

WEST BRANCH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR SESSION

December 8, 2017

Members Present: Joseph M. Kovalcin, Melvin Smeal, Paul Carr, Don Yontosh via phone, Christina Brown, Larry Allen

Members Absent: Thomas Veres

Media Present: The Progress News

Administration Present: Nik Bisko, Mark Mitchell, Allison Koleno, Michelle Dutrow, David Nelson, JR Holenchik

Others Present:

OPENING EXERCISES

President Joseph Kovalcin called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Re-elected board members were sworn in by President Joe Kovalcin. Mel Smeal and Paul Carr were sworn in.

BOARD REORGANIZATION

Mr. Joe Kovalcin motioned, Mr. Don Yontosh seconded to nominate Mrs. Christina Brown for Temporary President.

Voice Roll Call: Mr. Kovalcin—yes; Mr. Allen—yes; Mr. Smeal—yes; Mr. Carr—yes; Mrs. Brown—yes; Mr. Coble—yes; 6—yes; 0—no.

Mr. Mel Smeal, in the form of a motion, recommended to close nominations. Mr. Larry Allen, seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 6-0.0.

The meeting was turned over to Mrs. Brown as the Temporary President.

Board President

Mr. Larry Allen motioned, Mr. Don Yontosh seconded to nominate Mr. Joe Kovalcin for Board President.

Mr. Mel Smeal, in the form of a motion, recommended to close nominations. Mr. Larry Allen, seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 6-0.0.

Mr. Larry Allen, in the form of a motion, recommended to elect Mr. Joe Kovalcin as Board President. Mr. Mel Smeal seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 6-0-0.

Voice Roll Call: Mr. Kovalcin—yes; Mr. Allen—yes; Mr. Smeal—yes; Mr. Carr—yes; Mrs. Brown—yes; Mr. Coble—yes; 6—yes; 0—no.

Board Vice President

Mr. Joe Kovalcin motioned, Mr. Mel Smeal seconded to nominate Mr. Larry Allen for Board Vice President.

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to close nominations. Mr. Mel Smeal, seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 6-0-0.

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to elect Mr. Larry Allen as Board Vice President. Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 6-0-0.

Voice Roll Call: Mr. Kovalcin—yes; Mr. Allen—yes; Mr. Smeal—yes; Mr. Carr—yes; Mrs. Brown—yes; Mr. Coble—yes; 6—yes; 0—no.

Mrs. Brown turned the meeting over to Mr. Kovalcin.

CIU #10 Representative / Alternate

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to appoint Mr. Melvin Smeal as CIU #10 Representative. Mr. Larry Allen seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 6-0-0.

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to appoint Mr. Paul Carr as CIU #10 Representative Alternate. Mr. Larry Allen seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 6-0-0.

CCCTC Representative / Alternate

Mr. Mel Smeal, in the form of a motion, recommended to appoint Mr. Larry Allen as CCCTC Representative. Mr. Don Yontosh seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 6-0-0.

Mr. Mel Smeal, in the form of a motion, recommended to appoint Mr. Christina Brown as CCCTC Representative Alternate. Mr. Don Yontosh seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 6-0-0.

PSBA Liaison

Mr. Mel Smeal, in the form of a motion, recommended to appoint Mr. Joe Kovalcin as PSBA Liaison. Mrs. Christina Brown seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 6-0-0.

BOARD

2018 Meeting Dates Mr. Paul Carr, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the 2017 School Board Meeting Calendar. Mr. Mel Smeal seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 6-0-0.

D. Consiglio Solicitor Mr. Paul Carr, in the form of a motion, recommended to appoint David Consiglio as Solicitor to the District for the 2018 year. Mr. Don Yontosh seconded the motion and it was carried with a vote of 6-0-0.

PERSONNEL

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

J. Titus Res. Approve the resignation of Jodi Titus, Personal Care Paraprofessional, effective December 1, 2017.

K. Samsel PCA Approve Kristy Samsel as Personal Care Paraprofessional to the District, effective December 11, 2017. (Ms. Samsel will be replacing Jodi Titus, due to resignation, December 1, 2017 board agenda, personnel #1)

A. Demchak Monitor Approve Anna Demchak as Café / Hall Monitor to the District, effective December 11, 2017.

Dedicated
Subs

Mr. Larry Allen seconded the motion and they were carried with a vote of 6-0-0.

Mr. Mel Smeal, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the following motions:

Approve the extension of the first dedicated substitute teacher position to five days per week – for the remainder of the 2017-18 school year effective January 2, 2018 through Source4Teachers

Approve a second dedicated substitute teacher position to five days per week – for the remainder of the 2017-18 school year effective January 2, 2018 through Source4Teachers.

Mr. Don Yontosh seconded the motion and it carried with a motion of 6-0-0.

POLICY

2nd Reading

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

- I. Policy 819 Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response

Mr. Don Yontosh seconded the motion and it was carried with a vote of 6-0-0.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

The board held an executive session and did not reconvene.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to adjourn the meeting 6:15 p.m. Mr. Larry Allen seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 6-0-0.

Respectively Submitted,

Kasi Woodring
Secretary to the Board of Education