

WEST BRANCH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MORRISDALE, PA  
REGULAR MEETING

MAY 23, 2005

The regular meeting of the West Branch Area School District Board of Directors was held in the elementary gym on May 23, 2005, beginning at 7:35 PM. (Note: An Executive Session for Personnel issues was held prior to the start of the board meeting.)

- ROLL CALL Members present: Mary Beth Speigle; Alan Larson; Ronald Mollura; Don Yontosh; Ted Hubler; Anna Mae Pezulla; Joe Veneziano; Robert Smith; Tim Eyerly.
- VISITORS Others present: Mr. Thomas Giles, Superintendent; Mr. Ron Matchock, High School Principal; Mrs. Sharlene Yontosh, Supv. of Special Education/Curriculum; Mr. Paul Carr, Business Manager; Miriam Ennis, Board Secretary; David Consiglio, Solicitor; Jamie Bumbarger– The Progress; Shawn Ward; Kim Hunter; Len Coval; Jeff Ennis; Jackie Tarner; Ethen Tarner; Dorothy Gaines; James Reese; Theresa Dunlap; Dana Dunlap; Robert Thomas; Lynn Albright; Holly Petriskey; Sharon Michaels; Scott Bamat; Judy Larson; Shari Buck; Cheryl Green; Cheri Carr; Sharon Ellis; Jessica Sabol; Lynn Brewer; Rob Refalsky; Susan Adams; Jennifer Adams; Matt Adams; Thomas Adams; Daniel Adams; Brenda Ward; Jason Ward; Allison Ward; Cindy Gormont; Joseph Kovalcin.
- WARD/ FLAG PRESENTATION Shawn Ward presented two American flags to the district. The flags and certificates were presented on behalf of Lt. Stephen J. Fichter, officer in charge, Task Force Tango, Air Detachment. The flags flew over the base in Al Asad, Iraq.
- READING COMP. Reading Teams were presented with certificates. Shari Buck and Cheryl Green were team leaders.
- RELAY FOR LIFE Relay for Life is in its third year. Shari Buck encouraged the Board to come to Geisinger Medical Group on June 25 and walk a lap with the team from West Branch. The team is chancing off a quilt. Chances are available from the team.
- LIGHT YOUR WORLD Kim Hunter – The Light Your World club would like to start a memorial peace garden on the premises. This is in honor of the students the school has lost this year. Mrs. Hunter has spoken with Mr. Carr and Mr. Nelson. There is a spot between the high school and baseball fields. The club will remove underbrush and leave the trees. They will be responsible for maintaining the garden. Referred to Buildings and Grounds Committee.
- SABOL/SR. PROJ. Jessica Sabol – She would like to do her senior class project selling brass plates. The profits would go to the Moshannon Valley Academy of Academics and Arts. Areas were suggested for display of the plaques such as auditorium columns and the wall of the auditorium.
- STUDENT REPRSTV REPORT Student Representative Reports –
- National Honor Society inducted 13 new members.
  - Tim Tice will be representing West Branch at states in Track and Field at Shippensburg.
  - Baseball and Softball teams made it to the second round of district playoffs.
  - Spring Fling was held with approximately 150 in attendance.
  - Renaissance assembly held for third nine week achievements.
  - Varsity Club went to the Altoona Curve to a ball game.
  - Yearbooks were handed out.
- Senior Class –
- Finals will be held Tuesday and Wednesday
  - Senior awards will be held Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
  - Baccalaute services June 2 will be held June 3 at 7:00. Graduation will be held June 4 at 7:00
  - Junior and Senior High Band concerts were held in the auditorium.
  - Thank you to the Board for the opportunity to be student representatives.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION Executive session at 7:50 p.m. for Personnel & Contractual. Reconvened at 9:00 p.m.
- MINUTES Ron Mollura motioned, Don Yontosh seconded, to the approve the minutes of April 25, 2005. Motion carried.

Administrative Reports:

- Laura Frye –
- APP/SUBMITTED • Summer Food Program application has been submitted to PDE.
- WELLNESS POLICY • By July 2006, a wellness policy will need to be in place at West Branch.
- CAFÉ MANG/CHAIR • Cafeteria Manager will chair the Wellness Committee.
- NUTRI KIDS • Nutri Kids software will track inventory, menu planning and production records.
- POS HARDWARE • POS hardware has been delivered. Data will be converted from the old system to the new system in the Summer.
- Mr. Giles –
- BUDGET MTG • Budget meeting at tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. and the general board meeting at 8:00 p.m.
- ACT 72 • Act 72 – 40 districts have opted in and 114 opted out.
- Joe Veneziano – It is his understanding that if the district opts in to Act 72 then the district may opt out and if the district opts out then they may never opt in. Mr. Giles responded that the only way a district may opt out after opting in is through voter referendum.
- CIU HEALTH  
AGRMNT
- Mr. Carr –
- CIU Health Insurance Agreement will need accepted by the Board. The agreement has been reviewed by our Attorney Scott Etter.
- Mrs. Yontosh – none
- CIU – None
- CCCTC – None
- TREASURER'S REP
- Technology – None
- CONST PAYMNT  
HELD
- Don Yontosh motioned, Bob Smith seconded, to approve treasurer's report.
- Mr. Giles suggested holding the construction fund payment until tomorrow's meeting until more information is received from the project manager or the architect.
- Don Yontosh motioned, Bob Smith seconded to hold the construction fund payment until tomorrow's meeting. Motion carried.
- Anna Mae Pezzulla questioned the workshop requests coming to the board for approval after the workshop had taken place.
- Mr. Giles added Laura Frye to the workshop requests. She will need 115.00 for mileage and 10.00 for lunch for the PDE summer workshop.
- Don Yontosh motioned, Ted Hubler seconded, to approve the following motions:
- Personnel:
- SUBS APPROVED
1. Propose the Board approve the following subs, pending receipt of all necessary paperwork:
    - a. Donald Slabon – Math
  2. Propose the Board approve the Sabbatical for the Restoration of Health for Ronald Guth for the 2005-2006 school year with retirement at the end of June 2006.
- SABBATICAL/  
GUTH
- RETIREMENT/  
HUGAR

- 3. Propose the Board approve the retirement of Janice Hugar, effective June 3, 2005 as indicated by her letter and retirement section of the contract.

Education:

WORKSHOP REQUESTS

- 1. Propose the Board approve the following workshop requests:
  - a. Medical Access Spring Workshop: Harrisburg, PA; 5/20/05; Accountability Grant  
 Laura Coble: Meals – 10.00. Total: 10.00  
 Sharlene Yontosh: Meals – 10.00; mileage – 111.38. Total: 121.38  
 Wendy Fernburg: Meals – 10.00; sub – 85.00. Total: 95.00
  - b. High-Risk Children, Families and Behavioral Health: 7/18-22/05; Accountability Grant  
 Van Johnson: Reg. – 295.00; motel – 87.40; meals – 61.88; mileage – 44.55. Total: 488.80
  - c. Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Training: Central Intermediate Unit; 5/17,18/05. Acct. Grant  
 Amy Fry: Reg. – 60.00. Total: 60.00  
 Wanda Tingle: Reg. – 60.00. Total: 60.00  
 Christina Kopchik: Reg. – 60.00. Total: 60.00  
 Brenda Fye: Reg. – 60.00. Total: 60.00
  - d. PA Assessment & On-line Testing Seminar: Holiday Inn, Greentree, Pittsburgh: 5/24/05.  
 Van Johnson: Motel – 112.86; meals – 30.00; mileage – 109.35. Total: 252.21

FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

- 2. Propose the Board approve the following field trip requests:
  - a. Enrichment Program: Penn State University; 5/11/05. Cost to district: 70.00 and van.
  - b. Student Gov.: Renaissance Trip; Rock & Roll Hall of Fame; Ohio 6/7/05  
 Cost to district: -0-

AUD. USAGE POLICY

- 3. Propose the Board approve the Auditorium Usage Policy as presented.

GREENHOUSE

- 4. Propose the Board approve the placement of a greenhouse in the courtyard of the high school building. The project will be grant funded.

Finance:

CREATION 4 LUNCH PERIODS/HS

- 1. Propose the Board approve the creation of 4 lunch periods at the high school beginning with the 2005-2006 school year. Cost to be funded with increases to the lunch and breakfast programs.

INSURANCE 2004-2005

- 2. Propose the Board approve the purchase of the following insurances for 2004-2005:
  - a. Group Life Insurance [PSBA Insurance Trust]: rate of .175 / thousand of coverage; AD & D at .025 / thousand. (no change over previous year)
  - b. Voluntary Student Accident Insurance [AG Administrators Inc.]: no rate change
  - c. Blue Cross / Blue Shield – Indemnity Program and Direct Blue Program: as per attached Rates
  - d. Dental / no rate change
  - e. General Liability Insurance through PSBA Insurance Trust School Leader’s Legal Liability Risk Management Program, at a cost of \$40,450.00.
  - f. Worker’s Compensation [PICS]: \$71,250.00: rate of .02 / thousand of coverage
  - g. Long Term Disability Insurance [Lafayette Life]: rate of 79% (.0079 of covered payroll).  
 Second year of a guarantee of fixed rate. (no change over previous rate)

AM APPRAISAL ASSOC

- 3. Propose the Board approve the annual update with American Appraisal Associates at a cost of \$850.00. This is a necessary annual update to meet the GASB 34 accounting requirements.

RESIGNATIONS

Athletics:

- 2. Propose the Board approve the following resignations:

Gary Bickel – Head Wrestling Coach. This will open all wrestling positions.  
Chad Koleno – J. V. Boys Basketball Coach  
Doug Sankey – Head Jr. High Football Coach  
Joseph Matson – Jr. High Girls Basketball Coach  
Voice roll call: unanimous approval.

A discussion was held on the Soccer Co-op Agreement between West Branch and Philipsburg-Osceola. Mr. Giles responded that there were three boys that would be returning to the program. Don Yontosh, who is in favor of the program, said that the board had originally stated that the program may be dropped if the participation dropped below 10 players. The program will be evaluated at the end of the season. Tim Eyerly suggested that all sports be evaluated at the end of each season.

Don Yontosh motioned, Anna Mae Pezzulla seconded, to approve the following motion:

Athletics:

SOCCER CO-OP  
AGREEMENT

1. Propose the Board approve the Soccer Co-op agreement between West Branch Area School District and Philipsburg-Osceola School District in the amount of \$3,000.

SOCCER CO-OP  
AGREEMENT  
CORRESP

Bob Smith left at 9:03 and returned at 9:08.

Correspondence: None

OLD BUSINESS

Old Business: None

NEW BUSINESS

New Business: None

RECOG OF  
VISITORS

Recognition of Visitors:

Teresa Dunlap – The Board needs to look at other sports and their numbers and not just at soccer.

SOCCER CO-OP  
AGMNT/APPROV  
ED  
EXEC SESSION

Jeff Ennis – Discussed Act 72 with the Board.

Executive Session – Personnel at 9:35 p.m.

Bob Smith left at 10:30 p.m.

Re-adjourned at 10:30.

Don Yontosh motioned, Anna Mae Pezzulla seconded, to approve the following motions:

R MATCHOCK  
SALARY  
PUBLIC  
COMMENT  
S YONTOSH EL  
PRINCIPAL

1. Propose the Board approve Ron Matchock’s salary as High School Principal at \$70,500 to commence July 1, 2005.
2. Propose the Board approve Sherry Yontosh’s salary as Elementary Principal at \$66,300 to commence July 1, 2005.

ADJOURN  
EXECUTIVE  
SESSION

Anna Mae Pezzulla motioned, Don Yontosh seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

MATCHOCK  
SALARY

Miriam Ennis  
Board Secretary

