

WILSON BOROUGH, PA  
April 13, 2026

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. Joanna Richardson, Mrs. Erin Mirenda-Moore, Mrs. Linda Baskwell (via telephone), 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; Mr. Don Spry, Solicitor; Dr. Sara Rattigan, 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; Mrs. Sandy Le, Human Resources Supervisor; Dr. Alexandra Mindler, Supervisor of Curriculum and Instructional Technology; Mr. Garry Musselman, Technology Coordinator; Mr. Jeffrey Breidinger, Jr., Athletic Director; and Ms. Katelyn Hartrum, Student Representative.

The Board reviewed the Agenda.

Dr. Bailey, III, Superintendent and Mr. Jeffrey Breidinger, Jr., Athletic Director recognized the following:

- WAHS Girls' Field Hockey Team for their 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in the District XI 1A Tournament
- WAHS Cheerleading Team for their Colonial League Championship, District XI Small 2A Championship, Small A 8<sup>th</sup> Place Finish at the PIAA State Championship, and 8<sup>th</sup> Place Finish Division II Small Varsity Non-Tumbling Intermediate Level at the UCA National Competition

Dr. Harrison Bailey III, Superintendent presented the following:

- Personnel – Proposed Job Descriptions and Positions for Approval
  - Grants & Federal Programs Coordinator
  - K-12 College & Career Coordinator

Mr. Joshua Koch, Wilson Area High School Band Director presented the following:

- Wilson Area High School 2027 Band Trip to Nashville, TN proposal

There were no communications to be read.

The Superintendent presented his report.

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

- Removal of Policy #5123.1 – Promotion and Retention Intermediate School
- Removal of Policy #6145.6 – High School Senior Privileges
- Policy #103 – Harassment Affecting Students (with attachments 1-4)
- Policy #104 – Harassment Affecting Staff (with attachments 1-3)
- Policy #204AR – Student Attendance Administrative Regulation
- Policy #219 – Student Complaint Process and 219AR
- Policy #232 – Student Involvement in Decision Making

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

Ms. Hartrum reported the following on Student Affairs:

As the weather is finally starting to look up, our clubs continue to remain fully active.

- Service Club hosted their Easter Food Drive. The items were distributed to Liberty High School and the LINCS. They will also be having an end of the year meeting to elect officers for next school year.
- Student Council hosted an Easter Skate at Bushkill Park. They are currently planning Superstars which will be held on April 30th.
- National Honor Society had their Safe Harbor Event, and are currently planning the Induction Ceremony.
- Underclassman are directing a book drive. They are also preparing for a Blood Drive, as well as a garden/earth clean up.
- Journalism Club submitted the year book and it looks great.
- Buddies Club had a clay frog and toad house building event.
- Debate Team took a field trip to Palisades High School to observe the finals.

- Seniors participated in a Pie A Teacher event.
- Sophomores are working on choosing an advisor for next year.
- Drama Club will be starting an Improve Club.
- Choir travelled to New York. Their concert is being held on May 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Jazz Band has a competition in Easton.
- Band finished prepping for the spring concert, and have been invited to participate in the Washington D.C. parade in May.

There was no report on Legislative issues. Ms. Krieger reported the following on the Community College:

- Spring enrollment ended up 2% over last year, and summer and fall enrollment are trending favorably with the first summer session set to begin on May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- NCC is among the first group of training centers to receive All-Star Recognition from the American Heart Association for providing high-quality CPR education. NCC has met or exceeded all program criteria, including outstanding eCard performance metrics, adherence to training quality measures, and maintaining top-tier program compliance.
- Sofia Curcio, Crystal Decker '25, and Bella Tallarico '25, all communication design majors, were recognized for outstanding creative work at the AAF-GLV American Advertising Awards (ADDY), which celebrates excellence in both professional and student advertising. Curcio earned a Silver Award, while Decker and Tallarico both earned a Gold Award. Additionally, communication design graduate Nickolas Kossup '17 earned a Gold Award and a Judges' Choice Award in the professional competition.
- The Pocono Campus Spring Commencement Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> and feature commencement speaker, Chris Barrett, President of the Pocono Mountains Visitor's Bureau. Bethlehem's Spring Commencement Ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, and will feature commencement speaker, Ron Yoshida, former Provost, Dean & Professor.

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

- Senior Recognition will be held on May 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Received positive feedback on Acceptance Day from 9<sup>th</sup> graders who were accepted into the program.
- Expansion approved by two districts so far. All five school districts need to approve the expansion.

There was no report presented on the 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. Ms. Krieger reported the following on Wilson Area Partner's in Education Foundation:

- The Scholarship winner has been selected.

Mrs. Richardson reported the following on the LINCS:

- Hosted a Garden Clean Up on April 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Open House to be held on April 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Continuing to work on pathways to the Summer Program.

Mr. Jones reported the following on WASD Ally Team:

- April is Allyship month.

The following individuals addressed the Board regarding Coach Eripret:

Tara Bonham  
182 Gaffney Hill Road  
Easton, PA 18042

Jason Kemple  
818 Birch Lane  
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

Tara Pietrucha  
306 Lehigh Drive  
Easton, PA 18042

Julianna Bonham  
182 Gaffney Hill Road  
Easton, PA 18042

Tessa Bonham  
182 Gaffney Hill Road  
Easton, PA 18042

Marla Dalpe  
2285 Morgan Hill Road  
Easton, PA 18042

Brian Dalpe  
2285 Morgan Hill Road  
Easton, PA 18042

Andrew Margolot  
177 Augusta Terrace  
Easton, PA 18042

Dana Parr  
29 Echo Ridge Lane  
Easton, PA 18042

The following individual addressed the Board regarding the construction of a green house at the Intermediate School:

Julian Castellano  
806 S 23<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Easton, PA 18042

Moved by Mirenda-Moore, seconded by Sunderlin, and carried by voice vote that the Board approve the following:

- Minutes of the Board Meeting of March 16, 2026.
- Treasurer's Report, as attached, be accepted and filed for audit
- Investment Schedule
  - Regular bills in the amount of: \$ 1,007,884.50
  - Cafeteria bills in the amount of: \$ 144,965.94
  - Capital Project bills in the amount of: \$ 0.00
  - Retiree bills in the amount of: \$ 0.00
  - Capital Reserve bills in the amount of: \$ 251,682.26

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

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

- Colonial Intermediate Unit 20 – 2026-2027 General Operating Budget - \$4,697,319.00
- Approval of the 1921 Dixie Tax Increment Financing District Resolution
- Northampton Community College – 2026-2027 General Operating Budget - \$7,844,160.00
  - Proposed Wilson Area School District Contribution - \$296,709.00
  - Decrease of \$24,860.00 or 7.73% compared to the 2025-2026 budget
- 2026-2027 Office/Art/Industrial Arts Supply Bids

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

Moved by Sunderlin, seconded by Mirenda-Moore, and carried by voice vote that the Board approve the following:

- Retirement
  - Janice Swiatek – Wilson Area Intermediate School – Part-Time Instructional Aide – effective end of 2025-2026 school year – request to remain as a substitute

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

Moved by Sunderlin, seconded by Mirenda-Moore, and carried by voice vote that the Board approve the following:

- Retirement with regrets and much appreciation
  - Cindy Tereska – Wilson Area Intermediate School – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher – effective end of 2025-2026 school year

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

Moved by Sunderlin, seconded by Mirenda-Moore, and carried by voice vote that the Board approve the following:

- Retirement
  - Julia Morrissey – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Team Leader – effective June 3, 2026 (*Positions of teacher and Math Department Head previously approved on March 16, 2026 School Board meeting.*)

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:

- Resignation
  - Benjamin Hindmarch – JV Coach – Boys' Basketball – effective March 17, 2026
- Appointments
  - Isaiah DeJesus – Assistant Football Coach – salary \$5,920.00 – effective 2026-2027 season – pending receipt of Act 168 Disclosure Form
  - Ryan Fegley – Assistant Football Coach – salary \$5,920.00 – effective 2026-2027 season – pending receipt of Act 168 Disclosure Form
  - Keith Tone – Volunteer Football Coach – effective 2026-2027 season

- Substitute
  - Anthony Green – Classroom Monitor and Instructional Aide
- Job Descriptions and Positions
  - Approval of Grants & Federal Programs Coordinator Job Description AND Position (Start Date: July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026)
  - Approval of K-12 College & Career Coordinator Job Description AND Position (Start Date: Start of 26-27 school year)
- Change in Status
  - Julia Morrissey – Retirement effective date extended – FROM June 1, 2026 TO June 3, 2026
  - Mary Etta Sortino – Retirement effective date extended – FROM June 1, 2026 TO June 3, 2026

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

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

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

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

- Approval of Flexible Instruction Day Plan 2026-2027
- Approval of New Textbook – *Foundations in Personal Finance*
- Homebound Instruction Request – Student M.M. #320282
- Homebound Instruction Continuance Request – Student L.E. #290017

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

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

- Approval of WASD Football Program August 2026 trip to Florida
- Approval of Memorandum of Understanding – between Wilson Area School District and Wilson Borough Police Department
- Approval of Memorandum of Understanding – between Wilson Area School District and Pennsylvania State Police – Belfast
- Approval of Wilson Area Intermediate School band day trip to Hershey, PA to perform and compete at Hershey High School through Music in the Parks organization
- Approval of Wilson Area High School Band day trip to compete in the High Note Music Festival and visit Hershey Park
- Approval of the Wilson Area High School band day trip to participate in the apple Blossom Festival Parade located in Winchester, VA

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

Next Regular School Board Meeting – Monday, May 18, 2026, 7:00 p.m. – Administration Building.

- Finance Committee Meeting – 5:30 p.m. – Administration Building
- Excellence in Education Committee Meeting – 6:15 p.m. – Administration Building

#### Upcoming Special Board Meetings & Action Items

- Special School Board Meeting: April 16, 2026 – 7:00 p.m. – Administration Building
  - Action Item: Act 34 – Approval of Bid Release Process
- Special Board Meeting: June 1, 2026 – 7:00 p.m. – Administration Building
  - Action Item: Act 34 – Final Bid Release Approval

Moved by Waugh, seconded by Richardson, and carried by voice vote that the Board enter Executive Session at 8:13 p.m. for Personnel and Legal/Litigation issues.

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

Moved by Palinkas, seconded by Krieger, and carried by voice vote that the Board exit Executive Session at 9:20 p.m.

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 meeting be adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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



STEPHANIE ARNOLD  
Secretary