire will be held on October 27th.

There was no report presented on Excellence in Education. Ms. Herbstreith reported the following on Wilson Area Partners in Education Foundation:

- A community event will be held at Three Mugs Pub on November 22nd from 5:00 p.m. – close.

Mrs. Waugh reported the following on LINC'S:

- 94 Warrior Bags are currently being distributed.
- Food pantry participation has increased. Currently 100 people are using the service.
- Photos with Santa will be held at the high school on December 10th.

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

- The Board was asked previously “How is Allyship going to garner community support?”
- Following plan prepared by the Ally Team.
- Allyship follows our Warrior values.
- Supports information from PAYS Survey.
- The next meeting will be held on December 1st.

The following individual addressed the Board:

- Johnathan Jones
80 Mansfeld Road
Hellertown, PA 18055

Inquired about the possibility of school dances at the Intermediate school returning.

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

- Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of September 12, 2022
- Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 19, 2022
- Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 3, 2022
- Treasurer's Report, as attached, be accepted and filed for audit
- Investment Schedule – September, 2022
- Regular bills in the amount of: \$2,714,415.81
- Cafeteria bills in the amount of: \$ 27,949.16
- Capital Projects in the amount of: \$ 0.00
- Retiree bills in the amount of: \$ 0.00
- Capital Reserve in the amount of: \$ 0.00

Result of vote; Aye 8, Nay 0; Absent 0; Vacant 1.

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

- Resignation
 - Brian Cahill – Wilson Area High School – Part-Time Custodian – effective October 17, 2022
- Appointments
 - Cynthia Navone – Avona/Wilson Borough Elementary – Healthroom Aide - \$23.69/hr – effective date pending release from current employer
 - Jessica Vickers – Wilson Area Intermediate School – Long-Term Substitute – Special Education – daily rate \$266.22 – effective October 18, 2022
 - Derelle McKinney – Wilson Area Intermediate School Boys' Basketball Coach – stipend \$5,180.00 – effective beginning of 2022-2023 season

- Sara Shimer - Temporary Professional Employee – Wilson Area Intermediate School – 5th Grade – Masters, Step 1 – salary \$52,317.00 – effective October 17, 2022
- Mentor
 - Jason Kruk
- Substitute
 - Cynthia Navone – Healthroom Aide

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

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


- Settlement Agreement between Wilson Area School District and Student #250377
- Wilson Area High School – Expulsion Agreements
 - Student #250125
 - Student #250008
 - Student #230440
 - Student #240391
- Wilson Area Intermediate School – Activity Request – Book Club
- Wilson Area High School – Chorus and Drama Club Field Trip Request – New York City, Radio City Music Hall – April 1, 2023 – No Cost to District, only District Transportation needed
- The Proposed 2023-2024 School District Budget Timeline

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

Next Regular School Board Meeting – Administration Building – Monday, November 7, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

Moved by Waugh, seconded by Jones, and carried by voice vote that the Board adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

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


STEPHANIE L. ARNOLD
SECRETARY