

# WYOMISSING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 2011-4355

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The regular meeting with committee reports of the Board of School Directors convened at 6:01 p.m. in the Community Board Room of the Jr./Sr. High School with Mrs. Davis, Board President, presiding.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Following the pledge of allegiance, a moment of silence was observed in remembrance of those who lost their lives in the September 11, 2001 attacks. Mrs. Davis also mentioned the memorial field dedication to SSG. Sean Flannery that occurred September 10, 2011. Donations are still being accepted and will be put towards a scholarship. Mrs. Davis asked if anyone would be recording the meeting. No one indicated the intent to record.

Board Members Present:

Mrs. Bamberger, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Helm, Mr. Larkin, Mr. Painter, Mr. Portner, Mrs. Sakmann and Mrs. Seltzer.

Administrative Staff Present:

Mr. Krem, Mrs. Mason, Mr. Babb, Mr. Griscom, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Lampe, Mrs. Schwenk and Mr. Stoltzfus.

Attendees:

Ms. Ashley Gold, Reading Eagle, Doug Brown, and Shelley Filer, recording secretary.

## MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following meeting schedules and locations were announced.

- School Board Meeting – September 26, 2011, 7:00 p.m.

All listed meetings are held in the Community Board Room of the Jr./Sr. High School unless otherwise noted.

Mrs. Davis announced that the Board met in Executive Session on August 22, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

## RECOGNITION

The new professional staff members were introduced by building principals and Mr. Griscom introduced a new district-wide staff member.

Mrs. Davis introduced the student representative and said one of three would be present at each meeting.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance – Mrs. Helm reported that the committee met earlier in the day. The discussion centered on the upcoming budget process. The status of appeals on Vanity Fair and Manor Care were also discussed.

B. Facilities – Mr. Larkin had nothing new to report on Facilities; however, he once again commended Mr. Fries, the architects, and administration for their efforts on the WREC project and bringing it to completion on time and under budget.

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- C. Curriculum – Mrs. Sakmann reported that Mrs. Lally shared some information and perspectives on AP testing. She said next month’s meeting will focus on the direction the curriculum is going.
- D. Technology – Mr. Fitzgerald said no meeting was held partly due to the time constraints with the multitude of technology projects needed to be completed in time for the opening of school.
- E. Personnel – Mr. Painter said the committee met on September 6. General personnel matters were discussed, most of which is on the agenda for approval. They also had a brief Executive Session to discuss a specific personnel matter.
- F. Policy – Mr. Portner reported that the committee met on September 6 and thirteen policies are slated for a first reading on the agenda.
- G. Ad Hoc Committees
  - Community Relations – No report
- H. Berks County Intermediate Unit Board Report – Mrs. Seltzer reported that the next meeting is September 15, 2011.
- I. Berks Career & Technology Center Board Report – No report.
- J. Berks EIT Report – No report.
- K. Wyomissing Area Education Foundation – Mrs. Bamberger reported that the first meeting of the year is September 13, 2011.
- L. Legislative Report – No report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

**SUPERINTENDENT’S  
REPORT**

**A. CURRICULUM/  
TECHNOLOGY**

Upon a motion by Mrs. Sakmann and second by Mrs. Seltzer, the following Curriculum and Technology item was approved:

- 1. Approved Field Trip Requests
  - a. Instrument Demonstration Performance at WHEC by JSHS students, September 12, 2011.
  - b. Mural Painting at Camp Lily, September 14, 2011 – Public Art Workshop students.

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Mr. Krem noted that he and Mrs. Vicente intend to revamp the application process for field trip requests to allow for at least 30 days notice for approval. Several Board members voiced their approval; however, noted that we need to allow some leeway for exceptions.

Yeas: Bamberger, Fitzgerald, Helm, Larkin, Painter, Portner, Sakmann, Seltzer and Davis.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

**B. FINANCE/  
FACILITIES**

The Finance and Facilities items were opened for discussion. There were no comments or questions.

**C. PERSONNEL/  
POLICY**

Upon a motion by Mr. Painter, second by Mrs. Sakmann, the following Personnel/Policy items were approved:

1. APPOINTMENTS/TRANSFERS

a. Professional Staff

- 1) **Jillian Jarosh** Special Education Teacher LTS at WREC, hired effective September 13, 2011, at an annual prorated salary of \$40,720.   
*Background Information: Ms. Jarosh received her Bachelor Degree in Special Education from Penn State University. She received her Master's Degree from Walden University. Ms. Jarosh has her Level II Pennsylvania Teaching Certifications in: Special Education N-12, Elementary K-6, Middle Level English 7-9. Prior to coming to Wyomissing Area School District, Ms. Jarosh worked at the Chester County Intermediate Unit as an ESY Learning/Autistic Support Lead Teacher.*
- 2) **Jessica Lengle**, Special Education Teacher, transfer to Transition Coordinator, effective September 19, 2011.

b. Support Staff

- 1) **Annemarie Melcher**, recalled from furlough to part-time as a Teacher Aide at WHEC, 6 ¼ hrs./day at \$10.59/hr. effective August 29, 2011.
- 2) **Corrine Suloff**, Teacher Aide, transferred from WREC to Jr./Sr. High School effective August 29, 2011.
- 3) **Molly Mantione**, Special Education Aide WHEC to Special Education Aide at WREC effective September 6, 2011.

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### c. Athletic Staff

- 1) **Michael Shurr**, Boy's Soccer Jr. High Assistant Coach for the 2011-2012 School Year, at a stipend of \$1,154 pending receipt of necessary documentation.
- 2) **Kristen Gallo Knudsen**, Jr. High Girls Volleyball Co-Coach for the 2011-2012 School Year at a stipend of \$1,272 pending receipt of necessary documentation.
- 3) **Jacob Wentzel**, Jr. High Girls Volleyball Co-Coach for the 2011-2012 School Year at a stipend of \$1,307 pending receipt of necessary documentation.

## 2. RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS

### a. Professional Staff

- 1) **Leigh Baran**, Speech and Language Pathologist, job abandonment effective August 29, 2011. Leigh was not released from her position and was scheduled to return to the 2011-2012 school year on August 29, 2011. Ms. Baran did not report to work.

### b. Support Staff

- 1) **Julie Faust**, Cafeteria/Recess Monitor, resigned effective September 9, 2011.
- 2) **Cheryl Davis**, Teacher Aide, resigned effective August 23, 2011

## 3. LEAVES

### a. Support Staff

- 1) **Julie Miller**, Custodian, return from FML on August 15, 2011.

## 4. RATIFICATION

### a. Support Staff

- 1) **Barbara Brehony**, Secretary, 50 hours of summer work at a rate of \$12.70/hr.

## 5. CO-CURRICULAR ADVISORS (*See Attached*)

## 6. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE DISTRICT SUBSTITUTE LIST

### a. Professional Staff

- 1) **Brittany Robinson**, Teacher, addition effective August 29, 2011.

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b. Support Staff

- 1) **Annemarie Melcher**, addition as substitute crossing guard.
- 2) **Ashlynn Khaldouy**, addition as substitute teacher aide and substitute clerical/secretarial office staff effective September 1, 2011.

Yeas: Bamberger, Davis, Fitzgerald, Helm, Larkin, Painter, Portner, Sakmann and Seltzer

Nays: None. Motion carried.

The remaining Personnel and Policy items were opened for discussion. There were no questions or comments.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mrs. Bamberger suggested that the start time of 6:00 p.m. be instituted for all future Board meetings for the sake of consistency. Mrs. Davis recommended voting on it.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Bamberger, second by Mrs. Helm the Board approved the start time of 6:00 p.m. for future meetings.

During discussion, Mr. Fitzgerald said that he felt in deference to the convenience of the public, the start time should remain the same for the voting meeting. It is more consistent with other public meetings such as Borough Council. Mr. Painter suggested that if there was an issue of significant importance to the public at-large, that meeting would probably have a later start time.

Yeas: Bamberger, Davis, Helm, Larkin, Painter, Portner, Sakmann and Seltzer

Nays: Fitzgerald. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Davis announced that in view of the previous vote, the meeting on September 26, 2011 will begin at 6:00 p.m.

The formal rededication of the West Reading Elementary Center will occur on Wednesday, October 12, 2011 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

The change in meeting start time and notice of the rededication ceremony will be advertised in the newspaper and posted on the District website.

**HEARING FROM WAEA**

None.

**HEARING FROM AFSCME**

None.

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**HEARING FROM  
WAEF**

None.

**HEARING FROM PTA**

Michele Fischetti reported that the project to renovate the faculty room at the Wyomissing Hills Elementary has been completed. Funds for the project were provided through a grant and private donations. Renovations included adding insulation in the ceiling with the installation of a drop ceiling; new lights, painted walls, two new stainless steel refrigerators and two new microwaves; new countertops, and a Kuerig coffee maker.

The PTA is working with WAEF and Terri Lampe in finding other sources of income to help where there is need. The PTA will be donating \$2400 for the communications upgrade that is needed to ensure the safety of students.

The PTA is using a new website, wyoareapta.org in an effort to move away from paper packets and newsletters and the postage to mail them. Information will be on-line and volunteers can sign up through the website.

Mr. Krem publicly thanked the PTA for their tireless assistance during the relocation of WREC to the churches and back to the renovated building. Their help was invaluable in meeting the timeline for the opening of school.

**HEARING FROM  
STUDENT  
REPRESENTATIVE**

Doug Brown reported that the homecoming court has been reduced from ten contenders to six this year. The senior high school students will be voting for the queen who will be revealed on September 24 as a culminating activity to Spirit Week.

A 12-hour mini-thon event is being planned for the JSHS in February to raise funds for pediatric cancer. The long-term substitute for Mariel Jordan will oversee this event as she was in a similar capacity while a student at Penn State.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mrs. Sakmann, seconded by Mr. Portner to adjourn at 6:34 p.m. Mrs. Davis announced that an Executive Session would be held immediately following the meeting.

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Corinne D. Mason  
Board Secretary