

WILSON BOROUGH, PA
March 3, 2014

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 7:11 p.m. by Mr. David Seiple, President, with the following members present: Mrs. Linda Baskwell, Mrs. Judith Herbstreith, Ms. Janis Krieger, Mr. Charles Marsteller, Mrs. Cindy Nester, Mr. Anthony Verenna, Mr. William Wallace, Mr. Scott Wamsley and Mr. David Seiple. Also present: Mr. Doug Wagner, Superintendent; Mr. Don Spry, Solicitor; Mrs. Patricia Denicola, Secretary; Mr. Dave Wright, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Ms. Laura Samson, Supervisor of Special Education, Mr. John Martuscelli, High School Principal; Mr. Rick Amato, High School Assistant Principal; Mrs. Katie Gould, Intermediate School Assistant Principal, Mr. Michael Chromey, Avona Elementary Principal; Mr. Kevin Steidle, Williams Township Elementary Principal; Mrs. Amy Austin, Wilson Borough Elementary School; Mr. Ken Case, Building and Grounds Coordinator; Mr. Garry Musselman, Technology Coordinator.

Mr. Seiple announced that an Executive Session was held prior the meeting for Pupil and Personnel Issues.

Dr. Erickson, President of Northampton Community College, presented the 2014-15 Northampton Community College Budget. Dr. Erickson also presented an update on events at Northampton Community College.

Mr. Steidle presented the "Greenhouse Metaphor" Spotlight Video that will be shared at Faculty Meetings.

During Public to Be Heard two individuals (Mr. Vince Foglia, 55 Schuler, Easton / Williams Township, PA and Mr. McGuire, 50 Durham Rd Easton / Williams Township, PA) spoke on millage freeze related to open space parcels.

Mr. Wagner and the Administration reviewed the following policies:

- Policy #6175 Homebound Instruction
- Policy #1330 Use of Facilities
- Policy #5114.1 Prohibition of Certain Electronic Devices
- Policy # 6163.2 Testing Program

Ms. Denicola reviewed the Career Institute of Technology's bond refinancing options as follows:

Option 1: Structure refinancing to take savings upfront in cash, keeping annual bond payments and length of bond issue the same as currently structured/amortized.

Option 2: Structure refinancing to lower annual bond payments; thereby lowering the annual CIT budget by approximately 41,000; each participating district would see a share of the savings based on the district's share of the CIT debt service.

Option 3: Structure refinancing keeping annual payments the same, but decreasing the length of the bond issue thereby reducing the annual payment in the last year.

The Board reviewed the agenda.

Policy

Moved by Herstreith, seconded by Verenna, and carried by voice vote that the Board approve Policy #6175 Homebound Instruction, as attached.

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

A. Finance

Moved by Krieger, seconded by Wallace, and carried by voice vote that the Board approve the 2014-15 Northampton Community College Budget – Wilson Area School District Contribution of \$293,086; an increase of \$3,515 or 1.2% over 2013-14.

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

Moved by Verenna, seconded by Nester, and carried by voice vote that the board approve the 2014 Capital Projects total cost not to exceed \$43,500 as listed:

- Field Hockey Scoreboard, cost not to exceed \$16,500
- Backflow Preventers, cost not to exceed \$7,500
- Baseball Outfield Fence, cost not to exceed \$9,000
- High School Trees Project, cost not to exceed \$5,500
- Storage Boxes for Athletic Field Products, cost not to exceed \$5,000

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

Moved by Baskwell, seconded by Wamsley, and carried by voice vote that the Board approve the Career Institute of Technology bond refinancing Option #2: Structure refinancing to lower annual bond payments; thereby lowering the annual CIT budget by approximately 41,000; each participating district would see a share of the savings based on the district's share of the CIT debt service.

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

Moved by Verenna, seconded by Wamsley, and carried by voice vote that the Board approve award of Trash Removal Bid to Chrin Hauling, Inc. – 3-Year Contract - \$34,938.39.

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

B. Personnel

Moved by Krieger, seconded by Wallace, and carried by voice vote to approve the following:

1. Appointments

- a. Ariella Mease – Intermediate School Coed Soccer Volunteer Coach – effective the 2013-14 season.
- b. Jerome Crivallero – Transportation Supervisor – annual salary \$50,740 – effective July 1, 2014.
- c. Nicole Cummings – Confidential Assistant to the Business Manager – annual salary \$44,000 – effective March 17, 2014

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

Moved by Nester, seconded by Krieger, and carried by voice vote to approve the following:

2. Change of Status

- a. Ashley Dally – FROM Day-to-Day Substitute TO Wilson Area Intermediate School LTS – 5th Grade - \$241.58 daily rate, no benefits – effective March 4, 2014.
- b. Lori Sheridan – FROM Secretarial/Aide Substitute TO Executive Secretary to Business Manager – annual salary \$41,110 – effective March 4, 2014.

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

Moved by Verenna, seconded by Krieger, and carried by voice vote to approve the following:

3. Retirements, with regrets and best wishes, and thanking retirees for many years of service to the District
 - a. Michael Williams, Professional Employee – effective the end of the 2013-14 School Year.
 - b. Robert Reagan – Professional Employee – effective the end of the 2013-14 School Year.
 - c. Maryann Cimino – Professional Employee – effective the end of the 2013-14 School Year.
 - d. Christine Dolak – Professional Employee – effective the end of the 2013-14 School Year.
 - e. Linda Rush – Professional Employee – effective the end of the 2013-14 School Year.
 - f. Thomas Hockin – Professional Employee – effective the end of the 2013-14 School Year.
 - g. David DiVentura – Professional Employee – effective the end of the 2013-14 School Year.

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

Moved by Wamsley, seconded by Nester, and carried by voice vote to approve the following:

4. Substitutes

- a. Ariella Mease – General Science 7-12
- b. Heather Smeraldo – Grades PK-4
- c. Katarina Knaap – Special Education PK-8; Grades PK-4
- d. Amanda Altemose – Clerical, Instructional Aide

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

C. Curriculum and Instruction

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

- 1. Homebound Instruction for Students #170115 and #160050.

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

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

- 2. High School Courses: AP Language and Composition, AP Psychology, and SAT Preparation.

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

Moved by Baskwell, seconded by Nester, and carried by voice vote to approve the expansion of the Wilson Area School District Cyber School Expansion to K-12.

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

D. Miscellaneous

Moved by Baskwell, seconded by Wamsley, and carried by voice vote to approve the Wilson Area High School FBLA Club – trip to New York City – April 30, 2014 – no cost to District – District provided bus transportation only.

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

Moved by Baskwell, seconded by Krieger, and carried by voice vote to approve Charter School Student – Daishawn Bronson – to participate in District sports – fee for participation to be charged to Lehigh Valley Academy depending on sport choice.

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

Moved by Wamsley, seconded by Nester, and carried by voice vote to approve an Athletic Committee Meeting on Monday, March 17, 2014 at 6:15 p.m.

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

Moved by Verenna, seconded by Wallace, and carried by voice vote that the Board enter Executive Session for legal issues, at 7:56.

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

Moved by Wamsley, seconded by Nester, and carried by voice vote that the Board exit Executive Session at 8:28.

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

Moved by Verenna, seconded by Wallace, and carried by voice vote that the Board approve the meeting be adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Denicola

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Secretary