

WILSON BOROUGH, PA
May 19, 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 7:12 p.m. by Mrs. Judith Herbstreith, President, with the following members present: Ms. Janis Krieger, Mr. Johnathan Jones, Mrs. Holly Waugh, Mr. Jeffrey Breidinger, Sr., Mrs. Linda Baskwell, Mrs. Molly Sunderlin and Mrs. Allyson Palinkas. Absent, Mrs. Maggie Hall. Also present: Dr. Harrison Bailey, III, Superintendent; Mrs. Amy Austin, Assistant Superintendent; Ms. Stephanie Arnold, Business Manager/Secretary; Mrs. Allysa Hicks, Solicitor; Mr. John Martuscelli, High School Principal; Mr. Christopher Albi, High School Assistant Principal; Mr. Michael Chromey, Intermediate School 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 and Ms. Eliza Pauser, Student Representative.

The Board reviewed the agenda.

There were no communications to be read.

Ms. Pauser reported the following on Student Affairs:

- Wilson Buddies – 15 students helped at Special Olympics.
- There will be two IU students walking at graduation.
- The band has doubled in size from last year.
- There was a nice turnout for the chorus concert on May 15th.
- Student Council is finishing teacher appreciation week.
- Liam Coyle and Avery Erico were crowned king and queen of the prom.
- The senior trip to Pocono Valley will be held on May 20th.
- The school received 6 Freddy Nominations. The Freddy's will be held at the State Theatre on May 22nd, and broadcast live on WFMZ.

Mrs. Herbstreith reported the following on Legislative Items:

- Met with Bob Freeman at PSBA Advocacy Day.
- House Bill 827 was introduced (Tutoring Bill for Juniors and Seniors)
 - They will receive credit for tutoring other students.
- House Bill 645 - Bully Prevention
- State Budget – met with Senator Lisa Boscola. She indicated the budget is not where they want it to be. They are uncertain if it will be approved by June 30th.
- Looking to expand the student teacher program.
- Trying to bring back Plan Con.
- Requests to evaluate mandates before implementing them.

Ms. Krieger reported the following on the Community College:

- Summer sessions began on May 19th.
- The Pocono campus saw a 13% increase in spring enrollment. They are seeing strong momentum as they head into the fall.
- Two new programs are being offered in the 2025-2026 academic year -
 - Help Desk and IT Support Specialist (specialized diploma)
 - Industrial Maintenance Technician (certificate)
- Opening Days –
 - August 20th at the Bethlehem Campus
 - August 21st at the Monroe Campus

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

- Emma Blain and Andrew Palinkas participated in Signing Day.
- The Senior Awards will be held on Thursday, May 22nd at Nazareth High School.
- A special board meeting, regarding the expansion, will be held on June 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Mrs. Baskwell reported the following on the Intermediate Unit:

- Ribbon cutting was held at the Early Learning Center.
- She will be the Delegate for the IU at the PSBA Conference in October.

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

- PDE shared 2025-2026 Title I-IV will be funded in 2025-2026 based on the 2024-2025 totals. No district shall receive less than what was received in 2024-2025.

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. There was no report presented on Excellence in Education. There was no report presented on Wilson Area Partners in Education Foundation.

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

- The Food Pantry will be open on June 2nd.
- LINCS will have a mental health rehab truck onsite on June 2nd.

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

- Their next meeting will be held on May 22nd.
- Johnathan attended the State of the County meeting.
- The following information can be found on the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission website:
 - Housing units
 - Cost of homes
 - Projection for enrollment

The following individuals addressed the Board:

- Colleen O'Neil
138 S. 11th Street
Easton, PA 18042
 - LERTA
- Armando Moritz-Chapelliquen
1945 Lehigh Street
Easton, PA 18042
 - LERTA
 - LINCS Family Fun Night

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

- Policy #827: Conflict of Interest
- Policy #626: Federal Fiscal Compliance
- Policy #626.1: Travel Reimbursement – Federal Programs

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

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

- Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 14, 2025.
- Treasurer's Report, as attached, be accepted and filed for audit.
- Investment Schedule
 - Regular bills in the amount of: \$ 651,383.54
 - Cafeteria bills in the amount of: \$ 400,900.11
 - Capital Project bills in the amount of: \$ 0.00
 - Retiree bills in the amount of: \$ 312.63
 - Capital Reserve bills in the amount of: \$ 76,860.00

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

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

- 2025-26 Proposed Final Budget – Per Act 1 Requirements - \$49,033.273.00 – 62.281 mills – 1.814 mills or 3.0% increase.

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

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

- 2025-2026 Proposed Final Budget – Per Act 1 Requirements - \$49,033,273.00 – 62.583 mills – 2.11 mills or 3.5% increase.

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

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

- Depositories for the 2025-2026 School Year
 - Fulton Bank
 - PA Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT) – All Funds
 - PA School District Liquid Asset Funds (PSDLAF) – All Funds
 - TD Bank
 - Wells Fargo

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

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

- Resignation with regrets and appreciation
 - Joni Montesi – Wilson Area High School – Full-Time Instructional Aide – effective June 30, 2025

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

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

- Resignations
 - Anthony Cramer – Williams Township Elementary School – Part-Time Custodian – effective May 14, 2025
 - Mikaela Sensenig – Assistant JV Girls' Softball Coach – effective May 15, 2025
- Appointments
 - Charles Kolb – Other Driver – salary \$28.69/hr – effective May 20, 2025

- Christine Johnson – Williams Township Elementary School – Part-Time Custodian – salary \$21.89/hr – effective May 20, 2025 – pending receipt of Act 168 Disclosure forms
- Megan Whitlock – Band Front Advisor (Twirlers) – salary \$3,272.00 – effective May 20, 2025 – pending receipt of Act 168 Disclosure Forms
- Change of Status
 - Alli Hicks – FROM Temporary Professional Employee TO Professional Employee
- FMLA Request
 - Employee #BE9357 – effective on or about September 25, 2025, with an anticipated return on the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year
 - Employee #ME3684 – effective on or about August 21, 2025, with an anticipated return date of January 5, 2026, with the possibility of an extension

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

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

- Homebound Instruction Request – Student #310185
- New Course Proposals
 - Japanese I
 - Music in Media
 - L. Real World Reading and Writing
 - L. Real World Math
- Curriculum for Approval
 - L. Real World Reading and Writing
 - L. Real World Math Applications
 - Home Repair
 - Material Processing

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

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

- Approval of 2025-2026 School Year Calendar Revision
- Annual Election of Colonial IU 20 Board Members

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

Next Regular School Board Meeting – Administration Building – Monday, June 2, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Moved by Krieger, seconded by Sunderlin, and carried by voice vote that the Board approve the meeting be adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

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

STEPHANIE ARNOLD
Secretary