

WILSON BOROUGH, PA
February 4, 2019

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 7:08 p.m. by Mrs. Judith Herbstreith, President, with the following members present: Ms. Janis Krieger, Mr. Johnathan Jones, Mrs. Ann Lipari, Mr. Scott Wamsley, Mrs. Allyson Palinkas, Mr. Charles Marsteller, and Mr. Adesh Odyssey. Absent: Mr. Christopher Greene. Also present: Mr. Doug Wagner, Superintendent; Ms. Stephanie Arnold, Business Manager/Secretary; Dr. Dave Wright, Assistant Superintendent; Ms. Jess Moyer, Solicitor; Mrs. Laura Sampson, 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. Ken Case, Supervisor of Facilities Operations; Mrs. Bethayn Tarsi, Wilson Area Education Association, and Ms. Nicolette Fleck, Student Representative.

There were no communications to be read.

Ms. Fleck reported the following on student affairs:

- The cheerleaders will leave for Nationals on Wednesday, February 6th.
- The Jazz Band will perform on Sunday, February 10th at Steel Stacks.
- On Saturday, February 16th, Student Council will hold Sweet Day.
- The Fine Arts Showcase will be held on Wednesday, February 13th.
- Safe to Say – Students are being trained and they feel this is a very effective program.

Mr. Wagner reviewed his Superintendent Report:

- 2018-2019 goals were reviewed
- Last school day for students will be Wednesday, June 5th
- Last day for teachers will be Friday, June 7th

Mrs. Herbstreith reported the following on Legislation:

- On February 5th, Governor Wolfe will present the 2019-20 State budget.
 - Highlights
 - Higher minimum wage
 - Severance tax on gas drillers
 - More in education for public schools
 - Career and technology training.
- Rising mandated costs are leaving districts to fund bills. Charter schools, pensions and special education are the key drivers.
- Majority of cyber schools in the state are operating with expired Charters. (10 out of 15).

Ms. Krieger presented the following on the Northampton Community College:

- Don Cunningham will kick off the board retreat on Thursday, February 7th. He will be speaking on the Education and Talent Supply Council of the Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation.
- Winter graduation was held on Saturday, January 26th. There were 594 students that graduated.
- The current enrollment is a 4.5% decrease over last year.

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

- Their next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 14th.
- Skills USA was cancelled due to the weather. The food, which was already prepared for the competition, was donated to the Forks Township Police Department and the Forks Township Public Works.

Mrs. Lipari reported the following for the Intermediate Unit:

- February is School Director recognition month.
- 2019-2020 budget is \$3,578,320. Most of the increase is going to PSERS and health care.
- Excellence in Education invitations have been given to school districts

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

- Elementary Reading Committee has narrowed their consideration down to three vendors for the K-4 reading series.

There was no report presented on Student Services. There was no report presented on Technology. There was no report presented on Facilities Operations. There was no report presented on the Athletics. There was no report presented on Excellence in Education. Mrs. Herbstreith presented the following on Wilson Area Partners in Education Foundation:

- The Fine Arts Showcase will be held on Wednesday, February 13th.
- The Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 23rd from 4-7 p.m.
- Two grants were awarded:
 - \$1,000.00
 - \$2,500.00

Dr. Wright reported there has not been a LINCS meeting since the last board meeting.

The Board reviewed the agenda.

There was no Public to be Heard.

Moved by Krieger, seconded by Lipari, and carried by voice vote to approve the following:

- Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 14, 2019.
- Treasurer's Report, as attached, be accepted and filed for audit
- January 2019 Investment Schedule, as listed and attached; be accepted and filed for audit
- Regular bills in the amount of \$451,208.32
- Cafeteria bills in the amount of \$192,981.57
- Capital Projects \$ -
- Retiree bills in the amount of \$ 1,723.91
- Capital Reserve \$ 3,596.38

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

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

1. Fund Balance Transfer - \$936,628.00
2. Bus Lease – 4 Years at 4.61% - Annual Payment \$38,941.84
3. Tax Assessment Appeal – Parcel #P9 8 12U 0836 – Reduction of \$23,000 in assessed value of property – effective 2018 tax year
 - Loss of tax revenue for 2018 - \$1,341
4. Northampton Community College 2019-20 Budget
Proposed Wilson Area School District Contribution of \$314,374
Increase of \$6,510 or 2.11%.

5. Intermediate and High School Activity Funds Quarterly Reports.

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

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

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Personnel

1. Reappointments

- Cross Country
 - Michael Browne – Head Coach
 - Michael Falcone – Assistant Coach
 - Christina Onorata – Volunteer Coach

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

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

Personnel

1. Reappointment

- Tennis – Girls
 - Joel Maynard – Head Coach

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

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

Personnel

1. Reappointments

- Soccer – Girls
 - Kari Maskalis – Head Coach
 - Alexis Davis – Assistant Coach
 - Rachel Shive – Assistant Coach

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

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

Personnel

1. Reappointment

- Golf
 - Michael Fowler – Head Coach

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

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

Personnel

1. Reappointments

- Field Hockey
 - Scott Horton – Head Coach
 - Kimberly Horton – Assistant Coach
 - Jason Causa – Volunteer Coach
 - Elise Onjack – Volunteer Coach
 - Jennifer Shunk – Volunteer Coach

Result of vote: J. Jones – No; A. Lipari – Yes; J. Krieger – Yes; J. Herbstreith – Yes; S. Wamsley – Yes; A. Palinkas – No; C. Marsteller – Yes; A. Odyssey – Yes.

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

Personnel

1. Reappointments

- Football
 - Christopher Labatch – Head Coach
 - Scott Baltz – Assistant Coach
 - Gene Howey – Assistant Coach
 - Joseph Kovacs – Assistant Coach
 - Edward Labatch – Assistant Coach
 - Vincent Spina – Assistant Coach
 - Herman Stein – Assistant Coach
 - Brandon Tiger – Assistant Coach
 - Donald Barrett, Jr. – Volunteer Coach
 - Ryan Dailey – Volunteer Coach
 - Nicholas Labatch – Volunteer Coach
 - David Smeltz – Volunteer Coach

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

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

Substitutes

- Tara Quaranta – IU 20 – Certified PK-12 – pending receipt of Act 168 disclosure forms
- Joseph Kichline – Instructional Aide
- Gwynne Dunne – Instructional Aide
- Pamela Reinholz – Instructional Aide

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

Moved by Krieger, seconded by Wamsley and carried by voice vote that the Board accept the resignation of Ann Lipari as the Colonial Intermediate Unit 20 Representative.

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

Moved by Lipari, seconded by Palinkas and carried by voice vote that the Board accept the motion to appoint Johnathan Jones as the Colonial Intermediate Unit 20 Representative.

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

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

- High School Concert Band – Trip to Hershey, PA – May 4, 2019 – No cost to District, only District transportation needed.
- High School Ski and Board Club – Trip to Vermont – Reschedule dates and location for prior approved trip (October 2018) FROM Smuggler's Notch Ski Resort, March 1, 2019 – March 3, 2019 TO Okema Mountain Resort, March 8, 2019 – March 10, 2019 - No Cost to District

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

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


- Proposed Finance Committee Meeting – Monday, March 18, 2019 – 6:15 p.m.

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

Next Regular School Board Meeting – Monday, March 4, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.

Moved by Wamsley, seconded by Krieger, and carried by voice vote that the Board approve the meeting be adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

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


STEPHANIE L. ARNOLD
Secretary