

September 25, 2014 Board Meeting Notes

A public meeting was called to order by President Dan Stroup following an Executive Session held for Board Members & Administrators. Items listed below were approved unanimously by all members present, except where noted.

Approved:

- The agenda as written with changes noted.
- Minutes from the September 11<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.
- The Treasurer's Report.
- Payment of bills as presented. (Ferraro abstained.)
- The hiring of Kristin Baker of Orwin as a Volunteer Football Cheerleading Advisor for the 2014-15 school year.
- Acceptance of the following resignation as listed:
  - Custodian R. Louise Croft: effective the end of the work day on Friday, September 19, 2014. Reason: Accepted full-time employment elsewhere. *(She noted that in the event a full-time position would arise at Williams Valley she would like to be considered for the position.)*
- The hiring of the following:
  - Garrett Tanner of Indiana, PA as a Temporary Professional Employee assigned to teach Business Education. Effective starting date: Thursday, September 25, 2014. Salary: (pro-rated to the number of days worked.)
  - Andrea Leitzel of Lykens as mentor for Garrett Tanner.
- Aubrey Drum of Tower City as a substitute cafeteria employee for the 2014-15 school year as employed by Chartwells.
- The following:
  - an extension of military leave for HS Teacher Adam Kravatz until his return in December. (Exact date unknown.) *(Board Action on June 26, 2014 approved leave thru December 5, 2014.)*
  - an extension in days worked for long term substitute teacher Anthony Burkle until Adam Kravatz returns from military leave.
- Hiring Atty. Christian Dagher of Harrisburg as an outside counsel regarding Schuylkill Vo-Tech.
- A rental request as submitted, waiving rental/custodial fees.
- The following requests concerning the WV Wrestling Team participating in tournaments. (Chaperons: Chris Cooper, Jason Chamberlain, Paul Rebeck & Dave Minnich)
  - Bloomsburg Wrestling Tournament, Bloomsburg, PA: Friday & Saturday, December 5 & 6, 2014. The team will stay at the Econo Lodge on December 5, 2014. Approx. cost to the district: \$600 (reservations) & use of school vehicles.
  - Penn Cambria Wrestling Tournament, Altoona, PA: Friday & Saturday, December 12 & 13, 2014. The team will stay at the Super 8 on December 12, 2014. Approx. cost to the district: \$476 (reservations) & use of school vehicles.
- Fund-raiser requests for the WVHS Yearbook Club.
- The following requests made by the WV Cheerleader Advisors:
  - To allow the Little Vikes Cheerleaders to cheer with the varsity squad at the Homecoming Football game on Friday, October 3, 2014.
  - To allow WV Cheerleaders to attend the "Pep Rally in the Valley" at Upper Dauphin Area High School on Saturday, November 1, 2014. Cost to the district: Use of the two suburbans for transportation to and from the competition.
- The sale of a Hobart H600 mixer to Korner Pizza for their bid amount of \$50.00. The sale of this surplus item was advertised on the district's web site. (Ferraro abstained.)
- Adjustments to Delinquent Personal Taxes for Statewide Tax Recovery, Inc.
- The purchase of two time clocks to expand the district's current payroll recording capability. Cost: not to exceed \$1,000.
- A proposed Letter of Linkage between the WVSD and the Behavioral Health Outpatient Clinic, New Beginnings. (Purpose: to provide outpatient community based mental health services to all residents of Schuylkill County.)

- A Letter of Agreement for Student Assistance Program Services between Keystone Human Services and WV Jr.-Sr. High School for the 2014-15 school year.

Tabled:

- Acceptance of the resignation from Special Ed Aide Sheila Witmer: effective Saturday, September 27, 2014. Reason: accepted a full-time position in a different line of work.

Held:

- An Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Heard:

- Resident Daniel Williams address the Board asking that they meet with him during an executive session to discuss his concerns.
- Superintendent Donald Burkhardt express his thanks to Board Member Tedd Johns for setting up the meeting with McClure Company to discuss energy findings in the district.
- Business Manager Homer Knox address some of the findings highlighted in the report presented by McClure Company, expressing the need for McClure Company to meet with the administration for further discussion.
- Board members discuss the following:
  - Tedd Johns expressed the need for McClure Company to meet with the administration/Board to discuss further items that should be considered for replacement, etc. if funds have been budgeted to cover these costs and to further determine what savings the district would have if items are replaced.
  - Chris Stroup addressed complaints he got concerning citizens placing blankets on bleachers to save seats at football games. He indicated a need to have an area for handicapped seating.
  - Jennifer Kramer addressed a concern from an individual, who attended Board meetings in the past, indicating they would like meetings to be held in other areas of the building/buildings so that when seated at a meeting the public would not have to see the back of a Board member's head and could see who was doing the actual speaking.
  - The status of the addition to the alumni fitness center.
  - The announcer at home football games, noting there was a need for a spotter to alleviate errors.
  - The use of the Field House for wrestling practice and costs to add supplemental heat during the winter months.
  - David Ferraro & John Mika expressed thanks to parents/custodial staff/administration for supporting the recently held Band Competition.
  - David Ferraro expressed his concern in regards to the moldy wrestling mats that are stored in the Field House.
- Athletic Director Randy Russelavage announce:
  - That he personally marked top row bleacher seats at the football stadium for Handicapped Seating.
  - That \$100 bills will no longer be accepted at sporting events.

Upcoming Meeting:

- The next regularly scheduled public Board meeting will take place on October 9, 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.)