

WILSON BOROUGH, PA  
August 14, 2023

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 6:30 p.m. by Mrs. Judith Herbstreith, President, with the following members present: Ms. Janis Krieger, Mr. Johnathan Jones, Mrs. Holly Waugh, Mrs. Maggie Hall, Mrs. Linda Baskwell, Mrs. Molly Sunderlin and Mrs. Allyson Palinkas (via telephone). Absent: Mr. Jeffrey Breidinger, Sr. Also present: Mr. Doug Wagner, Superintendent; Ms. Stephanie Arnold, Business Manager/Secretary; Ms. Alyssa Hicks, Solicitor, Mr. Jeff Breidinger, Athletic Director and Mr. John Martuscille, High School Principal.

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 7:02 p.m. by Mrs. Judith Herbstreith, President, with the following members present: Ms. Janis Krieger, Mr. Johnathan Jones, Mrs. Holly Waugh, Mrs. Maggie Hall, Mrs. Linda Baskwell, Mrs. Molly Sunderlin and Mrs. Allyson Palinkas (via telephone). Absent: Mr. Jeffrey Breidinger, Sr. Also present: Mr. Doug Wagner, Superintendent; Ms. Stephanie Arnold, Business Manager/Secretary; Ms. Alyssa Hicks, Solicitor; Mr. John Martuscelli, High School Principal; Mr. Christopher Albi, High School Assistant Principal; Mr. Michael Chromey, Intermediate School Principal; Ms. Jenn Burd, Intermediate School Assistant Principal; Ms. Katie Pietrouchie, Avona Elementary Principal; Mr. Kevin Steidle, Williams Township Elementary Principal; Mr. Ian Beitler, Wilson Borough Elementary Principal; Mrs. Amy Austin, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Mrs. Laura Samson, Director of Student Services; Dr. Alexandra Mindler, Supervisor of Curriculum and Instructional Technology and Mr. Garry Musselman, Technology Coordinator.

A presentation was made by Skyline Development Group – Dixie Cup Complex: Managing Partner, Nathaniel Clark; Project Consultant, Debbie Campbell; and Financial Consultant, Claudia Robinson.

There were no communications to be heard.

The Board reviewed the Agenda.

The Superintendent presented his report.

There was no report presented on Student Affairs. Tessa Fredericks will be the Student Representative for the 2023-2024 school year. Mrs. Herbstreith reported the following on Legislative issues:

- The State Budget passed on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. \$567M increase in Basic Education Funding and \$50M increase in Special Education
- Shapiro line item vetoed the Voucher Program
- Level Up still requires legislation
- \$10M for student teaching
- \$100M for mental health
- \$500M for environmental repairs/upgrades

Ms. Kreiger reported the following on Northampton Community College:

- Dr. Ruth reported:
  - Summer enrollment grew 5% over last year.
  - Fall enrollment trending positive growth
  - Fall classes begin on August 26<sup>th</sup>.
  - New Fall Programs:
    - Legal Studies
    - Pre Funeral Services
    - Global Studies
  - NCC received renewal as an OSHA Training Institute. NCC is the only OSHA Education Center in the Commonwealth of PA.
  - NCC received \$2.7 million in Federal Funds to support the creation of an Interdisciplinary Healthcare Education and Workforce Development Center. The center will provide an integrated, state-of-the-art, team-based learning space that will enable interdisciplinary and inter-professional education for NCC's nursing, radiography, respiratory therapy, and sonography students.

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

- Approved the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the teachers.
- The CIT house is currently on the market.

There was no report presented on the Intermediate Unit. There was no report presented on Wilson Area Education Association. There was no report presented on Curriculum and Federal Grants including Title II Program. There was no report presented on Student Services. Mr. Musselman reported the following on Technology:

- They are ready for the start of school.
- The new phone cutover will take place on August 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

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

- There are currently 17 High School Students enrolled in our online program.

There was no report on Facilities Operations. There was no report on Athletic Committee. Mrs. Sunderlin reported the following on Excellence in Education Committee:

- They are proposing their next meeting be held on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

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

- Discussed how to get our K-4 students engaged:
  - Incentives
    - TED bracelets
- The next newsletter should be sent in September.
- Grants for teachers –
  - Brief summary instead of a full application.
- Alumni picnic will be held on August 19<sup>th</sup> at Louise Moore Park.

Mrs. Waugh reported the following on LINCS:

- Over 300 kids attended the Touch a Truck Event.

There was no report presented on WASD Ally Team.

The following individual addressed the Board:

Armando Moritz-Chapelliquen  
1945 Lehigh Street  
Easton, PA 18042

- The Touch a Truck Event was appreciated.
- Commented on the Skyline Development Group presentation.

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

- Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 10, 2023.
- Treasurer's Report, as attached, be accepted and filed for audit.
- July 2023 Investment Schedule, as listed and attached; be accepted and filed for audit.
- Regular bills in the amount of: \$2,415,534.54
- Cafeteria bills in the amount of: \$ 15.00
- Capital Project bills in the amount of: \$ 0.00

- Retiree bills in the amount of : \$ 0.00
- Capital Reserve bills in the amount of: \$ 57,988.53

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

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

- Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. – High School Roof Repairs/Leak Investigation – not to exceed \$5,000.00
- Behavioral Health Associates – eBridge Academy Online Education Services – 2023-2024 school year - \$37.00/per student per day
- Wilson Borough – School Resource Officer (SRO) – 2023-24 school year
  - Full-time - \$75,947.76
  - Part-time - \$28.42 per hour, plus 25% administrative surcharge
- AR Technology Solutions – Vape Detectors – Wilson Area High School - \$59,541.75
- D'Huy Engineering – Develop District Capital Improvement Plan - \$35,480.00
- Wilson Area Intermediate School – Quarterly Reports
- Wilson Area High School – Quarterly Reports
- Recommendation for 4 hour/day instructional aide at Avona using Title IA funds

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

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

- Retirement with Regrets
  - Michele Wohlbach – Gifted Teacher – effective June 5, 2023

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

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

- Resignations
  - Dana Schaffer – Wilson Area Intermediate School – Special Education Teacher – retained for 60 days or until a suitable candidate is found – effective July 18, 2023
  - Kimberly Rauch – Wilson Borough Elementary School – Special Education Teacher – retained for 60 days or until a suitable candidate is found – effective August 8, 2023
  - Steven Tirtasengadja – Part-Time Van Driver – effective July 26, 2023
- Appointments
  - Craig Kennedy – Full-time Security Officer - \$22.92/hr – effective August 15, 2023
  - Jacqueline Evans-Turner – Wilson Area High School – Long-term Substitute – Spanish Teacher - \$271.81 daily rate – effective August 18, 2023
  - Michele Karp – Wilson Area Intermediate School – Temporary Professional Employee – Special Education Teacher – Bachelors +15, Step 1 – salary \$52,157.00 – effective August 18, 2023 – pending receipt of Act 114 and 168 Disclosure Forms
  - Samuel Houser – Wilson Area Intermediate School – Temporary Professional Employee – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading and Language Arts Teacher – Bachelors, Step 1 – salary \$50,557.00 – effective August 18, 2023 – pending receipt of Act 168 Disclosure Forms
  - Erin Anagnost – Wilson Area Intermediate School – Professional Employee – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher – Masters, Step 1 – salary \$53,357.00 – effective on or around October 5, 2023 – pending receipt of Act 114 and 168 Disclosure Forms
  - Vance Anglestein – Williams Township Elementary School – Part-Time Custodian – salary \$21.21/hr – effective August 15, 2023 – pending receipt of Act 168 Disclosure Form
  - Margaret Lenehan – Wilson Area Intermediate School – Part-Time Custodian – salary \$21.21/hr – effective August 15, 2023 – pending receipt of Act 168 Disclosure Form

- Joanne Smith – Williams Township Elementary School – Part-Time Custodian – salary \$21.21/hr – effective August 15, 2023 – pending receipt of Act 168 Disclosure Form
  - Anali Carrillo-Bermudez – Avona Elementary School – Part-Time Custodian – salary \$21.21/hr – effective August 15, 2023 – pending receipt of Act 168 Disclosure Form
  - Erik Everett – Wilson Area High School – Class of 2027 Co-Advisor – stipend \$434.00 – effective 2023-2024 school year
  - Christina Everett – Wilson Area High School – Class of 2027 Co-Advisor – stipend \$434.00 – effective 2023-2024 school year
  - Robert Frankenfield – Intermediate School Boys’ Basketball Coach – stipend \$5,180.00 – effective beginning of 2023-2024 season
  - Sadie Bossons – Drama Club – Stage Crew Advisor – stipend \$1,072.50 – effective August 14, 2023
  - Michael Falcone – Volunteer Boys’ Basketball Coach – effective beginning of 2023-2024 season
  - Koda Barrett – Volunteer Cheerleading Coach – effective beginning of 2023-2024 season
  - Jason Buckman – Volunteer Football Coach – effective beginning of 2023-2024 season
- FMLA Request
    - Employee #MC7190 – effective on or about October 20, 2023, with an anticipated return date of April 22, 2024, with the possibility of an extension
- Mentor Teachers
    - Alicia Corriere
    - Sara Fox
    - Gail Gagner
    - Tyler Graffius
    - Andrea Leibensperger
    - Pamela Mertz
    - Rosemarie Reider

- Changes of Status
  - Elizabeth Bakhuizen – Temporary Professional Employee – Wilson Area Intermediate School – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher – 2023-2024 salary correction from \$52,317.00 to \$53,357.00
  - Danielle Cocozza – FROM Temporary Professional Employee TO Professional Employee
  - Heather Dachiu – FROM Temporary Professional Employee TO Professional Employee
  - Heather Fredericks – FROM Temporary Professional Employee TO Professional Employee
  - Lauryn Ragone – FROM Temporary Professional Employee TO Professional Employee
  - Lacey Cardona – FROM Temporary Professional Employee TO Professional Employee
  
- Substitute
  - John Burke – Instructional Aide

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

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

- Charter-Schooled Student – Permission to Participate
  - Jacquelyn Korpics – Soccer
  
- Home-Schooled Student – Permission to Participate
  - Nolan Lutz – Drama Club
  
- Letter of Agreement between Wilson Area School District and Colonial Intermediate Unit 20 – Title IA Nonpublic Programs and Services – effective July 1, 2023 until September 30, 2024
  
- Letter of Agreement between Wilson Area School District and Colonial Intermediate Unit 20 – Title IIA Nonpublic Programs and Services – effective July 1, 2023 until September 30, 2024

- Letter of Agreement for 2023-2024 Title IA Funds between Wilson Area School District and The Children’s Home of Easton (neglected/delinquent institution)
- Proposed Building & Grounds Meeting – Thursday, August 17, 2023 – 4:30 pm – Williams Township Elementary School
- Proposed Special Board Meeting – Thursday, August 17, 2023 – 5:00 pm – Williams Township Elementary School
- Proposed Excellence in Education Committee Meeting – September 18, 2023, 6:00 pm

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

Building Tours – Thursday, August 17, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

- Williams Township Elementary
- Intermediate School
- Avona Elementary
- Wilson Borough Elementary
- High School

Next Regular School Board Meeting – Monday, September 18, 2023, 7:00 pm.

Moved by Hall, seconded by Sunderlin, and carried by voice vote that the Board meeting be adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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



STEPHANIE L. ARNOLD  
Secretary