

WEST BRANCH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR SESSION

APRIL 25, 2016

Members Present: Joseph M. Kovalcin, Don Yontosh, Melvin Smeal, Chad Diviney via telephone, Christina Brown, Paul Carr, Christina Brown, Robert Seprish

Members Absent: Larry Allen

Media Present: Tyler Kolesar, The Progress News

Administration Present: Joseph Holenchik, David Williamson, David Nelson, Nik Bisko, Michelle Dutrow, Jason McMillen, Tiffany English, Mark Mitchell

Others Present: Kasi Woodring, Ron Mollura, Nicole Switala, Chastity Vargas, Celita Vargas, Rhonda Bailor, Kestrel Merritt, Mark Hanslovan, Amanda Harrington, Doug Harrington, Michelle Erculiani, Holly Petriskey

OPENING EXERCISES

President Joseph Kovalcin called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. All present were asked to stand and pledge allegiance to the American Flag.

VISITORS

Chastity Vargas addressed the Board regarding her daughter not being able to attend the Clearfield County Career and Technology Center because she is a homeschooled student and would have to pay close to \$10,000. Mrs. Vargas stated that only two districts in the county do not offer homeschooled students to attend the CCCTC. She asked the board for reconsideration in allowing homeschooled students to be able to attend the CCCTC without having to pay the tuition.

Celita Vargas spoke to the board informing the board of why she wanted to go to the CCCTC. She wants to learn more for her future and before she goes to college.

Amanda Harrington addressed the Board regarding a personnel matter regarding her son and the employee sending a picture to the son's father. Ms. Harrington does not think a formal warning was a severe enough punishment and requested the policies be readdressed and changed should future circumstances occur.

MINUTES

Mr. Paul Carr, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the meeting minutes from March 21, 2016. Mr. Mel Smeal seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

JR Holenchik, Secondary Principal—

- Keystone Exams scheduled for mid-May.
- Ongoing preliminary scheduling for course selection process.
- PSSA testing has been completed.

Mark Mitchell, Elementary Principal—

- 2016-2017 PreK Registration was held on April 25, 2016.
- PSSA Math and ELA has been finished, Science will be completed on April 27, 2016.
- Elementary Band & Chorus concert will be held on May 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
- Inclement Weather drill was conducted in March, Relocation and ALICE drills will be taking place in May/June.

Allison Koleno, Principal of Special Student Programs—

- Mrs. Koleno was unable to attend the board meeting but provided the board with her monthly report.

Jason McMillen, Business Manager—

- The Governor allowed the Budget that was passed by the Legislation to become law without his signature.
- District held a sale of the equipment and supplies from the former Family Consumer Science program. The District profited over \$700.
- Public Finance Committee met on April 20, 2016. The 2016-2017 school budget was discussed and possible outcomes that the District could expect.

Tiffany English, Food Service Director—

- Reviewed the monthly newsletter with the board and discussed the comparison report (year-to-date profit).

David Williamson, Athletic Director—

- Reviewed the Attendance Comparison reports for the Board.
- Recognized Kody Trude, Austin Krise and Rachel Myers for signing scholarships.

Dave Nelson, Maintenance Supervisor—

- Shut down the biomass boiler for the year. The District saved an estimate \$73,000 by using the boiler instead of fuel oil alone.

Nik Bisko, Technology Administrator—

- Closing out the school year and getting ready for summer updates.
- Met with Bet-Way to discuss installing more security cameras.

CUI

- Held a Kinex competition on April 7, 2016. There were 44 teams.
- The next meeting is 4/28/2016 at 6:00 p.m.

CCCTC

- Application Wood donated a huge supply of wood to the woodshop room.
- Discussed the Student Activity Report.
- Approved the 2016-2017 School Calendar.
- Robotics/Electronics have low enrollment for the upcoming school year; may look into combining classes with another program.
- Graduation will be held on 5/26/2016.

PERSONNEL

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

Extended
School Year

Mark Norris, Mary Beth Moslak, Erin Johnson and Matt Hauck as Extended School Year Teachers at the contracted rate of \$24/hr., for the 2015—2016 school year.

ESY
Teachers

Amanda Harris as Extended School Year Speech Therapist at the contracted rate of \$24/hr., for the 2015—2016 school year.

ESY Subs

Danielle Gregory and Angela Lucas as Extended School Year substitutes, as needed, at the contracted rate of \$24/hr., for the 2015—2016 school year.

ESY Para's Mr. Melvin Smeal seconded the motion and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0. Mr. Melvin Smeal, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve Tina Kolesar and Melissa Yontosh as Extended School Year Classroom Paraprofessional at their current contractual rate, for the 2015—2016 school year. Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion and it was carried with a vote of 7-0-1. Mr. Yontosh abstained from voting due to candidate being his daughter-in-law.

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

ESY Nurse Cindy Bock as Extended School Year Nurse at her current rate, for the 2015—2016 school year.

ESY Sub Para's Michelle Guerra as Extended School Year Classroom Paraprofessional substitute at her current contractual rate, for the 2015—2016 school year.

Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

Transfers K. Gibson J. Koleno M. Moslak Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the following motions:

Transfer Kristi Gibson from 2nd Grade Teacher to Elementary 3rd Grade Teacher, beginning with the 2016—2017 school year. Mrs. Gibson will be reassigned due to increased class size. (voluntary)

Transfer Justin Koleno from 6th Grade Teacher to Elementary 5th Grade Teacher, beginning with the 2016—2017 school year. Mr. Koleno will be reassigned due to increased class size. (voluntary)

Transfer Mary Beth Moslak from Secondary Life Skills Teacher to Elementary 3rd Grade Teacher, beginning with the 2016—2017 school year. Mrs. Moslak will be reassigned due to increased class size. (voluntary)

Mr. Robert Seprish seconded the motion and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

J. Galley Transfer Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve to transfer John Galley, second shift custodian, from 4:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the current WBESP contract rate. (Mr. Galley will be replacing Tim Jones, due to retirement, March 21, 2016 Board Meeting, Personnel #1). Mr. Melvin Smeal seconded the motion and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

Summer Hours Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve District Summer Hours of Operation using a four (4) day work week, June 20, 2016 to August 11, 2016. Staff will increase daily hours to accommodate a shortened work week. Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

Summer Staff Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the Summer Staff:

Nurse	5 days (Briskar - \$1,291.90)
Elem. Guidance	Not to exceed 15 days (Graboski - \$3,810.75)
HS Guidance	Not to exceed 18 days (Porter - \$4,957.38; Hubler - \$6,694.02)
Librarian / Clerk	5 days each (Walker - \$1,902.75; Folmar - \$511.88)
Technology Para	5 days (Petriskey - \$496.28)

Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

Volunteers Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve Brittany Bumbarger, Danielle McDowell, Max Crumly & Kathy Crumly to the volunteer list, all paperwork has been received. Mr. Melvin Smeal seconded the motion and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

EDUCATION

Field Trips Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the following field trips:

History Club field trip to Historic Philadelphia on April 29, 2016. Cost to the district is \$170 and cost to the student is up to \$70, depending on fundraising. (Information Only: Approximately 14 students will be attending the trip. Chaperones are Jennifer Brickley and Carrie Peterson).

Senior Class field trip to Cedar Point, Sandusky, OH, on May 27, 2016. Cost to the District is \$170 and cost to the student is up to \$86, depending on fundraising. (Information Only: 55 students will be attending the trip. Chaperones are Jennifer Brickley and Jason McMillen)

High School Life Skills field trip to Altoona Curve on May 26, 2016. Cost to the District is for transportation and there is no cost to the student. (Information Only: 10 students will be attending the trip. Chaperones are Mary Beth Moslak, Karen Williams, Tina Kolesar, Pennie Folmar, Amanda Harris, Danielle Gregory, Troy Butterworth and Missy Sloppy).

Magazine Club field trip to Hershey, PA on June 1, 2016. There is no cost to the District and cost to the student is \$52. (Information Only: 202 students will be attending the trip. Chaperones are Allison Koleno, JoEllen Hunt, Lisa Smeal, Matt Hauck, Beth Hudish, Aaron Zimmerman, Michelle Guerra, Sam Lannen, Rob Reams and William Lindstrom).

Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion, and it carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

Comp. Plan Spec. Ed. Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the Comprehensive Planning – Special Education Plan. Mr. Chad Diviney seconded the motion, and it carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

Addendum HS Course Sel. Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the addendum to the HS Course Selection Booklet:

FABRICATION: TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS (821) – Elective
1 Semester - 5 Periods/Wk. (Grades 10-12) .5 Credit

In this course students will design and build models of transportation systems. Students will apply math, science, and technology concepts in order to create working models of planes, CO2 cars, mousetrap cars, and boats. Students will build on their knowledge of the 3D modeling program AutoCAD Inventor in conjunction with the 3D printer to bring their 3D drawing to a working model.

Prerequisite- Drafting/CADII

Mr. Melvin Smeal seconded the motion, and it carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

Books to Surplus Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the following textbooks at West Branch High School be declared surplus:

Harcourt Math, Harcourt Publishing, Copyright 2002, ISBN# 0-15-320748-5, 14 books

Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion, and it carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

TRANSPORTATION & ATHLETICS

Retention of Coaches Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the administrative recommendation to retain the winter athletic coaching staff. (Sports include Wrestling, Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball and Cheerleading). Mr. Melvin Smeal seconded the motion, and it carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

FINANCE & PURCHASE

Disbursements Mr. Paul Carr, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the following Disbursements from March/April 2016.

\$ 49,863.36	Cafeteria Account	checks 4063 through 4064
\$ 727,532.62	General Account	checks 46648 through 46790
<u>\$ 777,395.98</u>	GRAND TOTAL	

Mr. Mel Smeal seconded the motion and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-1. Mr. Carr abstained from voting due to his sibling receiving funds from the district.

Treasurers Report / Activity Acct. Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the Treasurers Report for March and approve the Activity Account for March. Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

Nutrition Contract Mr. Chad Diviney, in the form of a motion, recommended to renew the food service management contract with The Nutrition Group for the 2016—2017 school year. Mr. Mel Smeal seconded the motion and it was carried with a vote of 7-1-0. Voice Roll Call: Mr. Coble—yes; Mr. Carr—no; Mr. Seprish—yes; Mr. Yontosh—yes; Mr. Smeal—yes; Mrs. Brown—yes; Mr. Diviney—yes; Mr. Kovalcin—yes; 9—yes; 0—no.

ADDENDUM

Fieldtrip Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the 5th Grade field trip to the CCCTC on May 13, 2016. Cost to the District is for transportation. There is no cost to the student. (Information Only: 68 students will be attending the trip. Chaperones will be Stephanie Graboski, Dennis McCamley, Chery Green and Brooke Walton). Mr. Melvin Smeal seconded the motion, and it carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

Preschool Playground Construction Mr. Paul Carr, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the construction of a preschool playground behind the elementary school. (Paid through braided grant funding). Mr. Robert Seprish seconded the motion, and it carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

Mr. Smeal asked what the playground would entail. Mrs. Dutrow said a fence would be put up around the area they have staked and ribboned off. There will be a grass play area, hard play area and a shade area. We will buy equipment as funding is available and allocated.

Mr. Diviney asked if the cars are too close to the play area. Mr. McMillen said there are no cars passing through during the day, they are all parked in a row.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve to change the Board of Directors monthly meeting times to 6:30 p.m. beginning with the May 23, 2016 Board Meeting. Mr. Gerald Coble seconded the motion and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to adjourn the meeting 7:49 p.m. Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

Respectively Submitted,

Kasi Woodring
Secretary to the Board of Education