

WILSON BOROUGH, PA  
November 18, 2019

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 student issues.

The session was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Mrs. Judith Herbstreith, President, with the following members present: Ms. Janis Krieger, Mr. Scott Wamsley, Mrs. Allyson Palinkas, Mrs. Ann Lipari and Mr. Charles Marsteller. Absent: Mr. Johnathan Jones, Mr. Christopher Greene and Mr. Adesh Odyssey. 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 7:00 p.m. by Mrs. Judith Herbstreith, President, with the following members present: Ms. Janis Krieger, Mr. Johnathan Jones, Mr. Christopher Greene (7:03 p.m.), Mrs. Ann Lipari, Mr. Scott Wamsley, Mrs. Allyson Palinkas and Mr. Charles Marsteller. Absent: Mr. Adesh Odyssey. 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; Ms. Katie Pietrouchie, Intermediate School Assistant 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; Mr. Garry Musselman, Technology Coordinator, Ms. Maria-Ximena Tobar, Student Representative.

The Board reviewed the agenda.

Mr. Wagner presented his Superintendent's Report as attached.

Mr. Wagner reviewed the following policies:

- Policy #5113 – Attendance
- Policy #5141.2 – School Wellness

Pennsylvania School Boards Association congratulated Wilson Area School District for winning a \$500.00 scholarship from the Leadership Conference. The \$500.00 Scholarship is to be used for Arts & Music. EI sponsored this scholarship award.

A letter was received stating that our refunding application is pending approval with DCED. Closing is tentatively scheduled for December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

In 2023, the Lehigh Valley Academy Charter School is anticipating opening a K-12 school located in Bethlehem Township off of Butztown Road. There are currently 10-12 students enrolled.

Corrie Burke has decided not to fill the open seat on the Board. There is currently a two year term available in Region I.

Mr. Wagner recognized the following Board members for their years of service:

- Janis Krieger – 8 Years
- Scott Wamsley – 12 Years
- Judith Herbstreith – 16 Years
- Charles Marsteller – 16 Years

Mr. Wagner reviewed the School Performance Profile.

Ms. Tobar reported the following updates on student affairs:

- The High School had a successful 1<sup>st</sup> quarter:
  - Football had a record breaking season
  - Boys' Soccer competed in the championships
  - Cheerleaders won the Colonial League competition
  - Band received their highest score in competition – 84.6
  - Key Club will be holding a pancake breakfast
  - National Honor Society is holding a Thanksgiving Basket Drive

Mrs. Herbstreith presented the following on Legislative issues:

- The House Education Committee approved House Bill 1800. The Bill establishes a voucher program in the Harrisburg School District. Parents could use up to \$8,200 for tuition at private schools or other school districts.

Ms. Krieger presented the following on the Community College:

- Fall enrollment is up .71%
- Facilities Department is working with the Bethlehem Parking Authority on a pedestrian bridge from the deck to the Fowler Campus

- Out of 58 accredited Funeral Service Programs in the US, NCC students pass rates for Funeral Service Arts and Science exams were tied for 1<sup>st</sup> in the nation for Science and 3<sup>rd</sup> for Art.
- NCC Athletic Program was honored at the Region XIX Awards Banquet as co-winner of the Champions of Character Award. This is the fourth for NCC, having won in 2015, 2017, 2018 and 2019. The award is based on 5 characteristics:
  - Respect
  - Responsibility
  - Integrity
  - Service Leadership
  - Sportsmanship
- Winter Commencement will take place on January 25<sup>th</sup>

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

- Their last meeting was held on November 4<sup>th</sup>
- Open house was successful
- House Project
  - House sold for \$285,000 – cash offer
- They have received four grants:
  - \$25,000 – Safe School Equipment Grant
  - \$2,500 – Blue Cross Grant
  - \$8,000 – Chrin – For a 3-D Printer
  - \$26,000 – PDE Competitive Equipment Grant
  - Gift and Card Bingo will be held on November 23<sup>rd</sup>

Mr. Jones presented the following on the Intermediate Unit:

- Testified at Pennsylvania Association of IU's for Special-Ed Funding Formula Commission
- Cost of services continue to rise in addition to increased enrollment
- Transportation issues are still ongoing

There was no report presented on the Wilson Area Education Association. There was no report presented on Curriculum and Federal Grants including Title II Program. Mrs. Samson presented the following on Student Services:

- Children's Home of Reading Contract
  - School based out-patient program for students that don't need MA insurance. There are currently 35 students currently who can use the services.

There was no report presented on Technology. There was no report presented on Facilities Operations. There was no report presented on Athletic Committee. There was no report presented on Excellence in Education.

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

- Their last meeting was held on October 24th. The following was discussed:
  - Application for teacher grants – application submission closes on November 21<sup>st</sup>
  - The Intermediate School before and after school programs are going well
  - Reviewed the scholarship rubric

Dr. Wright reported the following on the LINCS:

- Preparing Thanksgiving Warrior bags which will be distributed on Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>
- Quoit Tournament and Tricky Tray will be held on March 28<sup>th</sup>

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 First Regular Board Meeting of October 7, 2019
- Minutes of the Second Regular Board Meeting of October 21, 2019
- Treasurer's Report, as attached, be accepted and filed for audit
- Investment Schedule – October, 2019
- Regular bills in the amount of: \$1,395,904.05
- Cafeteria bills in the amount of: \$ 0.00
- Capital Projects \$ 0.00
- Retiree bills in the amount of: \$ 413.77
- Capital Reserve in the amount of: \$ 50,896.81

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:

- Accept and approve the vendor(s) for fuel oil for the 2020-21 school year as recommended by the Northampton/Monroe/Pike County Joint Purchasing Board and to be approved by the Colonial IU #20 Board of Directors at their December 2019 regularly scheduled meeting.
- Settlement Agreement for Education Services – Student #200027
- Independent Contractor Agreement – Children's Home of Reading



- Intermediate School and High School Activity Funds – Quarterly reports

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:

- Retirement
  - Brenda Stoudt – Other Bus Driver – effective November 30, 2019 – requesting to remain as a substitute bus driver
- Appointment
  - Anali Carrillo-Bermudez – Wilson Borough Elementary Part-Time custodian - \$18.98/hr. – effective November 19, 2019
- Substitute
  - Andrianna Gionis – Custodian – pending receipt of Act 168 disclosure forms

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

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

- Proposed 2020-21 School Calendar
- Proposed Athletic Committee Meeting – Monday, December 2, 2019 – 6:15 p.m.

Next Regular School Board Meeting – Monday, December 2, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.

Moved by Marsteller, seconded by Lipari and carried by voice vote that the Board approve the meeting be adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

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

  
STEPHANIE ARNOLD  
Secretary