

WILSON BOROUGH, PA
September 18, 2023

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

An Executive Session of the Wilson Area School District Board of Directors was held on the above date for Personnel issues with the following members present: Mrs. Judith Herbstreith, President, Ms. Jan Krieger, Mr. Johnathan Jones, Mrs. Holly Waugh, Mrs. Maggie Hall, Mr. Jeffrey Breidinger, Sr., Mrs. Linda Baskwell, Mrs. Molly Sunderlin, and Mrs. Allyson Palinkas. Also present: Mr. Doug Wagner, Superintendent, Ms. Stephanie Arnold, Business Manager/Secretary, Mr. John Martuscelli, High School Principal and Mr. Jeff Breidinger, Jr., Athletic Director.

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 7:11 p.m. by Mrs. Judith Herbstreith, President, with the following members present: Ms. Janis Krieger, Mr. Johnathan Jones, Mrs. Holly Waugh, Mrs. Maggie Hall, Mr. Jeffrey Breidinger, Sr., Mrs. Linda Baskwell, Mrs. Molly Sunderlin and Mrs. Allyson Palinkas. Also present: Mr. Doug Wagner, Superintendent; Ms. Stephanie Arnold, Business Manager/Secretary; Mr. Don Spry, Solicitor; Mr. John Martuscelli, High School Principal; Mr. Christopher Albi, High School Assistant Principal; Mr. Michael Chromey, Intermediate School Principal; Ms. Jennifer 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; Mr. Garry Musselman, Technology Coordinator; Ms. Tessa Fredericks, Student Representative, and Mr. Jeff Breidinger, Jr., Athletic Director.

There were no communications to be read.

The Superintendent presented his report.

Ms. Fredericks reported the following on Student Affairs:

- They are currently preparing for homecoming.
- Clubs are beginning to hold meetings.

Mrs. Herbstreith reported the following Legislative items:

- BEF Commission is reviewing funding for the 1st time in 8 years.
- Funding falls short by \$6.4B
- Funding is short changing families and children.

Ms. Krieger reported the following on the Community College:

- Dr. Ruth reported the following:
 - Fall enrollment is seeing modest gains.
 - There is a 4.5% increase in students living in residential halls compared to last year.
 - Disc golf at the Bethlehem Campus just opened.
 - Dr. Singer is the District's new NCC Representative.

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

- The CIT house is under contract.
- The foundation has been poured on their new house located at 1821 Zucksville Road.
- There are 733 students currently enrolled at CIT.
- In 2024, they will be adding the following courses:
 - Exercise Science and Sports Medicine

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

- Thanked the Technology Department for summer project success.
- The implementation of a new district wide telephone system was successful.
- Vape detectors were installed at the High School prior to the start of the school year.

There was no report presented on K-12 Warrior Academy. Ms. Arnold reported the following on Facilities Operations:

- The lights have been installed in the parking lot at Williams Township Elementary.

There was no report presented on Athletic Committee. There was no report presented on Excellence in Education. Mrs. Herbstreith reported the following on Wilson Area Partners in Education Foundation:

- The Board is in transition.
- Scensory hallways will be completed in the elementary schools this week.
- Discussed the Attendance Incentive Kickoff – TED

Mrs. Waugh reported the following on LINCS:

- Their last meeting was held on September 5th.
- There was an average of 100 Warrior Bags sent home the first week of school. In August, 26 new families were added.
- There are currently 114 households using the food pantry.
- The Summer Playground Program averaged 45 students/day.
- Pictures with Santa will be held on December 9th from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the High School.

Mr. Jones reported the following on WASD Ally Team:

- Their next meeting will be held on September 21st.

There was no public to the heard.

The Board reviewed the agenda.

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

- Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 14, 2023
- Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of August 17, 2023
- Treasurer's Report, as attached, be accepted and filed for audit
- August 2023 Investment Schedule, as listed and attached; be accepted and filed for audit
- Regular bills in the amount of: \$1,803,425.26
- Cafeteria bills in the amount of: \$ 0.00
- Capital Project bills in the amount of: \$ 0.00
- Retiree bills in the amount of : \$ 0.00
- Capital Reserve bills in the amount of: \$ 72,093.12

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

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

- UPDATE – IntegraONE – UPS Battery Backup Upgrades – District-wide - \$85,090.00 (e-Rate funding \$33,795.60; ***District funding \$51,294.40***).
- Williams Township Board of Supervisors – Tax Exemption for parcel M9 22 10A-1 – effective July 1, 2023
- Pressure Brothers, Inc. – Pressure Washing Services non-building concrete areas and surfaces – High School - \$4,498.80
- TRC – 3 year AHERA Re-Inspection and Management Plan Update - \$5,300.00
- H.T. Lyons – Annual Boiler Preventative Maintenance – effective October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024 - \$6,480.00
- Approve administration to utilize the following cooperative purchasing networks for supplies, services and equipment:
 - COSTARS
 - Keystone Purchasing Network
 - PEPPM
 - National IPA/OMNIA

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:

- Retirement with Regrets
 - Debra Gionis – PIMS/Child Accounting Manager – effective December 7, 2023

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

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

- Resignations
 - Christina Miskovich – Wilson Area Intermediate School – Office Secretary Aide – effective September 29, 2023
 - Tad Fenton – Wilson Area Intermediate School – 8th Grade Team Leader and Social Studies Department Chair – effective August 24, 2023
 - Michele Karp – Wilson Area Intermediate School – Special Education Teacher – effective September 29, 2023
 - Elizabeth Owens – 2-Run 4-Hour Bus Driver – effective September 10, 2023
 - Brianna Bernhard – Williams Township Elementary School – Part-Time Custodian – effective September 13, 2023
- Appointments
 - Mikayla McGarr – Wilson Borough Elementary School – Temporary Professional Employee – Special Education Teacher – Bachelors, Step 1 – salary \$50,557.00 – effective September 19, 2023 – pending receipt of Act 168 Disclosure Form
 - Ian Bedics – Wilson Area Intermediate School – Temporary Professional Employee – 8th Grade Social Studies/Science Teacher – Bachelors, Step 1 – salary \$50,557.00 – effective September 19, 2023 – pending receipt of Act 168 Disclosure Forms
 - Christopher Smith – Wilson Area High School – Temporary Professional Employee – Social Studies Teacher – Bachelors + 15, Step 1 – salary \$52,157.00 – effective September 19, 2023 – pending receipt of Act 168 Disclosure Forms
 - Amber Creegan – Avona Elementary School – Long-Term Substitute – 2nd Grade Teacher - \$271.81 daily – effective on or around October 20, 2023 – pending receipt of Act 168 Disclosure Forms
 - Adrienne Corrigan – Wilson Area Intermediate School – Long-Term Substitute – Guidance Counselor - \$271.81 daily – effective on or around October 6, 2023 – pending receipt of Act 114 and 168 Disclosure Forms

- Katie Armitage – Avona Elementary School – Part-Time Instructional Aide – salary \$24.44/hour – effective September 19, 2023
- Susan Austin – Wilson Area Intermediate School – Newspaper Club – Co-Advisor – stipend \$467.00 – effective September 19, 2023
- Jami Silfies – Wilson Area Intermediate School – Newspaper Club – Co-Advisor – stipend \$467.00 – September 19, 2023
- Eric Yurvati – Wilson Area Intermediate School – 8th Grade Team Leader – stipend \$1,208.00 – effective 2023-2024 school year
- Nicole Fenton – Wilson Area Intermediate School – Language Arts Curriculum Chairperson – stipend \$1,208.00 – effective 2023-2024 school year
- Samuel Houser – Wilson Area High School – Volunteer Drama Technical Assistant – effective September 19, 2023
- Joseph Mendez – Volunteer Girls' Soccer Coach – effective 2023-2024 season
- Mentors
 - Renee Hampton
 - Jason Kruk
 - Ruth Ann Young-Cookson
 - Tad Fenton
- FMLA Requests
 - Employee #FA9941 – effective on or about January 2, 2024 with an anticipated return for the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year, with the possibility of an extension
 - Employee #FA8542 – effective on or about January 2, 2024 for approximately one to four weeks

- Substitutes
 - Melody Bastian – Van Driver
 - Michele Heffelfinger – Instructional Aide
 - Amber Creegan – PK-4

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

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

- Curriculum and Instruction
 - Homebound Instruction – Student #300091

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

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

- Home-Schooled Student – Permission to Participate
 - Ilah Lutz – Drama Club

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

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

- PSBA 2024 Officer Elections
 - President-Elect – 1-Year Term
 - Allison Mathis
 - Vice President-Elect – 1-Year Term
 - Sabrina Backer
 - Treasurer-Elect – 3-Year Term
 - Karen Beck Pooley

➤ Insurance Trust Trustees (choose up to 2 candidates)

- Marianne Neel
- Michael Faccinetto

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:

➤ Forum Steering Committee (choose up to 3 candidates)

- Bethanna Zeigler ✓
- JaimeLynn Zimerofsky ✓
- Jennifer Davidson ✓

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

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

- Establishment of New Avona Elementary School Activity Account – stipend of \$450 and Activity Account – effective 2023-2024 school year
 - Student Council
- Approval of Wilson Area School District 2023-2024 Goals and Action Plans
- Permission to dismiss WAIS Middle School Football Program at 1:35 PM on Tuesday, October 10, 2023
- Cancellation of Monday, October 16, 2023 Board Meeting

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

Next Regular School Board Meeting – Administration Building – Monday,
October 2, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

STEPHANIE L. ARNOLD
SECRETARY