

WEST BRANCH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR SESSION

SEPTEMBER 9, 2014

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

Members Absent:

Student Representatives: None

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, Liz Hollenbach, Sue Folmar, Sue Betts

OPENING EXERCISES

President Joseph Kovalcin called the meeting to order at 7:53 p.m. All present were asked to stand and pledge allegiance to the American Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended board approval to the minutes of the August 4, 2014 of the Regular Session meeting. Mr. Larry Allen seconded the motion. The motion was carried with a vote of 9-0-0.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

No one from the public signed up to speak to the board.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mark Mitchell, Elementary Principal—

- iReady, AimsWeb and SRI assessments are taking place
- Scholastic book order arrived for the Balanced Literacy program
- BITS-new behavior management system has been implemented
- ESAP team met and held their rollout
- Title I Literacy activity will be held 9/10/2014
- Elementary Open House will be September 17, 2014
- Picture Day is September 24, 2014

Joseph Holenchik, Secondary Principal—

- 7th Grade Orientation was held
- Successful three days of teacher in-service
- Diagnostic testing is taking place

Wendy Fernburg, Supervisor of Special Education—

- PDE will be visiting in March to conduct a Cyclical Monitoring of the Special Education Department
- The Children’s Clinical Home Program is up and running
- Learning Support students are working in the community to gain social skills and work experience at Windy Hill Village, Napa & Fishers Auto
- Our High School Life Skills class will be working at Gethsemane Food Bank to gain skills that will assist them in obtaining employment after high school
- West Branch, Curwensville and Moshannon Valley speech therapists will once again be working together to conduct hearing screenings at each district

Jason McMillen, Business Manager—

- Asset Control Evaluation was completed
- Transportation has been successfully transferred to the Director of Pupil Services
- Booster Club meeting was a success
- Local audit started in August, should be completed in October for the AFR submission

Dave Williamson, Athletic Director / Student Registrar—

- Fall athletics up and running
- Transportation going well, working hard with the transportation companies

Dave Nelson, Maintenance Supervisor—

- Smooth start to the new year

Nik Bisko, Technology Administrator—

- Wireless project is up and running well

OTHER REPORTS

CIU #10—

No report from the CIU #10

CCCTC—

Made a trip to Federal Surplus in Harrisburg and came back with a tractor trailer load of supplies. This is something for us to look into and it will help to save the District money.

BOARD

No voting items from the board.

PERSONNEL

Volunteers / Subs

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve Jodi Titus to the substitute café list; Taylor Eirich and Maria Yatchik to the volunteer list, all paperwork has been completed. Mr. Mel Smeal seconded the motion and it carried by a vote of 9-0-0.

MOU Sec. Library Clerk

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between West Branch Area School District (WBASD) and West Branch Education Support Professionals (WBESP) for the position of Secondary Library Clerk. Mr. Larry Allen seconded the motion and it carried by a vote of 9-0-0.

S. Folmar – Sec. Library Clerk

Mr. Chad Diviney, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve Susan Folmar for the position of Secondary Library Clerk at the rate of \$14/hr., effective September 24,

2014. This is a permanent part-time position with no benefits. Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion and it carried by a vote of 9-0-0.

D.
McCamley
mentor B.
Martin

Mr. Robert Seprish, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve Dennis McCamley to mentor Brooke Martin at the rate of \$250. Mr. Don Yontosh seconded the motion and it carried by a vote of 9-0-0.

N. Petriskey
resign Class
Adv.

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the resignation of Nicole Petriskey as Sophomore Class Advisor, effective the beginning of the 2014—2015 school year. Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion and it carried by a vote of 9-0-0.

A. Lucas
LOA

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve Angela Lucas, West Branch Elementary School, Learning Support, ESL, Teacher, requesting paid leave of absence from approximately October 22, 2014 for approximately 12 weeks. Mrs. Lucas has met all requirements for said leave in accordance with the agreement between West Branch School District and the West Branch Education Association. Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion and it carried by a vote of 9-0-0.

School
Physician

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to continue the agreement with Penn Highlands Family Practice, (Dr. Mary Claire Maninang-Ocampo, MD as new physician with practice) as School Physician to the West Branch Area School District. Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion and it carried by a vote of 9-0-0.

Volunteers /
Security
Staff

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve Kendra Piotrowski to the volunteer list and Dan Rebmann to the Security Staff list. All paperwork has been completed. Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion and it carried by a vote of 9-0-0.

G. White /
C. Gay
resign
advisors

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the resignation of Gerald White, Varsity Club Advisor, effective the beginning of the 2014—2015 school year and approve the resignation of Crystal Gay, National Honor Society Advisor, effective the beginning of the 2014—2015 school year. Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 9-0-0.

Van Driver
list

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the following van and bus drivers for the 2014—2015 school year. Mr. Larry Allen seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 9-0-0.

EDUCATION

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

Priority
Goals

Approve the Priority Goals for the 2014—2015 school year.

Guidance
Field Trip

Approve the Junior Class Guidance Field Trip to the Clearfield County College Fair on October 2, 2014. Cost to the District is \$307.10 and there is no cost to the student. (Information Only: Approximately 60 students will be attending the trip. Chaperones are Jerry White, Angela Rosselli, Dave Learish and Scott McCamley). Mrs. Christina Brown seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 9-0-0.

TRANSPORTATION & ATHLETICS

Mr. Chad Diviney, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the following motions:

B. Martin JV
Cheer Adv.

Approve Brooke Martin as the Jr. Varsity Cheerleading Advisor.

C. Howe
Security

Approve Charles Howe to be added to the event staff/security list.

Athletic
Volunteers

Approve the following volunteers to fall athletic programs:

Volleyball: Mariah McDowell

Girls Soccer: Taylor Eirich

Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 9-0-0.

D. Learish
Resign
Baseball
Coach

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the resignation of David Learish, Head Baseball Coach. Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 9-0-0.

P. Sankey
Resign
Wrestling
Coach

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the resignation of Paul Sankey as the Jr. High Assistant Wrestling Coach. Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion and it carried by a vote of 9-0-0.

Bus Stops

Mr. Paul Carr, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the Bus stop listings as presented for the 2014-2015 school year. Mr. Don Yontosh seconded the motion and it carried by a vote of 9-0-0.

Booster
Clubs

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the recognition of the following Booster Clubs/Groups for the 2014-2015 school year:

- I. West Branch Band Booster Club
- II. West Branch Baseball Booster Club
- III. West Branch Cheerleading Booster Club
- IV. West Branch Volleyball Booster Club
- V. West Branch Girls Soccer Booster Club
- VI. West Branch Football Booster Club
- VII. West Branch Boys Basketball Booster Club
- VIII. West Branch Girls Basketball Booster Club
- IX. West Branch Softball Booster Club
- X. West Branch Wrestling Booster Club
- XI. West Branch Track and Field Booster Club

Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion and it carried by a vote of 9-0-0.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

No voting items

POLICY

No voting items

FINANCE & PURCHASE

Mr. Paul Carr, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the following motions:

Approve the Treasurer’s Report for July.

Treasurers
Rpt.

Approve the following Disbursements from July / August.

Disburse- ments	\$5,401.19	Cafeteria Account	checks 3926 through 3932
	\$655,146.84	General Account	checks 43903 through 44070
	\$660,548.03	GRAND TOTAL	

Activity Acct. Approve the Activity Account for June.

Bills Approve the payment of bills thru the end of September.

Mr. Mel Smeal seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 9-0-0.

D. Cherry Treasurer Mr. Paul Carr, in the form of a motion, recommended to appoint Denise Cherry as Treasurer to the West Branch Area School District. Mr. Don Yontosh seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 9-0-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

There were no correspondence to present at the meeting.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Mr. Rob Seprish complimented Mr. Smeal for painting the football field fence.

There will be an Executive session at 6:30 p.m. for personnel on October 27, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. Mr. Larry Allen seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 9-0-0.

Respectively Submitted,

Kasi Woodring
Secretary to the Board of Education