

October 23, 2014 Board Meeting Notes

A public meeting was called to order by Vice-President Tedd Johns following an Executive Session held for Board Members & Administrators. Items listed below were approved unanimously by all members present except where noted. Daniel Stroup and Michael Minnich were absent.

Approved:

- The agenda as written with changes noted.
- Minutes from the October 9<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.
- Financial Reports and Payment of Bills as submitted.
- The following as one motion. **Minnich voted no.**
  - Megan Schadle of Tower City as an Event Staff Member for the 2014-15 school year.
  - Hiring the following Archery Coaches for the 2014-15 school year:
    - Head Coach: Adam Kravatz of Tower City. (Salary as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement.)
    - Vol. Asst. Coach: Jeffrey Kohr of Williamstown.
  - Hiring Wayne Bixler of Williamstown as a full-time evening custodian for the Elementary Building.
- Rental requests as submitted, waiving rental/custodial fees.
- The WV Jr.-Sr. High School Chapter of the National Honor Society's revised bylaws dated October 17, 2014, effective immediately.
- Fund-raisers/activity requests for the Sophomore Class & Ski Club as submitted.
- A request from the Cheerleader Advisors (Tessa Fry & Karestin Davis) to allow the cheerleading squad to participate in two local competitions (PA Elite's Santa Showdown in Harrisburg & Blue Mountain's Battle on the Mountain at Blue Mountain School) exact dates to be determined, PIAA's District XI Championship (1/10/15 – snow date 1/11/15) and State Championship (1/23-24/15). The district will provide transportation to get to and from the competitions and will pay the \$100 deposit to compete at the District XI Championship. Combined costs to the district for these competitions not to exceed \$500.
- The following staff for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center Schuylkill Achieve After School program at the elementary school:
  - Susan Diegert, site coordinator
  - Wendy Hueston, co-coordinator
  - Kristina Miller, literacy leader/Mission Possible
  - LeAnn Unger, math leader/enrichment
  - Matt Fickinger, STEM coordinator
  - Mandi Jobe, U.S. History/all activities
  - Edith Tanner, remediation/math/ELA/Gr. 6
  - Chelsea Artz, remediation/math/ELA/Gr. 5
  - Carmen Moore, health/nutrition/science
  - Jennifer Minnich, enrichment/remediation/all activities
  - Joel Guldin, music/arts/all activities
  - Morgan Williard, technology/computer science/data collection
  - Kathleen Welsh, literacy/all activities
  - Sharon Scheib, math remediation/enrichment/STEM/all activities
- Adjustments to Delinquent Personal Taxes for Statewide Tax Recovery, Inc.
- The hiring of Kristin Baker of Tower City as the long-term substitute teacher for 6<sup>th</sup> grade Math/Reading. (Effective: October 24, 2014 until no longer needed. Salary: pro-rated to the number of days worked.)
- Recognizing the Williams Valley Archery Boosters as a Booster Organization for the 2014-15 school year.
- The revised starting date for Social Worker Lisa Karavage from November 3, 2014 to October 27, 2014.
- The hiring of Terri Koons of Tower City as a part-time Para-Professional. Effective starting date to be determined.
- The addition of Merissa Brylewski of Mahanoy City to the substitute teacher list for the 2014-15 school year. Certification: Elementary, Middle School Math, Middle School Science, English 7-12 and Reading Specialist.
- Accepting the resignation from Para-Professional Ann Shutt effective October 31, 2014. Reason: issues with fulfilling her observation assignments towards becoming a teacher thru Alvernia University.

Entered:

- Into an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Heard:

- Members of the Wrestling Boosters & Coach Jason Chamberlain express their wishes that until a separate practice area is constructed for the wrestling team to use that the Board/Administration allow the team to hold their practices at the American Legion in Tower City as had been done in the past. They indicated that the designated area that the team used was not in the area where alcoholic beverages were being served. *(The group was verbally given the ok to use the American Legion.)*
- Jeff Kohr, Archery Booster President briefly discuss upcoming plans for the archery team and recent archery activities he and Coach Adam Kravatz attended.
- Business Manager Homer Knox highlight recent findings/costs of McClure Company's energy services for district wide upgrades and/or replacement projects.
- Vice President Tedd Johns suggest that the district designate top priority projects and obtain a low interest loan to complete the projects. The Board/Administration agreed that roofing and lighting upgrades were top priority projects.
- Superintendent Donald Burkhardt briefly discussed the Veterans' Day Assembly being planned for Veterans' Day at the Elementary School and invited Board members to attend.
- Assistant to the Superintendent Jolene Smith briefly address the Youth Summit Town Hall Meeting she attended with WV students and commended Student Roofina Ali for an outstanding job. Mrs. Smith indicated that the students at the Youth Summit Town Hall Meeting made implementing a driver's education program countywide their priority and that WV would be used as a model for what was needed in other schools, referring to driver ed behind the wheel training, which is no longer offered in other schools. Superintendent Burkhardt indicated that he was glad that a district teacher, Kathi Welsh became certified in behind the wheel driver training since certification will no longer be given by the PA Dept. of Ed.

Upcoming Meeting:

- The next regularly scheduled public Board meeting will take place on November 13, 2014 at 7:30 PM in the Board Room of the Jr.-Sr. High School. (An executive session for Board Members and Administrators will begin at 7 PM.)