

WEST BRANCH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR SESSION

SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

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

Members Absent:

Other:

Media Present: The Progress News

Administration Present: Michelle Dutrow, Erick Johnston, Mark Mitchell, Angela Lucas, Brandy O'Hare, JR Holenchik, Tiffany English, David Catherman, David Williamson

Others Present: Christi Tapper, Leslie Tarbox, Ashley Rinehart, Olivia McCloskey, John Hess, Shari Buck, Holly Petriskey, Colette Williams, Julia Williams, Jeff Williams, Heath Williams, Heather Vaughn, Dawn Harper, Andrew Pletcher, Alexys McGovern, Randee Stark, Jamiee Conklin, Mason Conklin, Madison Conklin, John Conklin, Brandy Norfolk, Stephen Norfolk, Stephanie Houser, Angela Kerlin, Jessica Walker, T. Houser

OPENING EXERCISES

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 August 9, 2021. Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 9-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Christi Tapper – Opposition to mask mandate.

Leslie Tarbox – Opposition to concern with how the school is receiving student medication which does not align with the handbook guidance.

Olivia McCloskey – Opposition to mask mandate.

Heather Vaughn – Opposition to mask mandate.

Dawn Harper – Opposition to mask mandate.

Ashley Custard – Opposition to mask mandate.

Andrew Pletcher – Opposition to mask mandate.

Alexys McGovern – Opposition to mask mandate.

Brandy Norfolk – Opposition to mask mandate.

Angela Kerlin – Opposition to mask mandate.

CIU:

A recess was held from 7:27 p.m. – 7:57 p.m.

CCCTC:

PSBA:

PERSONNEL

- R. Fetcho
Resign. Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve resignation of Ron Fetcho, Café/Hall Monitor, effective August 11, 2021. Mr. Mel Meal seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 9-0-0.
- J. Williams
Resign. Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the resignation of Julia Williams, Paraprofessional, effective September 13, 2021. Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 9-0-0.
- P. Emigh
Retirement Mr. Mel Smeal, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the retirement of Pamela Emigh, Instructional Paraprofessional, effective December 31, 2021. Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 9-0-0.
- A. McKenna
Kdg.
Teach. Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve Alexis McKenna as Elementary teacher to the District at the starting salary of \$45,650 (step 1 Master's), retroactive to September 1, 2021. (Kindergarten assignment 2021 – 2022 School Year). Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 9-0-0.
- H. Jones
Café Mon. Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve Heather Jones as Café / Hall Monitor to the District at the starting rate of \$12.82/hr. (Year 2-3), retroactive to August 23, 2021. Ms. Jones replaced Shannon Barger, due to resignation, August 9, 2021 Board Agenda, Addendum item, Personnel #1. Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 9-0-0.
- Ded. Tech.
Para. Mr. Mel Smeal, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve one (1) Dedicated Technology Paraprofessional Substitute for the 2021 – 2022 school year at the rate of \$11.00/hr. (ESSER III Funding). Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 9-0-0.
- R. Lutchko
Mentor Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve Rebecca Lutchko as Mentor for Kendra McLaughlin for the 2021 – 2022 school year. Mrs. Lutchko will be paid a stipend of \$250 as per the District Induction Plan. Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 9-0-0.
- S. Ricciotti
Mentor Mr. Robert Seprish, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve Stacy Ricciotti as Mentor for Sadie Dickson for the 2021 – 2022 school year. Mrs. Ricciotti will be paid a stipend of \$250 as per the District Induction Plan. Mr. Don Yontosh 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 Megan Dale, Rebecca Lannen and Amanda Schaffer 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

Priority Goals Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the District Priority Goals for the 2021 – 2022 school year. Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 9-0-0.

A-TSI Plan Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the A-TSI School Improvement Plan (Non-Title I) for the 2021 – 2022 as presented. Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 9-0-0.

Schoolwide Plan Mr. Paul Carr, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the Schoolwide Title I School Plan for 2021 – 2022 as presented. Mr. Don Yontosh seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 9-0-0.

Surplus Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to declare the following items surplus:

- English Textbooks, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, Copyright: 2004, ISBN: 0-618-30998-5, 53 copies
- Elementary Dictionary, Merriam-Webster, Copyright: 1994, ISBN: 0-87779-575-4, 23 copies
- Elementary Dictionary, Merriam-Webster, Copyright: 1994, ISBN: 0-87779-575-4, 40 copies
- Elementary Dictionary, Merriam-Webster, Copyright: 2009, ISBN: 978-0-8779-675-6-51795, 8 copies
- My 2nd Picture Dictionary, Scott Foresman, Copyright: 1982, ISBN: 0-673-12426-9, 11 copies
- Beginning Dictionary, MacMillan, Copyright: 1977, ISBN: Library of Congress #74-24661, 9 copies
- School Thesaurus, Merriam Webster, Copyright: 1978, ISBN: 0-87779-178-3, 5 copies
- Teen Health Course 2, McGraw-Hill, Copyright: 2007, ISBN: 978-0-07-869761-6, 102 copies
- Teen Health Course 3, McGraw-Hill, Copyright: 2007, ISBN: 978-0-07-869762-3, 49 copies
- 5 - Idea Max smart boards
- Promethean Boards, Serial Number: PRM-AB378-012, 25 total
- Promethean Boards, Serial Number: PRM-AB2B-02, 11 total
- Regular Projector Mounts, 11 total
- Ceiling Mounts for Regular Projector Mounts, 21 total
- Short Projector Mounts, 4 total
- Lightweight Projector Mounts, 9 total
- Casio Projectors, Serial Number: XJV10X, 14 total
- Casio Projectors, Serial Number: XJM141, 20 total

Mr. Robert Seprish seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 9-0-0.

Field Trips Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the High School Guidance field trip to Clearfield County Career and Technology Center on October 19, 2021 for Grade 10 tours. Cost to the District: transportation; 2 teacher substitutes; Cost to the Student: none. (Funding – HS Budget). (Information Only: 97 students will be attending). Mr. Robert Seprish 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 Second Grade field trip to Clearfield Fairgrounds on September 22, 2021 for Safety Day. Cost to the District: transportation - \$265.72; student registration - \$216.00; total - \$481.72

(Funding – Elementary Budget). (Information Only: 72 students attended). Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 9-0-0.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Smoke Detectors Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve to go out to bid for a new smoke detector system for the Elementary building. Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 9-0-0.

TRANSPORTATION & ATHLETICS

J. Catanzaro Res. Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the resignation of Jane Catanzaro, Head Cross Country Coach, effective August 12, 2021. Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 9-0-0.

J. Carr Cross Country Mr. Mel Smeal, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve Josh Carr as the Head Cross Country Coach, retroactive to August 16, 2021. Mr. Don Yontosh seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 9-0-0.

T. Carr Cross Country Mr. Mel Smeal, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve Tabytha Carr as the Assistant Cross Country Coach, retroactive to August 16, 2021. Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 9-0-0.

L. Good Soccer Mr. Paul Carr, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve Levi Good as the Jr. High Girls Head Soccer Coach. Mr. Robert Seprish seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 9-0-0.

M. Hubler Soccer Mr. Paul Carr, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve Mitch Hubler as the Jr. High Girls Assistant Soccer Coach. Mr. Don Yontosh seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 9-0-0.

Bus Runs / Stops Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the Bus Runs and Stops for the 2021 – 2022 school year. Mr. Paul Carr seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 9-0-0.

Drivers Mr. Mel Smeal, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve Beverly Steinig and Jacqueline Butler as drivers for Long Motor Bus for the 2021 – 2022 school year, all paperwork has been received.

FINANCE & PURCHASE

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

Disbursements from August/September 2021:

\$36,988.94	Cafeteria Account	checks 4536 through 4551
\$1,709,200.77	General Account	checks 55607 through 55845
\$1,746,189.71	GRAND TOTAL	

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

Treasurers Report Mr. Paul Carr, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the Treasurers Report for July and August 2021. Mr. Don Yontosh seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 9-0-0.

Activity
Acct.

Mr. Mel Smeal, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the Activity Account for August 2021. Mr. Robert Seprish seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 9-0-0.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Continuation of masking order concerns.

Location of bus stop at Shady Acres on Allport Cutoff, the District will review the stop.

Speed limit violations in School Zone, the District will contact PennDot.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Don Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to adjourn the meeting 8:14 p.m. Mr. Robert Seprish seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 9-0-0.

Respectively Submitted,

Minutes typed by Kasi Martin
Secretary to the Board of Education

Minutes taken by Erick Johnston
Alternate Secretary to the Board of Education