

WILSON BOROUGH, PA  
February 3, 2025

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 7:04 p.m. by Mrs. Judith Herbstreith, President, with the following members present: Ms. Janis Krieger, Mr. Johnathan Jones, Mrs. Holly Waugh, Mrs. Maggie Hall, Mrs. Linda Baskwell, and Mrs. Allyson Palinkas. Absent: Mrs. Molly Sunderlin and Mr. Jeffrey Breidinger, Sr. 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. Jennifer Burd, 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, Mr. Garry Musselman, Technology Coordinator; Mr. Brian Meckley, WAEA Representative, and Mr. Jeffrey Breidinger, Jr., Athletic Director (7:19 p.m.).

There were no communications to be read.

The Board reviewed the agenda.

The Superintendent presented his report.

There was no report presented on Student Affairs. Mrs. Herbstreith reported the following on Legislative Issues:

- The Governor is proposing the following:
  - Legalizing Marijuana
  - Gaming Machines to increase revenue
  - Level out revenue for poorer schools
- IFO says current State of the State is on track to drain funds by 2026.
- 2023-2024 brought in \$148M in revenue which was below projections
- AI Charter School – 2 hour AI lesson with the remainder of the day spent on Life Skills. 2HR Learning is the vendor.

Ms. Krieger reported the following on the Community College:

- Their annual retreat will be held on February 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Winter graduation took place on January 25<sup>th</sup>. Graduates ranged in age from 18-69 and represented countries from Ghana to Columbia.

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

- Board members were presented with a lamp at the Board Recognition Dinner.
- 75 students competed in 44 programs at Skills USA. CIT students prepared the lunch that was served to the participants.
- As of January 8, 2025, 444 applications have been received for next school year. Last year at this time, there were 270 applications received for the current school year.
- There are currently 729 students enrolled.
- Capacity for the building is just over 1,000

Mrs. Baskwell reported the following on the Intermediate Unit:

- Attended a program on January 23<sup>rd</sup> featuring a book written by Sandy Hartranft entitled *Swinging from the Chandelier*. This book was inspired by her son who has autism.

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. There was no report presented on Technology. Ms. Arnold reported the following on Facilities Operations:

- The HVAC project at the high school has been put on hold.

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. There was no report presented on LINCS. Mr. Jones reported the following on WASD Ally Team:

- Their last meeting was very productive.
- Allyship April – Being a Buddy
  - Benches should arrive by April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- A student survey will be sent out in March.
- Community Mixer coming up.
- Looking for grants to fund initiatives.
- Potentially partner with Five Below.
  - Obtain inventory they are discarding.
- Discussed having a point person for Allyship.
- Considering adding Allyship to job descriptions.

There was no public to be heard.

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

- Treasurer's Report, as attached, be accepted and filed for audit
- January 2025 Investment Schedule, as listed and attached; be accepted and filed for audit
- Regular bills in the amount of \$ 815,366.68
- Cafeteria bills in the amount of \$ 0.00
- Capital Projects \$ 0.00
- Retiree bills in the amount of \$ 323.53
- Capital Reserve \$ 0.00

Result of vote: Aye 7; Nay 0; Absent 2.

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

#### Finance

- Tax Collector Resolution – Compensation to Wilson Borough and Williams Township tax collectors for real estate tax collection services – effective January 1, 2026.
- Concern Professional Services Contract – Outpatient and School Based Outpatient; School-Based Behavioral Health; IBHS Services – Fees according to Attachment A – effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025

Result of vote: Aye 7; Nay 0; Absent 2.

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

- Resignations
  - Nicholas Levinski – Wilson Area Intermediate School – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Teacher – retained for 60 days or until a suitable candidate is found – effective January 21, 2025
  - Nicholas Levinski – Assistant Football Coach – effective January 21, 2025
  - Britney Camilletti – Assistant Track and Field Coach – effective January 18, 2025 – request to remain as volunteer coach

- Appointments
  - Melody Bastian – Other Driver – salary \$28.69/hr – effective February 4, 2025
  - Shaniyah Colon – Other Driver – salary \$28.69/hr – effective February 4, 2025
- Assistant Superintendent’s Contract
  - Amy Austin – salary \$140,000 – effective February 4, 2025 to February 3, 2030
- Change of Status
  - Ofelia Castillo – FROM Other Driver TO 2-Run 4-Hour Driver - \$128.96/run – effective February 4, 2025
- Substitute
  - Charles Kolb – Bus Driver
- Job Description
  - Bus Driver
- FMLA Request
  - Employee #CA9492 – effective on or about April 4, 2025 through the end of the 2024-2025 school year

Result of vote: Aye 7; Nay 0; Absent 2.

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

- Home-Schooled Students – Permission to Participate
  - Ilah Lutz – Track and Field
  - Nolan Lutz - Soccer
- Establishment of New Activity Accounts
  - Wilson Area Intermediate School – Spirit WAIS
  - Wilson Area Intermediate School – WAIS Soccer Club

- Memorandum of Understanding
  - Between Wilson Area School District and Wilson Area Education Association – Amended 2025-2026 Salary Scale Matrix

Result of vote: Aye 7; Nay 0; Absent 2.

Finance Committee Meeting – Monday, March 3, 2025, 6:15 p.m. – Administration Building

Next Regular School Board Meeting – March 3, 2025, 7:00 p.m. – Administration Building

The following individual addressed the Board:

- Brian Meckley – WAEA Representative
  - Expressed words of thanks for the MOU

Moved by Baskwell, seconded by Hall, and carried by voice vote that the Board approve the meeting be adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Result of vote: Aye 7; Nay 0; Absent 2.



STEPHANIE L. ARNOLD  
Secretary