

WEST BRANCH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MORRISDALE, PA  
REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 27, 2006

The regular meeting of the West Branch Area School District Board of Directors was held in the high school library on March 27, 2006, beginning at 7:05 PM.

- ROLL CALL Members present: Anna Mae Pezulla; Ronald Mollura; Tom Veres; Larry Allen; Robert Smith; Larry Cowder (7:10 PM); Erling Anderson; Mary Ann Couteret. Members absent: Timothy Eyerly
- OTHER PRESENT Arleen P. Multhauf, D.Ed., Superintendent; Wendy Fernburg, Supervisor of Special Education; William Hayward, Acting High School Principal; Paul Carr, Business/Cafeteria Manager; Miriam Ennis, Board Secretary; Lori Hahn; Kenneth Hahn; Patty Demchak; Ann Veres; Jane McDowell; Lori Bell; Holly Petriskey; Phyllis Gable; Rebecca Houser; Amanda McCartney; Jackie Tarner; Ethen Tarner; Spencer Folmar; Pauline E. Pelka; Arnold M. Pelka, Jr.; Hank Wilson; Holly Michael; Gerald White; Casey Cantolina; Justin Houser; Chris Marsh; Len Coval; P.J. Monella; Jamer Monella; Ellen Monella; Martha White; Trent Yarrison; Ronda Hanslovan; Jeff Eyet; Mitchell Hubler; Shelbie Shaw; Lynn Brewer; Steve Brewer; Chad Koleno; Laurie Josephson; Karen Kochkodin; Andy Brickley; Michele Koleno; Karen Bosak; Joseph M. Kovalcin; Patty Wood; Lisa Howe; Susan Lawrence; Chris Mason; Mathew Johnson; Adam Carr; Preston Raymond; Aden Wertz IV.
- STUDENT REPORTS Student Report:  
Haley White-
- Baseball, Softball and Track have all opened their seasons this week.
  - Donny Clark took second place and Tim Smeal took sixth place in their weight classes at state wrestling.
  - PSSA / Terra Nova testing took place last week. Remediation work was done prior to testing.
- Jessica Sabol-
- Drama Club performed "Fiddler on the Roof" to nearly 1,000 patrons. Over 70 students were involved in the production. Thanks was given to the staff, faculty, administration and school board. The Drama Club purchased steps to the stage and is raising money for a storage shed.
  - The school has seen a growth in arts at West Branch. The chorus has seen a growth in numbers and the district is currently starting a jazz ensemble. The students are voicing their support for music electives. The guitar elective has been very popular with the students and there is usually a waiting list.
  - Jr. High Enrichment students were invited to the state level Odyssey of the Mind competition after placing at the regional level.
  - Patrick Wood participated in Regional Chorus at Richland two weeks ago.
- PUBLIC COMMENT Arnold Pelka Jr., student, spoke to the Board concerning the removal of the Theatre class that West Branch has currently in their schedule. The Board was not aware of any movement to remove the class from the schedule.
- MINUTES APPROVED Robert Smith motioned, Erling Anderson seconded, to approve the minutes of February 27, 2006.  
Voice roll call: unanimous approval

## Administrative Reports –

- W. HAYWARD William Hayward:
- Congratulated the Drama Club on a successful production of "Fiddler on the Roof".
  - The junior high enrichment class placed first in regional competition at the Odyssey of the Mind and has been invited to compete at the state level.
  - Donny Clark placed second and Tim Smeal placed sixth at the PIAA State Wrestling Championships.
  - PSSA reading and math exams took place March 21, 23 and 24. Make-up exams will be this week.
- W FERNBURG Wendy Fernburg: No Report
- A MULTHAUF Arleen P. Multhauf, D.Ed.: No Report
- CIU CIU – Anna Mae Pezulla:
- There will be a Galaxy program on April 1, 2006 that the Board is invited to attend. The Galaxy in Arts sponsors the Artist in Residency that comes to our district.
- TECH COMM Technology Committee: No Report
- CCCTC CCCTC – Larry Allen:
- Bids will be going out soon for the renovation project at the Career and Technology Center.
- TRES REP APPROVED Robert Smith motioned, Ron Mollura seconded, to approve the Treasurer's Report.
- Voice roll call: unanimous approval
- Larry Allen questioned two Cleveland Brothers invoices. Mr. Carr explained that one invoice was for the yearly maintenance fee agreement and the second invoice for parts for the repair of the generator.
- CAFÉ/GEN FUND APPRVD Larry Allen motioned, Robert Smith seconded, to approve the Cafeteria and General Fund bills.
- Voice roll call: unanimous approval
- CONST INV TABLED Tom Veres motioned, Robert Smith seconded, to table the construction bill until the meeting is held April 12, 2006 with the architects, engineers and contractors.
- Voice roll call: unanimous approval
- PERSONNEL:**
- Robert Smith motioned, Larry Cowder seconded, to approve the following motions:
- C SHIMMEL/D HUDISH HIRED Propose the Board approve Connie Shimmel and Doris Hudish as Personal Care Aides effective March 28, 2006 at the rate of \$7.15 per hour for 29.75 hours per week pending completion of required paperwork. (no benefits)
- Voice roll call: unanimous approval
- SUBS APPROVED Propose the Board approve the following substitutes pending approval of the necessary paperwork:
- Mary Hryn – Early Childhood
  - Autumn Good – Art
  - Leona Maney – Cafeteria, Personal Care Aide
- Voice roll call: unanimous approval

**PROGRAM:**

Ron Mollura motioned, Robert Smith seconded, to approve the following motion:

2006-07 CAL  
APPROVED Propose the Board approve the 2006-2007 calendar prepared by the administrative team.

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

Robert Smith motioned, Mary Ann Couteret seconded, to approve the following motion:

CIU BUDGET  
APPROVED Propose the board approve the budget of the Central Intermediate Unit for the fiscal year, July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007.

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

Ron Mollura motioned, Mary Ann Couteret seconded, to approve the following motion:

FIELD TRIP  
REQUESTS Propose the Board approve the following field trip requests:  
Light Your World: Second Mile Leadership Institute; Ramada Inn, State College; April 9-12, 2006  
Cost to district: Subs – 170.00; school van. Total: \$170.00 and van. Kim Hunter-staff member  
Physics Class: Physics Day at Hershey Park; Hershey, PA; May 11, 2006.  
Cost to district: Sub – 85.00; school van. Total: \$85.00 and van. Jason Hoffman-staff member  
Advanced Chemistry Class: Juniata College Science/Demonstration Night; Huntingdon, PA; April 20, 2006. Cost to district: vans. Crystal Gay-staff member  
Kindergarten: Rowland Theatre; Philipsburg, PA; May 19, 2006  
Cost to district: -0-; Susan Lawrence, Allison Koleno, Jaimy Buck – staff members  
Second Grade: Penn's Cave; May 18, 2006  
Cost to district: -0-. Laurie Josephson, Debra Galley, Kristin Elensky, Hank Wilson, Tammy Walker, Jane McDowell – staff members.  
Sixth Grade: Altoona Curve, Altoona, PA; May 25, 2006.  
Cost to district: -0-. Phil Wood, Cheryl Green, Chip Ropchock, Adele Williams, Bruce George, Shari Buck – staff members  
Sixth Grade Band / Band Fest – 10 students: Moshannon Valley HS; May 6 5, 2006  
Cost to district: student reg. – 180.00; bus – 61.13; teacher membership – 101.00. Total: \$342.13  
Trent Yarrison – staff member  
Student Government: Student Government District VI Conference; March 17, 2006  
Cost of district: -0-. Colleen Viehdorfer and Crystal Gay – staff members  
Engineering Club: Penn State Labs, State College, PA; April 27, 2006  
Cost to district: Sub – 85.00; school vans. Jason Hoffman – staff member

Voice roll call: unanimous approval.

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:**

Larry Allen motioned, Ron Mollura seconded, to approve the following motion:

PLANCON  
PART K  
APPROVED Propose the Board approve PlanCon Part K as presented. PlanCon Part K is for the Bond Refinancing Reimbursement.

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

Robert Smith motioned, Ron Mollura seconded, to approve the following motion:

GRAND  
PIANO  
PURCHASED Propose the Board approve the purchase of a baby grand piano from Robert M. Sides at a cost of \$12,195.00.

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

**ATHLETICS AND TRANSPORTATION:**

Robert Smith motioned, Ron Mollura seconded, to approve the following motions:

PRO-CARE 2 YEAR CONT Propose the Board approve Pro-Care, as our Sports Athletic Trainer provider. The two-year contract at same cost will be \$15,000 a year.

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

LETTERS OF CONGRATS Propose the Board approve letters to:  
 Donny Clark - Silver Medal PIAA Wrestling  
 Tim Smeal - Sixth Place PIAA Wrestling  
 Patrick Wood - Regional Chorus  
 Gifted Students - First place Northwest PA Odyssey of the Mind  
 Matt Brandt, Dan Wilkinson, Kyle Pelton - First Place CIU 10 Information Based Web Page Design.

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

**BOARD:**

Ron Mollura motioned, Tom Veres seconded, to approve the following motion:

BRD COMM AUDIT REP Propose the Board appoint school directors Erling Anderson, Robert Smith and Anna Mae Pezulla to review Auditor General's Audit Report fiscal years ending June 30, 2004 and 2003.

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

Robert Smith motioned, Larry Allen seconded, to approve the following motions:

YONTOSH RESIG Propose the Board accept the resignation of Sharlene M. Yontosh effective May 22, 2006.

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

GRUENDLER RET Propose the Board accept the resignation for reason of retirement of Norman H. Gruendler effective June 29, 2006.

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

**PROGRAM:**

Robert Smith motioned, Mary Ann Couteret seconded, to approve the following motions:

FIELD TRIP REQUESTS Propose the Board approve the following field trip requests:  
Enrichment: Odyssey of the Mind State Competition, Altoona, PA; April 8, 2006  
 Cost to district: school van; personal vehicle (truck) – 48.95. (personal vehicle is to haul a structure to the competition. Jennifer Brickley – staff member  
Science Club: Washington DC; May 19, 2006  
 Cost to district: Subs – 170.00. Cheryl McGonigal and Dana Swisher – staff members  
2006 PA Assoc. Safety Education: Bedford, PA; April 28, 2006  
 Dave Learish: Reg. fee: 100.00; meals – 10.00; mileage – 89.00 (if driver's ed. car is not available); sub – 85.00. Total cost: \$284.00  
First Grade: Altoona Curve Game, Horse Shoe Curve; May 16, 2006  
 Cost to district: -0-. J. Walker, C. Koleno, L. Rockey, S. McClelland, R. Trude & R. Bloom – staff members

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

WORKSHOP  
REQUESTS

Propose the Board approve the following workshop request:

A Day with Don Johnston Products: CIU 10, West Decatur; April 26, 2006

Jane McDowell: Reg. fee – 30.00; sub – 85.00. Total cost: \$115.00 (professional day)

CPI Training Refresher: CIU 10, West Decatur; April 5, 2006

Sue Betts: Reg. fee – 30.00; sub – 85.00. Total cost: \$115.00

Adele Williams: Reg. fee – 30.00; sub – 85.00. Total cost: \$115.00

Amanda McCartney: Reg. fee – 30.00. Total cost: \$30.00

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

Robert Smith motioned, Erling Anderson seconded, to approve the following motion:

SUB / ACCT  
GRANT APPRVD

Propose the Board approve the submission of the Accountability Block Grant for the year 2006-2007 in the approximate amount of \$275.800.

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

EXEC SESSION

Executive session was held at 7:25 PM for personnel.

Reconvened meeting at 8:50 PM.

Robert Smith motioned, Erling Anderson seconded, to approve the following motion:

GRIEVANCE  
DENIED

Propose the Board deny the Grievance submitted by the WBESPA on February 9, 2006.

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

**PROGRAM:**

Robert Smith motioned, Tom Veres seconded, to approve the following motion:

WORKSHOP  
REQUEST

Propose the Board approve the following workshop request:

Andrews & Beard Education Law Seminar: Blair County Convention Center; March 29, 2006

Arleen P. Multhauf: Reg. fee – 25.00; mileage – 48.95. Total cost: \$73.95

Sharlene Yontosh: Reg. fee – 25.00; mileage – 40.05. Total cost: \$65.05

Wendy Fernburg: Reg. fee – 25.00; mileage – 40.94. Total cost: \$65.94

William Hayward: Reg. fee – 25.00; mileage – 36.76. Total cost: \$61.76

Bridge Training on Algebra: PATTAN at Pittsburgh, PA; April 5, 2006 (Professional Day)

Jess Christensen-Zerfoss: Mileage – 40.94; sub – 85.00. Total cost: \$125.94.

Using Guided Reading/Literature Circles: Bureau of Ed & Research; State College, PA; May 1, 2006

Hank Wilson: Reg. fee - \$179.00; sub – 85.00. Total: \$264.00

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

**ATHLETICS AND TRANSPORTATION:**

Robert Smith motioned, Mary Ann Couteret seconded, to approve the following motion:

TRK & FLD  
ASST COACHES  
HIRED

Propose the Board hire the following Track & Field Assistant coaches.

a. Joshua Carr

b. Adam Gable

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

Tom Veres motioned, Robert Smith seconded, to approve the following motion:

BUS CONTRACT Propose the Board approve the proposed contract with Long Motor Bus from July 1, 2006 through  
APPRVD June 30, 2011.

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

**ADDENDUM:**

Tom Veres motioned, Robert Smith seconded, to approve the following motion:

STAFF APPREC Propose the Board approve the Board providing an item for Staff Appreciation Day to teachers in  
appreciation for their efforts. The administration will select the item.

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

Robert Smith motioned, Tom Veres seconded, to approve the following motion:

GORMONT Propose the Board approve Cindy Gormont's increase of hours to 29.75 hours.  
HOURS INC

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

Robert Smith motioned, Larry Cowder seconded, to approve the following motion:

HUBLER / Propose the Board approve Gary Hubler as Acting Elementary Principal.  
ACTING PRIN

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

ADJOURNED Robert Smith motioned, Tom Veres seconded, to adjourn at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Ennis  
Board Secretary