

WILSON BOROUGH, PA
September 16, 2024

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. John Martuscelli, Acting Superintendent and High School Principal, Ms. Stephanie Arnold, Business Manager/Secretary.

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, 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. John Martuscelli, Acting Superintendent and High School Principal; Ms. Stephanie Arnold, Business Manager/Secretary; Mr. John Freund, Solicitor; 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 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. Eliza Pauser, Student Representative, and Mr. Jeffrey Breidinger, Jr., Athletic Director.

There were no communications to be read.

Ms. Pauser reported the following on Student Affairs:

- The school year is off to a great start.
- Senior Nights for both tennis and golf are coming up.
- The Homecoming Court has been selected. The theme is "Homecoming".
- High School clubs have started.

Mrs. Herbstreith reported the following Legislative items:

- The PA Budget boosted state education funding by \$1.1B.
- \$32M has been budgeted for Tax Equity programs.
- Lisa Boscola takes issue with how education is funded.

Ms. Krieger reported the following on the Community College:

- Dr. Ruth reported the following:
 - NCC recently launched the Interdisciplinary Healthcare Education and Workforce Development Center, funded by a \$2.7M federal grant. This state-of-the-art center fosters collaboration across nursing, respiratory therapy, and sonography programs, while also supporting two new accredited programs in cardiac sonography and respiratory therapy to meet the growing demands of the local healthcare workforce.
 - This summer, 14 NCC students attended an enriching study abroad trip to China, where they collaborated with JinHua University to immerse themselves in Chinese culture, architecture, cuisine, and daily life.
 - After a summer that saw credit hours grow 8% over last year, fall is trending positively, with current credit hours up 4.2%. NCC saw increases this fall in applications, new enrolling students, dual enrollment students and students living in residence halls.
 - NCC student, psychology major Amanda Alfaro, was selected as a national Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholars this fall, receiving a \$1,000 scholarship. Scholars were selected based on outstanding academic achievement and demonstrated leadership potential.

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

- They are searching for an Auto Collision Teacher.
 - Easton has offered support/grief counseling for the loss of the Auto Collision Teacher.
- There will be guests from Germany on September 23rd to see how CIT handles vocational education in the U.S.
- Looking for Para educators.
- A Blood Drive is set for September 25th. Contact the school if you are interested in participating.
- Cosmetology services are open.
- CIT will be involved with a car show in Bangor Borough.
- Open House is scheduled for November 13th.

Linda sent her report to the Board prior to the meeting. 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 Crime Victims Council of the Lehigh Valley is providing the following programs at the Intermediate School:
 - 5th Grade – Digital Safety
 - 6th Grade – Cyber Bullying
 - 7th Grade – Healthy Relationships
 - 8th Grade – Unhealthy Relationships

There was no report presented on Technology. There was no report presented on Facilities Operations. There was no report presented on Athletic Committee. There was no report presented on Excellence in Education. There was no report presented on Wilson Area Partners in Education Foundation:

Mrs. Breidinger, Sr. reported the following on LINC'S:

- They will be holding an open house on October 4th from 6:00 – 7:00.
- The Communities that Care Coalition is doing well.
- A MOD Pizza Fundraiser is being held on September 25th.
- Friends Helping Friends at Boscov's will be held on October 22nd from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Coupons are \$5.00.
- Warrior Bags are going well.
- The Food Pantry is currently serving 54 families.
 - More items are needed for both the Food Pantry and Warrior Bags.
- Dave Wright has resigned from the Board.

Mr. Jones reported the following on WASD Ally Team:

- Their next meeting will be held on September 19th.

The following individual addressed the Board:

- Johnathan Jones
80 Mansfeld Road
Hellertown, PA 18055
 - School Safety
 - In light of the recent tragedy, are we doing everything we can to protect our students?

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 12, 2024
- Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of August 15, 2024
- Treasurer's Report, as attached, be accepted and filed for audit
- August 2024 Investment Schedule, as listed and attached; be accepted and filed for audit
- Regular bills in the amount of: \$1,259,606.25
- Cafeteria bills in the amount of: \$ 19.25
- Capital Project bills in the amount of: \$ 0.00
- Retiree bills in the amount of : \$ 0.00
- Capital Reserve bills in the amount of: \$2,198,174.69

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

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

- EverDriven Technologies – Alternative Transportation Solutions – effective August 30, 2024 to August 5, 2025
 - \$85 per trip (first 12 miles)
 - \$2.58 per mile (after 12 miles)
- Werner & Sons Well Drilling LLC – Wilson Area Intermediate School – well pump with installation - \$15,317.05
- EI Associates – Services consisting of usual and customary structural, mechanical, and electrical engineering services – compensation is based on the project construction cost
- El Associates Amendment No. 01 – Wilson Area High School Athletics improvements – eight percent (8%) fee for basic services based on probable cost of construction of \$6,000,000.00
 - Architectural services provided by EI Associates
 - Civil services provided by Integrated Consulting, LLC
- Approve administration to utilize the following cooperative purchasing networks for supplies, services, and equipment:
 - COSTARS
 - Keystone Purchasing Network (KPN)

- PEPPM
- National IPA/OMNIA

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

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

- Retirement
 - Sandra Pinkerton – Wilson Area Intermediate School – Full-Time Instructional Aide – effective December 6, 2024
- Resignations
 - Amelia Colon – Avona Elementary School – Multimedia Advisor – effective September 16, 2024
 - Nicholas Hall – Wilson Area High School – Music Teacher, Band Director, Jazz Band Advisor, and Pep Band Advisor – effective September 17, 2024
- Appointments
 - Jennifer Elston – Wilson Area Intermediate School – 6th Grade Teacher – Bachelors +15, Step 1 - \$53,322.00 – effective September 23, 2024 – pending receipt of Act 168 Disclosure forms
 - Christine Angeles – Wilson Area High School – Special Education Long-Term Substitute Teacher – daily rate \$278.08 – effective September 17, 2024
 - Mitchell Wood – Wilson Area High School – Class of 2028 Advisor – salary \$868.00 – effective start of 2024-2025 school year
 - Joshua Koch – Wilson Area High School – Marching Band Director – salary \$9,924.00 (prorated) – effective September 18, 2024
 - Joshua Koch – Wilson Area High School – Jazz Band Advisor – salary \$450.00 (prorated) – effective September 18, 2024
 - Joshua Koch – Wilson Area High School – Pep Band Advisor – salary \$450.00 (prorated) – effective September 18, 2024
 - Christopher Mueller – Other Driver – salary \$28.69/hr – effective September 17, 2024

- Michael Figueroa – Assistant Football Coach – salary \$5,920.00 (prorated) – effective August 5, 2024 – pending receipt of Act 168 Disclosure forms
- Benjamin Hindmarch – Boys’ Basketball JV Coach – salary \$5,180.00 – effective start of 2024-2025 season
- Change of Status
 - FROM Temporary Professional Employee TO Professional Employee
 - Matthew Timlin
- Substitutes
 - Christine Angeles – K-6
 - Christina Lamonica – Healthroom Aide
 - Andrew Kaluzny – WASD Certified PK-12 Teacher and Instructional Aide – pending receipt of Act 168 Disclosure Forms
 - Jennifer Paladini – Biology 7-12
 - Teresa Diehl – Elementary K-6 and Reading Specialist PK-12 and Instructional Aide
 - Michelle Fehnel – Healthroom Aide
- FMLA Request
 - Employee #CA5447 – Intermittent Leave for the 2024-2025 school year

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

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

- Wilson Area Intermediate School – 7th and 8th Grade Jazz Band to Hershey Park – May 9, 2024 – No cost to the District

- Establishment of New Activity Account
 - Wilson Area High School – Military Club
 - Wilson Area Intermediate School – Art Club
 - Wilson Area Intermediate School – Science Olympiad
 - Wilson Area Intermediate School – Summer Band
- PSBA 2025 Officer Elections
 - President-Elect – 1-Year Term
 - Sabrina Backer
 - Vice President-Elect – 1-Year Term
 - Matt Vannoy
 - Insurance Trustees (choose up to 3 candidates) – 3-Year Term
 - Nathan Mains
 - Richard Frerichs
 - William LaCoff
 - Forum Steering Committee (choose up to 2 candidates) – Two-Year Term
 - Betsy Gates
 - Mary Dougherty
- Northampton Community College Board of Trustees Election, slate of panel as listed – Term expires June 30, 2026

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

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

Moved by Waugh, seconded by Hall, and carried by voice vote that the Board meeting be adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

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



STEPHANIE L. ARNOLD
SECRETARY