

WEST BRANCH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
MORRISDALE, PA
REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 3, 2005

The regular meeting of the West Branch Area School District of Directors was held in the elementary gym on March 3, 2005, at 7:35 PM.

ROLL CALL

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

VISITORS

Others present: Thomas Giles, Superintendent; Ronald Matchock, High School Principal; Sharlene Yontosh, Supervisor of Special Education/Curriculum Services; Paul Carr, Business Manager; Miriam Ennis, Board Secretary; David Consiglio, Solicitor; Jamie Bumbarger-The Progress; Bill Hayward; Jeff Ennis; Gail Hurley; Len Coval; Joe Kovalcin; Wendy McGonigal; Lois Ennis; Dale King; Mary Ann Coudriet; Michael Nearhood; Lonnie Kovalick; Della Bell; Valerie Kovalick; Jon Bell; Melvin Travis; Brandie Travis

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brandie Travis – Concerned with the discipline that was given to her son.

Gail Hurley – Graham Township – She is a bus driver for Long’s and the behavior on the bus is not any different on Rolling Stone Road as it is on the Askey Road. When she meets vehicles on the Askey Road, they give each other the right away. She did not have any students driving the school bus. She thanked the board for going out on Askey Road and would like to see the Board continue to ride and see the bus stops.

Mary Ann Coutriet – She would like to see the Board vote their conscience and the Askey Road issue and consider the children’s safety.

Della Bell – Ruts are being created in the Askey Road by the school bus. Her children had a van that came and picked up her children and took them to the main road.

Valerie Kovalick – She thanked the Board for traveling Askey Road. Consideration for full day kindergarten would be appreciated.

MINUTES

Joe Veneziano motioned, Tim Eyerly seconded, to approve the minutes of January 24, 2005. Voice roll call unanimous approval.

STUDENT REP REPORTS

Student Representative Reports-

- Ski Club is going skiing at Holiday Valley
- Melinda Korb is representing the West Branch Band at states.
- Mrs. Zimmerman’s Life Skills classes will be selling crafts in their room.
- There will be a jazz band at West Branch on February 23rd.
- Retests for PSSA’s were held today.

Student Government

- Girls’ softball will be going to Virginia on the 10th – 15th.
- Boys Baseball will be going to Virginia on the 22nd – 26th.
- 96 students attended the Snow Ball dance
- Boys Basketball will be playing at Quaker Valley in the playoffs.

ADM REPORTS

Administrative Reports

Mr. Giles –

- The Governor’s budget gave West Branch a little more than a 2.5 increase. The state budget will probably not be approved before July or August.
- Act 72 – most districts probably will not participate. It will limit what the school districts can do. Act 72 is very complicated.
- Accountability Grant – We are the only district that did not use our money for full-day kindergarten. Our grant was written for 1 class of full-day kindergarten, professional development and tutorial. We cannot run the tutorial as we have run it in the past.

- Wellness Committee – The district will be required by the state to have a wellness committee in place by July of 2006. Goals for the committee are physical activity, nutrition. The committee should be made up of staff, board, students, administration and committee members. Tim Eyerly suggested advertising for committee members.
- The next board meeting is scheduled for Easter Monday the 28th.

MEETING
CHANGE

Tim Eyerly motioned, Joe Veneziano seconded, to move the Board meeting from March 28th to March 29, 2005. Motion carried.

ADM REPORTS

Mr. Matchock-

- Hand held palm pilots were introduced in the Science and Computer classes.
- Course selection sheets have been handed out to the students.
- The second round of the PSSA retakes has been completed.
- Science Technology and Special Education Life Skills would like to install a greenhouse on the property for use year around.

Paul Carr –

- This is the first year of GASB Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements – and Management’s Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments. The general fund is down \$148,455. This amount was moved to the capital fund for the construction. There was an increase of \$19,686.00 in the cafeteria.

Sharlene Yontosh –

- The new guidelines for the Accountability Grant will be out tomorrow. There will be tighter controls on the money.
- Kindergarten registration will be held at St. Agnes Social Center.
- The Central Intermediate Unit scheduled a meeting to discuss the district taking over Life Skills classes.

CIU

CIU – No Report

CCCTC

CCCTC – No Report

TREASURER’S
REPORT

Joe Veneziano motioned, Ted Hubler seconded, to approve the Treasurer’s Reports and bills as presented. Anna Mae Pezzulla questioned payment to Petroleum Traders Corp in the amount of \$30,226.17. Mr. Carr responded that it was for oil deliveries. Mrs. Pezzulla would like to know the cost of oil deliveries so far this year.

A discussion was held on the construction project. There are many architectural errors, tile in the classrooms are inadequate. The question was raised that Quandel may not be holding enough percentage for errors. The air exchanger is also not working in the high school kitchen.

EXEC SESSION

Executive session was held at 8:50 PM.

Reconvened at 9:45 PM.

Anna Mae Pezzulla motioned, Joe Veneziano seconded, to approve the following motions:

PERSONNEL:SUBS
APPROVED

1. Propose the Board approve the following subs, pending receipt of all necessary paperwork:
 - a. Hayes Wilmer: Cafeteria Monitor, Personal Care Aide, Classroom Aide
 - b. Melissa Gable: Early Childhood Education
 - c. Michelle Cowder: Emergency
 - d. Gail Bumbarger: Secretarial, Classroom Aide
 - e. Cindy Shugert: Cafeteria, Personal Care Aide, Classroom Aide
 - f. Rose Shaner: Classroom Aide, Personal Care Aide

R HOUSER /
TENURED
APPVD

2. Propose the Board approve granting tenure to the following teacher:
Rebecca Houser

- R WEIBLE / FMLA 3. Propose the Board approve a request from Renee Weible for Family Medical Leave for Maternity, to begin on or about April 18, 2005 and will end on or about May 30, 2005. Family Medical Leave would begin after Mrs. Weible's personal and sick days have been expended.
- SHAFFER/LWOP 4. Propose the Board approve a request from Lisa Shaffer for Leave without Pay for March 3 & 4, 2005.
- TRANSFER OF SICK LEAVE 5. Propose the Board approve the transfer of 15 sick days from the following individual's Accumulated sick leave days, to be credited to Susan Betts, on a 'one to one' basis, for the 2004-2005 school year.
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| Eyet, Jeff | 1 day | McDowell, Jane | 1 day |
| George, Bruce | 2 days | Spencer, Barbara | 2 days |
| Johnson, Van | 2 days | Wood, Patricia | 1 day |
| Kochkodin, Karen | 2 days | Watson, Linda | 2 days |
| Lawrence, Susan | 1 day | Yarrison, Trent | 1 day |
- FIRST READING 6. Propose the Board approve the first reading of the following policies:
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| Policy 105.2 – Exemption from Instruction | Policy 202 – Eligibility of Nonresident Students |
| Policy 116 – Tutoring | Policy 203 – Communicable Diseases/Immunization |
| Policy 117 – Homebound Instruction | Policy 203.1 – HIV Infection |
| Policy 137 – Home Education Programs | Policy 204 – Attendance |
| Policy 200 – Enrollment in District | Policy 210.1 – Possession/Use of Asthma Inhalers |
| Policy 201 – Admission of Students | Policy 217 – Graduation Requirements |
| Policy 803 – School Calendar | Policy 804 – School Day |
- 205-2006 SCHOOL CAL 7. Propose the Board approve the school calendar 2005 – 2006.
- L COBLE / FULL TIME 8. Propose the Board approve the transfer of Laura Coble from part-time to full-time effective January 3, 2005, as per the WBESP contract, this will include a nine month probationary period at the rate of \$8.60 per hour.
- SHANER/PERS CARE AIDE 9. Propose the Board approve Rose Shaner as Personal Care Aide not to exceed 29.75 hours per week at a rate of \$6.90 per hour. No. benefits.
- FRY / PERS CARE AIDE 10. Propose the Board approve Amy Fry as Personal Care Aide not to exceed 29.75 hours per week at a rate of \$6.90 per hour. No. benefits.

EDUCATION

- WORKSHOP REQUESTS 1. Propose the Board approve the following workshop requests:
- Attendance / Child Accounting Spring Conference: Hershey, PA; 3/30-4/1/05; Miriam Ennis: Reg.- 200.00; motel – 152.82; meals – 70.00; mileage – 99.63. Total cost: 522.45
 - PA School Study Council: Toftrees, State College; 2/24/05; Accountability Grant
Sharlene Yontosh: Reg.-50.00; mileage – 24.30. Total cost: 74.30
 - Co-Teaching That Works: State College, PA; 3/3/05; Accountability Grant
Thomas Partner: Reg. – 175.00; sub – 85.00. Total cost: 260.00
Joseph Matson: Reg. – 175.00; sub – 85.00. Total cost: 260.00
Debra Moriarity: Reg. – 175.00; sub – 85.00. Total cost: 260.00
Donna Christensen: Reg. – 175.00; sub – 85.00. Total cost: 260.00
 - PASA Woman's Caucus Spring Conference: Hershey, PA; 5/4-6/05. Accountability Grant
Sharlene Yontosh: Reg. – 295.00; motel – 330.00; mileage – 107.32. Total cost: 732.32
 - Fights At Schools: Reg. – CIU 10; 2/17/05; Accountability Grant
William Hayward: Reg. – 30.00. Total cost: 30.00
 - 2005 PARSS Annual Meeting: Ramada Inn, State College; 4/28 & 29/05. Accountability Grant
Thomas Giles: Reg. – 165.00. Total cost: 165.00
 - Differentiated Strategies: Harrisburg, PA; 4/18/05. Accountability Grant
Chris Marsh: Reg. – 149.00; meals – 5.00; mileage – 40.50; sub – 85.00. Cost to district: 279.50
 - Commonwealth Budget Seminar: DuBois, PA; 2/25/05
Paul Carr: Reg. – 65.00; mileage – 28.35. Cost to district: 93.35

FIELD TRIP
REQUESTS

2. Propose the Board approve the following field trip requests:
 - a. Learning Support / Life Skills Classes: Clearfield Lock Haven; 3/9/05. Cost to district: -0-
 - b. Science Club: In-house Earth Day Activities; 4/22/05. Cost to district: subs – 170.00
 - c. Third and Fourth Grades: Eisenhower Auditorium, State College; 3/18/05. Cost to district: -0-
 - d. Varsity Club: Altoona Curve Game, Altoona, PA 5/11/05. Cost to district: -0-
 - e. Sixth Grade: Altoona Curve Game, Altoona, PA; 5/25/05. Cost to district: -0-
 - f. Sixth Grade: Shaver's Creek Environmental Center; 4/27, 28/05. Cost to district: -0-
 - g. Second Grade: Penns Cave, Centre Hall, PA; 4/25/05. Cost to district: -0-
 - h. Enrichment: PSU, DuBois, PA; HS Tech Challenge; 3/1/05
 - i. Guidance: Career and Technology Center; 2/24/05. Cost to district: subs – 85.00
 - j. Enrichment: Indiana, PA, IUP NHD Competition; 3/8/05.
Cost to district: sub – 42.50; van – 60.00; reg. – 40.00. Total: 142.50
 - k. Fourth Grade: Lincoln Caverns; 5/6/05. Cost to district: -0-
 - l. Autistic Support: Pittsburgh Aquarium; 5/31/05. Cost to district: Admission-30.00 and van
 - m. Autistic Support: Ridgeview Nursing Home/Sensory Facility, Curwensville. Cost to district: gas

ALGEBRA
LEVEL1B

3. Propose the Board approve all ninth grade students, beginning with the 2005-2006 school year, completing the Mathematics progression up to the level of Algebra 1B, before graduation.

FINANCE:

AUDIT REPORT

1. Propose the Board approve the audit report for year ending June 30, 2004.

SCISSOR LIFT
BIDS

2. Propose the Board approve solicitation of bids for an Electric Scissor Lift, Model 2630ES.

PC WORKS
AGREEMENT

3. Propose the Board approve the agreement between PC Works Plus, Inc and West Branch Area School District beginning September 1, 2005 to August 31, 2005 at a cost of 5,320.00 per month.

BURNISHER
PURCHASED

4. Propose the Board approve purchasing a Clarke Fusion 27 – 27" Battery Powered Burnisher from Clearfield Wholesale at a cost of \$5,934.00.

EXTRACTOR
PURCHASED

5. Propose the Board approve purchasing a Clarke Image 26E – 26" Large Area Self Contained Extractor from Clearfield Wholesale at a cost of \$4,695.00.

BURNISHER
PURCHASED

6. Propose the Board approve purchasing a Clarke Ultra Speed 2000 – 20" 2000 RPM Burnisher with Pad Driver from Clearfield Wholesale at a cost of \$1,486.00.

VACUUM
PURCHASED

7. Propose the Board approve purchasing a Upright Vacuum Cleaner "Proteam" with Onboard tools, Dual Motor from Clearfield Wholesale at a cost of \$395.00.

PROJECTOR
PURCHASED

8. Propose the Board approve purchasing a Sanyo PLC-XP55L Projector with a lens to be adapted to our Screen for \$13,263.00 from the COMM Group. This cost includes installation and programming.

ENV NUT
STRATEGIES
GRANT

9. Propose the Board approve applying for a grant from the PA Department of Agriculture and the Pennsylvania Department of Education for Environmental Nutrition Strategies up to \$6,000.00. This grant promotes more nutritious student food choices.

ATHLETICS:T SMEAL / VOL
SOFTBALL

1. Propose the Board approve Terry Smeal as volunteer Softball coach, pending receipt of all necessary paperwork.

KYLER / ASST
BSBALL COACH

2. Propose the Board approve hiring Ed Kyler as the Assistant Baseball Coach effective with the 2000-2005 season at the contract rate pending receipt of all necessary paperwork.

TRACK
COACHES
HIRED

3. Propose the Board approve hiring Sean Wechtenhiser, Justin Lee and Kenise Foreman Assistant Track & Field coaches effective with the 2004-2005 season at the contract rate pending receipt of all necessary paperwork.

SOFTBALL TRIP

4. Propose the Board approve the softball trip to Christiansburg, Virginia on March 10-14, 2005. Cost to district –vans.

ADDENDUM:

Ted Hubler motioned, Joe Veneziano seconded, to approve the following motions:

PERSONNEL:

- SUBS APPROVED 1. Propose the Board approve the following substitutes pending receipt of necessary paperwork:
Melissa Soltis – Learning Support
Betty Quick – Cafeteria
Debra Harshbarger – Cafeteria Monitor, Personal Care Aide, Classroom Aide
Lana Thompson – Cafeteria Monitor, Personal Care Aide, Classroom Aide
- HARSHBARGER CAFÉ MONITOR 2. Propose the Board approve Debra Harshbarger as Cafeteria Monitor effective March 4, 2005 at a rate of \$6.90 per hour not to exceed 10 hours per week. No benefits.

Motion carried.

Tim Eyerly motioned, Alan Larson seconded, to approve the following motion:

EDUCATION:

- FIELD TRIP REQUEST 1. Propose the Board approve the following field trip request:
Sixth Grade Band Fest: Bellefonte Middle School; 5/6/05. Cost to district: membership – 99.00;
Student reg. – 204.00; sub – 85.00; bus – 117.30. Total cost: 505.30.

Motion carried.

Joe Veneziano motioned, Ted Hubler seconded, to approve the following motion:

FINANCE:

- CHANGE ORDER 1. Propose the Board approve the change order for Leonard S. Fiore, Inc. in the amount of \$28,261.00 and not to exceed \$30,223.00 for Masonry Rebar.

Motion carried.

Ted Huber motioned, Joe Veneziano seconded, to approve the following motion:

ATHLETICS:

- CHEERLEADER TRIP APPRVD 1. Propose the Board approve the Varsity Cheerleaders going to the Basketball State Playoffs at Plum High School, Murrysville, PA on March 5, 2005.

TRANSPORTATION:

- ASKEY ROAD MOTION FAILED 1. Propose the Board amend the previous action on Askey Road to not travel to the Remp bus stop from November 1, 2005 to April 1, 2005.
Timothy Eyerly-no; Mary Beth Speigle-no; Anna Mae Pezzulla-no; Joe Veneziano-no; Ronald Mollura-yes; Ted Hubler-yes. 4 no, 2 yes. Motion failed.

Anna Mae Pezzulla motioned, Joe Veneziano seconded, to approve the following motion:

- STUDENT EXPELLED Propose the Board expel student no. 2005-1 for the remainder of the 2004-2005 school year.
Motion carried.

CORRESP Correspondence: None

OLD BUSINESS Old Business:

A parent spoke about an issue concerning the cafeteria. The students are using a bucket and rag to clean off the tables in the cafeteria. The parent feels that this is not very sanitary. Mr. Giles will look into the situation.

Anna Mae Pezulla asked if the students in the cafeteria were being disciplined by sitting out in the hall without lunch. Mr. Giles responded that they were sitting in the hall outside the cafeteria but they were given a lunch.

HUBLER
ALTERNATE

Ted Hubler will serve as an alternate on the negotiation committee for the support staff.

NEW BUSINESS

New Business: None

RECOG OF
VISITORS

Recognition of Visitors:

Mary Ann Courteret – She would like the Board to reconsider their vote on Askey Road.

ADJOURN

Anna Mae Pezulla motioned, Alan Larson seconded, to adjourn at 10:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Ennis
Board Secretary