

WEST BRANCH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR SESSION

APRIL 27, 2002

Members Present: Bob Seprish, Paul Carr, Melvin Smeal, Don Yontosh, Larry Allen, Chad Diviney, Tom Veres, Christina Brown, Jim Emigh

Members Absent:

Media Present: Tyler Kolesar, The Progress News

Administration Present: Michelle Dutrow, David Catherman, JR Holenchik, Erick Johnston, Nik Bisko, Allison Koleno, Mark Mitchell, David Williamson

Others Present: Kasi Woodring, Stephanie Russel, Karen Krise

OPENING EXERCISES

The meeting was held via Zoom platform due to COVID-19. The March 23, 2020 Board Meeting was also cancelled due to COVID-19. President Chad Diviney called the meeting to order at 6:34 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 February 24, 2020. Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0. Voice Roll Call: Mr. Yontosh – yes; Mr. Carr – yes; Mrs. Brown – yes; Mr. Smeal – yes; Mr. Emigh – yes; Mr. Veres – yes; Mr. Seprish – yes; Mr. Diviney – yes. 8 – yes; 0 – no.

REPORTS

Allison Koleno, Elementary Principal:

- Mrs. Koleno was unable to attend the meeting but left a report for the Board to review.

Mark Mitchell, Middle School Principal:

- Mr. Mitchell was unable to attend the meeting but left a report for the Board to review.

JR Holenchik, High School Principal

- Budget: Preparing for the 2020 – 2021 budget.
- Course Selection Book: Being compiled and reviewed for approval.

Erick Johnston, Business Manager

- PSERS: Discussed PSERS rates.

David Williamson, Athletic Director

- Attendance: Presented comparison reports

David Catherman, Supervisor of Building and Grounds

- Field House: Working through field house renovations
- Budget: Preparing Budget Presentation

Tiffany English, Food Service Director

- Pizza Hut Day: Not as popular in High School as in Elementary

- Tasty Bites: Special items to try for students

CIU:

- Meeting will be held 2/27/2020

CCCTC:

- HVAC: Looking to create more space for the HVAC program
- Health Occupations: Looking to create a second Health Occupations Technology Class
- Grant: Looking for grant opportunities to cover video equipment needed

PSBA:

- Mr. Diviney discussed the report he compiled for the Board regarding issues that are being addressed at the state level.

PERSONNEL

P. Raymond
Retirement

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve retirement of Preston Raymond, Art Teacher, effective June 30, 2020, under the terms of the current "Agreement between the West Branch School District and West Branch Education Association," including any relevant Memorandums of Understanding. Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

A. Wilson
Sabbatical

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the sabbatical for Alice Wilson for one half term (90 school days) effective February 25, 2020 with an anticipated return date of September 23, 2020. Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

Mr. Carr asked if Mrs. Wilson met the requirements for a sabbatical. Mrs. Dutrow responded that she did under the designation of "restoration of health"

Volunteers

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve Carrie Jones as volunteers to the District, all paperwork has been received. Mr. Paul Carr 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 motions:

Guidance field trip to the CCCTC on May 11, 2020 (8th Grade, part of curriculum). Cost to the District: \$380 for transportation (MS Budget); Cost to the Student: none. (Information Only: 95 students will be attending the trip. Chaperones are Jen Porter, Mark Mitchell, Ashley Nines, Kevin Hubler, Joe Matson and Dan Socash)

Guidance field trip to the CCCTC on May 19, 2020 (5th Grade, part of curriculum). Cost to the District: \$196 for transportation; Cost to the Student: none. (Funding – MS Budget). (Information Only: 73 students will be attending. Chaperones are Jen Porter, Mark Mitchell, Cheryl Green, Dennis McCamley, and Mary Beth Moslak)

5th Grade field trip to Fort Roberdeau on June 3, 2020. Cost to the District: none; Cost to the Student: \$4. (Information Only: 75 students will be attending. Chaperones are Lindera Carter, Dennis McCamley, Cheryl Green, Mary Beth Moslak, approved parent chaperones, nurse, administrator)

4th grade field trip to Parker Dam State Park on May 21, 2020 and May 22, 2020 (Half grade each day). Cost to the district – none; cost to the student - \$1.00. (Information Only: Nan Reams, Shari Buck, Wendy Timblin, School Base Support).

Kindergarten field trip to the Elk Center on May 14, 2020. Cost to the District: none; Cost to the student: \$5. (Information Only: 64 students will be attending. Chaperones are Chad Koleno, Justin Koleno, Jaimy Buck, Nicole Petriskey, Shawna Cassick, Krista Williams, Tabytha Carr, Ashley Pase, Danielle Gregory, Melissa Strapel, Mollie Neidrick, Christie Lannon, Kiley Clark, Georganne Zitsch, Stephanie Young, Katelyn Ward)
West Branch Marching Band field trip to New York City on May 30, 2020 or June 6, 2020. Cost to the District: none; Cost to the student: none. (Information Only: 60 students will be attending. Chaperones are Lance Jones, Nik Bisko and approved parent chaperones).

Varsity Girls Softball team to scrimmage in Roanoke, VA on March 13 & 14, 2020. Cost to the District: none; Cost to the Student: none. (15 students will be attending the trip. Chaperones are Tom Reed (Administrative Chaperone Alternate), Ryan Bone, Tracey Bone, Terri Reed and Dan Betts).

Middle School Math / Science Department to go to Lock Haven Clearfield Campus for the CIU 10 K'NEX Design Challenge on April 16, 2020. Cost to the District: 3 substitutes and gas for vans (funding – Middle School Budget); Cost to the Student: none. (Information Only: 20 students will be attending. Chaperones are Phil Wood, Dan Socash and Lindera Carter).

School
Calendar

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

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the 2020 – 2021 School Calendar. Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

Mr. Seprish asked if we were continuing with the second day off for deer season. Mrs. Dutrow indicated that they county districts opted to keep the date as a day off pending a final resolution at the state level. West Branch has it listed as the first make up day for inclement weather.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Surplus

Mr. Mel Smeal, in the form of a motion, recommended to declare the following items surplus:

- Karcher Tornado Wall Steamer, Model: DE4002; Serial Number: 32854
- 3' x 6' West Branch Sign
- 13' x 4' Pepsi Score Board by Daktronics – Model: BA-516W3X5; Serial Number: 150321
- DeWalt 14 Volt Drill
- Milwaukee Power Plus 14.4 Volt Drill
- CE Hoist System – Model: DSK3DP1; Serial: 87483344

Mrs. Christina Brown seconded the motion and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

POLICY

1st Reading

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

- Attachment 220: Student Expression / Distribution and Posting of Materials
- Policy 222: Tobacco and Vaping Products – Pupils

- Policy 323: Tobacco and Vaping Products – Employees
- Policy 805.2 School Security Personnel
- Policy 904: Public Attendance at School Events

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

TRANSPORTATION AND ATHLETICS

T. Smeal Mr. Robert Seprish, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the administrative recommendation to transfer Terry Smeal from Assistant Jr. High Softball Coach to the position of Head Jr. High Softball Coach. Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

J. Moore Mrs. Christina Brown, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve Joe Moore as J High Assistant Softball Coach. Mr. Don Yontosh seconded the motion and it carried with vote of 8-0-0.

FINANCE & PURCHASE

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

Disbursements from January / February 2020:		
\$59,383.67	Cafeteria Account	checks 4403 through 4406
\$590,983.44	General Account	checks 53039 through 53395 (not including checks 53403, 53409, 53430, 53442, 53474, 53484)
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\$650,367.11		

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

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

Disbursements from January / February 2020:		
\$9,513.72	General Account	checks 53403, 53409, 53430, 53442, 53474, 53484
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\$9,513.72		

Mr. Don Yontosh seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 7-0-1. Mr. Carr abstained from voting due to vendor being a sibling.

Treasurers Report / Activity Acct. Mr. Paul Carr, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the Treasurers Report for January 2020. Mr. Mel Smeal seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

Mr. Paul Carr, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the Activity Account for January 2020. Mr. Don Yontosh seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Mr. Smeal discussed how parents are not following speed limit and parking rules when picking up elementary children during dismissal. Mr. Reed will put cones up and talk with parents who aren't following rules.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to adjourn the meeting 7:07 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