

WEST BRANCH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR SESSION

December 4, 2014

Members Present: Joseph M. Kovalcin, Larry Allen, Robert Seprish, Melvin Smeal, Don Yontosh, Christina Brown, Gerald Coble

Members Absent: Chad Diviney, Paul Carr

Student Representatives:

Media Present: Tyler Kolesar, The Progress News

Administration Present: Jason McMillen, Michelle Dutrow, Mark Mitchell, David Williamson, Wendy Fernburg, Nik Bisko, Joseph Holenchik

Others Present: Kasi Woodring, Board Secretary; David Consiglio, Solicitor; Greg Modzel, Ron Mollura, Becky Lutchko, Lance McDowell

OPENING EXERCISES

President Joseph Kovalcin called the meeting to order at 7:23 p.m. All present were asked to stand and pledge allegiance to the American Flag.

STUDENT REPORTS

Casey Mathews reported to the Board that the Donkey Basketball game was well attended, the gym was crowded. The cookie dough fundraiser did not go as well as planned, the senior class will be asking for another fundraiser, possibly hoagies.

Volleyball presented the District Championship trophy to the Board. They played five sets, it was very intense and they played like a team from beginning to end, each point scored, Dani Zelenky stated when she presented the trophy to the Board.

MINUTES

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the minutes from October 27, 2014 and November 19, 2014. Mr. Melvin Smeal seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 7-0-0.

REORGANIZATION

Mr. Don Yontosh nominated Mr. Melvin Smeal for Temporary President.

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to close nominations. Mr. Larry Allen, seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 7-0-0.

Voice Roll Call: Mr. Yontosh—yes; Mr. Allen—yes; Mr. Coble—yes; Mr. Smeal—yes; Mrs. Brown—yes; Mr. Seprish—yes; Mr. Kovalcin—yes. 7—yes; 0—no.

The meeting was turned over to Mr. Smeal as the Temporary President.

Method of Nominations

Mr. Smeal asked for a motion to determine a method of nomination of Board President and Board Vice President. Options are from the floor, by ballot or by the Temporary President.

Mr. Joe Kovalcin, in the form of a motion, recommended to use the from the floor method for nominations. Mr. Don Yontosh seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 7-0-0.

Board President

Mr. Don Yontosh nominated Mr. Joe Kovalcin for Board President.

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to close nominations. Mr. Robert Seprish, seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 7-0-0.

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to elect Mr. Joe Kovalcin as Board President. Mr. Larry Allen seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 7-0-0.

Voice Roll Call: Mr. Yontosh—yes; Mr. Allen—yes; Mr. Coble—yes; Mr. Smeal—yes; Mrs. Brown—yes; Mr. Seprish—yes; Mr. Kovalcin—yes. 7—yes; 0—no.

Board Vice President

Mr. Don Yontosh nominated Mr. Larry Allen for Board Vice President.

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to close nominations. Mr. Joe Kovalcin, seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 7-0-0.

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to elect Mr. Larry Allen as Board Vice President. Mr. Robert Seprish seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 7-0-0.

Voice Roll Call: Mr. Yontosh—yes; Mr. Allen—yes; Mr. Coble—yes; Mr. Smeal—yes; Mrs. Brown—yes; Mr. Seprish—yes; Mr. Kovalcin—yes. 7—yes; 0—no.

Mr. Smeal turned the meeting over to Mr. Kovalcin.

CIU #10 Representative / Alternate

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to appoint Mr. Gerald Coble as CIU #10 Representative. Mr. Robert Seprish seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 7-0-0.

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to appoint Mr. Joe Kovalcin as CIU #10 Representative Alternate. Mr. Larry Allen seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 7-0-0.

CCCTC Representative / Alternate

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to appoint Mr. Larry Allen as CCCTC Representative. Mr. Robert Seprish seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 7-0-0.

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to appoint Mr. Joe Kovalcin as CCCTC Representative Alternate. Mr. Robert Seprish seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 7-0-0.

PSBA Liaison

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to appoint Mr. Joe Kovalcin as PSBA Liaison. Mr. Larry Allen seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 7-0-0.

BOARD

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to appoint Dave Consiglio as Solicitor to the District for the 2015 year. Mr. Larry Allen seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 7-0-0.

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the 2015 School Board Meeting Calendar. Mr. Melvin Smeal seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 7-0-0.

PERSONNEL

Volunteers /
subs

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve Heather Hurley, Brandon Myers and Susan Rodli to the volunteer list, all paperwork has been completed. Mr. Robert Seprish seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 7-0-0.

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve George Yingling and Kelly Williamson to the volunteer list and Alice King to the Café Kitchen Substitute list. All paperwork has been completed. Mr. Melvin Smeal seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 7-0-0.

J. Levonick
LOA Ext.

Mr. Robert Seprish, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the extension for leave of absence for Jessica Levonick to January 5, 2015. Mr. Melvin Smeal seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 7-0-0.

J. Brickley
Sophomore
Class Adv.

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve Jennifer Brickley as Sophomore Class Advisor for the remainder of the 2014—2015 school year. Mr. Gerald Coble seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 7-0-0.

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the following motions:

H. Wilson
Resign 2nd
Dept. Chair

Approve the resignation of Hank Wilson as 2nd Grade Department Chair, effective January 1, 2015.

P. Wood
Resign 6th
Dept. Chair

Approve the resignation of Phil Wood, 6th Grade Department Chair, effective immediately.

C.
Heitsenrether
Resign PCA

Approve the resignation of Carla Heitsenrether, WB Elementary Personal Care Aide, effective immediately.

Mr. Larry Allen seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 7-0-0.

EDUCATION

Field Trips

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the following motions:

Qualifying students from the West Branch High School Band to attend District Band at Bald Eagle High School on January 7-10, 2015. There is no cost to the student or the District. (Information Only: Approximately 6 students will be attending the trip. Chaperone is Jennifer Sproull.)

Qualifying students from the West Branch High School Chorus to attend District Chorus at Southern Huntington High School & Mount Union High School on January 21-24, 2015. There is no cost to the student or the District. (Information Only: Approximately 6 students will be attending the trip. Chaperone is Jennifer Sproull.)

Kindergarten to go to the Elk Center in Benezette, PA on May 20, 2015. There is no cost to the District and cost to the student is \$6. (Information Only: Approximately 70 students will be attending the trip. Chaperones are Chad Koleno, Jaimy Buck, Sue Lawrence, Allison Koleno, Tammy Torretti, Megan Bickel, Kristy Samsel, David Williamson, Kim Sabol, Adam Gibson, Heather McAllister, Jaime Lutz, Jeff Lutz, Carla Heizenrether, Amy Tiracorda, Kelly Williamson and Bethany Briskar.)

West Branch Ski Club to go to Holiday Valley, NY on January 19, 2015. There is no cost to the District and cost to the Student is \$35 for lift ticket and \$19 if equipment needs to be rented. (Information Only: Approximately 30-35 students will be attending the trip. Chaperones are Dan Beahan, David Williamson, Preston Raymond and Phil Wood).

Mr. Larry Allen seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 7-0-0.

TRANSPORTATION & ATHLETICS

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the following motions:

L. Smeal Resign
V. Football Approve the resignation of Lester Smeal as Head Varsity Football Coach.

L. Smeal Resign
Weigh Room
Sup. Approve the resignation of Lester Smeal as weight room supervisor.

P. Wood Resign
Asst. Track /
Field Coach Approve the resignation of Patty Wood as Assistant Track and Field Coach.

Mr. Larry Allen seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 7-0-0.

Fall Coaching
Recommendations Mr. Melvin Smeal, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the Fall Coaching recommendations as presented:
 Head Varsity Football Coach: TBD
 Head Volleyball Coach: Terry Trude
 Head Varsity Girls Soccer Coach: Clark Dale
 Head Varsity Cross Country Coach: Jane Catanzaro

Mr. Robert Seprish seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 7-0-0.

K. Fernburg Head
Baseball Coach Mr. Melvin Smeal, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve Ken Fernburg as Head Varsity Baseball Coach. Mr. Gerald Coble seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 7-0-0.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

PEDA Grant
Business
Integrity
Policy Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the Business Integrity Policy as required by the Department of Environmental Protection. Mr. Robert Seprish seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 7-0-0.

Community
Walking
Program Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the use of the High School facility for a Community Walking program from January 5, 2015 thru April 30, 2015 (Monday to Thursday 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.). Mr. Robert Seprish seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 7-0-0.

POLICY

Policy #707 2nd Reading Mr. Melvin Smeal, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the 2nd reading of Policy #707—Use of School Facilities. Mr. Robert Seprish seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 6-1-0. Voice Roll Call: Mr. Yontosh—no; Mr. Allen—yes; Mr. Coble—yes; Mr. Smeal—yes; Mrs. Brown—yes; Mr. Seprish—yes; Mr. Kovalcin—yes. 6—yes; 1—no.

FINANCE & PURCHASE

Treasures Report / Activity Account Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the Treasurer’s Report for October and the Activity Account for October. Mr. Melvin Smeal seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 7-0-0.

Solicitor Rate Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the solicitor fee with Campbell, Miller, Williams, Benson, Etter & Consiglio, Inc. at the rate of \$135/hr. effective January 1, 2015. Mr. Larry Allen seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 7-0-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

No Correspondence.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

There were no other items for discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. Mr. Robert Seprish seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 7-0-0.

Respectively Submitted,

Kasi Woodring
Secretary to the Board of Education