

WEST BRANCH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
MORRISDALE, PA
SPECIAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 1, 2005

The special meeting of the West Branch Area School District Board of Directors was held in the elementary gym on February 1, 2005, beginning at 6:30 PM.

ROLL CALL Members present: Timothy Eyerly; Alan Larson; Ronald Mollura; Anna Mae Pezulla; Mary Beth Speigle; Ted Hubler. Members absent: Joseph Veneziano; Robert Smith; Donald Yontosh.

VISITORS Others present: Miriam Ennis, Board secretary; Paul Carr, Business Manager; Jeff Ennis; Mark Steward.

RECG OF VISITORS Recognition of Visitors: None

PRESENTATIONS Presentations for Superintendent Search:

Central Intermediate Unit – Dr. Nancy Robbins – The Central Intermediate Unit will not charge for this service since they are tax supported and it is based on the relationship between the Central Intermediate Unit and West Branch. They will furnish the application, scoring rubrics, and appropriate questions. Dr. Robbins said that a survey could be put online for the constituents. A visit will also be arranged to the district of the potential candidate to talk with staff and teachers.

Dr. Lanny Ross and Dr. David Smith – 20 superintendent searches. They will prepare the application, screen applications, check references and conduct or assist with interviews. Also, they will establish application deadline, salary range. The cost will be \$1,750.00 per consultant. This includes 5 visits to the school and \$50 per visit plus expenses after 5 trips. References are very important. Their home base is Altoona.

Dr. Joseph Bonita and Alan Schoonover – Retired – Dr. Bonita has 15 years experience as a superintendent and Allan Schoonover have 24 years. All of their experience is in rural schools. They will establish selection criteria, timelines, advertise the vacancy, develop a promotional brochure develop a competitive compensation package and screen applicants. The cost will be \$3,000.00 and above that all expenses will be itemized. Most of the advertising will be done online. They will also mentor at \$500 for one year.

PERSONNEL

Anna Mae Pezulla motioned and Ron Mollura seconded the following motions:

- SUB APPROVED 1. Propose the Board approve the following substitute, pending receipt of all necessary paperwork.
a. Denise Shimmel - Biology
- VOL COACHES APPROVED 2. Propose the Board approve the following volunteer coaches, pending receipt of necessary paperwork.
a. Brandi Matsko – Softball
b. Mark Steward – Technology
- CONDO / RESG 3. Propose the Board accept the resignation of John Condo effective as of the last student/teacher day on or about June 3, 2005.
- H MODZEL / RESG 4. Propose the Board accept the resignation of Heather Modzel as Personal Care Aide effective February 11, 2005.

EDUCATION

- FIELD TRIP REQUESTS 1. Propose the Board approve the following field trip request:
a. Fifth Grade: Fort Roberdeau; 5/27/05. No cost to the district.
b. Student Government: PASC District 6 Conf.; Johnstown, PA; 4/22/05. No cost to district.

WORKSHOP
REQUESTS

- 2. Propose the Board approve the following workshop requests:
 - a. Student Assistance Add-On: CIU 10, West Decatur; 4/21,22 & 5/10, 11/05;
Drug-Free Grant
Matthew Johnson: Reg.-305.00; sub-340.00. Total cost: 645.00
 - b. PSSA Administrator Training: CIU 10, West Decatur; 2/2/05
Thomas Giles: Reg. – 10.00; mileage – 6.48. Total cost: 16.48
 - c. PASA Legislative Committee: Harrisburg, PA; 2/11/05
Thomas Giles: Mileage – 76.14. Total cost: 76.14

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Old Business:

Sherry Yontosh – Bridge process – Special Education – She will have more information at a later meeting. There are different ways of obtaining the bridge certificate. Teachers can count credits, points for years of service, college credits or take the praxis.

Anna Mae Pezzulla recommended that letters be written to Senator Rhodes, State Board, Jessie Stairs, Senator Wozinak , Rep. Camille George and Senator Peterson to state the Board’s dissatisfaction with the Bridge Certificate.

Cafeteria:

A discussion was held on the temperature of the sinks and the steamer in the high school kitchen by Anna Mae Pezzulla. Mr. Giles responded that Mrs. Frye, Cafeteria Manager, had sent a letter to the contractor concerning the problem. Mr. Giles also stated that when Board members come into the building they should contact the Superintendent as the policy states.

Other problems brought to the Board’s attention were the stools piled on top of the freezer; leak in the freezer, the legs on the racks in the freezer is too small.

NEW BUSINESS

New Business:

A discussion was held on the Askey Road bus stop. It was decided that there are other bus stops that may need to be changed. The Transportation Committee will be looking into these changes.

EXEC SESSION

Executive Session for personnel and contractors items was held at 8:00 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 8:35 p.m.

CIU / SUPT
SEARCH

Anna Mae Pezzulla motioned and Alan Larson seconded to employ the Central Intermediate Unit to do the Superintendent search. 5/1 motion passed.

BOOKKEEPER
REQUIREMENTS

The new bookkeeper will either be required to have an Associate degree in Accounting or more than five years experience. The position will not be more than 29 hours per week and the salary will be negotiable.

ADJOURN

Ted Hubler motioned and Anna Mae Pezzulla seconded to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Miriam Ennis
Board Secretary