

WILSON BOROUGH, PA
June 16, 2025

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

An Executive Session of the Wilson Area School District Board of Directors was held on the above date for Personnel, Legal/Litigation and Security issues with the following members present: Mrs. Judith Herbstreith, President, Mr. Johnathan Jones (6:43 p.m.), Mrs. Holly Waugh, Mrs. Maggie Hall, Mr. Jeffrey Breidinger, Sr., Mrs. Linda Baskwell, Mrs. Molly Sunderlin, Mrs. Allyson Palinkas. Absent: Ms. Janis Krieger. Also present: Dr. Harrison Bailey, III, Superintendent, Mrs. Amy Austin, Assistant Superintendent, and Ms. Stephanie Arnold, Business Manager/Secretary.

REGULAR MEETING:

The regular meeting of the Wilson Area School District Board of Directors was held in the Wilson High School Auditorium, 424 Warrior Lane, Easton, PA 18042 on the above date.

The meeting was called to order at 6:59 p.m. by Mrs. Judith Herbstreith, President, with the following members present: Mr. Johnathan Jones, Mrs. Holly Waugh, Mrs. Maggie Hall, Mr. Jeffrey Breidinger, Sr., Mrs. Linda Baskwell, Mrs. Molly Sunderlin, and Mrs. Allyson Palinkas. Absent: Ms. Janis Krieger. Also present: Dr. Harrison Bailey, III, Superintendent; Mrs. Amy Austin, Assistant Superintendent; Ms. Stephanie Arnold, Business Manager/Secretary; Mrs. Alyssa Hicks, Solicitor; Mr. John Martuscelli, High School Principal; Mr. Christopher Albi, High School Assistant Principal; Mr. Michael Chromey, Wilson Intermediate School Principal; Ms. Jenn Burd, Wilson Intermediate School Assistant Principal; Ms. Katie Pietrouchie, Avona Elementary School Principal; Mr. Kevin Steidle, Williams Township Elementary School Principal; 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 recognized the following:

- 2024-2025 Warriors of the Year
 - Avona Elementary School
 - Hailey Williams
 - Williams Township Elementary School
 - Anna Poynton
 - Wilson Borough Elementary School
 - Mason Keeling

- Wilson Area Intermediate School
 - Riley Ahart
- Wilson Area High School
 - Liam Coyle
- Wilson Area High School Drama Club – Freddy Award
 - 2025 Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Leading Roll – Dylan Penyak as *Quasimodo* in “The Hunchback of Notre Dame”
- Colonial League Champion
 - Jeffrey Sunderlin – 3200m

The Board reviewed the agenda.

The Board reviewed the following:

- Policy #249 – Bullying/Cyberbullying

There were no communications to be read.

The Superintendent reported the following:

- 2026 WAHS Graduation
 - The State Theatre is being considered. Currently working out contract information.
- The School Board Retreat will be held on July 14th from 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- Capital Improvement Projects Update
 - The roofing project is underway at Williams Township Elementary.
 - Stage repair is underway.
- August Board Meeting Change

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

- House Bill was passed to cap the tuition paid to charter schools. The Bill will now go to the Senate. It was discovered during the audit that five of fourteen cyber schools more than doubled the revenue being taken in.
- The Bill also addresses residency for students enrolled.
- Enrollment caps on under performing schools.
- Bill bars surplus revenue not to exceed 12%
- Senate feels the Bill is unfair.

Mrs. Herbstreith reported the following on Northampton Community College:

- Enrollment is up 4-5% as of the end of May. Trending upward for fall.
- The Food and Wine Gala was a huge success with \$350,000 being raised. There were 430 guests that attended the event.
- Summer Theatre started on June 4th. They will be presenting Hairspray and Evita.
- Received an \$860,000 grant from PDE to increase access to dual enrollment.
- Grab-n-Go lunch is available at Hampton Winds on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- There will be a Farmers Market in the Quad (June-October) on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Vendors will change weekly.
- The Spartan 5K will be held on September 27th.

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

- An Expansion Project meeting will be held on Thursday, June 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the CIT cafeteria.

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

- 2025-2026 allocation has been received.
 - Flat funding for Title II, III and IV
 - Title I increase up \$118,000

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 on Athletic Committee. There was no report presented on Excellence in Education. There was no report presented on Wilson Area Partner's in Education Foundation. Mrs. Waugh reported the following on the LINCS:

- A grant was received to continue Trina's position.

Mr. Jones reported the following on WASD Ally Team:

- Making the community aware of Allyship and what it means.
- The results from the Allyship survey will be shared with the Board.
- Align the district goals with the Comprehensive Plan.
- Warrior of the Quarter will be renamed "Ally Champion"

There was no Public to be Heard.

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

- Minutes of the First Regular Meeting – May 5, 2025
- Minutes of the Second Regular Meeting – May 19, 2025
- Treasurer’s Report, as attached, be accepted and filed for audit.
- May 2025 Investment Schedule, as listed and attached; be accepted and filed for audit.
- Regular Bills in the amount of - \$ 781,762.75
- Cafeteria Bills in the amount of - \$ 19.90
- Capital Projects in the amount of - \$ 0.00
- Retirees Bills in the amount of - \$ 312.63
- Capital Reserve Bills in the amount of - \$ 156,963.62

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

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

- Final Approval of 2025-2026 Budget in the amount of \$49,033,273.00 – at a millage rate of 62.583 mills – (2.12 mills or 3.5% increase).

Result of vote: Yes, Herbstreith – Yes, Jones– Yes, Waugh - Yes, Hall – Yes, Breidinger, Sr. – Yes, Baskwell – Yes, Sunderlin – Yes, Palinkas.

Enactment of Taxes for 2025-2026

- Real Estate – 62.583 mills (increase of 2.12 mills or 3.5% increase)
- Homestead/Farmstead Assessment Exclusion Resolution - \$7,776.00
- Homestead/Farmstead Dollar Exclusion Resolution - \$486.65
- Section 511 Taxes consisting of:
 - Earned Income – ½ of 1%
 - Real Estate Transfer – ½ of 1%
 - Occupational Privilege - \$5.00
- Mercantile Tax at a rate of:
 - 1 mill on Gross Receipts of Wholesale Business
 - 1.5 mills on Gross Receipts of Retail Businesses, Services, or Rentals

- Penalty of Delinquent Payment of Mercantile Tax – 5% plus 1% per month.
- \$30.00 for Returned Checks
- Authorization for Tax Collectors to charge mortgage companies for Memorandum Bills – maximum of \$10.00/bill
- Real Estate Tax Installment Plan Resolution.
- Behavioral Health Associates – eBridge Academy Online Education – effective 2025-2026 school year – daily rate of \$43 per student
- Settlement Agreement
- Accounting Services – Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC – for the fiscal year 2024-2025 - \$29,500.00

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

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

- Retirement
 - Debra McKenna – Payroll Coordinator – effective December 12, 2025
- Resignations
 - Hailey Druckenmiller – Wilson Area Intermediate School – Special Education Teacher – effective June 3, 2025
 - Corrine Brittain – JV Girls’ Softball Coach – effective May 15, 2025
 - Lynzie Bouch – Wilson Area High School – Prom Advisor – effective end of 2024-2025 school year
 - Sadie Bossons – Wilson Area High School – Stage Crew Co-Advisor – effective June 4, 2025 – with a request to remain as a volunteer
- Appointments
 - Evan Hamer – Temporary Professional Employee – Wilson Area Intermediate School – Guidance Counselor – Master, Step 1 – Salary \$61,807.00 – effective Beginning of 2025-2026 school year – pending receipt of Act 34, 114, 151, and 168 Disclosure Forms

- Adam Glassic – Temporary Professional Employee – Wilson Area Intermediate School – 7th Grade Math – Masters, Step 6 – salary \$71,807.00 – effective beginning of 2025-2026 school year – pending receipt of PDE Certification, Act 34, 114, 151, and 168 Disclosure Forms
- Kaitlyn Walker – Temporary Professional Employee – Wilson Area Intermediate School – Special Education Teacher – 6th Grade Learning Support – Bachelors, Step 1 – salary \$57,507.00 – effective beginning of 2025-2026 school year – pending receipt of Act 34, 114, 151, and 168 Disclosure Forms
- Summer Help - \$10.50/hr – effective June 17, 2025
 - Shane Ceglia – Technology
 - Jonathan Joseph – Technology
 - Amauri Collier – Maintenance
 - Connor Powell – Maintenance
 - Colton Yetter – Maintenance
- Substitute
 - Nicci Fisher – Clerical Aide
- FMLA Request
 - Employee #CA6612 – effective on or about October 10, 2025, with an anticipated return date of April 13, 2026, with the possibility of an extension

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

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

- Wilson Area Intermediate School – 2025-2026 ATSI Improvement Plan

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:

- Establishment of New Club
 - Wilson Area High School – Role-Playing Games Club – effective 2024-2025 school year

- Home-Schooled Students – Permission to Participate
 - Connor Millen – Soccer
 - Mercy Millen – Field Hockey
 - Elisha Donovan – Cross Country

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

Next Regular School Board Meeting – Monday, July 14, 2025 – 7:00 p.m. – Administration Building.

Moved by Waugh, seconded by Jones and carried by voice vote that the Board enter into Executive Session for Legal/Litigation issues.

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:52 p.m. by Mrs. Judith Herbstreith, President, with the following members present: 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, III Superintendent, Mrs. Amy Austin, Assistant Superintendent, and Ms. Stephanie Arnold, Business Manager/Secretary, and Mrs. Alyssa Hicks, Solicitor.

Moved by Hall, seconded by Jones and carried by voice vote that the Board exit Executive Session at 8:23 p.m.

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

Moved by Palinkas, seconded by Baskwell, and carried by voice vote that the Board approve the meeting be adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

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

STEPHANIE ARNOLD
Secretary