

WEST BRANCH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR SESSION

MAY 23, 2016

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

Members Absent:

Media Present:

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

Others Present: Ron Mollura, Chastity Vargas, Celita Vargas

OPENING EXERCISES

President Joseph Kovalcin called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. All present were asked to stand and pledge allegiance to the American Flag.

MINUTES

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the meeting minutes from April 25, 2016. Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 9-0-0.

PERSONNEL

K. Goss Contract Renewal Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the contract renewal with Kelly Goss, School Psychologist, 105 days at \$300 per day. Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion and it was carried with a vote of 9-0-0.

J. Sproull Summer Days Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve Summer Staff:
Band Director Sproull - \$6,778.40 (20 Days)

Mr. Larry Allen seconded the motion and it was carried with a vote of 9-0-0

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

P. Folmar Transfer Transfer Pennie Folmar, Personal Care Paraprofessional, to Life Skills Classroom Paraprofessional at the current WBESP contract rate, beginning with the 2016-2017 school year. (Mrs. Folmar will be replacing Karen Williams, due to retirement, March 21, 2016 Board Meeting, Personnel #2).

T. Beveridge Transfer Transfer Tim Beveridge, third shift custodian, from 10:00 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. to second shift custodian, 2:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the current WBESP contract rate. (Mr. Beveridge will be replacing John Galley, due to transfer, April 25, 2016 Board Meeting, Personnel #10).

G. Hubler Tech Coach/ Elem. Comp. Approve Greg Hubler as Technology Coach/Elementary Computer Teacher at the current WBEA contract rate, beginning with the 2016-2017 school year. (Mr. Hubler will be filling a new position).

Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motions and they were carried with a vote of 9-0-0.

S. Houser Resignation Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the resignation of Shelley Houser, Café/Hall Monitor, effective May 16, 2016. Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion and it was carried with a vote of 9-0-0.

Volunteers Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve Beth English, Brady English and Stephen Page to the volunteer list, all paperwork has been received. Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion and it was carried with a vote of 9-0-0.

EDUCATION

Graduation Candidates Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the 2016 West Branch Graduation candidates. Mr. Chad Diviney seconded the motion, and it carried with a vote of 9-0-0.

Book Orders Mr. Paul Carr, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the following book orders:

- Title I book order in the amount of \$451.92 (2015-2016 budget)
- Elementary Library book order in the amount of \$4,009.15 (2016-2017 budget)
- Secondary Library book order in the amount of \$1,697.76 (2015-2016 budget)
- Secondary Library book order in the amount of \$1,225.23 (2016-2017 budget)

Mr. Don Yontosh seconded the motion, and it carried with a vote of 9-0-0.

Field Trip Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve retroactive the Student Government field trip to Central Mountain High School on May 11, 2016. Cost to the District is for transportation and one substitute. There is no cost to the student. (Information Only: 8 students will attend the trip: Chaperone was Ronda Hanslovan: Attendance was at the request of the Superintendent). Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion, and it carried with a vote of 9-0-0.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Paving Project Mr. Robert Seprish, in the form of a motion, recommended to solicit bids for the exterior paving project for the District. (full project). Mr. Don Yontosh seconded the motion, and it carried with a vote of 9-0-0.

TRANSPORTATION & ATHLETICS

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

Approve the resignation of Steve Sudik as Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach, effective immediately.

Approve the resignation of Terry Trude as Assistant Varsity Boys Basketball Coach, effective immediately.

Approve the resignation of Dan Socash as Head Girls Basketball Coach, effective immediately.

Mr. Don Yontosh seconded the motion, and it carried with a vote of 9-0-0.

Event Ticket Prices Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve to increase the ticket prices at athletic events as follows:

1. Varsity \$5 – Adult \$3 – Student
2. Jr. High \$4 – Adult \$2 – Student

* Spectators wanting to stay for a Varsity event following a Jr. High event on the same date will only need to pay the difference for the second event (\$1.00).

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

Mr. Smeal questioned how the district would be able to handle the new arrangement whereby a patron could purchase a ticket for the junior high event and then only pay the difference of \$1.00 if staying for the jv/varsity event. Mr. McMillen shared that we would use one of two options – pay for the varsity ticket upon entering the junior high event or take the ticket back to the ticket booth prior to the varsity event to pay the additional \$1.00 fee.

POLICY

1st Reading Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the first reading of the following policies:

- i. Policy 609—Investment of District Funds
- ii. Policy 823—Naloxone

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

FINANCE & PURCHASE

Disburse- Mr. Paul Carr, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the following
ments Disbursements from April/May2016.

\$ 40,652.51	Cafeteria Account	checks 4065 through 4067
\$ 461,923.77	General Account	checks 46791 through 46914
\$ 512,576.28	GRAND TOTAL	

Mr. Chad Diviney 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 Mr. Paul Carr, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the following
Report / motions:
Activity
Acct. Approve the Treasurers Report for April.

Payment of Approve the Activity Account for April.
Bills

Pay the bills thru the end of May 2016.

Mr. Chad Diviney seconded the motion and it was carried with a vote of 9-0-0.

Baker Tilly Mr. Paul Carr, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve Baker Tilly Virchow
Local Kraus, LLP as the local auditor to complete the 2015-2016 fiscal year audit at the rate
Auditor of \$19,500. Mr. Mel Smeal seconded the motion and it was carried with a vote of 9-0-0.

Mr. Seprish questioned the price, asking if we were back to where we were several auditors ago. He stated that he thought we paid the previous auditor less to which Mr. McMillen agreed. Mr. McMillen reviewed the pricing options for several auditors in the area and indicated that the quote before the Board was in a standard range. Mrs.

Dutrow added that although the base price showed an increase, the district was not being billed for general booking keeping as had been the past practice several years ago.

CCCTC 16-17 Budget

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the Clearfield County Career & Technology General Fund Budget for the 2016-2017 school year. Mr. Larry Allen seconded the motion, and it carried with a vote of 9-0-0. Voice Roll Call: Mr. Yontosh—yes; Mr. Allen—yes; Mr. Coble—yes; Mr. Smeal—yes; Mr. Diviney—yes; Mrs. Brown—yes; Mr. Seprish—yes; Mr. Carr—yes; Mr. Kovalcin—yes. 9—yes; 0—no.

Preliminary Budget

Mr. Paul Carr, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the Preliminary General Fund Budget for the 2016-2017 school year. Providing a total budgeted revenue of \$16,045,909 and total budgeted expenditure of \$16,827,095, while maintaining a projected fund balance of \$5,081,415, and implementing the following tax rates:

99.4 mills (increase of 2.4 mills) for Clearfield County and 12.4 (increase of 1.8 mills) mills for Clinton County.

\$5.00 Per Capita (Section 679 School Code)

\$5.00 Per Capita (Act 511)

\$10.00 Occupation Tax (Act 511)

\$10.00 Local Service/Occupational Privilege Tax

0.50% Earned Income Tax (1.0% shared with municipalities, Act 511)

0.50% Real Estate Transfer Tax (1.0% shared with municipalities, Act 511)

Mr. Melvin Smeal seconded the motion, and it carried with a vote of 9-0-0. Voice Roll Call: Mr. Yontosh—yes; Mr. Allen—yes; Mr. Coble—yes; Mr. Smeal—yes; Mr. Diviney—yes; Mrs. Brown—yes; Mr. Seprish—yes; Mr. Carr—yes; Mr. Kovalcin—yes. 9—yes; 0—no.

CORRESPONDENCE

Holt Memorial Library

West Branch received a "Thank You" card from Holt Memorial Library for a donation continued partnership.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Mr. Diviney registered a concern about the lack of a proper crosswalk between the school district and gethsemane Church. Many students move back and forth after school hours between the two properties and it may be a safety issue. Mrs. Dutrow indicated that Dave Nelson will check with the state and get back to the group with how the district might pursue this item.

Mrs. Brown questioned the possibility of a season pass for athletic events. Mr. Williamson is to check into this item and provide feedback to the Board.

Mr. Allen asked if check writing was included in the curriculum as he has a concern that students are ill-prepared in this area. Mrs. Dutrow shared that this skill is included in one of the mid-level rotation class offered through the Business department.

Mr. Carr asked how many versions of the budget Mr. McMillen was to prepare for the Board as they consider a tax increase. The Board indicated that they wish to see how the following tax increases impact the budget: 1.5 mills, 2.0 mills, and 2.4 mills.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Robert Seprish, in the form of a motion, recommended to adjourn the meeting 8:12 p.m. Mr. Don Yontosh seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 9-0-0.

Respectively Submitted,

Kasi Woodring
Secretary to the Board of Education