

WEST BRANCH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR SESSION

NOVEMBER 14, 2016

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

Members Absent: Don Yontosh

Media Present: The Progress News

Administration Present: Joseph Holenchik, David Nelson, Nik Bisko, Michelle Dutrow, Jason McMillen, Allison Koleno, Tiffany English, David Williamson, Arron Prisk

Others Present: Kasi Woodring, Nila Force, Holly Elensky, Karen Krise, Kay Folmar, CindaLou Hubler, Amanda Wooster

**OPENING EXERCISES**

President Joseph Kovalcin called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. All present were asked to stand and pledge allegiance to the American Flag.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Paul Carr, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the meeting minutes from September 26, 2016. Mr. Melvin Smeal seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Kay Folmar and CindaLou Hubler expressed their disappointment with Administration for not recommending a raise for the tax collectors. It will be 4 years before they are considered for a raise if one is not granted for the upcoming election. They state the raise will not go in effect until September 2018. They asked the board to reconsider the Administration's recommendation.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

All Administrators provided the Board with reports to read at their leisure. Mr. Bisko, Mr. Prisk and Mrs. Koleno presented a gallery walk overviewing a variety of District initiatives that teachers had created for the Innovation Fair as part of the recent County In-service day.

**PERSONNEL**

Volunteers Mr. Paul Carr, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve Josie Cartwright and Kim Sample 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. Paul Carr, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the following motions:

Approve the Guidance field trip to the CCCTC on November 17, 2016. Cost to the District is \$157 for substitutes and there is no cost to the student. (Information Only:

61 students will be attending the trip. Chaperones are Joe Matson, Kevin Hubler, Jen Porter and Dave Williamson).

Approve the West Branch Ski Club for the following trips:

Holiday Valley, NY on January 22, 2017  
Hidden Valley, PA on February 3, 2017  
Holiday Valley, NY February 17, 2017

Cost to the District is for two subs half day on February 17, 2017 and cost to the Student is \$40-50 per trip for lift ticket. (Information Only: Approximately 30 students will be attending the trip. Chaperones are Dan Beahan, Preston Raymond, Carol Beahan, Mary Beth Moslak, Jim Moslak, Phil Wood).

Approve District Chorus to perform at Penns Valley HS on January 12-14, 2017. Cost to the District is the use of one school van, student registration, one substitute and hotel accommodations for the Choral Director. There is no cost to the student. (Information Only: 5 students will be performing. Chaperone is Jennifer Sproull).

Approve Regional Band to perform at Richland HS on March 23-25, 2017. Cost to the District is the use of one school van, student registration, one substitute and hotel accommodations for the Band Director. There is no cost to the student. (Information Only: Student participation is unknown at this time, number will be confirmed after District Band. Chaperone is Jennifer Sproull).

Approve Regional Chorus to perform at Curwensville HS on February 23-25, 2017. Cost to the District will be the use of one school van, student registration and one substitute. There is no cost to the student. (Information Only: Student participation is unknown at this time, number will be confirmed after District Chorus. Chaperone is Jennifer Sproull).

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

## **TRANSPORTATION & ATHLETICS**

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

Booster  
Approval

Approve the recognition of the following booster clubs/organizations for the 2016-2017 school year. Attendance at annual orientation and all other requirements have been satisfied.

West Branch Boys Basketball

B. Myers  
BBall Coach

Approve Bill Myers as Jr. High Assistant Boys Basketball Coach.

Volunteers

Approve Paul Sankey as a volunteer to the Wrestling program and Tracey Bone as a volunteer to the Girls Basketball program, and Dennis Arnold as a volunteer to the Boys Basketball program, all paperwork has been received.

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

## **POLICY**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading

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

Policy 201 - Admission of Students

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

**FINANCE & PURCHASE**

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

Disburse- ments	Disbursements from October - November 2016.		
	\$ 57,098.84	Cafeteria Account	checks 4115 through 4119
	\$ 599,429.35	General Account	checks 47654 through 47768
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	\$ 656,528.19	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	

Mr. Carr abstained from voting due to vendor being a sibling.

Mr. Melvin Smeal seconded the motion, and it carried with a vote of 7-0-1.

Treasurers Report / Activity Acct.

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

Approve the Treasurers Report for October.

Approve the Activity Account for October.

Per Capita Approve the following per capita exonerations:

Township	Number of Exonerations:
Karthus	1

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

Tax Collector Raise

Mr. Paul Carr, in the form of a motion, recommended to compensate the tax collectors for the tax collection years of 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021 at the following rates for real estate tax collections:

Graham	\$11,250.00
Cooper	\$18,000.00
Morris	\$18,000.00
Karthus	\$5,600.00

Mr. Robert Seprish seconded the motion, and it failed with a vote of 4-4-0. Voice Roll Call: Mr. Carr—yes; Mr. Smeal—no; Mr. Allen—no; Mr. Seprish—yes; Mr. Coble—yes; Mr. Diviney—no; Mrs. Brown—no; Mr. Kovalcin—yes. 4—yes; 4—no.

Mr. Paul Carr, in the form of a motion, recommended to defer the motion until the December meeting. Mr. Robert Seprish seconded the motion, and it passed with a vote of 8-0-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Larry Allen, in the form of a motion, recommended to adjourn the meeting 7:42p.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