

WEST BRANCH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MORRISDALE, PA  
SPECIAL MEETING

JUNE 6, 2005

The special meeting of the West Branch Area School District Board of Directors was held in the elementary gym on June 6, 2005, beginning at 7:15 PM.

ROLL CALL Members present: Timothy Eyerly; Alan Larson; Don Yontosh; Anna Mae Pezulla, Robert Smith; Ted Hubler (7:40 PM). Members absent: Joe Veneziano; Mary Beth Speigle; Ron Mollura

VISITORS Others present: Dr. Arleen Multhauf, Superintendent; Mr. Ron Matchock, High School Principal; Mrs. Sharlene Yontosh, Supv. of Special Education/Curriculum; Mr. Paul Carr, Business Manager; Miriam Ennis, Board Secretary; Jamie Bumbarger- The Progress; William Thompson; Jeff Ennis; Lynn Brewer; Allison Brewer; Bill Hayward; Donna Christensen; Wendy Fernburg; Sue Betts.

Recognition of Visitors: None

Administrative Reports:

MIDDLE SCH CONCEPT Dr. Multhauf handed out a Middle School Progress Report. The progress report includes agreed upon issues, issues under discussion and bus schedule proposal. This is not a complete list and suggestions are welcome from the board.

Don Yontosh questioned if the teachers who are going to the middle school are happy with their assignments. Mrs. Yontosh said that the positions were chosen by seniority, teachers could bid out if they so chose and bidding was delayed so that the teachers could have time to make a decision. Don Yontosh was concerned that if they are not happy will they do a good job in the classroom.

The schedule for the sixth grade students was discussed. Mr. Matchock said that Joe Veneziano approached him concerning transportation for the sixth grade. The high school or elementary schedule will work for transportation. Mr. Matchock indicated that the bell system could be set up to ring in the rooms at a specific time. If the sixth grade is transported on the elementary bus, they will eat breakfast in the elementary cafeteria and start the high school bell schedule at 8:40 a.m. Class specials will be from 2:15 to 2:55 p.m. Alan Larson would like to see the sixth grade split from the elementary totally.

Anna Mae Pezulla said that she is not in favor of creating a Middle School Principal. Student enrollment has not increased, taxes went up 6.8 mills and we need to live within our means. If we hire a Middle School Principal then the district will want to hire another secretary.

Alan Larson would like the sixth grade to use the restrooms across from the elementary office and outside of the cafeteria as student restrooms. The district would then build a restroom in the business office for public use. He would also like to see the dances split grades 6, 7 & 8 and 9, 10, 11 & 12. He is also concerned about the specials schedule in the elementary.

Bob Smith is also not in favor of hiring a Middle School Principal. He is receiving calls advising him not to approve hiring because of financial reasons.

Ted Hubler arrived at 7:40 p.m.

Administrative Reports -

SS COMM

Ron Matchock requested that the board set up committees for the social studies hiring.

GRANT APP

Sherry Yontosh asked that the board consider setting up a committee and checking into applying for a grant from the Conservation and Resources department. The grant would develop the land behind Shady Acres. The amount of the grant would be \$60,000 per year. Tim Eyerly suggested that Mrs. Yontosh use the Athletic Committee to sit on the committee.

COPIES PURCHASED

Paul Carr informed the board that the district will be purchasing a high school copier and a copier for the administration offices. Monies will be taken from the construction fund to purchase through state contract. Also, a \$.30 lunch increase is possible with the new lunch schedule.

TENURE REQUESTED Sherry Yontosh requested that tenure be given to Chad Koleno and Allison Brewer. Dr. Multhauf and Tim Eyerly responded that the tenure motion would be on the regular board meeting agenda.

EXEC SESSION Tim Eyerly called for an Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. Reconvened at 8:15 p.m.

**PERSONNEL:**

Anna Mae Pezulla motioned and Robert Smith seconded to approve the following motion:

W. FERNBURG-DIR / SPEC ED 1. Propose the board approve Wendy Fernburg as full-time Director of Special Education to commence on July 1, 2005. Ms. Fernburg will work as an unpaid intern during the month of June to prepare for this position. Motion carried.

Don Yontosh motioned, Tim Eyerly seconded to defer the following motion:

JOB TITLE CHG ASST TO PRIN 2. Propose the Board approve the change in job title, Director of Student Activities and Athletics, to Assistant to the Principal effective July 1, 2005. Motion carried.

Mary Beth Speigle voted by telephone on the following motion:

W. HAYWARD MDL SCH PRIN 3. Propose the Board approve hiring Bill Hayward as Middle School Principal. Salary to be \$61,000. Individual roll call: Alan Larson - yes; Ted Hubler - yes; Anna Mae Pezulla - no; Mary Beth Speigle - yes; Robert Smith - no; Don Yontosh - yes; Tim Eyerly - yes. 5 yes, 2 no. Motion carried.

The following motion died for lack of motion:

COMP SCK POLICY CHG DENIED 4. Propose the Board approve revising Policy 334.1, Policy 434.1 and Policy 434 to change the days of Compassionate Sick Leave from five to ten days.

**ADDENDUM:**

**PERSONNEL:**

Anna Mae Pezulla motioned, Robert Smith seconded to approve the following motion:

SICK LEAVE TRANSFER 1. Propose the Board approve transferring ten (10) sick leave days from Thomas Giles to Cheri Carr. Motion carried.

The following motion died for lack of motion:

SUMMER SUB DENIED 2. Propose the Board approve the following subs: Bonnie Williams – Summer Custodial

Don Yontosh motioned, Ted Hubler seconded to approve the following motion:

ADV/SPEC ED TEACHER 3. Propose the Board approve advertising for a full-time Special Education teacher. Motion carried.

Tim Eyerly motioned, Don Yontosh seconded to defer the following motion until the June meeting for more clarification:

SPCH TCHR CHG/DEFRED 4. Propose the Board approve changing the Speech teacher from half-time to full-time. Additional time will be contracted to the Curwensville Area School District. Motion carried.

Anna Mae Pezulla motioned, Robert Smith seconded to approve the following motion:

MULTHAUF/ SUPT OF REC CCCTC 5. Propose the Board approve Arleen P. Multhauf remain as Superintendent of Record for the CCCTC through December 2005. Motion carried.

**ATHLETICS:**

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

FALL SPORTS  
BIDS APPVD

1. Propose the board approve the following athletic supply bids for 2005-06 fall sports:
    - A. Football: Sportsmans - 1545.71; DeMans - 139.20; Riddell - 982.35; Passons - 904.70; Football America - 73.60. Total cost: 3645.56
    - B. Soccer: Sportsmans - 732.56; DeMans - 365.90; Gopher - 13.48; Aluminum Athletic Equipment - 55.00; Football America - 255.60. Total cost: 1422.54
    - C. Volleyball: Sportsmans - 725.86; DeMans - 132.00. Total cost: 857.86
    - D. Jr. High Girls Basketball: Sportsmans - 64.44.
    - E. Cross Country: Sportsmans - 70.80
- Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

EX SESSION

An Executive Session will be held concerning a graduation issue.

**New Business:**

SUPP STAFF  
NEG

Tim Eyerly announced that the Support Staff contract will move from Early Bird to regular negotiations. The following committee will negotiate: Don Yontosh (chair); Ted Hubler; Mary Beth Speigle; Alan Larson-Alternate.

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

SOLCTR/  
SUPP NEG

Propose the Board approve Miller, Kistler & Campbell to sit in on the Education Support Personnel negotiations. Motion carried.

EXEC SESS

An Executive Session will be held for Personnel following the meeting.

INTERVIEW  
COMMITTEES

Interviews for Social Studies will be held June 22, 2005.  
Social Studies Committee: Ted Hubler; Tim Eyerly and Don Yontosh.

Special Education Committee: Mary Beth Speigle; Joe Veneziano; Ron Mollura. Don Yontosh – if needed.

Elementary Committee: Don Yontosh; Anna Mae Pezzulla; Bob Smith.

Don Yontosh motioned, Ted Hubler seconded to adjourn.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Miriam Ennis  
Board Secretary