

WILSON BOROUGH, PA
August 12, 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, student and legal/litigation issues.

The session was called to order at 6:52 p.m. by Mrs. Judith Herbstreith, President, with the following members present: Ms. Janis Krieger (via telephone), Mrs. Holly Waugh, Mrs. Maggie Hall, Mr. Jeffrey Breidinger, Sr., Mrs. Linda Baskwell (via telephone), and Mrs. Molly Sunderlin. Absent: Mrs. Allyson Palinkas and Mr. Johnathan Jones. Also present: Mr. John Martuscelli, Acting Superintendent and Ms. Stephanie Arnold, Business Manager/Secretary, and Mr. Don Spry, Solicitor.

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 7:06 p.m. by Mrs. Judith Herbstreith, President, with the following members present: Ms. Janis Krieger (via telephone), Mr. Johnathan Jones, Mrs. Holly Waugh, Mrs. Maggie Hall, Mrs. Linda Baskwell (via telephone), Mr. Jeffrey Breidinger, Sr., and Mrs. Molly Sunderlin. Absent: Mrs. Allyson Palinkas. Also present: Mr. John Martuscelli, Acting Superintendent/High School Principal; Ms. Stephanie Arnold, Business Manager/Secretary; Mr. Don Spry, Solicitor; Mr. Christopher Albi, High School Assistant Principal; Mr. Michael Chromey, Intermediate School Principal; Ms. Jenn Burd, Intermediate School Assistant 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, and Mr. Jeffrey Breidinger, Jr., Athletic Director.

The Board reviewed the Agenda.

There was no report presented on Student Affairs. There was no report presented on Legislative issues. Mrs. Herbstreith reported the following on Northampton Community College:

- NCC has received nearly \$500K from the USDA's new Technical Assistance Grant Program to conduct energy audits for rural small businesses and agricultural producers across Pennsylvania. This two-year project represents the largest single award from the USDA to date.

- NCC's new men's and women's wrestling program is set to launch this fall, and we are pleased to announce strong enrollment numbers, with 10 male and 4 female participants. These numbers meet our initial benchmark, showcasing a promising start for the program and its coach. This exciting addition highlights our commitment to providing diverse opportunities for student engagement and athletic excellence.
- Fall enrollment is trending favorably again this year, with credit hours increasing by nearly 3.3% compared to last fall, while many of our sister community colleges report flat or negative results.
- New student applications are up by 7.4% over last year.

There was no report presented on Career Institute of Technology. Mrs. Baskwell reported the following on the Intermediate Unit:

- Communication was sent to the Board prior to the meeting.
- Their next meeting will be held at the end of August.

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

- The annual Agreements for Title Funds are on the agenda for approval.

Mrs. Samson reported the following on Student Services:

- The Moravian University Occupational Therapy Graduate Student Agreement is on the agenda for approval.

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

- Their next meeting will be held on September 16th.

Ms. Krieger reported the following on Wilson Area Partner's in Education Foundation:

- The Foundation participated in the Touch A Truck event on August 11th.
 - Two scooters were given from the Foundation as prizes.

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

- Summer Playground, which was held at the Wilson Intermediate School and Wilson Borough Elementary School, has ended.

- Touch A Truck Event:
 - Over 300 attendees.
 - 160 backpacks were distributed.
 - 17 organizations participated in the event with the trucks.
 - There were 26 other participants and three sponsors.
- Warrior Bags were distributed over the summer.
- Northampton County Juvenile Detention provided service hours.
- Anyone interested in volunteering for the LINCS should call 484-373-6200

There was no report presented on the WASD Ally Team.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

- Maureen Henderson
385 Coffeetown Road
Easton, PA 18042
 - Discussed the Kelin Foundation
- Armando Chapelliquen
1945 Lehigh Street
Easton, PA 18042
 - Discussed the Touch A Truck Event
 - Discussed TIF for the Dixie Building

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

- Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 17, 2024.
- Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 8, 2024.
- Treasurer's Report, as attached, be accepted and filed for audit.
- July 2024 Investment Schedule, as listed and attached; be accepted and filed for audit.
- Regular bills in the amount of: \$1,367,983.55
- 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: \$ 1,652,228.06

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

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

- Dixie Building – LERTA Repeal Resolution
- The Board Secretary will be the contact for communication between the School Board and the County.

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

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

- 1921 at Dixie Avenue – TIF Offer Letter and TIF Resolution

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:

- Trane Service Agreement – Williams Township Elementary School, Wilson Area Intermediate School and Wilson Area High School – effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027 - \$41,880.00.
- NRG Building Services, Inc. – District Maintenance Services Agreement – effective July 1, 2024 - \$35,220.00.
- Wilson Borough - School Resource Office (SRO) – 2024-25 school year
 - Full Time - \$78,605.93
 - Part Time - \$29.43 per hour plus 25% administrative surcharge
- Behavioral Health Associates – eBridge Academy Online Education Services – 2024-25 school year - \$40/per student per day
- Intermediate School and High School Activity Funds – Quarterly Reports
- 2024-2025 Re-Approval of Booster Clubs
 - Wilson Football Mothers Club
 - Wilson Wrestling Club
 - Wilson Band Boosters
 - Wilson Varsity W Club
 - Wilson Competitive Cheering Club
 - Wilson Borough Elementary School PTA
 - Williams Township Elementary School PTA
 - Avona Elementary PTA

➤ Wilson Area Intermediate School PTA

- 2024-2025 Winter Sports Bids - \$2,404.83.

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
 - Kristen Spillane – Wilson Area High School – Part-Time Health Room Aide – effective July 16, 2024
 - Kelly Vail – Wilson Borough Elementary School – Part-Time Instructional Aide – effective July 26, 2024
 - Kylie Bisram – Regular 2-Run 5-Hour Driver effective August 7, 2024.
- Appointments
 - Alyssa Bryan – Avona Elementary School – 1st Grade Long-Term Substitute Teacher – daily rate \$278.08 – effective start of 2024-2025 school year – pending receipt of Act 114 and 168 Disclosure Forms
 - Alexander Skrapits – Temporary Professional Employee – Wilson Area High School – Chemistry/Physics Teacher – Bachelors, Step 1 – salary \$51,722.00 – effective beginning of 2024-2025 school year – pending receipt of Act 151, 114, and 168 Disclosure Forms
 - Matthew Timlin – Temporary Professional Employee – Wilson Area High School – Physics Teacher – Masters, Step 5 – salary \$62,522.00 – effective beginning of 2024-2025 school year – pending receipt of Act 151, 34, and 168 Disclosure Forms
 - Magdalene Lodge – Avona Elementary School – Kindergarten Long-Term Substitute Teacher – daily rate \$278.08 – effective start of 2024-2025 school year – pending receipt of Act 34 and 168 Disclosure Forms
 - Janear Hankerson – Accountant - \$75,000 (prorated) – effective August 26, 2024 – pending receipt of Act 151, 34, and 168 Disclosure Forms.
 - Geraldine Adler – Other Driver – salary \$28.69/hr – effective August 13, 2024

- Mariah Callahan – Head Softball Coach – salary \$6,357.00 – effective 2024-2025 season
- Sadie Bossons – Wilson Area High School – Drama Club – Stage Crew Advisor – salary \$1,072.50 – effective August 13, 2024
- Jadah Trimmer – Assistant Field Hockey Coach – salary \$3,883.00 – effective 2024-2025 season
- Ronald Webb – Volunteer Golf Coach – effective 2024-2025 season
- Eric McClatchy – Volunteer Field Hockey Coach – effective 2024-2025 season
- FMLA Request
 - Employee #CA2394 – effective on or about October 25, 2024 with an anticipated return date of the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year, with the possibility of an extension
- Change of Status
 - Patricia Gilmore – FROM Williams Township Elementary and Avona Elementary School Part-Time Recess Aide TO Avona Part-Time Instructional Aide
 - FROM Temporary Professional Employee TO Professional Employee
 - Corrine Brittain
 - Mark Evans
 - Cody Gemmell
 - Lydia Marano
 - Evelyn McEntee
 - Lisa Micek
 - Bethany Moran
 - Kathleen O'Reilly
 - Anthony Vavra

- Substitute
 - Yvons Carriotte – Van Driver
 - TajLynne King – School Nurse – pending receipt of Act 168 Disclosure Forms
- Mentors
 - Wendy Baltz
 - Alicia Corriere
 - Michael Greene
 - Deborah Hockman
 - Jessica Riehl
 - Isaac Ruhf
 - Neal Schaffer
 - Kimberly Steirer
 - R. Paul Stewart
 - Patricia Ulshafer
 - Megan Vogel

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

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

- Home-Schooled Student – Permission to Participate
 - Mercy Millen – Field Hockey
 - Nolan Lutz – Track and Field and Drama Club

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

- Building Tours – Thursday, August 15, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

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

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

- Northampton Community College Board of Trustees Election, slate of panel as listed – July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2030

Result of vote: Aye 7; Nay 0; Absent 1; Abstain 1.

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

- Letter of Agreement for 2024-2025 Title IA Funds between Wilson Area School District and the Children's Home of Easton (neglected/delinquent institution)
- Letter of Agreement between Wilson Area School District and Colonial Intermediate Unit 20 – Title IA Nonpublic Programs and Services – effective July 1, 2024 until September 30, 2025
- Letter of Agreement between Wilson Area School District and Colonial Intermediate Unit 20 – Title IIA Nonpublic Programs and Services – effective July 1, 2024 until September 30, 2025
- Establishment of New Activity Accounts
 - Wilson Area High School – Student-Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC)
 - Wilson Area High School – Green Team – Ecology Club
- Occupational Therapy Graduate Student Agreement – Between Moravian University and the Wilson Area School District – August 13, 2024 to August 13, 2027

- Williams Township Elementary School – Request to Waive Policy #5118.4 – Enrollment – Non-Resident Students
 - 4th Grade Student
 - 2nd Grade Student

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

- Proposed Building and Grounds Committee Meeting – September 16, 2024 at 5:15 p.m.
- Proposed Excellence in Education Committee Meeting – September 16, 2024 at 6:15 p.m.

Next Regular School Board Meeting – September 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. – Administration Building.

Moved by Hall, seconded by Jones, and carried by voice vote that the Board approve the meeting be adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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



STEPHANIE L. ARNOLD
Secretary