

WILSON BOROUGH, PA
December 6, 2021

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 7:35 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. Mollie Sunderlin and Mrs. Allyson Palinkas. Also present: Mr. Doug Wagner, Superintendent; Mrs. Jackie Williams, Assistant to Business Manager/Secretary; Dr. Dave Wright, Assistant Superintendent; Ms. Jess Moyer, 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; 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.

The Board reviewed the agenda.

The Superintendent spoke on the following:

- Explained that Governor Wolf's Mask Mandate ends on January 17th. The Supreme Court on December 8th may rule that the decision to mask will return to school officials.
- Masks will continue to be required on all district transportation.
- Athletes and spectators will not be required to wear masks at indoor events (no vaccine requirements).
- Continues to encourage vaccines.

Mr. Washburn reported the following on Student Affairs:

- Student Council is hosting Christmas Spirit Week.
- SADD is running a toy drive until December 16th. Toys collected will be donated to the residents of the Children's Home of Easton.
- The Cheerleaders are competing in Regional's.
- The Band and Chorus holiday concert is being held on Thursday, December 9th.
- The Key Cub is holding a Make a Wish bake sale.
- Jazz band has started.
- National Honor Society Thanksgiving baskets were distributed.
- FBLA regional testing started.
- Drama Club started rehearsals.
- The Debate team will begin in February.

Mrs. Herbstreith reported the following on Legislative issues:

- PSBA spoke on the top 30 school districts that pay the highest special education premium costs. The list is based on tuition rates submitted by school districts to PDE. Regardless of severity of a student's disability, it is estimated that Pennsylvania's special education tuition exceeds 100 million dollars.
- House Bill 272 and House Bill 1749 was introduced by Rosemary Brown. The legislation would implement a recommendation for applying the same special education funding principles used to distribute state special education funding to school districts, in the calculation used to determine a school district's tuition payment for a special education student enrolled in a charter school.

Ms. Krieger reported the following on the Community College:

- Their last meeting was held via Zoom and in person on December 2nd.
- Herbine & Associates reviewed the audit which they remarked as clean.
- Discussed accelerated courses and programs with shorter schedules. They are hoping to introduce this in the fall of 2023.
- Recommended programs for continuation
 - Criminal Justice
 - Automotive Technology
- In addition to Dr. Erikson, Carolyn Force, Vice President of Academic Affairs is retiring. A Search Committee to fill those positions was formed.

There was no report presented on Career Institute. There was no report presented on the Intermediate Unit. There was no report presented on Wilson Area Education Association. Dr. Wright reported the following on Curriculum and Grants:

- Shared information about an additional grant through the ESSER funds.
 - State set aside 7% of the funds, which are allocated to the ARP (American Relief Program) using the Title I formula. Funds are to be used to address:
 - After School Programs
 - Summer Enrichment Programs
 - Learning Loss Programs – Will include expenses for:
 - Social workers
 - Elementary counselors
 - Social needs of students
 - Professional development
 - Additional remediation will be considered for K-4 students.
 - An application was submitted in the amount of \$352,644. The funds can be spent through September 2024.

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

- Held an End User Technology Meeting at all of the buildings, at which he presented a draft of the 2022-2025 Three-Year Strategic Instructional Technology Plan. Dr. Minder and Mr. Musselman will be presenting it at the upcoming Excellence in Education meeting.
- Reviewed the Change Order for Keystone Fire & Security.

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

- There are currently 102 students enrolled.
- At the end of the 1st marking period, they began working on intervention programs to help students.

Mr. Wagner reported the following on Facilities Operations:

- Trees were removed at the Administration Building.

Mrs. Palinkas reported the following on Athletic Committee:

- The Committee met prior to the Board meeting to review fall sports.

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 on November 18th.
- The Director is in the process of developing a Strategic Plan.
- A grant was submitted to the Iron Pigs for the Drama Club.
- Working on revamping the website.
- Put together a facts sheet of collateral to solicit corporate sponsors.
- Refined employee contribution letter. Handwritten notes will be sent to previous donors.
- Lightbridge Academy of Allentown and Bethlehem Township are sponsoring (7) WASD families for Christmas.

There was no report presented on LINCS. Mr. Jones reported the following on WASD Ally Team:

- Discussed by in/roll out support within the District
- District will have training this winter.
- Met with Dr. Robertson and Ms. Krieger.
 - Thought our plan was phenomenal, and offered help and support. “If you understand your why then everything else makes sense”.

The following individual from the public addressed the Board:

Daniel Redington
801 Balata Street
Wilson Borough

Thank you on behalf of the Meuser Library Board to Mr. Poticher, the Key Club, and the students for collecting books which were sold online.

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

- Minutes of the First Regular Meeting – November 1, 2021
- Minutes of the Second Regular Meeting – November 15, 2021
- Treasurer's Report, as attached, be accepted and filed for audit
- Investment Schedule – November, 2021
- Regular bills in the amount of: \$866,200.67
- Cafeteria bills in the amount of: \$177,456.62
- Capital Projects \$ 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.

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

- Renewal of Superintendent's Contract – July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025

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:

- Renewal of Assistant Superintendent's Contract – July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025

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

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

- Wilson Area School District After-School K–12 Warrior Academy – Anticipated Cost - \$95,500.00 – Funding from ARP ESSER 7% Set-aside grant
- Brightbill Body Works – 72 Passenger School Bus - \$96,741.00 – Funding from ESSER II grant
- Keystone Fire and Security – Change Order #1 – Wilson Area Intermediate School – Remove the existing Simplex 5100 headend and replace it with TCU equipment - \$5,392.00

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

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

- Resignation
 - Krista Atkins – Wilson Area High School – Part-Time Custodian – effective November 24, 2021
- Appointments
 - Meghan Campbell – Wilson Area Intermediate School – Long-Term Substitute – 8th Grade Special Education - \$261.71 daily rate – effective December 7, 2021
 - Joseph Dibartola, Jr. – Volunteer Boys' Basketball Coach – effective December 7, 2021
- Substitutes
 - Jocelyn Henricks – CIU20 Certified PK-12 Teacher and Instructional Aide
 - John Belmont – Van Driver

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

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

- Memorandum of Understanding Between the Wilson Area School District and Wilson Area Education Association – After-School Warrior Academy
- Permission to Participate in Wrestling and Track and Field for 2021-2022 School Year
 - Homeschooled Student – Jackson Millen

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

- Next Regular School Board Meeting – Monday, January 10, 2022.

Moved by Wamsley, seconded by Jones, and carried by voice vote that the Board enter into Executive Session for Personnel and Safety issues.

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:47 p.m. by Mrs. Herbstreith, President with the following members present: Ms. Janis Krieger, Mr. Johnathan Jones, Mrs. Holly Waugh, Mr. Scott Wamsley, Mrs. Linda Baskwell, Mrs. Mollie Sunderlin and Mrs. Allyson Palinkas.

Moved by Wamsley, seconded by Baskwell, and carried by voice vote that the Board exit Executive Session at 8:32 p.m.

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

Moved by Wamsley, seconded by Jones and carried by voice vote that the Board approve the meeting be adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

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


STEPHANIE ARNOLD
Secretary