

# WYOMISSING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 2011-4381

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The regular meeting with committee reports of the Board of School Directors convened at 6:07 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, Mrs. Davis asked if anyone would be recording the meeting. No one indicated the intent to record.

Board Members Present: Mrs. Davis, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Helm (dep. 6:38 pm), Mr. Larkin, Mr. Painter, Mr. Portner, Mrs. Sakmann and Mrs. Seltzer.

Board Member Absent Mrs. Bamberger

Administrative Staff Present: Mr. Krem, Mrs. Mason, Mr. Fries, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Lampe, Mrs. Morett and Mr. Stoltzfus.

Attendees: Ms. Ashley Gold, Reading Eagle, Chelsea Melcher, student representative, and Shelley Filer, recording secretary.

## MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following meeting schedules and locations were announced.

- School Board Meeting – November 21, 2011, 6:00 p.m.
  - Board Reorganization Meeting and Business Meeting– December 5, 2011, 6:00 p.m.
  - Special Board Meeting – December 12, 2011, 4:00 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 November 3, 2011 and before the meeting regarding personnel and legal issues. No action was taken.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance – Mrs. Helm reported that the committee met on November 7. Topics included facilities' needs, fund balance, update on the Grade 6 camp funding, and how the current economic climate continues to wreak havoc on the budget because of residential reassessments.

B. Facilities – Mr. Larkin reported that the main topic of discussion was the approval of change orders on the WREC project to be approved at the next meeting. The \$155,000 cost of these change orders is included in the budgeted contingencies. In addition, the cost of repairs for the JSHS HVAC controls in the amount of \$74,500 will also need approval.

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- C. Curriculum – Mrs. Sakmann reported that although there was no meeting in November, a field trip request is listed on the agenda for approval.
- D. Technology – Mr. Fitzgerald reported that there was no meeting in November.
- E. Personnel – Mr. Painter reported that the committee met on November 1 and several items are listed on the agenda for approval.
- F. Policy – Mr. Portner reported that the committee met on November 1. One policy is recommended for adoption on the agenda and 13 are listed for a first reading.
- G. Ad Hoc Committees
  - Community Relations – No report.
- H. Berks County Intermediate Unit Board Report – Mrs. Seltzer reported from the meeting of October 20. Topics included the BCIU Superintendent’s contract, the Confucious Learning classroom, and the purchase of a hybrid mini-bus.
- I. Berks Career & Technology Center Board Report – Mr. Painter reported from the meeting of October 26. Our enrollment figures at BCTC are the lowest in the county and are down 20% from last year. He would like the administration to evaluate whether we are successfully directing appropriate students toward opportunities at BCTC.
- J. Berks EIT Report – Mr. Larkin reminded the Board that a new representative should accompany him to his last meeting on November 22.
- K. Wyomissing Area Education Foundation – Mr. Krem reported the next meeting is November 8, 2011.
- L. Legislative Report – No report.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Curt Minich addressed the Board with comments on Policy 248.1.

### **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

#### **A. CURRICULUM/ TECHNOLOGY**

Upon a motion by Mrs. Sakmann, second by Mr. Portner, the following Curriculum/Technology item was approved:

1. Approved Field Trip Request – Penn State University High

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School Track and Field Invitational, State College, PA,  
January 20-21, 2012.

Yeas: Helm, Davis, Fitzgerald, Larkin, Painter, Portner, Sakmann  
and Seltzer  
Absent: Bamberger  
Nays: None. Motion carried.

## **B. FINANCE/ FACILITIES**

Upon a motion by Mrs. Helm, second by Mrs. Sakmann, the following Finance/Facilities items were approved:

1. Authorized the withdrawal of certain appeals filed before the Berks County Board of Assessment Appeals, involving the following Parcels located within the school district: 93-5306-05-18-5860, 93-5306-05-19-9193, 93-5306-05-19-6239, 93-5306-05-19-9364, 93-5306-05-19-7396, 93-5306-05-19-7386, 93-5306-05-19-7366, 93-5306-05-18-1495-X01.
2. Authorized the filing with the Berks County Court of Common Pleas of an appeal from the decision of the Berks County Board of Assessment Appeals, dated with a mailing date of October 31, 2011, regarding Parcel 93-5306-05-18-7381 located within the school district and authorize appropriate representatives of the school board to execute documents related to such appeal and to take such further actions as may be convenient thereto.

Yeas: Helm, Davis, Fitzgerald, Larkin, Portner, Sakmann and Seltzer  
Absent: Bamberger  
Nays: Painter. Motion carried.

The remaining Finance and Facilities items were opened for discussion. Mrs. Davis asked for clarification on the off-site evacuation plan for the JSHS. Mr. Krem indicated that off-site evacuation plans exist for the elementary buildings but the JSHS plan to evacuate to the stadium is not conducive in inclement weather. Mr. Jones pursued a reciprocal arrangement with Berks Catholic High School.

## **C. PERSONNEL/ POLICY**

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

1. APPOINTMENTS
  - a. Supplemental Staff  
*Winter Athletics*
    - 1) Approve Supplemental Athletics List for Winter Sports 2011-2012 (see attached).
2. RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS
  - a. Support Staff

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- 1) **Tara Britton**, Food Service Worker, Jr./Sr. High School, updated resignation date of October 21, 2011.

*Background Information: Ms. Britton was previously approved by the Board with a release date of October 27, 2011. Ms. Britton changed her resignation date and submitted an updated resignation letter indicating her last day worked as October 21, 2011.*

### 3. LEAVE

#### a. Professional Staff

- 1) **Jeannie Reid**, Full-time Teacher, Jr./Sr. High School, leave under FMLA, effective November 7, 2011 with a return date on or about November 18, 2011.

### 4. ADDITION TO THE SUBSTITUTE LIST

#### a. Professional Staff

- 2) **Kristin Ludwig**, Teacher, pending receipt of all required documentation.

*Background Information: Ms. Ludwig has been hired to cover as a day-to-day substitute teacher for Mr. Kollar while he is out on leave.*

### 5. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE DISTRICT VOLUNTEER LIST (See Attached List)

### 6. POLICIES

Second Reading/Adoption of the following policy:  
248.1 - Relationships Between Adults and Students

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

Absent: Bamberger

Nays: None. Motion carried.

The remaining Personnel and Policy items were opened for discussion. Mr. Krem commented on Policy 248.1 being the first of its kind in the state. It is not intended to inhibit the relationship between students and staff. For most teachers it will have no impact, but it draws the line on what is acceptable and gives the District recourse to handle infractions.

### OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Davis announced that the next WAEA negotiations meeting is December 14 at 4:00 p.m.

### NEW BUSINESS

None.

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<b>HEARING FROM WAEA</b>	None.
<b>HEARING FROM AFSCME</b>	None.
<b>HEARING FROM WAEF</b>	None.
<b>HEARING FROM PTA</b>	None.
<b>HEARING FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE</b>	Chelsea Melcher reported on the athletic teams' accomplishments, the Drama Club presentation, and the fund raising activities for the upcoming mini-THON.
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	A motion was made by Mr. Fitzgerald, seconded by Mr. Painter to adjourn at 6:46 p.m.

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Corinne D. Mason  
Board Secretary