

WEST BRANCH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
MORRISDALE, PA
REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 24, 2006

The regular meeting of the West Branch Area School District Board of Directors was held in the high school library on April 24, 2006, beginning at 7:10 PM.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Anna Mae Pezulla; Ronald Mollura; Tom Veres; Robert Smith; Larry Cowder; Erling Anderson; Mary Ann Couteret. Members absent: Timothy Eyerly (work); Larry Allen (illness)

OTHERS
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 Bell; Lori Hahn; Phyllis Gable; Jennifer Brickley; Shari Buck; Tara Crain; Rose Shiner; Cindy Michaels; Teresa Parks; Julie Houston; Laurie Hoffman; Jared Hoffman; Dennis Hoffman; Dorothy Williams; Holly Michael; Lynn Brewer; Martha McCamley; Sheila Kovalcin; Dana Swisher; Carolyn Dodo; Betty Leathers; Holly Petriskey; Diane Wissey; Debra Morality; Daniel Bumbarger; Colleen Sullivan Viehdorfer; Robert L. Viehdorfer; Deborah Gomola; David Gomola; Trent Yarrison; Lance Bunnell; Tammy Finney; Tracy Ray; Betty Fry; Jeff Eyet; Chris Marsh; Karen Kochkodin; Christopher Mason; Charles Howe; Len Coval; Michele Koleno; Cheri Cantolina; Karen Bosak; Kim Hunter; Savannah Mabie; Jamie McCracken; Justin Houser; Jackie Zimmerman; Carlene Houston; Wendy Timblin; Lynne Rocky; Rhonda Trude; Bruce George; Pamela L. Emigh; Alice Wilson; Ellen Monella; Paul Monella; Jamer Monella; Patty Wood; Elizabeth Wood; Rebecca Bloom Roos; Arnold Pelka; Rhonda L. Brilla; Anna Dawes; Preston Raymond; Scott McCamley; Dennis McCamley; Stephanie MacTavish; Adele Williams; Jane Catanzaro; Martha White; Susan Lawrence; Leah Lawrence; Jerry White; Lisa Shaffer; Jessica Sabol; Sue Betts; Jane McDowell; Mary Jo Seprish; Gail Sabol; Laurie A. Josephson; Robert Myers and Adam L. Carr

Dr. Multhauf spoke on the impact that a reduced technology budget would have on the district.

STUDENT
REPORTS

Haley White –

- Jr. High Enrichment students competed at the state level on April 8th. Congratulations on a great job.
- Senior projects presentations were last Wednesday. They were very successfully.
- Fourteen Advanced Chemistry students traveled to Juniata College for Science Night and Chemistry demonstration.
- Prom is scheduled for May 13 in the old gymnasium. Tickets are being sold.
- The sixth grade reading team took first place at the annual reading competition.
- National Honor Society induction banquet is Thursday, April 27. Seventeen students are being inducted.
- Graduation is scheduled for June 9th with baccalaureate ceremonies being held June 8th.

Jessica Sabol – The seniors and underclassman have asked her to speak on the importance of technology. Technology is being used in the English classes grades 9-12 for research, as a resource in all classes, online correspondence courses and CAD in drafting. The technology currently available in the school is still not efficient enough to run the programs associated with the online courses. Current technology is the only way to keep education up-to-date and allow students to train for their future educational goals. Wesley Boyd, Senior Technology Assistant, is planning a career in the technology field. Technology is important to the school because it is important everywhere. It is impossible to find a good paying job without the knowledge of computers. The district needs updated technology so that students may pursue their career paths with knowledge of computers.

PUBLIC
COMMENT

Arnie Pelka, Technology Assistant – The students of West Branch will not be able to pursue certain career paths without the knowledge of computers.

EXEC SESS

An executive session was held April 10, 2006 for Personnel.

Larry Allen – speakerphone at 7:25 PM.

Lance Bunnell, Technology Coordinator: Lance presented a spreadsheet to the board members with the age of the computers. He explained the rotation and replacement cycle of the computers in the district.

Laurie Hoffman, Aide: Laurie is a Para educator in Room 123. As an aide, she has eight tutorial periods, helps with homework, research papers, AR points and various papers that are needed in the regular classroom for modification needs. She has nineteen hours at the Central Intermediate Unit to become a highly qualified educator and spent 3 mornings per week studying algebra so that she would be prepared to help her students with algebra at no cost to the district. Because of her employment at the district, she is providing health insurance for her family.

Holly Michael, Elementary Librarian: Holly feels that the district will notice a difference in test scores if the elementary library aide is cut from the budget. The elementary library has a circulation of 33,994 books that is approximately 222 books per day. She has not had toner for three months for her printer.

Betty Fry, parent: Betty read the mission statement on the website which states "West Branch Area School District in partnership with the parents and community, to create an educational climate which will encourage each individual to strive for personal excellence by acquiring the lasting love of knowledge, skills, and attributes while becoming a productive and responsible citizen ready for a life of continual growth and learning." She is concerned that the district is eliminating some of the higher math courses and how that will affect students.

Charles Howe, taxpayer: Charles would like the Board to use the auditorium for board meetings. There were approximately 75 names on the list and the high school library is too small to accommodate everyone. He would like to know when the Mildred Carlson memorial would be replaced.

CARLSON
MEMORIAL

Anna Mae Pezulla responded that the previous Board destroyed the memorial and the Board is working with the CCCTC to use a student from masonry department to reconstruct the memorial.

Kim Hunter, Advisor: Six students from the "Light Your World" organization went to a conference. The organization now has sixteen trained student leaders. The organization volunteers at PTO events, helped start the high school breakfast program and has 1,000 hours of childcare for various functions at the school. The students would like to do all that they can to help solve the budget problems.

Savannah Mabie, student: Savannah is a representative from "Light Your World". Their organization would like to help solve the budget problem by possibly helping to submit grants. The students would like to see the district keep the electives and advanced classes.

Arnold Pelka, student: Arnie is concerned that the district is cutting technology and will not be able to purchase the equipment necessary to buy items necessary for the high-speed internet that the district will be receiving via a grant by the Central Intermediate Unit.

Anna Mae Pezulla responded that the district would need to wait and see what equipment will be needed when the internet is made available.

MINUTES
APPROVED

Robert Smith motioned, Ron Mollura seconded, to approve the minutes of March 27, 2006.

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

Administrative Reports –

W. HAYWARD

William Hayward:

- Career Fair was held April 5 for grades 8-11. It was successful despite the weather.
- Fifth grade reading team placed third out of 36 teams.
- Kindergarten registration is being held May 1 & 2, 2006. Times are 9:00-11:30 and 1:00-2:30 p.m..
- May 8th is the Elementary band and choral concert.

W. WECH

Sean Wechtenhiser: No report.

P. CARR

Paul Carr: No report.

A. MULTHAUF

Dr. Multhauf: No report

W.
FERNBURG

Wendy Fernburg: No report

CIU

CIU: No report

CCCTC
CCCTC: No report

TECHNOLOGY
Technology: No report

TRES REP
APPROVED
Robert Smith motioned, Erling Anderson seconded, to approve the Treasurer's Reports.
Voice roll call: unanimous approval.

GEN FUND
BILLS APPRVD
Robert Smith motioned, Ron Mollura seconded, to approve the General Fund bills as presented.
Voice roll call: unanimous approval.

CAFÉ BILLS
APPROVED
Tom Veres motioned, Robert Smith seconded, to approve the Cafeteria bills as presented.
Voice roll call: Unanimous approval.

CONST BILLS
APPROVED
Tom Veres motioned, Larry Cowder seconded, to approve the following construction fund bills for amount of \$117,139.61:
Robert M. Sides - \$12,195.00
Dale Kessler Fencing - \$4,132.04
Altoona Pipe & Steel - \$64,159.27
Quick Response Fire - \$6,353.30
West Branch General Fund - \$30,300.00
Voice roll call: unanimous approval.
Robert Smith motioned, Erling Anderson seconded, to approve the following motions:

A. PERSONNEL:

M. KOLENO /
FMLA
1. Propose the Board approve Family Medical Leave for Michele Koleno to commence on or about May 19, 2006 and ending on or about June 9, 2006.

WALTER /
RESG
2. Propose the Board approve the resignation of Gail Walter, personal care aide, at the end of the 2005-2006 school year.

BREWER /
RESG
3. Propose the Board approve the resignation of Mary Lynn Brewer, cafeteria worker, effective the end of the 2005 – 2006 school year.

ONUSKANICH
/ FMLA
4. Propose the Board approve Family Medical Leave for Christina Onuskanich commencing on or about May 12, 2006.

GUTH
RETIREMENT
5. Propose the Board approve Ron Guth's last day of work from June 30 to June 29, 2006 as the completion of his 20th year of service for retirement.

CLFD CTY
CHORUS FEST
6. Propose the Board approve the Clearfield County Chorus Festival being hosted at the high school on November 4 and 6, 2006 at no cost to the district.

SPENCER /
LWOP
7. Propose the Board approve an unpaid leave of absence from May 1 to May 17, 2006 for Barbara Spencer.

SUBS
APPROVED
8. Propose the Board approve the following substitutes pending the receipt of all necessary paperwork:
Christine Trude – Personal Care Aide, Classroom Aide
William Gongaware, Jr. – Cafeteria Monitor, Personal and Classroom Aide, Custodial
Larry Williams, Jr. – Custodial
Voice roll call: unanimous approval.

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

- HAYWARD /
ACTING PRIN
10. Propose the Board appoint William Hayward as Acting K-12 Principal for the remainder of the 2005-2006 school year and Elementary Principal effective June 12, 2006. Salary to be adjusted as per the Act 93 agreement.

Voice roll call: unanimous approval.

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

- WECHTENHIS
ER / ASSIST
PRIN
11. Propose the Board appoint Sean Wechtenhiser as Assistant to the Principal for grades 7 – 12 and, upon receipt of his certification for Principal K – 12, High School Principal at a salary of \$57,700 with benefits and be a member of the Act 93 group.

Voice roll call: unanimous approval.

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

B. PROGRAM:

- BAND / DSNY
RLD
1. Propose the Board approve the semi-annual Band trip to Disney World. The Marching Performance will occur on Tuesday, July 4, 2006.

- WORKSHOP
REQUESTS
2. Propose the Board approve the following workshop request:
Access PA Issues Committee: Chestnut Ridge Middle School, Fishertown, PA; May 12, 2006
Arleen P. Multhauf: Cost to district: -0-
PASA Board of Governor's: Harrisburg, PA; May 10 (1/2 day) and 5/11/06
Arleen P. Multhauf: Motel – 80.00. Total cost to district: \$80.00
Don Johnson Products: CIU 10, West Decatur; April 26, 2006
Adele Williams: Reg. – 30.00; sub – 85.00. Total: \$115.00
Susan Betts: Reg. – 30.00; sub – 85.00. Total: \$115.00

- FIELD TRIP
REQUESTS
3. Propose the Board approve the following field trip requests:
International Club: Bellefonte Lanes & Mario Luigi's; May 4, 2006
Cost to district: -0-; Lori Bollinger and Colleen Viehdorfer staff members
International Club: PSU Baseball Game & Chinese Restaurant; April 25, 2006
Cost to district: -0-; Lori Bollinger and Colleen Viehdorfer staff members
HACCP Training: CIU, #10, West Decatur, PA; May 9, 2006
Paul Carr: Reg. – 50.00. Total cost: \$50.00
Helen Galley: Reg. – 50.00. Total cost: \$50.00
Karen Bosak: Reg. – 50.00. Total cost: \$50.00

- PSU RES
PROJ
4. Propose the Board approve the participation of West Branch's Second Mile Leadership team in an independent research project being undertaken by Penn State.

- FRNDSHIP
PROJECT
5. Propose the Board approve the participation of the seventh and eighth grade classes in an Adolescent Friendship Project as part of the Middle School bullying prevention program.

Voice roll call: unanimous approval.

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

- DRIVER ED
CHARGE
6. Propose the Board approve charging for behind the wheel training for students in Driver Education. Fee structure to be adopted with the final budget.

Voice roll call: unanimous approval.

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

C. ATHLETICS AND TRANSPORTATION:

A KOLENO /
RESGN

1. Propose the Board approve the resignation of Allison Koleno, Head Cheerleading Advisor. This will open all Cheerleading positions.

MATSON /
RESGN

2. Propose the Board approve the resignation of Joseph Matson, Head Girls' Basketball Coach. This will open all Girls' Basketball Coaching positions.

MCCAMLEY
RESGN

3. Propose the Board approve the resignation of Dennis McCamley, Girls' Varsity Basketball Assistant Coach.

OPENING
COACH POS

4. Propose the Board approve opening coaching positions for Boys' Basketball and Wrestling.

STUDENT
INSURANCE

5. Propose the Board approve the student accident insurance with Life Insurance Company of North America for the school time rate of \$30.00 and a 24-hour rate of \$115.00 for 2006-2007 school year.

Ron Mollura questioned opening coaching positions for Boys' Basketball and Wrestling. Mr. Hayward, Mr. Carr and Dr. Multhauf responded that the coaches were repeatedly asked to submit necessary paperwork such as inventory and requisitions. The coaches did not respond.

Voice roll call: unanimous approval.

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

BUDGET:

BIDS 06-07

2. Propose the Board approve the following supply bids for 2006-2007:

- 1. School Nurse Supplies:
 - a. Moore Medical Supply – \$599.17
 - b. Medco - \$145.42
 - c. Henry Schein Co - \$77.79
 - d. School Health - \$57.79

TOTAL: \$880.17
- 2. Industrial Technology Supplies:
 - a. Paxton Patterson - \$385.58
 - b. Brodhead Garrett - \$299.98
 - c. Midwest Technology - \$490.32
 - d. Forest Co Wood Products - \$2748.32
 - e. SATCO Supply - \$537.52

TOTAL: \$4461.72
- 3. Drafting Supplies:
 - a. MidWest Technologies - \$122.90
 - b. Brodhead Garrett - \$52.86
 - c. SATCO Supply - \$4.30

TOTAL \$180.06
- 4. Phys-Ed Supplies – High School:
 - a. Sportsmans - \$39.30
 - b. Gopher - \$232.04
 - c. Flaghouse - \$542.44
 - d. Greg Larson Sports - \$193.99

TOTAL: \$1007.77
- 5. Athletic Trainer Supplies:
 - a. Moore Medical - \$1003.82
 - b. Sportsmans - \$504.62
 - c. Medco - \$757.33
 - d. Henry Schein Co - \$113.48
 - e. School Health - \$23.97

TOTAL: \$2403.22

6. General Supplies Bid (All buildings and departments):
 - a. Cascade School Supplies - \$2299.09
 - b. Kurtz Brothers - \$5660.18
 - c. NASCO - \$658.01
 - d. National Art Supplies - \$910.04
 - e. Quill Corp - \$2842.52
 - f. Standard Stationary - \$953.88
 - g. Way Office Supply - \$229.50

TOTAL: \$13553.22
7. Add-On Supply Bid (Elem, HS, Special Ed, Art):
 - a. Kurtz Brothers - \$1899.33
 - b. NASCO - \$149.62
 - c. Standard Stationary - \$22.54
 - d. Cascade - \$332.75
 - e. Quill Corp - \$104.15

TOTAL: \$2508.39

Approval of these bids includes the stipulation that all items and quantities are subject to revision/deletion at the discretion of district administrators, based upon budgetary constraints. (NOTE: Joint Purchasing Bulk Supply bid data has not yet been received from CIU 10 for 2006-2007 supplies.)

Voice roll call: unanimous approval.

ADDENDUM:

PERSONNEL:

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

SUBS
APPROVED

Propose the Board approve the following substitutes pending receipt of all paperwork:
 LuAnn Mulholleum – Personal Care Aide, Classroom Aide
 Lisa Josephson – Personal Care Aide
 Kathryn Shope – Personal Care Aide
 Tina Kolesar - Personal Care Aide
 Roy Stapleton – Custodial

Voice roll call: unanimous approval.

PROGRAM:

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

FIELD TRIP
REQUESTS

Propose the Board approve the following field trip requests:
Senior High Chorus: Kylertown Senior Citizen’s Center; May 9, 2006
 Cost to district: -0-
Varsity Club: Altoona Curve / Lakemont Park; May 17, 2006
 Cost to district: -0-

WORKSHOP
REQUESTS

Propose the Board approve the following workshop request:
Pennsylvania State Librarian Association: Hershey, PA; May 4-6, 2006
 Holly Michael: Reg. fee – 85.00; motel - \$120.00; sub – 170.00. Total cost: \$375.00 (2 prof. days)

Voice roll call: unanimous approval.

FIELD TRIP
REQUESTS

Robert Smith motioned, Mary Ann Couteret seconded, to approve the following field trip request:
Third Grade: Penn State University; May 19, 2006
 Cost to district: -0-

Voice roll call: unanimous approval.

EXEC SESS

Executive session for Personnel and Litigation of Grievances was held at 8:30 PM.

RECONVENED Reconvened meeting at 9:00 PM.

Larry Allen did not return on speakerphone.

GRIEVANCE Robert Smith motioned, Larry Cowder seconded, to approve the following motion:
DENIED Propose the Board (accept or deny) the Grievance #4 2005 – 2006 submitted by WBESPA on March 30, 2006.

Voice roll call: unanimous approval.

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

LITTLE / HIRED Propose the Board approve Christine Little as a part-time cafeteria worker at the contractual rate. Effective day
/ CAFÉ will be May 1, 2006 for fifteen (15) hours per week based on a five (5) day week.

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

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

SHUGARTS Propose the Board approve Cindy Shugarts as a part-time cafeteria worker at the contractual rate. Effective
HIRED CAFÉ August 6, 2006 for fifteen (15) hours per week based on a five (5) day week

Voice roll call: unanimous approval.

BUDGET The Board then went in to a budget meeting. Paul Carr explained that with the preliminary budget the average
MEETING home in Clearfield County that has a market value of \$60,000, that person would pay an additional \$159.16 per year. In Clinton County the average home's market value is \$20,000 and that person would have an increased of \$76.12 per year. Ron Mollura would like the figures from the Business Manager on the uncollected taxes in the district.

PRELIM Robert Smith motioned, Mary Ann Couteret seconded, to approve the preliminary tentative Budget for 2006-
BUDGET 2007 so it may be advertised and put on display as required by law. Individual roll call: Anna Mae Pezzulla –
APPRVD 06-07 yes; Ron Mollura – yes; Tom Veres – no; Robert Smith – yes; Larry Cowder – yes; Mary Ann Couteret – yes; Erling Anderson – yes. 6 yes, 1 no. Motion carried.

CORRES Correspondence: None

OLD BUSINESS Old Business: None

NEW BUSINESS New Business: None

PUBLIC Pam Emigh, Aide: Spoke on the issue of health care benefits for the personal care and classroom aides. Her
COMMENT job is valuable and she is an asset to the district. She is a paraprofessional and has taken CPI and CPR classes.

Ronda Hanslovan, parent: She has three children and would like the Board to put the children first as is stated on their board agenda.

Jane Catanzaro, track coach: She would like the district to reconsider cutting coaches. There is also a safety factor to consider.

Julie Houston, parent: She has two students in the district and she is a taxpayer. She is opposed to cutting the advanced classes that the students will need for college preparation.

Dr. Multhauf: An advanced Math class was cut due to the enrollment being eight students. She has done this in other districts as an administrator.

ADJOURNMENT Robert Smith motioned, Mary Ann Couteret seconded, to adjourn at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Ennis
Board Secretary