

WEST BRANCH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MORRISDALE, PA  
REGULAR MEETING

JULY 24, 2006

The regular meeting of the West Branch Area School District Board of Directors was held in the high school library on July 24, 2006, at 7:05 p.m.

- ROLL CALL Members present: Anna Mae Pezzulla; Ronald Mollura; Tom Veres; Larry Allen; Robert Smith; Larry Cowder; Mary Ann Couteret; Erling Anderson. Members absent: Timothy Eyerly
- OTHERS PRESENT Arleen P. Multhauf, D.Ed., Superintendent; William Hayward, Elementary Principal; Sean Wechtenhiser, High School Principal; Wendy Fernburg, Supervisor of Special Education; Paul Carr, Business Manager; Miriam Ennis, Board Secretary; Jamie Bumbarger, The Progress; David Consiglio, Solicitor; Jane McDowell; Becky Houser; Rebecca Roos; Rhonda Trude; John Milliron; Shelly Milliron; Lori Bell; Karen Williams; Aggie Hubler; Bill Smith; Linda Miller; Phyllis Gable; Terry Parks; Eldon Parks; Trent Yarrison; Cheryl Green; Robert E. Lutz; Jeff Eyet; Holly Michael; Cheryl McGonigal; Andy Brickley; Shari Buck; Adam Carr; Lynn Brewer; Vicki Brewer; Charles Howe; Cheri Cantolina; William Thompson; Robert Myers Jr.; Susan Lawrence; Leah Lawrence; Allison Koleno.
- WBAEA The West Branch Area Education Association officers addressed the board. They will be at all the meetings and they are willing to work with the directors. The association is happy that the board is replacing the positions that were vacated.
- MESSAGE BOARD Bob Lutz addressed the board concerning the electronic message board that will replace the Mildred Carlson Memorial signboard. The school district has the option of the one sided or two sided message board. The one sided board is less effective but it would be less expensive. Space at the school is very limited for a two sided message board. If the price of the message board would go over the \$10,000 required for bidding, Mr. Lutz has an anonymous donor who would pay for the extra cost.
- MINUTES Robert Smith motioned, Tom Veres seconded, to approve the minutes of June 26, 2006, as presented.  
Voice roll call: unanimous approval.
- ADM REPORTS Administrative Reports –  
Mr. Hayward – No Report  
Mr. Wechtenhiser – No Report  
Mrs. Fernburg – No Report
- CIU CIU – Meeting will be held Thursday
- CCCTC CCCTC – No Report
- TREASURER REPORTS Tom Veres motioned, Ron Mollura seconded, to approve the Treasurer Reports as presented.  
Voice roll call: unanimous approval
- GEN FUND BILLS Robert Smith motioned, Larry Allen seconded, to approve the General Fund bills for \$249,055.04.  
Voice roll call: unanimous approval
- CAFÉ BILLS Robert Smith motioned, Tom Veres seconded, to approve the Cafeteria bills for \$36,869.21.  
Voice roll call: unanimous approval

**BOARD:**

EYERLY LEG  
POLICY  
DELEG

Robert Smith motioned, Ron Mollura seconded, to approve the following motion:  
Propose the Board appoint Timothy Eyerly as PSBA 2006 Legislative Policy Council voting delegate.  
Voice roll call: unanimous approval

**PROGRAM:**

CREDIT  
RECOV PROG  
ELIMINATED

Ronald Mollura motioned, Larry Allen seconded, to approve the following motion:  
Propose the Board eliminate our Credit Recovery Program during the summer months and direct the high school guidance office provide students with information on summer school options.  
Individual roll call: Tom Veres – yes; Larry Cowder – yes; Mary Ann Couteret – yes; Erling Anderson – yes; Larry Allen – yes; Robert Smith – no; Ron Mollura – yes; Anna Mae Pezzulla – yes. 6 yes, 2 no. Motion carried.

BAND VOL

Robert Smith motioned, Larry Cowder seconded, to approve the following motion:  
Propose the Board approve the Band volunteers as listed below:  
Lance Jones  
Paul Carr

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

**BUDGET:**

LOCAL TAX  
STUDY COMM

Ron Mollura motioned, Robert Smith seconded, to approve the following motion:  
Propose the Board advertise for volunteers for the Local Tax Study Commission required by September 14, 2006 and mandated by Act 1 of 2006.  
Voice roll call: unanimous approval

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:**

PREV MAIN /  
FB LIGHTS

Larry Allen motioned, Mary Ann Couteret seconded, to approve the following motion:  
Propose the Board approve the quote of \$648 for preventative maintenance on the football field lights and \$42 for main switchgear room and concession stand provided by Gable Electric.  
Voice roll call: unanimous approval

BIDS /  
MESSAGE  
BRD

Ron Mollura motioned, Robert Smith seconded, to approve the following motion:  
Propose the Board authorize the administration to seek bids for the outdoor sign with electronic message board.  
Voice roll call: unanimous approval

POLE LIGHTS

A discussion was held on the sale of nine light poles to the Big Run Park. The board decided to keep the poles for future use of the property.

PPL ENERGY  
SERV

Ron Mollura motion, Robert Smith seconded, to approve the following motion:  
Propose the Board approve the PPL Energy Services (PPL) letter of intent for the Act 77 Investment Grade Study with the work completed at no cost to the district, and no commitment on the part of the district, and pending the approval of the solicitor.  
Voice roll call: unanimous approval

**ATHLETICS AND TRANSPORTATION:**

TICKET TKR Robert Smith motioned, Mary Ann Couteret seconded, to approve the following motion:  
STIPEND INC Propose the Board approve an increase in ticket taker stipend from \$18.00 to \$20.00 per night.

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

FB Ron Mollura motioned, Tom Veres seconded, to approve the following motion:

VOLUNTEERS Propose the Board approve volunteers for Football:

Alvin McCracken	John White	Charles Howe
Allen Hubler	Nate Owens	Phil Wood
Curtis Quick	Kevin Hubler	Kyle Hubler
Bill Hayward	Joe Kovalcin	Larry Dobo
John Batherst	John Milliron	

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

Larry Allen asked Paul Carr if there was money available to pay the Junior Varsity Cheerleading Coach. Mr. Carr responded that the position was cut from the budget. There are six Junior Varsity Cheerleaders.

Mary Ann Couteret motioned, Ron Mollura seconded, to approve the following motion:

SMEAL / JR Propose the Board approve Lisa Smeal as Junior Varsity Cheerleading coach. Individual roll call: Robert  
VAR CHRLDR Smith – yes; Erling Anderson – yes; Larry Cowder – no; Tom Veres – yes; Larry Allen – no; Ron Mollura –  
COACH yes; Mary Ann Couteret – yes; Anna Mae Pezulla – yes. 6 yes, 2 no. Motion carried.

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

PELTON Propose the Board approve the resignation of Hilary Pelton as Junior High Cheerleading coach.

RESIGNATION Voice roll call: unanimous approval

JONES / JR Ron Mollura motioned, Erling Anderson seconded, to approve the following motion:

HIGH FB Propose the Board approve Josiah Jones as Jr. High Football coach.  
COACH

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

SIXTH GR / Robert Smith motioned, Ron Mollura to approve the following motion:

EL BUS RUN

Propose the Board approve placing the sixth grade students on the elementary bus run. Individual roll call:  
Ron Mollura – yes; Tom Veres – yes; Mary Ann Couteret – yes; Larry Cowder – yes; Larry Allen – no; Robert  
Smith – yes; Erling Anderson – yes; Anna Mae Pezulla – yes.  
7 yes, 1 no. Motion carried.

**POLICY:**

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

READING / Propose the Board approve the first reading of the following policies:  
POLICIES

**Programs**

No.112 – Guidance Counseling  
No. 127 - Assessment of Educational Program  
No. 130 – Homework

Pupils

- No. 218 – Student Discipline
- No. 220 – Student Expression / Distribution and Posting of Materials
- No. 221 – Dress and Grooming
- No. 233 – Suspension and Expulsion
- No. 235 – Student Rights / Surveys

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:**

SIGNAL  
LIGHT REP

Tom Veres motioned, Mary Ann Couteret seconded, to approve the following motion:

Propose the Board approve the cost of \$865.00 from Hallstrom Electric for signal light electrical box repair.

**ADDENDUM:****PERSONNEL:**

A discussion was held on the Technology Coordinator job description. Mrs. Pezzulla requested that the attorney look over the job description. The board would like to make sure that the coordinator is a working supervisor.

Ron Mollura motioned, Mary Ann Couteret seconded, to approve the following motion:

TECH ADM  
JOB DESCPTN

Propose the Board approve the job description for Technology Administrator.

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

SUB APPRVD

Larry Allen motioned, Mary Ann Couteret seconded, to approve the following motion:

Propose the Board approve the following substitute pending receipt of necessary paperwork:

Brandie Bates – Elementary

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

**PROGRAM:**

WKSHOP REQ

Ron Mollura motioned, Larry Cowder seconded, to approve the following motion:

Propose the Board approve the following workshop requests:

Reading Apprenticeship Series: Central Intermediate Unit; August 8, 9 & 10, 2006

Sean Wechtenhiser: Reg. fee – 264.00

William Hayward: Reg. fee – 264.00

Adam Carr: Reg. fee – 264.00

Matt Johnson: Reg. fee – 264.00

Shari Buck: Reg. fee – 264.00

Total for all participants: \$1,320.00

Summer Turf & Ornamental School: Lebanon Valley College; July 18, 2006

David Nelson: Reg. fee – 50.00; mileage – 115.70. Total cost: \$165.70

Ron Natalie: Reg. fee – 50.00. Total cost: \$50.00

CPI Training: Central Intermediate Unit; July 13 & 14, 2006

Carolyn Dobo: Reg. fee – 30.00

Doris Hudish: Reg. fee – 30.00

Ellen Monella: Reg. fee – 30.00

Rose Shaner: Reg. fee – 30.00

Hank Wilson: Reg. fee – 30.00

Sean Wechtenhiser: Reg. fee – 30.00

Wendy Fernburg: Reg. fee – 30.00

Jeff Eyt: Reg. fee – 30.00

Total for all participants: \$240.00

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

**PERSONNEL:**

- MED SABB APPROVED Robert Smith motioned, Mary Ann Couteret seconded, to approve the following motion:  
Propose the Board approve the request for medical sabbatical for teacher employee #106 for fall 2006 semester.
- SUNDERLAND RESIGNATION Propose the Board approve the resignation of Michael Sunderland, high school mathematics teacher.  
Propose the Board advertise the Mathematics position.
- ATH DIR Propose the Board advertise for an Athletic Director at the contract rate of \$6,154.59.
- GORMONT / FULL TIME Propose the Board approve Cindy Gormont as full-time high school secretary. Mrs. Gormont will be on probation for 12 months.
- ADV TECH COOR Propose the Board advertise for a Technology Coordinator at the salary range of \$25,000 – 40,000 for 12 months.
- BUNNELL / STIPEND Propose the Board approve hiring Lance Bunnell on an hourly basis at \$18.00 per hour to complete current projects and transition to new technology coordinator.
- PARAED COMP ASSES Propose the Board approve the Special Education Paraeducator Competency Assessment Checklist for credentialing the classroom aides.  
Voice roll call: unanimous approval
- MED INS / MEMRNDUM Robert Smith motioned, Erling Anderson seconded, to approve the following motion:  
Propose the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding on WBAEA medical insurance pending school solicitor approval.  
Voice roll call: unanimous approval
- EXEC SESS An executive session for Personnel was held at 7:50 p.m.
- RECONVND Reconvened meeting at 8:40 p.m.
- COWDER EXITS MTG Larry Cowder left the meeting at 8:20 pm.
- MILLER RESIGNATION Robert Smith motioned, Tom Veres seconded, to approve the following motion:  
Propose the Board approve Gary Miller's request to move his resignation for retirement to June 29, 2006.  
Voice roll call: unanimous approval  
  
A discussion was held on changing the direction of the high school cafeteria line. Larry Allen wanted to know if the cafeteria wanted the change and if there is no money for technology then where will the money come from that will be needed to reverse the lines. Anna Mae Pezzulla responded that she had a meeting with the middle school government who expressed concern about food being cold and hair and dirt contaminating their food as they walked through the hallway. Paul Carr had spoken to the head cook in the high school cafeteria and the cafeteria staff did not have a problem with the way the lines run now. The high school principal would like to have the line stay as is since more problems may be created by lining students in the hall and more supervision would be needed. Lori Bell, parent, asked about the board's decision to freeze all "non-mandatory" spending. Ronda Hanslovan would like the board to trust the professional staff to make those decisions.  
  
Ron Mollura motioned, Robert Smith seconded, to approve the following motion:
- HS CAFÉ LINE CHANGED Propose the Board approve to change the student cafeteria line in the high school to the original way according to the way the cafeteria was designed. Students will enter serving area from hall directly through line to cafeteria eating area. Individual roll call: Mary Ann Couteret – yes; Robert Smith – yes; Erling Anderson – yes; Ron Mollura – yes; Larry Allen – no; Tom Veres – no; Anna Mae Pezzulla – yes. 5 yes, 2 no. Motion carried.

TEACHERS  
THANKED Mary Ann Couteret would like to thank the first and second grade teachers for applying for Wal-Mart grants to purchase some computers.

Charles Howe asked the board why they were advertising for an Athletic Director. Anna Mae Pezzulla responded that Mr. Hubler is the Assistant to the Principal and will be the disciplinarian at the high school and will not have time to be the Athletic Director.

AUG MTGS The next meeting will be August 14 for Committee and August 21 for Regular meeting.

ADJOURN Robert Smith motioned, Erling Anderson seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm.

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Ennis  
Board Secretary