

OFFICIAL MINUTES  
WEST BRANCH AREA SCHOOL  
DISTRICT  
MORRISDALE, PA

DATE: May 1, 2012

The regular meeting of the West Branch Area School District Board of Directors was held April 30, 2012 at 7:25 p.m.

MBRS PRESENT Joe Kovalcin, Don Yontosh, Melvin Smeal, Tim Kephart, Robert Seprish, Gerald Coble, Gary Miller, Chad Diviney

MBRS ABSENT Larry Allen

OTHERS PRESENT Michael Panek, Superintendent; Kasi Woodring, Board Secretary; Jason McMillen, Business Manager; Sean Wechtenhiser, Elementary Principal; J.R. Holenchik, Senior High Principal; Wendy Fernburg, Supervisor of Special Education; Joanna Wensel, Federal Programs Coordinator; Dave Nelson, Maintenance Supervisor; David Williamson, Athletic Director; Holly Petriskey, Tyler Kolesar, Randi Smeal, Ron Mollura, Lester Smeal

MEETING MINUTES Melvin Smeal motioned, Robert Seprish seconded, to approve the meeting minutes from March 27, 2012. Motion carried.

VISITORS

EXECUTIVE SESSION An executive session was held from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. for personnel reasons.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS Sean Wechtenhiser, Elementary Principal— PSSA exams have been completed. I would like to thank the students for their hard work on all of the exams.

As of this afternoon we have 8 non-compliant students in the elementary regarding immunizations. The Department of Health has extended the deadline to May 15. I will continue to be in touch with those parents.

As of this afternoon we have 44 students who have completed registration paperwork for Kindergarten for the 2012-2013 school year. We have 16 additional students who are on the list to attend Kindergarten, but parents/guardians have not completed the registration paperwork.

Kindergarten Assessments will take place on May 8 and 9. Only students who have complete registration paperwork on file in the elementary office may participate.

Joanna Wensel, Federal Programs Coordinator— Attended a teacher evaluation pilot training at the CIU. The Federal Programs Monitor was in and gave the district extra time to compile documents that were not available to him when he was here.

David Williamson, Athletic Director / Coordinator of Student Services—  
Presented the wrestling plaque. Gave the board a copy of all student athletes GPA's.

Don Yontosh motioned, Gary Miller seconded, to approve the hanging of pictures of the district qualifying teams and history in the high school. Motion carried.

Wendy Fernburg, Supervisor of Special Education—  
I have received notice that we will receive a check in the amount of \$4083.18 for our participation in the March Administrative Time Study.

Science PASA tests will be conducted in the next 2 weeks at which point all state assessments will be completed.

Nik Bisko, Technology Coordinator—  
Looking into nonpaid internships for the summer.

Mike Panek, Superintendent—  
PA currently ranks 7<sup>th</sup> among the 50 states for K-12 student achievement and 13<sup>th</sup> overall in a national report released in January 2012.

PA's 2011 PSSA scores show that 945 of public school districts reached targets for Adequate Yearly Progress as required under the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

2012-2013 state budget maintains basic education funding at 2008-2009 levels, maintains level funding for special education for the fourth consecutive year although the costs for providing such mandated services continues to rise, and eliminates the Accountability Block Grant program which funds our full day Kindergarten Program.

2012-2013 proposed state budget for K-12 education does not restore funds eliminated in the 2011-2012 budget for charter school reimbursement, school improvement grants; educational assistance programs, elementary science programs, and dual enrollment programs.

Expectations and requirements for students do not diminish in times of economic difficulty, as exemplified by the need for school districts to meet rising targets in 2012 for proficiency on PSSA assessments, (which essentially limits our focus on writing, reading and mathematics), implement curriculum aligned with new Common Core standards, increase graduation requirements and administer Keystone Exams.

With no increases in K-12 education, funding actually is a net loss for public education considering increases in costs out of the control of school boards, including pensions, prevailing wage requirements, unreimbursed charter school costs, rising healthcare and energy cost, and more.

The state plan for funding for basic education could further shift the burden to the local property taxpayers and provide no mandate relief to school districts as a way of controlling costs. It is critical for PA to continue to make smart investments that improve the ability of our students to compete in the high-skills global economy without shifting the burden to the local property taxpayers.

CIU #10

The 2012-2013 General Operating Budget was approved by each district.

WB REVENUE  
ENHANCEMENT  
COMMITTEE

The committee is still looking for board members to be on the educational foundation. They need four more members

CCCTC

PERSONNEL

Tim Kephart motioned, Chad Diviney seconded, to approve the corrective action plan and response to the Auditor General Performance Audit for years ending 2005 & 2006. Motion carried.

Don Yontosh motioned, Melvin Smeal seconded, to advertise for a Personal Care Aide position for an incoming Kindergarten student for the 2012-2013 school year. Motion carried.

Don Yontosh motioned, Robert Seprish seconded, to approve the following Conferences:

Erica Culler to attend the Secondary SAP Training on June 5-7, 2012 in Lemoyne, PA. Registration cost is \$375; Mileage cost is \$101.01. Total cost is \$476.01 paid for by SAP funds.

Jeanie Scott to attend the Nonviolent Crisis Intervention on April 26, 2012 at the CIU #10. Registration cost is \$40 paid for by ACCESS funds.

Motion carried.

Melvin Smeal motioned, Don Yontosh seconded, to approve the following motions:

Sue Betts and Matt Hauck as Extended School Year teachers at the contracted hourly rate of \$24/hr. ESY will run from July 9<sup>th</sup> to July 31, 2012. Hours are from 8:30 a.m.—12:15 p.m.

Tara Yingling to complete course work "Educational Computer Applications" thru Clarion University

Sherri McGarvey to complete coursework "Instructional Leadership Skills", "Creative Responses to Conflict", and "Contemporary Issues in Special Education" thru Clarion University.

Pat Stagi as a volunteer to the soccer program. All paperwork has been received.

Motions carried.

Gerald Coble motioned, Melvin Smeal seconded, to approve, with regrets, the termination of employee #54, effective immediately. Motion carried.

Melvin Smeal motioned, Robert Seprish seconded, to approve the following motions:

Holly Modzel as a substitute custodian during the summer months.

Continue practice of District Summer Hours of operation using a four (4) day work week, starting the Monday after school is dismissed (June 11, 2012). The summer staff will increase their daily hours to meet their weekly requirement. Two weeks prior to the beginning of the school year, the summer staff will resume working 5 days a week.

Motions carried.

#### EDUCATION

Don Yontosh motioned, Robert Seprish seconded, to approve the following motions:

Second grade to go to Penn's Cave on May 1, 2012. Approximately 90 students will be attending the trip. There is no cost to the district and cost to the student is \$14. Chaperones are Amanda Harris, Danielle Gregory, Bethany Briskar, Walt Timblin, Connie Shimmel, Pennie Folmar, Heather Nelson and Molly Diviney.

West Branch Baseball Club to go to Pittsburgh on May 12, 2012. Approximately 30 students will be attending the trip. There is no cost to the district and there is no cost to the student. Chaperones are Ryan Mostyn, Tyler Good and Kevin Hubler.

Physics II class to go to Falling Water on May 3, 2012. Approximately 6 students will be attending the trip. Cost to the district is \$85 for a sub and the use of a school van. Cost to the student is \$23. Chaperone is Jason Hoffman.

Motions carried.

#### TRANSPORTATION AND ATHLETICS

Robert Seprish motioned, Melvin Smeal seconded, to approve the following motions:

Approve the resignation of Scott McCamley for the position of Assistant Cross Country Coach.

Approve to advertise for the position of Assistant Cross Country Coach.

Motions carried.

Robert Seprish motioned, Don Yontosh seconded, to approve Daniel Clark as the Head Varsity Boys Basketball Coach. Motion carried.

Gerald Coble motioned, Don Yontosh seconded, to defer the following motions.

Approve a JV Cheerleading Coach.

Approve a Jr. High Cheerleading Coach.

Motions deferred.

Robert Seprish motioned, Gary Miller seconded, to approve Lester Smeal as the Spring Weight Room Supervisor. Motion carried.

FINANCE AND  
PURCHASE

Tim Kephart motioned, Melvin Smeal seconded, to approve the following motions:

Approve the Treasurer's Report for March.

Approve the following Disbursements from March / April.

\$__6,784.21	Athletic Account	(checks 10861 through __10908)
\$ _ 60,891.72	Cafeteria Account	(checks 3562_ through 3574__ )
\$_____	Construction Account	(checks _ through _ )
\$ 604,557.57	General Account	(checks 41041 through 41122)
\$ 672,233.50	GRAND TOTAL	

Approve the activity account for March.

Motions carried.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Melvin Smeal motioned, Tim Kephart seconded, to approve Jamie Clinton to the volunteer list. All paperwork has been received. Motion carried.

Gerald Coble motioned, Robert Seprish seconded, to approve the re-application for funding available thru the PA Department of Education and Welfare for ELECT/EFI Services. Motion carried.

Don Yontosh motioned, Gary Miller seconded, to approve the resignation of Cynthia Etchison, Elementary Guidance Counselor, at the end of the 2011-2012 school year. Motion carried.

Don Yontosh motioned, Tim Kephart seconded, to approve the April 23, 2012 snow day, a makeup day for students on Thursday, June 7, 2012. The teacher in-service makeup day will be Monday, June 11, 2012. Motion carried.

Don Yontosh motioned, Robert Seprish seconded, to approve the Yearbook club to go to Jostens on May 9, 2012. Approximately 9 students will be attending the trip. Cost to the district is \$85 for a sub. Chaperone is Jessica Frank. Motion carried.

Chad Diviney motioned, Don Yontosh seconded, to approve the Student Government to hold a blood drive on May 23, 2012 in the old gym. Motion carried.

Don Yontosh motioned, Tim Kephart seconded, to approve to advertise for supplies for the 2012-2013 school year. Motion carried.

Don Yontosh motioned, Chad Diviney seconded, to approve to buy two additional panels for the Elementary key fob system at a total cost of \$2,079.30. Motion carried.

Gary Miller motioned, Don Yontosh seconded, to approve to put batting cages up for the softball field. The district must inform the insurance company of this prior to installation. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Don Yontosh motioned, Robert Seprish seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Kasi Woodring

Board Secretary