

WEST BRANCH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR SESSION

March 24, 2014

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

Members Absent: None

Student Representatives: None

Media Present: Tyler Kolesar, The Progress News

Administration Present: Joseph Holenchik, Wendy Fernburg, Jason McMillen, Michelle Dutrow, Mark Mitchell, Dave Nelson

Others Present: Kasi Woodring, Board Secretary; David Consiglio, Solicitor; Greg Modzel, Emily Callahan, Robert Rusnak, Traci Callahan, Aleah Schwiderske, Ashley Denuchick, Ron Mollura, Karen Atwood, Monica Simcisko, Tiffany Parks, Betty Fry, Mel Curtis, Cindy Lupton, Holly Petriskey, Earling Anderson, Karen Williams, Phillip Williams, Maria Handel, Jen Maines, Taylor Culter, Brenda Fye, Stephanie MacTavish, Shari Buck, Sue Betts, Ashley White, Michelle Guerra, Jane Prestash

OPENING EXERCISES

President Joseph Kovalcin called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. All present were asked to stand and pledge allegiance to the American Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Paul Carr, in the form of a motion, recommended board approval to the minutes of the February 19, 2014 of the Regular Session meeting. Mr. Don Yontosh seconded the motion. The motion was carried with a vote of 9-0-0.

PRESENTATIONS

Ronald Mollura inquired if the paperwork was all completed and turned in for the Storm Runners using the facilities. Mr. Mollura was also not in favor of the Cheerleading Advisor Position being opened.

Monica Simcisko and Karen Atwood blamed the parents for the way the cheerleading program has been handled, both suggested starting out fresh or taking a year off for the girls and program to calm down.

Brenda Holt, Treasurer of the Cheerleading Booster Club reported that the Cheerleading program donated \$1,800 to Aiden's Army for Aiden Collar.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Joseph Holenchik, Secondary Principal—

- Congratulated Reynold "Buzzy" Maines on a PIAA State Wrestling Runner Up.

Mark Mitchell, Elementary Principal—

- Kindergarten Registration was held March 4 & 5
- Attended an ESAP training on March 10, 11 & 19 with Stephanie Graboski, Dennis McCamley Allison Koleno and Kristi Gibson
- PSSA starts March 25 for grades 3-6

Wendy Fernburg, Supervisor of Special Education—

- PASA testing K – 12 will be complete this Thursday; the new digital video taping and uploading process is working smoothly.
- CCCTC and Career Link meetings were held on March 7th with 11th and 12th grade learning support students as part of their transition process.
- Mr. Herzog and I are in the process of planning the Life Skills Prom which we will host this year. We would like to thank the Junior Class for allowing us to use their decorations for this event and Student government for their donation toward the expenses.

Jason McMillen, Business Manager—

- Attended Kindergarten registration for transportation needs.
- Working on insurance quotes for next year's budget
- Attended the PASBO conference, attended many sessions and had time for networking. Mr. McMillen thanked the Curwensville Area School District for inviting him and defraying some of the cost for West Branch.

Dave Williamson, Athletic Director / Student Registrar—

- Mr. Williamson was unable to attend the meeting.

Dave Nelson, Maintenance Supervisor—

- Met with the insurance adjuster regarding the damage to the gym floor.
- Maintenance is working on the ball fields to get them ready for the games.

Nik Bisko, Technology Administrator—

- The Technology Department is finalizing quotes for the summer projects.

OTHER REPORTS**CIU #10—**

Mr. Coble reported that the CIU #10 discussed the General Operating Budget that will need to be voted on by each District. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 27, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

CCCTC—

Mr. Kovalcin reported that the CCCTC held open house, with around 200 people attending.

BOARD

There were no voting items in the Board section of the agenda.

PERSONNEL

A. Rosselli Tenure	Mr. Donald Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve to grant tenure to Angela Rosselli. Mr. Melvin Smeal seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 9-0-0.
Volunteers / Subs	Mr. Donald Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve Heath McCracken and Colleen McCloskey to the Substitute Teacher list and Mary Handle to the Substitute Paraprofessional list, all paperwork has been completed. Mr. Robert Seprish seconded the motion and it carried by a vote of 9-0-0.
E. DeVore Retirement	Mr. Donald Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the retirement of Edward DeVore, WB Elementary Art Teacher, effective last day of the 2013—2014 school year, under the terms of the current "Agreement between the West Branch

School District and West Branch Education Association," including any relevant Memorandums of Understanding. Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion and it carried by a vote of 9-0-0.

EDUCATION

- OT Service Agreement Clear-Care Mr. Paul Carr, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the Occupational Therapy Service Agreement between WBASD and Clear-Care Corporation Mr. Chad Diviney seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 9-0-0.
- Skills of Central PA Mr. Donald Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the agreement between Skills of Central Pennsylvania and WBASD. Mr. Larry Allen seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 9-0-0.
- Field Trips Mr. Donald Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the following field trips:
- WB High School (Grades 7—11) to go to Hershey Park on June 4, 2014 at a cost to the student of \$50 (no cost to the District—Funding—Hershey Trip Club.) (Information Only: Approximately 225 students will be attending the trip; Chaperone list will be submitted and approved by Administration prior to the trip.)
- 1st grade field trip to Lincoln Caverns on May 15, 2014 at a cost to the District of a Substitute Nurse. (Funding-PTO). (Information Only: Approximately 66 students will be attending the trip. Chaperones are Tara Yingling, Deb Galley, Scott McClelland, Kelley Hubler, Dawn Brownson, Debbie Killion, Helen Galley, Paul Sankey, Stephanie Guglielmi & LuAnn Mulhollum)
- West Branch Choral Department field trip to Benedum Center, Pittsburgh, PA to see Don' Quixote on April 12, 2014 at no cost to the District and a cost of \$55, plus the cost of dinner to the student. (Information Only: Approximately 20 students will be attending the trip. Chaperones are Dan & Kelly Stilson.)
- Mr. Larry Allen seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 9-0-0.
- Field Trips Mr. Paul Carr, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the following field trips:
- West Branch Choral Department to go to the Darien Lake Park Choral Competition, Darien Center, New York, on May 24 or 31, 2014 (depending on availability). There is no cost to the District and cost to the student is \$35 maximum (may be less depending on fundraising and account balance). (Information Only: Approximately 60 students will be attending the trip. Chaperones are Dan & Kelly Stilson, and other chaperones will be approved by Administration prior to the trip).
- West Branch Drama Department to go to the Rowland Theatre on April 11, 2014. There is no cost to the student and \$160 cost to the District for chaperones and bus transportation. (Information Only: Approximately 40 students will be attending the trip and chaperones are Kim Hunter and Laura Mazer).
- West Branch Elementary grades 4—6 to go to Delgrosso's Amusement Park on May 28, 29 or June 4, 2014 (depending on availability). There is no cost to the District or the student; funding—PTO. (Information Only: Approximately 240 students will be attending the trip, chaperone list will be provided and approved by Administration prior to the trip).
- Mr. Don Yontosh seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 9-0-0.

YMCA Before & After Program	Mr. Donald Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the request of the Centre County YMCA to operate a Before-and-After School program for the 2014-2015 school year within the West Branch School District pending successful DPW Application and negotiated contract with the District. Mr. Larry Allen seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 9-0-0.
SFA	Mr. Paul Carr, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the nonrenewal of contracted services with Success For All (SFA), effective at the close of the 2013—2014 school year. Mr. Don Yontosh seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 7-2-0. Voice Roll Call: Mrs. Brown—yes; Mr. Smeal—yes; Mr. Diviney—yes; Mr. Yontosh—yes; Mr. Allen—yes; Mr. Coble—No; Mr. Seprish—No; Mr. Carr—yes; Mr. Kovalcin—yes.
HS Course Selection Book	Mr. Melvin Smeal, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the High School Course Selection Book for the 2014—2015 school year. Mr. Don Yontosh seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 9-0-0.
District Run Life Skills	Mr. Chad Diviney, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve two district-run Life Skills Support classes effective with the 2014—2015 school year. Mr. Melvin Smeal seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 9-0-0.

TRANSPORTATION & ATHLETICS

Retention Winter Coaches	Mr. Donald Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the retention of the winter coaches / advisors, as per the recommendation of the Administration. This approval includes the following sports programs: Boys' Basketball, Girls' Basketball and Wrestling. Mr. Melvin Smeal seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 9-0-0.
Open Cheerleading Adv. Position	Mr. Paul Carr, in the form of a motion, recommended to open Cheerleading Advisor positions, effective immediately. Mr. Robert Seprish seconded the motion and it carried by a vote of 9-0-0.
Youth Football Shed Replacement	Mr. Donald Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the request of the Youth Football Community Group to replace the shed located at the football field, at no cost to the District. Mr. Larry Allen seconded the motion and it carried by a vote of 9-0-0. Mrs. Dutrow commented that the old shed would be removed and Mr. Nelson informed the Board that no walkways or other areas would be blocked.
D. Arnold Asst. Softball Coach	Mr. Robert Seprish, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve Dennis Arnold as the assistant Varsity softball coach. Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion and it carried by a vote of 8-1-0. Voice Roll Call: Mrs. Brown—yes; Mr. Smeal—yes; Mr. Diviney—yes; Mr. Yontosh—no; Mr. Allen—yes; Mr. Coble—yes; Mr. Seprish—yes; Mr. Carr—yes; Mr. Kovalcin—yes.
Spring Athletic Volunteers	Mr. Melvin Smeal, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve Curtis Quick to be a volunteer to the baseball program and Jason Gallaher to the Jr. High Softball program. Mr. Don Yontosh seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 9-0-0.
J. Redmond Resignation JV Volleyball	Mr. Donald Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the resignation of Jim Redmond, JV Volleyball coach, effective immediately. Mr. Melvin Smeal seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 9-0-0.
T. Callahan & T. Parks Compensation	Mr. Donald Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve Traci Callahan and Tiffany Parks to be paid \$419.70 each, for sharing the duties of the vacant JV Assistant Cheerleading Advisor Position for the remainder of the 2013—

2014 school year. Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion and it carried by a vote of 9-0-0.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

There were no voting items in the Board section of the agenda.

FINANCE & PURCHASE

Treasurers Report, Disbursements, Activity Acct.	Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the following motions: Approve the Treasurer's Report for February. Approve the Payment of bills thru the end of March Approve the Activity Account for February.
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Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 9-0-0.

RFP For Audit Services	Mr. Paul Carr, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the RFP for Audit Services. Mr. Robert Seprish seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 9-0-0.
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CIU #10 Gen. Operation Bud. 2014—2015	Mr. Paul Carr, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the CIU #10 2014—2015 General Operating Budget. Mr. Melvin Smeal seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 9-0-0. Voice Roll Call: Mrs. Brown—yes; Mr. Smeal—yes; Mr. Diviney—yes; Mr. Yontosh—yes; Mr. Allen—yes; Mr. Coble—yes; Mr. Seprish—yes; Mr. Carr—yes; Mr. Kovalcin—yes.
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CORRESPONDENCE

There were no correspondence to present at the meeting.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

There will be an executive session held before the meeting on April 28, 2014 for Personnel and Contractual discussions.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Donald Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 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