

WEST BRANCH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
MORRISDALE, PA
SPECIAL MEETING

MAY 24, 2005

The special meeting of the West Branch Area School District Board of Directors was held in the elementary gym on May 24, 2005, beginning at 8:35 PM.

ROLL CALL Members present: Mary Beth Speigle; Alan Larson; Ronald Mollura; Don Yontosh; Ted Hubler; Anna Mae Pezzulla; Joe Veneziano; Tim Eyerly. Members absent: Robert Smith.

VISITORS Recognition of Visitors: None

Administrative Reports:

Thomas Giles –

THANK YOU/STAFF

- Thank you to the professional staff, administrators and custodians of the West Branch Area School District for their support during his term at West Branch.

CHILDREN FIRST

- The Board needs to think about the students and put them first.

ACT 72

- As of 4:30, 61 schools had opted in to Act 72 and 185 had opted out.

WISOR/CCCTC
SECY

CCCTC – Joe Veneziano

- Ronda Wisor – Approved as Board secretary 4 years

ADV ENG
/BORING SERV

- Approved Advantage Engineers to perform the Geotechnical soil boring service.

Don Yontosh motioned, Joe Veneziano seconded to approve the following motions:

A. PERSONNEL:

ELIM/SEC
POSITION

1. Propose the Board approve the elimination of the district office secretarial position effective June 30, 2005 and returning this person to their previous part-time secretarial status. Motion carried.

B. FINANCE:

CIU HEALTH
AGRMT

1. Propose the Board approve the Central Intermediate Unit Medical and Healthcare Insurance Agreement as proposed. Motion carried.

CONST BILLS

3. Propose the Board approve payment of the construction bills in the amount of \$447,539.79. Motion carried.

C. ATHLETICS:

M. WHITE/JR
VAR CHR
ADVISOR

1. Propose the Board approve hiring Mollie White as Junior Varsity Cheerleader Advisor pending receipt of all necessary paperwork. Motion carried.

ACT 72 DISC

A discussion was held on Act 72. David Consiglio told the Board their options were:

1. Opt in without reservations
2. Opt out
3. Opt in with reservations

Anna Mae Pezzulla motioned, Ron Mollura seconded to opt in to Act 72 pursuant to the resolution hereto attached. Joe Veneziano ask if the Board opts in will the resolution protect the district. David Consiglio said that there was some discussion that the Department of Education may not accept conditional approval. After reviewing Act 72 of 2004, he feels that there is no basis for the Department of Education to reject the resolution with a "safety value". This would be the district's best option.

The following motion was rejected:

ACT 72/OPT
OUT

- 4. Propose the Board approve opting in to Act 72 pursuant to the resolution hereto attached.
Voice Roll Call: Joe Veneziano – yes; Mary Beth Speigle – no; Ted Hubler – no;
Ron Mollura – yes; Anna Mae Pezzulla – yes; Don Yontosh – no; Alan Larson – no;
Tim Eyerly – no. 3 yes, 5 no. Motion rejected.

Don Yontosh motioned, Joe Veneziano seconded to approve the following motion:

2005
GRADUATES

- 1. Propose the Board approve the list of students for 2005 graduation as presented.
Motion carried.

EXEC SESSION

Executive session for Personnel was held at 9:05.

Reconvened at 10:27 PM

Alan Larson motioned, Joe Veneziano seconded to approve the following motion:

2005-2006
BUDGET
APPROVED

- 2. Propose the Board approve a tentative approval to the proposed 2005-2006 West Branch Area School District budget of \$13,896,891, with 84.4 mills for Clearfield County residents and 61.8 mills for Clinton County residents. This represents a 6.8 mill increase for Clearfield County residents and a 16.4 mill decrease for Clinton County residents. This means that for every \$100.00 of assessed value in Clearfield County, the cost will be \$8.44. For every \$100.00 of assessed value in Clinton County, the cost will be \$6.18. Voice Roll Call: Timothy Eyerly – yes; Joseph Veneziano – yes; Alan Larson – yes; Ronald Mollura – no; Anna Mae Pezzulla – no; Mary Beth Speigle – yes; Ted Hubler – yes; Donald Yontosh – yes. 6 yes, 2 no. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Don Yontosh motioned, Alan Larson seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Ennis
Board Secretary