

WILSON BOROUGH, PA
March 18, 2024

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 and student issues.

The session was called to order at 6:42 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, Ms. Alyssa Hicks, Solicitor, and Mr. John Martuscelli (student issues only).

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, 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; Ms. Alyssa Hicks, 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; Mr. Kevin Steidle, Williams Township Elementary School Principal; Mr. Ian Beitler, Wilson Borough Elementary School 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 and Ms. Tessa Fredericks, Student Representative.

The Board recognized the following individual:

- Wilson Area High School – SkillsUSA
 - Saul Bracero – Computer Systems Networking
 - Comp TIA Linux + Certification Exams – Perfect Score

Dr. David Ruth, President of Northampton Community College, and Mr. Jason Laubach, Chief Financial Officer, presented their 2024-2025 Budget to the Board.

The Board reviewed the Agenda.

There were no communications to be read.

Ms. Fredericks reported the following on Student Affairs:

- Student Council is busy preparing for the annual Superstars Event.
- The Chorus and Band students are rehearsing for the Spring Concert.
- All three shows of the drama production Newsies were sold out.
- The track team will hold their first meet on March 19th.

Mrs. Herbstreith reported the following on Legislative Issues:

- ESSER Funds:
 - The federal government granted \$200 billion dollars to school districts.
 - \$111 billion in lost revenue due to tax cuts made during the period of having ESSER Funds. This includes education and other public services.
 - It will take \$5.7 billion to make Basic Education equitable, and about 5 – 7 years.

Ms. Krieger reported the following on the Community College:

- Their last meeting was held on March 7th at the Fowler Center in the Center for Entrepreneurship.
 - Toured the Dental and Respiratory Therapy areas.
 - The Dental Program has 100% placement.
 - The Respiratory Program offers 120 opportunities in the area for students enrolled in the program.
- New program being offered:
 - Diagnostic/Medical Stenography -Vascular.
 - There are 48 slots, 16 students will be starting in the program in 2024.
- Student enrollment is up 4% over last spring.
- The number of students residing on campus is up 5% from last year.

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

- Upcoming Events:
 - Spring Open House/Career Fair
 - Cupcake Wars
- Looking for approval of the 2024-2025 Budget.

Mrs. Baskwell reported the following on the Intermediate Unit:

- Their last meeting was held at the Colonial Academy. A great meal was prepared by the students and served to the Board.

There was no report presented on Wilson Area Education Association. There was no report presented on Curriculum and Grants. Mrs. Samson reported the following on Student Services:

- The next Excellence in Education meeting will be held on May 6th.
- The Special Education Plan is on the District website for review.

Mr. Musselman reported the following on Technology:

- The new District Mobil App launched on March 15th. There have been over 300 followers since Friday, March 15th.

Ms. Arnold reported the following on Facilities Operations:

- Willams Township Elementary School Update:
 - HVAC – The equipment is either in or scheduled to ship shortly. The contractor is confident the project will be finished at the beginning of August.

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

- Their next meeting will be held on May 6th.

Ms. Krieger reported the following on Wilson Area Partners in Education Foundation:

- Welcomed Jessica Buttner as a new Board Member.
- Three Innovation Grants were approved:
 - Logo Education
 - Funnel Ball
 - Greenhouse Butterfly Garden
- The Grand Opening of the Sensory Hallway at the Intermediate School was held on February 22nd.

Mr. Breidinger, Sr. reported the following on the LINCS:

- There were 20 attendees at the mixer held on February 21st.
- A Coalition Plan Event will be held at the St. Luke's Easton Campus on March 20th.
- The next Coalition Mixer will be held on March 21st in the High School Cafeteria.
- Trina Johnson and Dr. David Wright, representatives of the LINCS and Coalition, will be speaking at the Convention in Harrisburg.
- Currently 114 Warrior Bags being distributed weekly.
- The Coalition received the Love and Light Award, which is awarded by the US Attorney's Office.

Mr. Jones reported the following on the WASD Ally Team:

- Allyship April is coming up.

The following individual addressed the Board:

Mr. Johnathan Jones
80 Mansfield Road
Hellertown, PA 18055

- Spoke on AED Machines

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

- Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 5, 2024.
- Treasurer's Report, as attached, be accepted and filed for audit.
- Investment Schedule
 - Regular bills in the amount of: \$5,974,656.50
 - Cafeteria bills in the amount of: \$ 253,910.83
 - Capital Project bills in the amount of: \$ 0.00
 - Retiree bills in the amount of: \$ 0.00
 - Capital Reserve bills in the amount of: \$ 38,476.20

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:

- Finance
 - Colonial IU20 – 2024-2025 General Operating Budget - \$4,258,620.00

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

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

- Career Institute of Technology – 2024-2025 General Operating Budget - \$804,921.78
 - Increase of \$19,732.51 or 2.51% from 2023-2024

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

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

- Northampton Community College – 2024-2025 General Operating Budget - \$7,231,643.00
 - Proposed Wilson Area School District Contribution - \$339,977.00
 - Decrease of \$10,902.00 or 3.11% from 2023-2024

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:

- Resignations
 - Amia Cryan – Williams Township Elementary School – Part-Time Custodian – effective March 5, 2024
 - Jessica Espinosa – Regular 2-Run Driver – effective March 13, 2024 – remain as substitute

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

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

- Homebound Instruction Request – Student #290063
- Approval to Participate in Federal Programs
 - Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs
 - Title II, Part A – Supporting Effective Instruction
 - Title III – Language Instruction for English Learners and Immigrant Students
 - Title IV, Part A – Student Support and Academic Enrichment
 - Others when appropriate and available

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:

- Senior Class List for Graduation – provided requirements of District Policy #217 are met
- Class 2024 – Senior Class Trip to Pocono Valley Resort in Poconos, PA – May 20, 2024 – no cost to District, only District transportation needed
- Wilson Area High School – Student Expulsion Agreements
 - Student #250308
 - Student #250076

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

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

- Use of School Facilities Request – Drum Corps International – Drum and Bugle Corps Rehearsal – Wilson Area Intermediate School – Friday, August 2, 2024, 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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

Next Regular School Board Meeting – April 15, 2024, 7:00 p.m. – Administration Building

Moved by Sunderlin, seconded by Jones, and carried by voice vote that the Board approve the meeting be adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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

STEPHANIE ARNOLD
Secretary