

WILSON BOROUGH, PA
September 15, 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 6:59 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, 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, Intermediate School Principal; Mrs. Jennifer Fisher, 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, and Ms. Evelot Robles Ramos, Student Representative.

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

- Policy #815: Acceptable Use of Internet and Computer Technology
- Policy #815.1: Use of Generative AI

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

There were no communications to be read.

Ms. Ramos reported the following on Student Affairs:

- Student Council is currently planning for the homecoming dance and spirit week.
- Ten students from Student Council participated in Open House.
- The Debate Team consists of 34 members.
- Engineering/Design Club is working on ways to improve attendance.
- Class meetings have started:
 - The Freshman Class held their 1st meeting on September 15th.
 - The Sophomore Class is running the concession stand at the football games.
 - The Junior Class meetings are being held.
 - The Senior Class held a Student Sunrise event during the 1st week of school.

Mrs. Herbstreith reported the following Legislative items:

- The Department of Education announced historic investments (\$500M) in charter schools. The investments will be repurposed from programs that the department deems not in the best interest of students and families.
- Last month, the Administration delayed and cancelled numerous multi year Competitive Federal Education Grants totaling 1 billion dollars affecting programs, including Magnet School Assistance Program, College Prep for Low Income Students (TREQ & Gear Up) Special Education Parent Resources (IDEA Part D) and School and Emergency Preparedness (Readiness and Emergency Management for School Technical Assistance Center).
- The House Education Sub Committee approved the fiscal year 2026 Education Bill which eliminates \$4.7 billion in Title 1 funding affecting more than 72,000 teachers in low income schools, ends English language acquisition programs serving over 5 million English learners, eliminates Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants for educator professional development, cut fed work–study aid by \$450M impacting 222,000 students and ends “Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants” for 1.6 M low income students. Fall committee action is expected this week.

Ms. Krieger reported the following on the Community College:

- Fall enrollment remained strong through the initial add/drop period with overall enrollment up 5%. Students who might have missed the traditional 14-week start can still sign up for Mid-Fall classes that begin on September 29th or Accelerated II classes that begin on October 18th.
- NCC has received a \$20,000 Empowerment Grant from The Provident Bank Foundation. This is the inaugural year for the grant, and NCC is the first community college to be awarded the grant. NCC will use the grant to launch the Tools of the Trade Program, which will provide emergency funding for students who need assistance purchasing equipment, supplies, and tools required by their programs of study that are not covered in tuition.
- Dental Hygiene major Crystal Armstrong has been selected as a 2025 Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholar and will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. The Leaders of Promise Scholarship, sponsored by the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, recognizes 200 Phi Theta Kappa members. Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholars are selected based on outstanding academic achievement and demonstrated leadership potential.

- NCC Athletics has earned its 10th Champions of Character Award! The Region 19 Champions of Character Award recognizes the athletic program that clearly demonstrates outstanding results in character development of its student-athletes and coaches by embracing the true spirit of competition through the five core values of respect, responsibility, integrity, servant leadership, and sportsmanship. NCC has earned the most Champions of Character Awards in Region 19 since the inception of the award.

There was no report presented on Career Institute of Technology. There was no report presented on Intermediate Unit. 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. 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 Partner's in Education Foundation. Jeff Breidinger, Sr. reported the following on the LINCS:

- There were 122 households served by the food bank in August.
- Fundraisers planned:
 - 9/24/25 – MOD Pizza
 - 10/22/25 – Boscov's – Friends and Family Event – Coupons
- 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.
- Bail out for facilitator
 - \$10,000 to cover wages and benefits through 12/31/25 or lose \$264,700.00 grant
 - Grow Norco – grant applied for to help sustain LINCS.
 - Need the gap funding for period 10/22/25-12/31/25

Mr. Jones reported the following on WASD Ally Team

- Their next meeting will be held on September 25th.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

- Trina Johnson-Brady – Executive Director of LINCS
 - SAEDR Grant
- Kendra Cooper
 - 1610 Liberty Street
 - Easton, PA 18042
 - LINCS

- Armando Chapelliquen-Moritz
1945 Lehigh Street
Easton, PA 18042
➤ LINCS

The Board reviewed the agenda.

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

- Treasurer’s Report, as attached, be accepted and filed for audit
- August 2025 Investment Schedule, as listed and attached; be accepted and filed for audit
- Regular bills in the amount of: \$1,770,682.46
- Cafeteria bills in the amount of: \$ 0.00
- Capital Project bills in the amount of: \$ 0.00
- Retiree bills in the amount of : \$ 0.00
- Capital Reserve bills in the amount of: \$ 476,228.39

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

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

- COSTARS
- Keystone Purchasing Network (KPN)
- PEPPM
- National IPA/OMNIA
- Wilson Borough – School Resource Officer (SRO) – 2025-26 school year
 - Full-time - \$81,750.16 (4% increase), plus \$1,750.00 stipend
 - Part-time \$30.61 per hour, plus 3.5% administrative surcharge
- 2025-2026 School Insurance – Zurich American Insurance Company
 - Athletic Coverage – All Interscholastic Athletes, including Band, Cheerleaders, Jr. High School Sports & Football, Special Events, Student Trainer & Managers, Intramural Sports - \$100 Excess

- Maximum Medical Benefit - \$2,000,000
- 5-year Benefit Period
- \$250 deductible and 80% Usual and Customary
- Dental Benefit - \$100 Excess & 80% Usual and Customary
- Volunteers - \$100 Excess
 - Maximum Medical Benefit - \$25,000
 - 2-year Benefit Period
- Gym Classes - \$100 Excess
 - Maximum Medical Benefit - \$25,000
 - 1-year Benefit Period
- Voluntary Student Coverage – excluding Interscholastic Athletics. The voluntary plan is purchased on an individual basis by parents/guardians
 - Maximum Medical Benefits - \$25,000
 - 1-year Benefit Period
 - Dental Benefit - \$10,000
 - Premium
 - School time with sports - \$88
 - School time without sports - \$37
 - 24-Hour with sports - \$215
 - 24-Hour without sports - \$158
 - Extended Dental - \$12
- Skyward – School Business Suite upgrade - \$12,325.00
- Skyward – School Student Management Suite upgrade - \$12,325.00

- Jennings Transportation Corp – Athletic Activity/Field Trips
Contracted School Bus Transportation - \$62.50 per hour – effective for the 2025-2026 school year

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

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

- Resignation
 - Walter Rodney Cowart – Bandfront Advisor – effective September 11, 2025
- Appointments
 - Jessica Barrios – Spanish Long-Term Substitute Teacher – Wilson Area High School – daily rate \$309.18 – effective on or around October 10, 2025 – pending receipt of Act 168 Disclosure Forms
 - Amber DeSchoolmeester – Career and Media Arts Long-Term Substitute Teacher – Wilson Area Intermediate School – daily rate \$309.18 – effective October 13, 2025 – pending receipt of Act 114 and 168 Disclosure Forms
 - Wendy Reidinger – Wilson Area High School – Part-Time Healthroom Aide – salary \$26.03/hr – effective September 16, 2025
 - Melinda Gladstone – Avona Elementary School and Wilson Borough Elementary School – Part-Time Health Room Aide - \$26.03/hr – effective September 16, 2025
 - Tiffani Paulus – Wilson Area Intermediate School – Part-Time Instructional Aide - \$26.03/hr – effective September 16, 2025
 - Sarafina Schultheis – Assistant Band Director – salary \$3,272.00 – effective August 23, 2025
- FMLA Request
 - Employee #AN4269 – effective on or about March 12, 2026, with an anticipated return at the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year

- Substitutes
 - Jessica Barrios – Spanish Teacher and Instructional Aide

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

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

- Substitutes
 - Kayli Breidinger – Healthroom Aide – pending receipt of Act 168 Disclosure Forms

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

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

- Substitues
 - Wendy Reidinger – Healthroom Aide
 - Nicholas Caldwell – WASD Certified PK-12, Instructional Aide, and Clerical Aide
 - Michelle Bundro – WASD Certified PK-12 and Instructional Aide
 - Beth Norman – WASD Certified PK-12, Instructional Aide, and Clerical Aide – pending receipt of Act 168 Disclosure Forms
 - Erica Smith – WASD Certified PK-12 and Instructional Aide
- Teacher Mentor for LTS
 - Tyler Graffius
- Change of Status
 - Sandy Le – FROM Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent TO Supervisor of Human Resources – salary \$90,000.00 – effective October 22, 2025
 - Mariah Callahan – FROM Temporary Professional Employee TO Professional Employee

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:

- Affiliation Agreement between Desales University and Wilson Area School District – Field and Student Teaching Candidates – 2025-2026 school year
- Establishment of New Activity Account – effective 2025-2026 School Year
 - Williams Township Elementary School – Student Council
 - Wilson Area Intermediate School – Volleyball Club
- PSBA 2025 Officer Elections
 - President-Elect – 1-Year Term
 - Holly Arnold
 - Vice President-Elect – 1 Year Term
 - Matt Vannoy
- Field Trip/Transportation Request #275 – Wilson Area High School – Concert Choir Group – New York City – March 28, 2026

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

Next Regular School Board Meeting – Monday, October 6, 2025, 700 p.m. – Administration Building.

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

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

The session was called to order at 7:58 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, III Superintendent, Mrs. Amy Austin, Assistant Superintendent, Ms. Stephanie Arnold, Business Manager/Secretary, and Mrs. Alyssa Hicks, Solicitor.

Moved by Waugh, seconded by Sunderlin, and carried by voice vote that the Board exit Executive Session at 8:18 p.m.

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

Moved by Waugh, seconded by Hall, and carried by voice vote that the Board approve the meeting be adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

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



STEPHANIE L. ARNOLD
SECRETARY