

April 24, 2014 Board Meeting Notes

Items listed below were approved unanimously by all members present, except where noted.

Approved:

- The agenda as written, with changes noted.
- Minutes from the April 10, 2014 meeting.
- Financial Reports and Payment of General Fund Bills as presented.
- Acceptance of the following resignations:
 - From the following teachers: HS Teacher Donna Williard and Elem. Teacher Heidi Kleckner, effective the last scheduled day for teachers in the current school year. Reason: Retirement.
 - From Paraprofessional Christina Underkoffler, effective April 14, 2014. Reason: obtained full-time employment.
- The hiring of Dylan Smith of Williamstown as a substitute teacher for the 2013-14 school year. Certification: Music Education.
- Family and Medical Leave for Elementary Teacher Mary Ellen Oxenrider for the following dates: April 21, 24 & May 14, 2014.
- The hiring of the following coaches:
 - (2013-14 school year): Volunteer Girls Softball Coach: Christina Thompson of Harrisburg
 - (2014-15 school year): Head Wrestling Coach: Jason Chamberlain of Williamstown, Head Football Cheerleading Coach: Tessa Fry of Tower City, Assistant Football Cheerleading Coach: Karestin Davis of Tower City (*Salaries as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement.*)
- Participation in the YES Northeast Program, being implemented by the Northeast PA Manufacturers & Employers Council for the 2014-15 school year. (*High school upper classmen may select this course as an elective which requires 120 hours of class time and counts as 1 credit toward their overall grade-point average.*)
- Granting approval to Sargent Enterprises, Inc. of Jim Thorpe, PA to remove asbestos floor tile located in the HS Band Room. Cost: \$6,900. (Note: The project will take between 3-5 days to complete.)
- SSM, Inc. of Reading, PA to act as the district's asbestos remediation oversight services for the High School Band Room Asbestos Removal Project. Cost: \$4,250. The proposal includes air samples & monitoring. Charges may vary depending if additional air samples are needed. (*SSM, Inc. is currently used as the district's asbestos management consultant.*)
- Rental requests as submitted, waiving custodial/rental fees.
- Granting approval to Dennis Kasper, Sr. and the Boys' Basketball Program to conduct a summer basketball recreational league May 6 thru July 8, 2014, along with an open gym. (*The league will be comprised of 7 local high school teams and will be held in the HS gymnasium, pending approval of actual dates and times to be submitted at a later date.*)
- Granting approval for the Softball Team to tour Jim Thorpe, PA on Saturday, April 26, 2014. (No additional cost to the district --- the team will be in the area for a sporting event.) Chaperons: Lee Reiser, Ashley Frontino, Ryan Underkoffler & Hannah Schwak.
- Renewal of the Chartwell School Dining Services Contract for the 2014-15 school year, pending PDE approval. (*Due to Federal restrictions in the subsidy program, the guarantee amount for the 2014-15 service is breakeven.*) Angela Miller voted no.
- Cafeteria pricing for the 2014-15 school year.
- Repository sales of \$500 each for the following properties located in Williamstown Boro: Parcel # 71-006-040 and Parcel # 71-002-054.
- The purchase of the following items:
 - 60" Gravely, Model XDZ Pro-Turn 26 HP lawnmower from Schreffler Equipment Co. of Pitman, PA. Cost: \$8,319.20
 - Carry-on Trailer 6 ft. x 12 ft. Treated Lumber Utility Trailer with Ramp Gate from Lowes of Palmyra, PA. Cost: \$1,698.
- Talley Petroleum as low bidder for the 2014-15 fuel oil bid, as recommended by the Schuylkill County School Districts' Heating Oil Consortium.
- The approval/disapproval of Tax Exemptions for Statewide Tax Recovery, Inc. as submitted.

Heard:

- Tower City Boro resident Jacqueline Starnowsky address the Board asking them to consider exempting her from the three years of delinquent school taxes that she owes. She stated that she completed & submitted exoneration forms for these years but according to her tax collector the forms were not submitted. She also stated that she did not pay the personal tax for the years in question nor did she complete an exoneration form for the current year. Board Member Jennifer Kramer suggested to alleviate future problems she ask for a receipt from the tax collector when submitting her forms.
- Board Member Michael Minnich address problems concerning the status of tax payers and the district's business manager that were posted on Facebook in reference to Williamstown Boro residents and their delinquent status. He also addressed a concern for a Porter Twp. resident in regards to the status of their delinquent tax notice.
- Board members thoughts on making adjustments to the district's tax exoneration form for the upcoming fiscal year concerning the number of credits needed by college students to qualify for tax exemption.
- Superintendent Donald Burkhardt address the recent audit that was completed for school years 2010-11 and 2011-12 indicating there were no findings. He also indicated that after a correction was made to a previous audit finding the district will be awarded \$102,113.
- Special Ed Supervisor Brian Lacey announce that the robot has been introduced at the elementary school and is currently being used. (*Board members suggested that a contest be held for Elementary Students to name the robot.*)

Upcoming Meeting:

- The next regularly scheduled public Board meeting will take place on May 8, 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.)