

WEST BRANCH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
MORRISDALE, PA
REGULAR MEETING

MAY 22, 2006

The regular meeting of the West Branch Area School District Board of Directors was held in the high school library on May 22, 2006, beginning at 7:15 PM.

ROLL CALL Members present: Anna Mae Pezzulla; Ronald Mollura; Tom Veres; Larry Allen; Timothy Eyerly; Robert Smith; Larry Cowder; Mary Ann Couteret; Erling Anderson

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; Jennifer Brickley; Christina Hertlein; Phyllis Gable; John Milliron; Jackie Tarner; Holly Michael; Shari Buck; Jennifer Sproull; Ethan Tarner; Jonny Demchak; Michael Dobo; Carolyn Dobo; Lynne Rockey; Rebecca Roos; Rebecca Houser; Rhonda Trude; Teresa Parks; Susan Willis; Tim Willis; George Stine; Donna Stine; Yvonne Ling; John Kristofits; Chanel Murray; Chandra Murray; Lance Bunnell; Rob Murray; Kenneth Hahn; Stephanie MacTavish; Robert Myers; Cindy Gormont; Carrie Harsomchuck; Rachel Johnson; Sid Ellis; Mike Bloom; Brianna Parks; Scott W. Ellis; Monica Osewalt; Karen Williams; Colleen Raymond; Shelly Milliron; Debbie Perks; Julie Houston; Jayson Myers; Renee King; Dylan Husted; Ellen Smith; Martha McCamley; Dave Rusnak; Kim Struble; Rose Shaner; Cindy Michaels; Holly Carr; Adele Williams; Rachel Carr; Shelly Malinich; Missy Pewanick; Leigha Miles; Lorrie Miles; Daniel Bumbarger; Krista Williams; Crystal Gay; Jesse Husted; Sharon Michaels; Catherine Conklin; Mitchell Hubler; Steve Sudik; Colin Kreiger; Andy Bowen; Katelyn Houston; Kaylin Teats; Tammy Walker; Pamela L. Emigh; Savannah Mabie; Rebecca Mabie; Arnold Pelka; Adam L. Carr; Scott McCamley; Dennis McCamley; Paul Schwiderske; Patty Wood; Elizabeth Wood; Michael Wood; Cheri Cantolina; Patti Sunderlin; Hannah Sunderlin; Brian Lockwood; Jeff Eyet; Joe Kovalcin; Vicki Brewer; Ray Cunningham; Trevor Myers; Haley White; Donny Clark; Kyle Patrick; Jessica Gongaware; Joe Maguire Jr.; Steven; Michelle Turner; Alan Turner; Jerry White; Nick Zimmerman; Laura Myers; Amanda Folmar; Len Coval; Kyle Bloom; Erin Johnson; Beth Sunderlin; Amy Obringer; Joe Obringer; Ryen Pedmo; Brandi Pedmo; Jessica Sabol; Matt Snyder; Mark Kovalcin; Todd Sudik; Cheryl Bloom; Preston Raymond; Clayton W. Miller Jr.; Trent Yarrison; Ronda Hanslovan; Molly Sabol; Benjamin Hoffman; Samantha Martin; John Strapel; Rebecca Snyder; Leona Pedmo; Rodney Pedmo; Judy Larson; Alan Larson; Spencer Folmar; Pauline Pelka; Barbara Spencer; John Strapel; Colleen Sullivan Viehdorfer; Stefanie B. Sattesahn; Georgette Eirich; Janet Turner; Darrell Turner; Brandi Turner; Rebecca Hubler; Taylor Erich; Jamie Jones; Matt Willis; Kirsten Andrasko; Jamie McCracken; Alvin McCracken; Donny Markel; Julie Kanouff; Chasity Brown; Kayla O'Connor; Eric Pelka; Lisa Smeal; Jane McDowell; Anne Vroman; Sue Betts; Holly Petriskey; Bruce George; Cheryl McGonigal; Dave Learish; Garrett Miller; Sherri McGarvey; Alicia Howe; Matt Lutz; Ryan Ling; Pat Gongaware; John S. Ellis; Karen Bosak; Jaculin Zimmerman; Terri Reed; Tom Reed; Jane Catanzaro; Ben Pedmo; Bill Gongaware

STUDENT REPORTS Haley White –

- The Prom was successful with approximately 130 students in attendance.
- Sr. High Chorus concert went well.
- Sr. High Band concert is May 23 and Jr. High Band and Chorus is May 24. The Jazz Ensemble will play at both nights' concerts.
- Sr. Class trip is scheduled for Friday, May 26 to Cedar Point Amusement Park.
- Sr. Awards ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, May 25. Seniors will be recognized with local scholarships and academic recognition.
- National Honor Society Induction Banquet was a success and 17 new members were inducted.
- National Honor Society held a Red Cross Blood Drive today at the high school in honor of Cheri Carr.
- High school and middle school yearbooks will be given to the students on May 24, 2006.

Jessica Sabol –

- Varsity Softball finished its season. Jessica Sabol and Colette Sample will participate in the Regional All-Star game at Penn State in June.
- Jr. High Softball finished its season with a record of 17-1. Good job!
- The track team finished its team season. Patrick Wood successfully competed at districts, tying for second place in the high jump. Patrick will compete at the State competition on Saturday.
- Varsity baseball will start District 6 competition with Central Cambria today.
- The Spring Fling was held on Saturday in the high school cafeteria. 150 students attended the event sponsored by the middle school Student Government.
- Baccalaureate is scheduled for June 8 and Graduation is June 9.
- Student representatives thanked the Board for allowing them to participate in board meetings.

EXEC SESS Robert Smith motioned and Erling Anderson seconded to go to Executive Session.

An executive session was held at 7:20 PM for student discipline and special education matters.

RECONVENED Reconvened meeting at 8:30 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT Robert Myers, Head Softball and Soccer – Athletics are a big part of the students life' at West Branch and it helps the students stay focused on academics, stay out of trouble and teaches them responsibility.

John Kristofts – Technology is an important part of the school. Computers have a three-year life cycle and most college graduates are paid by what they learn in college. He originally came to speak on the sports programs but felt he needed to speak on technology.

Dave Rusnak, taxpayer – West Branch is currently at 84.4 mills and if the taxes are raised the district millage will be higher than the surrounding districts. There are many residents in the area that are poverty-stricken and lower taxes will bring more people to the district.

Bob Lockwood, resident - Mr. Lockwood asked the board members if they had looked at the information that was presented to them concerning the audits done by Walter Hopkins. Why were renovations done when the district was in financial straits?

Anna Mae Pezzulla responded that the district has a mortgage payment and contracts to think about and the district does not have a tax base. If we do not receive the \$500,000 from the state, the district will need more than a million dollars to cover the budget for 2006-2007.

MINUTES APPROVED Robert Smith motioned and Mary Ann Couteret seconded to approve the minutes of April 24, 2006.

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

ADM REPORTS Administrative Reports –

Dr. Multhauf: none

William Hayward:

- Elementary Spring Band/Chorus concert took place May 8. Congratulations to the students, Mrs. Sproull and Mr. Yarrison.
- Sixth grade promotion will be Wednesday, June 7 at 12:30.

Wendy Fernburg: none

Sean Wechtenhiser: none

Paul Carr: none

Committee Reports –

CIU CIU: The CIU is searching for another administrator. Dr. Robbins is retiring.

CCCTC CCCTC: none

TECH COMM Technology: none

TRES REP Robert Mollura motioned, Robert Smith seconded, to approve the Treasurer's Reports as
APPRVD presented.

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

GEN / CAFÉ Tim Eyerly motioned, Robert Smith seconded, to approve the General Fund bills for \$370,229.58
BILLS APPROVD and Cafeteria for the amount of \$36,887.73 as presented.

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

Tom Veres asked if the Architect or Engineer has reported to the district what they found when they came to inspect the renovations to the district. Paul Carr has not received a report.

PAYMENT/CNST Tom Veres motioned, Ron Mollura seconded, to defer payment of the Construction Fund bills for
BILL DEFERRED \$191,437.00.

The motion was rescinded.

MOTION TO Tom Veres motioned, Ron Mollura motioned, to approve paying the following Construction Fund
RESCIND bills for the amount of \$9,996.81:

Overdorf Mechanicals – 3,794.31
Maffei Strayer (bleachers) – 3,100.00
Maffei Strayer (auditorium seating) – 3,102.50

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

PERSONNEL:

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

2 AIDES Propose the Board approve furloughing (2) two part-time aide positions in High School and
FURLOUGHED Elementary Libraries and (1) one full-time High School In-School Suspension aide position effective with the end of the 2005-2006 school year. Individual roll call: Tom Veres – yes; Larry Cowder – yes; Mary Ann Couteret – yes; Erling Anderson – yes; Larry Allen – no; Robert Smith – yes; Ron Mollura – yes; Tim Eyerly – no; Anna Mae Pezulla – yes. 7 yes, 2 no. Motion carried.

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

FEE / DRIVERS Propose the Board approve charging a fee of \$250.00 for the driving portion of Drivers' Education.
ED Individual roll call: Robert Smith – yes; Erling Anderson – yes; Tim Eyerly – no; Larry Cowder – yes; Tom Veres – yes; Larry Allen – yes; Ron Mollura – yes; Mary Ann Couteret – yes; Anna Mae Pezulla – yes. 8 yes, 1 no

A discussion was held on the percentage of health insurance the district would be charging the full-time aides for the coverage of two-persons or family. The board members requested that Paul Carr rework the figures to lower the cost of the coverage for the full-time aides. Tim Eyerly asked if there was a cheaper plan or if the district could offer more than one health insurance plan to the aides. Anna Mae Pezzulla responded that the Central Intermediate Unit offers Select Blue and one other plan.

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

TAX
COLLECTOR
APPROVED

Propose the Board approve appointing Clinton County Tax Assessor's Office collector of School Real Estate, Per Capita and flat occupation tax for West Keating Township at a cost of \$1,756.00 plus costs.

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

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

STAFF APP
GIFTS

Propose the Board cancel Staff Appreciation gifts due to budget constraints.

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

PROGRAM:

Tim Eyerly motioned, Robert Smith seconded, to approve the following motion:

LIST OF
GRADUATES

Propose the Board approve the list of graduates, Class of 2006, pending completion of graduation requirements.

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

Tim Eyerly motioned, Larry Cowder seconded, to approve the following motion:

WORKSHOP
REQUESTS

Propose the Board approve the following workshop request:

First Aide / CPR Training: West Branch Special Education Conference Room; May 11, 2006

Christine Kopchick: Reg. – 15.00

Janice McCracken: Reg. – 15.00

Colleen Raymond: Reg. – 15.00

Connie Shimmel: Reg. – 15.00

Doris Hudish: Reg. – 15.00

Nicole McClure: Reg. – 15.00

Susan Zimmerman: Reg. – 15.00

Jackie Tarner: Reg. – 15.00

Jen Lannen: Reg. – 15.00

Stefanie Sattesahn: Reg. – 15.00

Michele Turner: Reg. – 15.00

Cindy Bock: Reg. – 15.00

Cost to District: \$180.00 NOTE: REQUIREMENT FOR ACCESS BILLING

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

Robert Smith motioned, Tim Eyerly seconded, to approve the following motion:

2006 National Autism Conference: The Penn Stater Conference Center; July 31-August 4, 2006
Amanda McCartney – 100.00. Total cost: \$100.00

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

Robert Smith motioned, Tim Eyerly seconded, to approve the following motion:

FIELD TRIP REQUESTS Propose the Board approve the following field trip requests:
Teen Court Program: Clearfield County Courthouse, Clearfield; May 9, 2006
 Cost to district: Bus fee; subs – \$170.00. Joe Matson and Adam Carr staff members
2006 Senior Class: Cedar Point, Sandusky, Ohio; May 26, 2006
 Cost to district: 3.5 subs-\$297.50. Jennifer Brickley, Dan Socash, Andy Brickley and JoEllen Hunt staff members

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

REVISED LUNCH SCH Tim Eyerly motioned, Ron Mollura seconded, to approve the following motion:

Propose the Board approve the revised high school schedule, which provides three lunch periods of 30 minutes each.

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

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

Propose the Board approve closing the Tennis Court Fund and return the funds to the General Fund in the amount of \$14,741.55 plus interest. Individual roll call: Ron Mollura – yes; Tom Veres – yes; Mary Ann Couteret – yes; Tim Eyerly – no; Larry Cowder – yes; Larry Allen – yes; Robert Smith – yes; Erling Anderson – yes; Anna Mae Pezulla – yes. 8 yes, 1 no. Motion carried.

ATHLETICS AND TRANSPORTATION:

HUDISH RESIGNATION Robert Smith motioned, Tim Eyerly seconded, to approve the following motion:

Propose the Board accept the resignation of Beth Hudish as Assistant Volleyball coach.

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

BOYS BB & WRESTLING REHIRED Tim Eyerly motioned, Ron Mollura seconded, to approve the following motion:
 Propose the Board approve the Head Coaches in Boys' Basketball and Wrestling be rehired.

- a. Gary Miller Wrestling
- b. William Etchison Boys' Basketball

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

ELIMINATE ONE SUPP POSITION Robert Smith motioned, Larry Cowder seconded, to approve the following motion:
 Propose the Board eliminate one supplemental pay position of Assistant Coach from Varsity Football, seventh Grade Football, Varsity Baseball, Varsity Softball, Track, Varsity Girls' Soccer, and Cheerleading.

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

Mary Ann Couteret questioned why the high school was not having a Junior Varsity Cheerleading squad. Mr. Hayward responded that other school districts do not have JV squads. Mr. Hubler explained that only six girls scored high enough to make the squad so it was decided to merge the squads. The Head Cheerleader Advisor will decide if the Varsity squad will cheer at JV events.

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

ELMINIATE
ATH COMP

Propose the Board eliminate athletic competitions in Varsity Football "Southern Huntingdon", all Jr. High Football 7th competitions, Cross Country "State College", Track & Field "Altoona", Varsity Girls' Basketball, Varsity Boys' Basketball "Harmony", Varsity Wrestling "Cambria Heights", Baseball "Juniata Valley", Jr. High Wrestling "Bellwood", Jr. High Softball "Tyrone".

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

POLICY:

Robert Smith motioned, Tom Veres seconded, to approve the following motion:

POLICY
REVISION

Propose the Board adjust the fee schedule included in policy #801 Public Records as follows:

Copies - .35/per copy per page (letter size), .45/per copy per page (legal size)
Clerical time: 1 hour free per school year. Additional time \$10.00 per hour

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

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

FIRST
READING
WELLNESS
POLICY

Propose the Board approve the first reading of the Wellness Policy.

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

BUDGET:

Robert Smith motioned, Tim Eyerly seconded, to approve the following motion:

ACT 511

Propose the Board impose a one per cent tax on property transfer under the Local Tax Enabling Act of 1965 also known as Act 511. This act to become effective immediately in the West Branch Area School District in Clearfield County and West Keating Township in Clinton County.

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

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

CCCTC
ENERGY
PROJECT

Propose the Board approve the resolution of the Clearfield County Career Center to undertake a capital improvement project "2006 Energy Project" with the project not to exceed a cost of \$1,600,000.

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

Tim Eyerly motioned, Ron Mollura seconded, to approve the following motion:

CCCTC MAIL
BALLOT

Propose the Board approve the mail ballot method of voting for the 2006-2007 Clearfield County Career Center General Fund Budget.

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

Tom Veres motioned, Tim Eyerly seconded, to approve the following motion:

CCCTC GEN
FUND BDGT

Propose the Board approve the 2006-2007 Clearfield County Career Center General Fund Budget as presented.

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

ADDENDUM:**PERSONNEL:**

Robert Smith motioned, Tim Eyerly seconded, to approve the following motion:

HOLT
RETIREMENT Propose the Board approve the retirement of Sally Holt effective August 18, 2006.

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

Tim Eyerly motioned, Mary Ann Couteret seconded, to approve the following motion:

SUB
APPROVED Propose the Board approve the following substitute pending receipt of all necessary paperwork.
Lindera Nale – Elementary

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

Robert Smith motioned, Tim Eyerly seconded, to approve the following motion:

FRAILEY
RESIGNATION Propose the Board approve the resignation of Elizabeth Frailey as Educational Interpreter effective May 18, 2006.

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

Tim Eyerly motioned, Tom Veres seconded, to approve the following motion:

FRY
RESIGNATION Propose the Board approve the resignation of Amy Fry as Personal Care Aide effective May 18, 2006.

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

PROGRAM:

Robert Smith motioned, Tim Eyerly seconded, to approve the following motion:

FIELD TRIP
REQUEST Propose the Board approve the following field trip request:
Student Government: Pittsburgh-baseball game, tour of PNC Park, Hard Rock Café; June 14, 2006
Cost of district: -0-; Crystal Gay, Colleen Viehdorfer – advisors

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

ATHLETICS AND TRANSPORTATION:

Larry Allen motioned, Tim Eyerly seconded, to approve the following motion:

CARR/HD
CHEERLDR
ADVISOR Propose the Board approve Rachel Carr as Head Cheerleader Advisor at the contract rate.

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

PERSONNEL:

Larry Allen requested earlier in the evening that Paul Carr rework the figures for the aide's portion of the insurance. Mr. Carr responded with these figures: 50% of coverage - \$158,239; 60% coverage - \$171,033; 75% coverage - \$190,207.

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

AIDES
HEALTH INS

Propose the Board approve an alternation in insurance coverage for the Full-Time Aides such that they are given individual coverage paid by the district and 50% of the cost of two-person or family insurance above the individual coverage, effective start date of September 1, 2006, as a payroll deduction if they elect additional coverage. Individual roll call: Larry Allen – no; Mary Ann Couteret – no; Robert Smith – yes; Larry Cowder – yes; Tim Eyerly – no; Tom Veres – yes; Erling Anderson – yes; Ron Mollura – yes; Anna Mae Pezulla – yes. 6 yes, 3 no. Motion carried.

PROGRAM:

Tim Eyerly motioned, Erling Anderson seconded, to approve the following motion:

BUD GEORGE
PICNIC

Propose the Board approve the recommendation from the Administration to respectfully decline the invitation extended to the Marching Band to perform at the Bud George Day Picnic scheduled on August 17, 2006.

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

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

FINANCE COM
ESTABLISHED

Propose the Board approve establishing a Finance Committee to oversee the expenditures along with purchase orders of the district. The committee will meet once a month.

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

Finance Committee will consist of the following board members:

Mary Ann Couteret – Chairperson
Tom Veres
Ron Mollura
Anna Mae Pezulla – Ex-Officio member

BUDGET
MEETING

Budget Meeting:

Anna Mae Pezulla – The district is \$407,746 short in the budget and that would be a 12.74 mill increase without drawing from the reserve. Larry Allen asked Paul Carr what a 7-mill increase would be to the homeowner. Paul Carr responded that it would be \$105.00 based on a 60,000 market value. The millage for the district would then be 91 mills. Tim Eyerly requested figures on a 5-mill increase, which would be \$75.00, based on a 60,000 market value. Anna Mae Pezulla polled the board as to removing the saxophone for the jazz band from the budget. The board question if board voted on instituting a jazz band. Dr. Multhauf explained that it is normal in bands to form different groups within the band. Anna Mae Pezulla requested that \$2,500.00 be removed from the budget. It was explained that \$1,500.00 was for the instrument and the rest was for supplies such as drumheads. Arnie Pelka, student, explained that the band lost numerous instruments because they were stored in trailers behind the school during renovations and the instruments were ruined. It was decided by the Board to remove the \$1,500.00 from the budget for the instrument for jazz band. Mary Ann Couteret suggested that no more cuts be made to the budget, as there was not much more that could be cut. Mary Ann Couteret asked Mr. Carr for an explanation as to the laptops that were cut from the budget. Anna Mae Pezulla suggested that the board remove \$40,000.00 from the budget for a computer lab in the elementary and one in the high school.

Larry Allen motioned, Tim Eyerly seconded, to approve the following motion:

TAX
INC/MOTION
FAILED

Propose the Board approve a 5-mill increase with the remainder to be taken from the budgetary reserve. Individual roll call: Tom Veres – no; Tim Eyerly – yes; Robert Smith – no; Mary Ann Couteret – yes; Ron Mollura – no; Erling Anderson – no; Larry Allen – yes; Larry Cowder – no; Anna Mae Pezzulla – no. 3 yes, 6 no. Motion failed.

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

4 MILL INC
APPROVED

Propose the Board approve a 4-mill increase with the remainder to be taken from the budgetary reserve and remove \$40,000.00 for computer labs from the budget. Individual roll call: Larry Allen - no; Robert Smith – yes; Larry Cowder – yes; Erling Anderson – yes; Tom Veres – yes; Tim Eyerly – no; Mary Ann Couteret – no; Ron Mollura – yes; Anna Mae Pezzulla – yes. 6 yes, 3 no. Motion carried.

Larry Cowder left the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

CORRES

Correspondence: None

OLD BUSINESS

Old Business: None

NEW
BUSINESS

New Business: None

REC
VISITORS

Recognition of Visitors: None

Paul Carr asked if the Board would consider purchasing the Edge Program for the Business Office. The cost for the software would be \$6,524.00. Mr. Carr explained that there would be a savings of labor and that the check writer would need refurbished. He also explained that this purchase was not budgeted for in the 2005-2006 or 2006-2007 budget. There would be a \$4,000.00 savings to switch to this software.

EDGE
SOFTWARE
APPROVED

Tim Eyerly motioned, Mary Ann Couteret seconded, to approve the purchase of the Edge Program software for the Business Office and return the \$4,000.00 savings from the software to the technology budget for 2006-2007. Individual roll call: Tim Eyerly – yes; Ron Mollura – yes; Tom Veres – yes; Robert Smith – yes; Larry Allen – yes; Erling Anderson – yes; Mary Ann Couteret – yes; Anna Mae Pezzulla – yes. 8 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

Board Secretary left the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

REC
VISITORS

Recognition of Visitors: Holly Michael and Jeff Ennis

ADJURNMENT

Robert Smith motioned, Erling Anderson seconded, to adjourn meeting at 10:24 pm.

Voice roll call: unanimous approval

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Ennis