

WILSON BOROUGH, PA  
June 17, 2024

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

An Executive Session of the Wilson Area School District Board of Directors was held on the above date for Personnel and Security issues. The following members present for the Personnel issues: Mrs. Judith Herbstreith, President, Ms. Jan Krieger, Mr. Johnathan Jones (via telephone), Mrs. Holly Waugh, Mrs. Maggie Hall, Mr. John Breidinger, Sr., Mrs. Linda Baskwell, Mrs. Molly Sunderlin, Mrs. Allyson Palinkas, Mr. Don Spry, Solicitor, Ms. Stephanie Arnold, Business Manager/Secretary, and Mr. John Martuscelli, High School Principal. In addition to the Board members, the following joined the meeting for Security issues: Mr. Doug Wagner, Superintendent.

REGULAR MEETING:

The regular meeting of the Wilson Area School District Board of Directors was held in the Wilson High School Auditorium, 424 Warrior Lane, Easton, PA 18042 on the above date.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Mrs. Judith Herbstreith, President, with the following members present: Ms. Janis Krieger, Mr. Johnathan Jones (via telephone), 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, Wilson Intermediate School Principal; Ms. Jenn Burd, Wilson Intermediate School Assistant Principal; Ms. Katie Pietrouchie, Avona Elementary School 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, and Mr. Garry Musselman, Technology Coordinator.

The Board recognized the following:

- 2024 Colonial League Champions – Baseball
- 2024 Colonial League Track and Field Meet Champions
  - Givanchy Durandisse – 100 Meter and 200 Meter
  - Marcel Days – Triple Jump
- Wilson Area High School Drama Club – Freddy Award – 2024 Outstanding Overall Production by a Smaller School – *Newsies*

The Board reviewed the agenda.

There were no communications to be read.

There was no report presented on Student Affairs. There was no report presented on Legislative issues. Ms. Krieger reported the following on the Community College:

- The NCC class of 2024 graduated in May and included 640 total graduates, ranging in age from 15 to 74, and hailing from all over the county, nation, and world.
- NCC freshman, Morgan Boyd was named to the NJCAA Division II Softball All-American team. Boyd is the fifth All-American in Northampton softball history and the first since 2013.
- This fall new programs will include specialized diploma options in Culinary Arts: Entrepreneurship, Social Media & Digital Marketing, Data Analytics, and Occupational Safety. Additional degree programs include Professional Studies, Cardiac Sonography, Vascular Sonography, Respiratory Care, and Occupational Safety.

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

- During the 2023-2024 school year there were 67 students out on Co-Op.
- NOCTI Exam - 85% were competent or advanced, which is higher than the standard.
- 1,053 industry certifications were earned.
  - 215 out of 226 students earned at least one certification.
- There are 818 students currently enrolled for the 2024-2025 school year.
- There are 68 students currently on the welding waitlist. They are looking to expand to 2 sections.
- A Resolution to close the day care center in the building was included on the Board Meeting Agenda. The Resolution did not pass. They will hold a special meeting to address the Resolution.

There was no report presented on Intermediate Unit. There was no report presented on Wilson Area Education Association. Mrs. Austin reported the following on Curriculum and Grants:

- Researching alternative options to fulfill the World Language curriculum at the High School.
  - Looking to possibly replace French with American Sign Language.

There was no report presented on Student Services. There was no report presented on Technology. Mrs. Arnold reported the following on Facilities Operations:

- The HVAC project at Williams Township Elementary is on schedule.
- The High School roof project is on schedule.

There was no report presented on Athletics. There was no report presented on Excellence in Education. Ms. Krieger reported the following on Wilson Area Partner's in Education Foundation:

- Their next meeting will be held on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

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

- Coach Glovas and staff from Morgan Stanley worked at the food pantry on June 17<sup>th</sup>.
- 5 people were trained in CPR and instructed how to use the AED.
- The Coalition Community Walk was held on June 15<sup>th</sup>. The walk started at Meuser Park, went through the park to 22<sup>nd</sup> Street and finished at the High School.
- The Coalition is partnering with Project of Easton. They are trying to find things for kids to do.

There was no report presented on WASD Ally Team.

There was no Public to be Heard.

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

- Minutes of the First Regular Meeting – May 6, 2024
- Minutes of the Second Regular Meeting – May 20, 2024
- Treasurer's Report, as attached, be accepted and filed for audit.
- May 2024 Investment Schedule, as listed and attached; be accepted and filed for audit.
- Regular Bills in the amount of - \$ 874,771.38
- Cafeteria Bills in the amount of - \$ 0.00
- Capital Projects in the amount of - \$ 0.00
- Retirees Bills in the amount of - \$ 0.00
- Capital Reserve Bills in the amount of - \$ 482,098.31

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:

- Final Approval of 2024-2025 Final Budget in the amount of \$46,486,749.00 – at a millage rate of 60.467 mills – (.6 mills or 1.0% increase).

Result of vote: Yes, Herbstreith – Yes, Krieger – Yes, Jones (via telephone) – Yes, Waugh - Yes, Hall – Yes, Breidinger, Sr. – Yes, Baskwell – Yes, Sunderlin – Yes, Palinkas.

#### Enactment of Taxes for 2024-2025

- Real Estate – 60.467 mills (increase of .6 mills or 1.0% increase)
- Homestead/Farmstead Assessment Exclusion Resolution - \$6,934.00
- Homestead/Farmstead Dollar Exclusion Resolution - \$419.28
- Section 511 Taxes consisting of:
  - Earned Income – ½ of 1%
  - Real Estate Transfer – ½ of 1%
  - Occupational Privilege - \$5.00
- Mercantile Tax at a rate of:
  - 1 mill on Gross Receipts of Wholesale Business
  - 1.5 mills on Gross Receipts of Retail Businesses, Services, or Rentals
- Penalty of Delinquent Payment of Mercantile Tax – 5% plus 1% per month.
- \$30.00 for Returned Checks
- Authorization for Tax Collectors to charge mortgage companies for Memorandum Bills – maximum of \$10.00/bill
- Real Estate Tax Installment Plan Resolution.

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:

- Resignations
  - Conor Long – Wilson Area High School – French Teacher – effective June 10, 2024
  - Shea Walsh – Wilson Area High School – Full-Time Secretary – effective June 13, 2024 – request to remain on as substitute
  - John Beaupre – Head Varsity Softball Coach – effective June 10, 2024
- Appointments
  - Nicole Wilkins – Temporary Professional Employee – Wilson Borough Elementary School – Grade 4 Teacher – Bachelors +15, Step 2 - \$55,322.00 – effective beginning of 2024-2025 school year
  - Hailey Druckenmiller – Temporary Professional Employee – Wilson Area Intermediate School – Special Education Teacher – Bachelors, Step 1 - \$51,722.00 – pending receipt of certification and Act 114 and 168 Disclosure forms – effective beginning of 2024-2025 school year
  - Hailey Mehlig – Temporary Professional Employee – Wilson Area Intermediate School – Special Education Teacher – Bachelors, Step 1 - \$51,722.00 – pending receipt of certification and Act 151 and 168 Disclosure forms – effective beginning of 2024-2025 school year
- Substitute
  - John Mueller – Van Driver
- Winter Coaching Staff Reappointment
  - Amanda Stefanel – Assistant Cheerleading Coach

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

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

- Wilson Area Intermediate School – 2024-2025 ATSI non-Title I School Plan

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

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

- Memorandum of Understanding
  - Between Wilson Area School District and Wilson Area ESPA/PSEA/NEA – Bus-Driver Incentive

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

Next Regular School Board Meeting – Monday, July 8, 2024 – 7:00 p.m. – Administration Building.

Moved by Waugh, seconded by Sunderlin and carried by voice vote that the Board enter into Executive Session for Personnel issues.

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:59 p.m. by Mrs. Judith Herbstreith, President, with the following members present: Ms. Janis Krieger, Mr. Johnathan Jones (via telephone), Mrs. Holly Waugh, Mrs. Maggie Hall, Mr. Jeffrey Breidinger, Sr., Mrs. Linda Baskwell, Mrs. Molly Sunderlin and Mrs. Allyson Palinkas. Also present: Ms. Stephanie Arnold, Business Manager/Secretary and Mr. Don Spry, Solicitor.

Moved by Baskwell, seconded by Krieger and carried by voice vote that the Board exit Executive Session at 8:41 p.m.

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 meeting be adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

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

STEPHANIE ARNOLD  
Secretary