

WILSON BOROUGH, PA
March 15, 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 7:09 p.m. by Mrs. Judith Herbstreith, President, with the following members present: Ms. Janis Krieger, Mr. Johnathan Jones, Mrs. Holly Waugh (via telephone), Mrs. Ann Lipari (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; Dr. Dave Wright, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Don Spry, Solicitor; Mrs. Laura Samson, (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 School Principal; and Mr. Garry Musselman, Technology Coordinator.

The Board reviewed the agenda.

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

- #5123 – High School Promotion and Graduation

The Board congratulated Stephanie Arnold on receiving the PASBO David Nett Regional Chapter Leadership Award.

Mr. Wagner reviewed the following:

- Revised Health/Safety Plan
 - 5 days a week in-person learning beginning on March 22nd
 - K-8 hybrid students will be automatically enrolled
 - High School will move to 4 days a week as space permits
 - Parents should have a back-up plan in the event of closures
- Graduation will be held on June 4th, with a rain date of June 7th
 - There will be one ceremony beginning at 6:30 p.m.
 - Students will receive 4 tickets
- On May 27th at 6:00 p.m., there will be an Award Ceremony recognizing scholars and athletes since there will be no All Sports Banquet held this year.
- PSSA testing is delayed until September, 2021
- Keystone testing will take place in May, 2021

There was no report presented on Student Affairs. There was no report presented on Legislative issues. Ms. Krieger reported the following on the Community College:

- Their last meeting was held virtually on March 4th.
- 13 faculty receiving promotions/tenure were introduced to the Board.
- Operating Budget overview and department overview given.
- Fundraising goal of \$17M for Transforming Lives. To date they have raised \$20.5M.

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

- The online application for enrollment is successful and being used heavily by parents.
- Virtual recognition of two WASD students
 - Kipp Emann II
 - Guinevere Halloran

Mrs. Baskwell reported the following on the Intermediate Unit:

- The vaccine clinic at the IU is going well.

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

- ESSER use in February:
 - \$22,373.00 used for additional support
 - \$ 5,658.41 used for academic support programs
 - Virtual students come in to classrooms for in-person support

There was no report presented on Student Services. There was no report presented on Technology. There was no report presented on Facilities Operations. There is a proposed Athletic Committee meeting on April 19th. Mrs. Lipari reported the following on Excellence in Education:

- On March 8th, WASD presented the revised Health and Safety Plan for K-8 to return to in-person learning 5 days a week.
- 2021-2022 draft of the Instructional Plan was presented. The plan will have online options.
 - Synchronous Instruction – K – 8
 - Asynchronous Instruction 9 – 12
- 2020-2021 looking to provide credit recovery programs

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

- Focus on continued enrichment opportunities
- Art Smart is a great success. Looking at something more collaborative for the spring.
- A WAPEF Board member is providing fitness programs to students via You Tube.

Mrs. Waugh reported the following on the LINC'S:

- Their last meeting was held on March 2nd.
- An average of 61 Warrior Bags are being distributed weekly.
- A new freezer was purchased and installed.
- Linking Services – evaluating how COVID is impacting families in our community.
- Fencing will be installed around the garden when the temperatures are warmer.
- Kellin Foundation truck will be at Wilson Borough Elementary School on Tuesday's.
- Looking to bring back the Strengthening Families Program.
- Looking to add a paragraph in the Williams Township Municipal Newsletter.
- Looking to set-up a new Facebook page, and provide updates on a periodic basis.

Mr. Jones reported the following on the Racial Equity Team:

- They are developing a Comprehensive Plan.
- The team is well rounded, being made up of administrators, teachers, students and community members. There is a great deal of positive conversation.
- The team has a three year commitment.

The Board reviewed the Agenda.

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 Jones, and carried by voice vote to approve the following:

- Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 1, 2021.
- Treasurer's Report, as attached, be accepted and filed for audit.
- Investment Schedule
 - Regular bills in the amount of: \$5,790,083.19
 - Cafeteria bills in the amount of: \$ 123,755.59
 - Capital Project bills in the amount of: \$ 0.00
 - Retiree bills in the amount of: \$ 360.40
 - Capital Reserve bills in the amount of: \$ 17,535.00

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

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

- Finance
 - 2021-22 Colonial Intermediate Unit 20 – General Operation Budget – Proposed Wilson Area School District Contribution - \$15,962.37
 - 0% increase
 - 2021-22 Career Institute of Technology Budget - \$9,551,599.00
 - Decrease from 2020-21 - \$27,710.00
 - Wilson's Share - \$846,278.50
 - Independent Contractor Agreement – Lidia Cordero – March 15, 2021 through June 30, 2022
 - Bilingual Psychological Services - \$875.00 per evaluation
 - Chrin Waste and Recycling Services – July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024
 - Three year extension – no rate increases
 - Mark's Lawn Service, LLC – Tree and brush clearing between the High School and Eastern Building lot - \$3,180.00
 - Bids – Attached
 - General Office Supplies
 - Industrial Art supplies
 - Art Supplies

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

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

- Retirements with regrets and best wishes
 - Sandra Partington – Wilson Area Intermediate School Music Teacher – effective end of 2020-21 school year
 - Gayle Ripper – Wilson Area Intermediate School Instructional Aide – effective end of 2020-21 school year
 - Jamie Boucher – Wilson Area Intermediate School Instructional Aide – effective end of 2020-21 school year

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

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

- Appointments
 - Nicholas Hall – Temporary Professional Employee (High School Instrumental Music teacher and Band Director) – Bachelor’s Step 1 - \$47,063.00 (prorated) – effective March 29, 2021 – pending receipt of Act 114 and Act 168 disclosure forms
- Change of Status
 - Rosemarie Cospers – Wilson Borough Elementary Part-Time Custodian – from \$21.62 to \$19.46 (prorated) – effective February 9, 2021
 - Jessica Rivera – Wilson Borough Elementary Part-Time Custodian – from \$21.62 to \$19.46 (prorated) – effective February 9, 2021
- Substitutes
 - Samuel Wells – Instructional Aide
 - Kara Baka – WASD Certified PK-12 and Instructional Aide – pending receipt of Act 114 and Act 168 disclosure forms

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

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

- 2020-2021 Wilson Area Health and Safety Plan Revision Under Substantial Risk Phase:
 - If schools remain open, Hybrid students may attend in-person learning 5-days a week

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

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

- 2021 Graduation Date – Friday, June 4, 2021
 - Rain Date – Monday, June 7, 2021
- Proposed Athletic Committee Meeting – In-person meeting – HS Cafeteria - Monday, April 19, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

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

Finance Committee Meeting – In-person meeting – HS Cafeteria - Monday, April 19, 2021, 6:15 p.m.

Next Regular School Board Meeting – In-person meeting – HS Cafeteria - Monday, April 19, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.

Moved by Greene, seconded by Jones, and carried by voice vote that the Board approve the meeting be adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Stephanie Arnold". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Stephanie" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Arnold".

STEPHANIE ARNOLD
Secretary