

WEST BRANCH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR SESSION

NOVEMBER 19, 2018

Members Present: Joseph M. Kovalcin, Melvin Smeal, Don Yontosh, Chad Diviney
Members Absent: Christina Brown, Paul Carr, Larry Allen, Tom Veres
Media Present: Tyler Kolesar, The Progress News
Administration Present: Michelle Dutrow, David Catherman, JR Holenchik, Erick Johnston, Nik Bisko, David Williamson, Kasi Woodring
Others Present: Ron Mollura, Greg Modzel, Tara Yingling, Shari Buck, Michele Koleno, Holly Petriskey, Stephanie MacTavish, Kayleigh MacTavish,

OPENING EXERCISES

President Joseph Kovalcin called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 October 22, 2018. Mr. Mel Smeal seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 5-0-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mark Mitchell, Elementary Principal:

- Mr. Mitchell was not present at the meeting, he provided a report for the Board.

Joseph Holenchik, Secondary Principal:

- Student Leadership Summit – 9 students attended
- FASFA – Held Parents night for students attending college
- Veterans Breakfast – Held on November 12. Very Well attended. Mr. Seprish and Mr. Smeal expressed their sincere thanks to Mr. Holenchik and Mrs. English for their success of the breakfast.

Allison Koleno, Principal of Special Student Services:

- Mrs. Koleno was not present at the meeting, she provided a report for the Board.

Erick Johnston, Business Manager:

- Tax Collector – Exploring options for the collections of taxes for Graham Township due to the passing of Kay Folmar, Tax Collector

David Catherman, Maintenance Supervisor:

- Dugouts – Working on getting the dugouts set up on the baseball and softball fields.
- Roof – Down to 17 leaks, the company was in and will be fixing the leaks. They should still be under warranty.

Nik Bisko, Technology Administrator:

- Erate – Looking to continue with erate.
- Doors – All elementary doors are up and running at the elementary.

David Williamson, Athletic Director

- Attendance – Provided the Board with the attendance comparison
- Winter Athletics – First day of practice November 19. Meet the Warriors will be held on November 20.

Tiffany English

- Trainee – Amanda is training with Tiffany.
- Veteran’s Day – Was a success and well attended.
- Sales –Lunches are down numbers but over budget. A La Carte is up \$200.

CIU:

- Discussed renovations, approved personnel

CCCTC

- Mrs. Dutrow reported that Mrs. Brown did a marvelous job conducting the meeting.

PERSONNEL

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

Newspaper
Advisors Approve Carrie Peterson and Betty Fry as Co-advisors of the Newspaper Club, at a stipend of \$711 each (position contained within the WBEA Agreement).

Volunteers Approve Alexis Bucha, Kris Kolesar, Jamie Baxter, Erin Mickney, Ray Walk, and Bobbi Kyler to the volunteer list, all paperwork has been received.

Mr. Robert Seprish seconded the motions and it was carried with a vote of 5-0-0.

EDUCATION

Middle
School Mr. Robert Seprish, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the realignment of the district to include a Middle School (Grades 5 – 8) effective with the 2019 – 2020 school year. Mr. Chad Diviney seconded the motion and it was carried with a vote of 5-0-0.

Mr. Diviney expressed his thankfulness and gratitude for all of the hard work the Middle School Steering Committee put into the exploration of the Middle School.

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

6th Grade field trip (Elementary Culminating Activity) to Altoona Curve on May 8, 2019. Cost to the District: none. Cost to the Student: \$10. (Information Only: 65 students will be attending. Chaperones are Rhonda Trude, Cheri Cantolina, Lynne Rockey, Phil Wood, Michelle Guerra, Patty Wood, Amanda Baughman)

Life Skills field trip to People’s Natural Gas Field on May 8, 2019. Cost to the District: transportation, tickets, lunch; Cost to the student: none. (Funding – Special Ed. Budget). (Information Only: 7 students will be attending. Chaperones are Pennie Folmar, Tina Kolesar, Danielle Gregory, Amanda Harris)

Kindergarten field trip to the Elk Center on May 23, 2019. Cost to the District: none; Cost to the student: \$5. (Information Only: 78 students will be attending. Chaperones are Chad Koleno, Justin Koleno, Jaimy Buck, Nicole Petriskey, Tammy Toretti, Patrick

Petriskey, Julie McDowell, Crystal Gay, Brittany Bumbarger, Jamie Middleton, Ryan Bickel, Jessica Perks, Melissa Strapel, Holly Michaels, Shane Michaels)

Marching Band to perform at Downtown Philipsburg Home-for-the-Holidays event on December 1, 2018. Cost to the District: None; Cost to the student: None. (Information Only: 40 students will be attending. Chaperone is Brandon Houtz)

Mr. Mel Smeal seconded the motion and they were carried with a vote of 5-0-0.

TRANSPORTATION & ATHLETICS

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

Hires Approve Becky Lutchko, Co-Assistant Junior High Girls Basketball Coach.

Approve George Yingling as Assistant Jr. High Wrestling Coach.

Approve Cheryl Mertz-Kitko and Chad Koleno as Co-Varsity Club Advisors.

Volunteers Approve Bill Myers as a volunteer to the Boys Basketball Program.

Mr. Robert Seprish seconded the motion and it was carried with a vote of 5-0-0.

FINANCE & PURCHASE

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

Disbursements from October /November 2018:

\$ 69,492.69	Cafeteria Account	checks 4297 through 4301
\$ 622,645.75	General Account	checks 51126 through 51157 51159 through 51180 51182 through 51194 51196 through 51201
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\$ 692,138.44	GRAND TOTAL	

Disbursements from October /November 2018:

\$ 5,797.14	General Account	checks 51158, 51181, 51195, 51202
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\$ 5,797.14	GRAND TOTAL	

Treasurers Report / Activity Acct. Approve the Treasurers Report for October 2018.

Approve the Activity Account for October 2018.

Bills thru Dec. Approve the payment of bills through the end of December 2018.

Mr. Mel Smeal seconded the motions and they were carried with a vote of 5-0-0.

ERate Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the consulting agreement with Van Strien Consulting, LLC for e-rate services at a cost of \$3,000 for

the 2019-2020 funding year. Mr. Mel Smeal seconded the motions and they were carried with a vote of 5-0-0.

Harmony
WD from
CTC

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the Resolution to finalize the withdrawal of Harmony School District from the Clearfield County Career and Technology Center. Mr. Robert Seprish seconded the motions and they were carried with a vote of 5-0-0.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

The Reorganizational Meeting will be held at the Clearfield County Career and Technology (CCCTC) on Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to adjourn the meeting 7:34 p.m. Mr. Mel Smeal seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 5-0-0.

Respectively Submitted,

Kasi Woodring
Secretary to the Board of Education