

WILSON BOROUGH, PA
February 8, 2021

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 issues.

The session was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Mrs. Judith Herbstreith, President, with the following members present: Ms. Janis Krieger, Mrs. Holly Waugh (via telephone), Mr. Scott Wamsley, Mrs. Linda Baskwell, Mr. Christopher Greene and Mrs. Allyson Palinkas. Also present: Mr. Doug Wagner, Superintendent, Ms. Stephanie Arnold, Business Manager/Secretary, Mr. Don Spry, Solicitor, Dr. Dave Wright, Assistant Superintendent and Mr. Steve Diehl, Network Administrator.

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 7:01 p.m. by Mrs. Judith Herbstreith, President, with the following members present: Ms. Janis Krieger, Mrs. Holly Waugh, (via telephone), Mr. Scott Wamsley, Mrs. Linda Baskwell, Mr. Christopher Greene and Mrs. Allyson Palinkas. Absent: Mr. Johnathan Jones and Mrs. Ann Lipari. Also present: Mr. Doug Wagner, Superintendent; Ms. Stephanie Arnold, Business Manager/Secretary; Dr. Dave Wright, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Don Spry Solicitor, (via telephone); Mrs. Laura Sampson (via telephone), Supervisor of Student Services; Mr. John Martuscelli, (via telephone) High School Principal; Mr. Ian Beitler, (via telephone) High School Assistant Principal; Mr. Anthony Tarsi, (via telephone) Intermediate School Principal; Ms. Katie Pietrouchie, (via telephone) Intermediate School Assistant Principal; Mr. Michael Chromey, (via telephone) Avona Elementary Principal; Mr. Kevin Steidle, (via telephone) Williams Township Elementary Principal; Mrs. Amy Austin, (via telephone) Wilson Borough Elementary Principal; Mr. Garry Musselman (via telephone), Technology Coordinator and Mr. Steve Diehl, Network Administrator.

The Superintendent reported the following:

- The last day of school for students will be June 7, 2021
- The last day for teachers will be June 8, 2021
- The Board has approved the preliminary budget in the amount of \$43,088,926.31

There was no report presented on Student Affairs

Mrs. Herbstreith reported the following on Legislative issues:

- Governor Wolfe presented the 2021-2022 budget
 - \$7.68 Billion in Basic Education Funding - ↑ 1.35 Billion
 - Will use fair funding formula to distribute the funds
 - Proposing minimum wage increase

Ms. Krieger reported the following on the Community College:

- There were two meetings held in January
- On January 4th, Sharon Beals reported the following on their graduates:
 - 97% are employed or continuing their education
 - ESU, DeSales, Penn State and Lehigh are among the most common schools students transfer to after graduation
- They will begin offering a new Data Science Degree
 - Collect and analyze data results
 - Only two community colleges in the state are offering this degree
- Students preferred online learning
- Faculty preferred onsite remote or asynchronous
- Using virtual enrollment for registrations
- Will be attending the April 19th School Board meeting to present their 2021-2022 budget
- Virtual commencement was held on January 30th

Mrs. Palinkas reported the following on the Career Institute:

- They have received numerous grants and funding:
 - CBC \$ 2,500.00 (Exercise Equipment)
 - Braco \$ 2,500.00
 - Cabot \$ 4,248.14
 - Chrin \$ 12,000.00
 - PCCS \$ 90,000.00 (PPE, Teacher Laptops)
 - CTE \$ 98,000.00 (Online Instruction and iPads)
 - Perkins Grant \$279,977.00
- Perkins Compliance Review - no corrections are necessary
- Next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 11th

Mrs. Baskwell reported the following on the Intermediate Unit:

- The Board decided there was no need for CIU to present their budget
- Colonial Academy Culinary Arts provided treats for School Board Appreciation

There was no report presented for the Wilson Area Education Association.

Dr. Wright reported the following on Curriculum and Federal Grants including Title II Program:

- ESSER Expenditures
 - \$28,702.12 January 2021
- Academic Support is using ESSER II grant funds
- \$53,000 for sub teachers and transportation for students who have been struggling online and are attending in person instruction

There was no report presented on Student Services. Mr. Musselman reported the following on Technology:

- Our website hosting company found a defective code in an update. All repairs have been completed

Ms. Arnold reported the following on Facilities Operations:

- Commended maintenance and custodial staff for doing a good job clearing the snow after the storm

There was no report presented on Athletics. 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
- The outreach program from Arts Quest is a huge success
 - The second phase began on February 8th
 - March/April they will be starting another session that is more collaborative
 - Looking to partner with corporate sponsors to continue the programs
- They will be offering a video on demand workout for students
- Applications for the Scholarship will be accepted until March 8th

Mrs. Waugh reported the next meeting for the LINCS will be held on February 9th

The public may join the meeting via a designated telephone line in listen only mode. Public members with questions, comments or concerns are directed to email them to a designated email address. The items are addressed during the public portion of the meeting.

There was no Public to be Heard.

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

- Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 11, 2021.
- Treasurer's Report, as attached, be accepted and filed for audit
- January 2021 Investment Schedule, as listed and attached; be accepted and filed for audit
- Regular bills in the amount of \$1,062,176.14
- Cafeteria bills in the amount of \$ 73,739.56

- Capital Projects \$ 0.00
- Retiree bills in the amount of \$ 0.00
- Capital Reserve \$ 20,139.53

Result of vote: Aye 7; Nay 0; Absent 2.

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

Finance

- Adoption of the 2021-2022 Preliminary Budget - \$43,088,926.31
- Intermediate School and High School Activity Funds - Quarterly Reports
- 2019-2020 Unused Diesel Fuel - Pre-pay the remaining quantity of 2019-2020 diesel fuel from PAPCO. Fuel is to be used in 2021-2022. Estimated cost - \$27,950.95
- Change Order - Unused Portion of Eastern Building project allowance - Flynn Wrecking, Inc. - CO#1 - \$18,624.40
- Tax Collector Resolution - Compensation to Wilson Borough and Williams Township tax collectors for real estate tax collection services - effective January 1, 2022

Result of vote: Aye 7; Nay 0; Absent 2.

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

Personnel

- Retirement with Regrets
 - Patricia Barr – Wilson Borough Elementary School Part-Time Instructional Aide – effective January 29, 2021
 - Robert Frankenfield – Athletic Director – effective end of 2020-2021 school year
- Resignations
 - Jamie Merida – Wilson Area Intermediate School – 8th Grade Social Studies and ELA Teacher – effective January 28, 2021
 - Jonathan Freidhoff – Wilson Area High School – Instrumental Music Teacher and Band Director – effective March 26, 2021

- Christina Everett – Assistant Track Coach – effective immediately
- Appointments
 - Rosemarie Cospers – Wilson Borough Elementary Part-Time Custodian - \$21.62/hr. – effective February 9, 2021
 - Jessica Rivera – Wilson Borough Elementary School Part-Time Custodian - \$21.62/hr – effective February 9, 2021
 - Ronald Vail – Assistant Baseball Coach – stipend \$4,200.00 – effective February 9, 2021 – pending receipt of TB test results
 - Mark Stinson – Assistant Track Coach – stipend \$4,380.00 – effective February 9, 2021 – pending receipt of physical and TB test results
- Mentor Teachers
 - Andrea Leibensperger
 - Gail Gagner
- FFCRA
 - Employee #BA8832 – effective December 21, 2020 through December 30, 2020
- Substitutes
 - Laura Salley – WASD Certified PK-12
 - Charlotte DeHart – Bus Driver – pending receipt of Act 151
 - Jennifer Davis – Bus Driver – pending receipt of Act 168

Result of vote: Aye 7; Nay 0; Absent 2.

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

- Curriculum and Instruction
 - Homebound Instruction
 - Student #300070

Result of vote: Aye 7; Nay 0; Absent 2.

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

- Superintendent's Racial Equity Team

Result of vote: Aye 7; Nay 0; Absent 2.

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

- Proposed Excellence in Education Committee Meeting – Monday, March 8, 2021 – 6:15 pm

Result of vote: Aye 7; Nay 0; Absent 2.

Next Regular School Board Meeting – Monday, March 1, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

Moved by Baskwell, seconded by Greene, and carried by voice vote that the Board approve the meeting be adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Result of vote: Aye 7; Nay 0; Absent 2.

STEPHANIE L. ARNOLD
Secretary