

WILSON BOROUGH, PA
April 14, 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 7:01 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: Dr. Harrison Bailey, Superintendent; Mrs. Amy Austin, Assistant 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 Chrome, 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. Laura Samson, Director of Student Services; Dr. Alexandra Mindler, Supervisor of Curriculum and Instructional Technology; Mr. Garry Musselman, Technology Coordinator; Mr. Jeffrey Breidinger, Jr., Athletic Director; Ms. Eliza Pauser, Student Representative, and Mr. Brian Meckley, WAEA Representative.

The Board reviewed the Agenda.

The Athletic Director recognized the following:

- Wrestling
 - Student-Athlete
 - 2025 District XI Champion
 - Bronze Medalist at Regionals
 - 7th Place finish at the PIAA State Wrestling Tournament
 - Nevaeh Colon – 9th Grade
- Cheerleading
 - Student Athletes
 - 2025 Colonial League Champions
 - District XI Champions

- Bronze Medalist at the PIAA State Cheer Championships
 - Eliza Pauser – 12th Grade
 - Armaney Mobley – 12th Grade
 - Cionna Marth-Rodriguez – 12th Grade
 - Mackenzie Hanni – 12th Grade
 - Trinity Thomas – 12th Grade
 - Jaziyah Walker – 12th Grade
 - Mackenzy Bergstresser – 11th Grade
 - Bryanna Montesdeoca – 11th Grade
 - Lacey Sandt – 11th Grade
 - Psalma Campomanes – 10th Grade
 - Brianna Ludington – 10th Grade
 - Moony Reph – 10th Grade
 - Rylee Race – 9th Grade
 - Sophia Micci – 9th Grade
 - Rumer Bracken – 9th Grade
 - Ja'Siyah Clark – 9th Grade

The Assistant Superintendent recognized the following:

- Engineering and Design Club
 - Buddy Benches
 - Ryan Bonham
 - William Brown
 - Emily Drake
 - Princy Patel
 - Haven Renninger
 - Keira Schneider-Schuyler
 - Nathan Shoudt
 - Gabriel Walsh
 - Kyle Walsh

The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent presented the 2025-2026 School Year Calendar Change Proposal.

There were no communications to be read.

The Superintendent presented his report.

Ms. Pauser reported the following on Student Affairs:

- The spring band concert will be held on April 24th.
- The Wilson Buddies hosted Special Olympics.
- The Senior Trip to Pocono Valley will be held on May 20th.
- Student Council held an egg hunt at Bushkill Park. There was a good turnout.
- The Engineering and Design Club made the gifts for Bus Driver Appreciation Day on April 21st.

Mrs. Herbstreith reported the following on Legislative Issues:

- Uncertain of federal funds.
- Harrisburg disagrees on how to fill funding shortfalls both federal and state
 - Title I, Title II, Title III, Title IV
- 2022-2023 WASD – 61.2% of our revenue is from local funds, 33.1% is from state funds, and 5.7% is from federal funds.
- Some programs are moving from the US Department of Education to other federal departments.

Ms. Krieger reported the following on the Community College:

- Enrollment at NCC remains strong. Spring semester credit hours finished up more than 6% compared to last year. Summer is off to a solid start, and early indicators for fall are equally promising.
- Three NCC communication design students and one recent graduate were recognized at the American Advertising Federation of the Greater Lehigh Valley Awards Gala for their outstanding work in this year's American Advertising Awards.
- It's been a standout season for NCC athletics. Men's and women's basketball saw postseason recognition. Men's volleyball earned the #7 seed in the NJCAA Invitational Tournament. The baseball team is currently ranked #5 in the nation and our softball team is ranked #9.
- Pocono's Spring commencement ceremony will be held on Tuesday, May 20th and feature commencement speaker, Christa Cacares, President, Monroe County NAACP. Bethlehem's Spring commencement ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 22nd and will feature commencement speaker, David Robertson, Principal International Expansion & Operations, Shift 4.

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

- Culinary Arts – “What’s So Cool About Manufacturing” Contest – 1st place with cupcakes.
 - Two WASD students, Emily Rehrig and Shayanne Repsher, participated.
 - “Persian Love Nest” cupcake was the winner.
- NOCTI testing will be held from April 23 – April 25.

- Skills USA Signing Day will be held on May 2nd.
- Sr. Awards will be held on May 22nd.
- Currently enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year is 860
- Proposal for building expansion has been presented.

Mrs. Baskwell sent the Intermediate Unit newsletter prior to the Board meeting. There was no report presented on the Wilson Area Education Association. There was no report presented on Curriculum and Federal Grants including Title II Program. There was no report presented on Student Services. There was no report presented on Technology. There was no report presented on Facilities Operations. There was no report presented on Athletic Committee. Ms. Sunderlin reported the following on Excellence in Education:

- Their next meeting will be held on May 5th.

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

- The following roles are currently vacant:
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Secretary
- Seven scholarship applications were received. One student was selected as the recipient.
- Linda Baskwell and Danielle Ringhoff have been added as board members.
- Will be participating in the Touch-A-Truck Event and Photos with Santa.

Ms. Waugh reported the following on the LINCS:

- The continuance of the coordinator position is dependent on the grant that was filed. An extension to the current grant was filed extending operations until September 2025.
- Currently collecting donations for Warrior Bags.
- Board Members and Administrators were invited to assemble Warrior Bags and tour the pantry on April 30th.

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

- Discussed the definition of Allyship and goals for 25-26.
- Discussed adding Allyship Coordinator to someone's job description.
- Communities in Schools donated 95 boxes of school supplies, clothing, prizes, etc.
- Buddy Benches were reviewed.
- Discussed Warrior of the Month and Warrior of the Quarter
- 67% of 3rd graders feel as though they cannot make a difference.
- 61% of 7th through 12th graders feel as though they cannot make a difference.

There was no public to be heard.

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

- Minutes of the First Regular Board Meeting of March 3, 2025.
- Minutes of the Second Regular Board Meeting of March 17, 2025.
- Treasurer's Report, as attached, be accepted and filed for audit
- Investment Schedule
 - Regular bills in the amount of: \$ 766,648.04
 - Cafeteria bills in the amount of: \$ 0.00
 - Capital Project bills in the amount of: \$ 0.00
 - Retiree bills in the amount of: \$ 312.63
 - Capital Reserve bills in the amount of: \$ 58,325.73

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

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

- Special Education Settlement – Legal Fees not to exceed \$8,000.00 and \$50,000.00 held by the District for the students educational services
- Special Education – TLC, LCC – Independent evaluation services – Functional Behavior Assessment - \$5,000.00 and \$150.00 per hour for court related matters
- Trane – Wilson Area High School Office – HVAC replacement - \$541,544.00; Add Alternate #1 not to exceed - \$196,300.00
- SHI – Chromebook refresh (including licenses) - \$158,825.00
- Northampton Community College – 2025-2026 General Operating Budget - \$7,513,909.00
 - Proposed Wilson Area School District Contribution - \$321,569.00
 - Decrease of \$18,408.00 or 5.41% compared to the 2024-2025 budget
- Career Institute of Technology – 2025-2026 General Operating Budget - \$850,813.10
 - Increase of \$45,891.32 or 5.39% over the 2024-2025 budget

- Mark's Lawn Care – Lawn Services at seven district properties – effective April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026 - \$31,480.00
- Colonial Intermediate Unit 20 – Voicemail services – effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028 - \$44,303.04
- 2025-2026 Bids
 - CIU20 Joint Paper Bids - \$35,884.08
 - CIU20 Joint Janitorial Supplies - \$27,289.00

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:

- Retirements with Regrets and Best Wishes
 - Luann Shive – Wilson Area High School – Full-Time Instructional Aide – effective June 30, 2025
 - Nicci Fisher – Williams Township Elementary School – Part-Time Instructional Aide – effective May 30, 2025 – with a request to remain as a substitute

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

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

- Appointments
 - Temporary Professional Employee – Mikayla Fluck – Elementary K-4 Teacher – Bachelors, Step 1 – salary \$57,507.00 – effective beginning of 2025-2026 school year – pending receipt of PDE Certificate
 - Temporary Professional Employee – Amber Creegan – Elementary K-4 Teacher – Bachelors, Step 3 – salary \$59,507.00 – effective beginning of 2025-2026 school year
 - Temporary Professional Employee – Christine Layden – Elementary K-4 Teacher – Bachelors, Step 1 – salary \$57,507.00 – effective beginning of 2025-2026 school year – pending receipt of Act 114 and 168 Disclosure Forms

- Substitute
 - Megan Tomoney – WASD Certified PK-12 Teacher, Instructional Aide, and Clerical Aide

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

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

- Remaining 2025 School Board Meetings
 - September 15, 2025
 - October 6, 2025
 - November 3 and 17, 2025
 - December 1 (Reorganization Meeting) and December 15, 2025
- Memoranda of Understanding
 - Between Wilson Area School District and Wilson Area Act 93 Administrative Employees – 2025 Summer Work Schedule
 - Between Wilson Area School District and Wilson Area Executive Secretaries – 2025 Summer Work Schedule
 - Between Wilson Area School District and Wilson Area ESPA/PSEA/NEA – 2025 Summer Work Schedule
- Establishment of Activity Account – Wilson Area High School
 - Cheerleading Club (WAHSCC) – effective 2025-2026 school year
- Transportation Request – Wilson Area Intermediate School – 6th Grade Enrichment Class – Trip to Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg – May 9, 2025
- Wilson Area Hall of Fame Selection Committee Reappointments
 - Robert Freidl – three year term ending 2028
 - John Martuscelli – three-year term ending 2028

- PSBA Delegate Assembly 2025 attendees
 - Judith Herbstreith
 - Janis Krieger
- Colonial IU20 Board Members
 - Michael Cattrillo
 - Dr. Michael Baird
 - Robert Clark

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

Excellence in Education Committee Meeting – Monday, May 5, 2025, 5:30 p.m.

Next Regular School Board Meeting – Monday, May 5, 2025, 7:00 p.m. – Administration Building.

Moved by Krieger, seconded by Baskwell, and carried by voice vote that the Board enter Executive Session at 8:06 p.m. for Personnel and Legal/Litigation issues.

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

Moved by Waugh, seconded by Jones, and carried by voice vote that the Board exit Executive Session at 8:51 p.m.

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

Moved by Sunderlin, seconded by Palinkas, and carried by voice vote that the Board approve the meeting be adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

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



STEPHANIE ARNOLD
Secretary