

West Greene School District
1367 Hargus Creek Road
Waynesburg, PA 15370

The West Greene School District Board of Education held their annual reorganization meeting on Thursday, December 10, 2020, at the West Greene Junior-Senior High School, 1352 Hargus Creek Road, Waynesburg, PA at 6:00 PM.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chad Scott and led the pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Jan Berdine – P (holdover)	Joe Coss – P (holdover)	Ryan Crouse – P (holdover)
Daniele Frye – P (holdover)	Marie Gillispie – P (holdover)	Michael Hildreth – P (holdover)
Rob Inmon – P (holdover)	Mary Jane Kent – A (holdover)	Chad Scott – P (holdover)

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY PRESIDENT BY HOLDOVER MEMBERS

- o Nomination by Frye, for Joe Coss as the Temporary President.
- MOTION by Crouse, SECOND by Frye, to appoint Joe Coss as the Temporary President of the reorganization meeting until the election of a permanent President.
VOTE: ALL AYES

DISTRIBUTION OF LIST OF BOARD MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021

Joe Coss announced the Board membership list for 2021, as listed on the agenda:

Jan Berdine
Joe Coss
Ryan Crouse
Daniele Frye
Marie Gillispie
Michael Hildreth
Robert Inmon
Mary Jane Kent
Chad Scott

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

- o Nomination by Frye, for Chad Scott as School Board President, Second by Hildreth.
 - MOTION by Crouse, SECOND by Hildreth, to close nominations.
VOTE: ALL AYES MOTION CARRIED.
 - MOTION by Crouse, SECOND by Coss, to approve Chad Scott as School Board President.
VOTE: ALL AYES MOTION CARRIED.
- *Chad Scott, President, assumed the position and conducted the meeting.

VICE PRESIDENT

- o Nomination by Crouse, for Joe Coss as Vice President, Second by Hildreth.
- MOTION by Frye, SECOND by Crouse, to close nominations.
VOTE: ALL AYES MOTION CARRIED.
- MOTION by Scott, SECOND by Hildreth, to approve Joe Coss as School Board Vice President.
VOTE: ALL AYES MOTION CARRIED.

GREENE COUNTY CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER REPRESENTATIVE

- o Nomination by Crouse, for Jan Berdine as the CTC Representative, Second by Frye.
- MOTION by Coss, SECOND by Hildreth, to close nominations.
VOTE: ALL AYES MOTION CARRIED.
- MOTION by Coss, SECOND by Crouse, to approve Jan Berdine as the Greene County CTC Representative.
VOTE: ALL AYES MOTION CARRIED.

GREENE COUNTY CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER ALTERNATE

o Nomination by Berdine, for Daniele Frye as the CTC Alternate, Second by Coss.

- **MOTION** by Coss, **SECOND** by Crouse, to close nominations.
VOTE: ALL AYES

MOTION CARRIED.

- **MOTION** by Coss, **SECOND** by Crouse, to approve Daniele Frye as the Greene County CTC Alternate.
VOTE: ALL AYES

MOTION CARRIED.

PSBA LIAISON

o Nomination by Coss, for Michael Hildreth as the PSBA Liaison, Second by Frye.

- **MOTION BY** Coss, **SECOND** by Crouse, to close nominations.
VOTE: ALL AYES

MOTION CARRIED.

- **MOTION BY** Coss, **SECOND** by Crouse, to close nominations and elect Michael Hildreth as the PSBA Liaison.
VOTE: ALL AYES

MOTION CARRIED.

NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION

- **MOTION** by Hildreth, **SECOND** by Coss, to approve the Observer-Reporter as the newspaper of general circulation for all Board required advertisements.

VOTE: ALL AYES

MOTION CARRIED.

2021 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

- **MOTION** by Coss, **SECOND** by Crouse, that the 2021 regular monthly Board meetings be held on the **fourth** Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM with the pre-board meeting at 6:00 PM. Meetings will be held in the District Office Board Room. Exceptions to the schedule are: The meeting for May will be the 20th to allow 30 days for budget approval; **November** will be the 18th due to the Thanksgiving holiday; and **December** will be the 9th with the regular Board meeting to immediately follow the reorganization meeting which begins at 6:00 PM. Alternate location for all meetings, in order to meet capacity, will be the Junior-Senior High School Cafeteria and meetings may be held by video conference to comply with pandemic restrictions, if necessary.

VOTE: ALL AYES

MOTION CARRIED.

2021 COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

- **MOTION** by Hildreth, **SECOND** by Coss, that the 2021 committee meetings be held the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM in the District Office Board Room, with no committee meeting in the month of December. At these meetings, the board may or may not be required to take official action. Alternate location for all meetings, in order to meet capacity, will be the Junior-Senior High School Cafeteria and meetings may be held by video conference to comply with pandemic restrictions, if necessary

VOTE: ALL AYES

MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

- **MOTION** by Coss, **SECOND** by Frye, to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 PM and enter into the regular board meeting.

VOTE: ALL AYES

MOTION CARRIED.

Board President, Chad Scott

Board Secretary, Ryan Crouse

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The West Greene School District Board of Education held their **regular meeting** on **Thursday, December 10, 2020**, at the West Greene Junior-Senior High School, 1352 Hargus Creek Road, Waynesburg, PA at 6:20 PM.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chad Scott, President.

ROLL CALL

Jan Berdine – P (Via Phone)
Daniele Frye – P
Rob Inmon – P (Via Video)

Joe Coss – P
Marie Gillispie – P (Via Video)
Mary Jane Kent – A

Ryan Crouse – P
Michael Hildreth – P
Chad Scott – P

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- **MOTION BY** Crouse, **SECOND BY** Coss, to approve the agenda.
VOTE: ALL AYES

MOTION CARRIED.

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

- December 10, 2020 Personnel/Contract Negotiations

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **MOTION BY** Coss, **SECOND BY** Frye, to approve the **November 19, 2020**, regular meeting minutes.
VOTE: ALL AYES

MOTION CARRIED.

REPORTS

Brian Jackson, Superintendent

With the new mandates handed down by Governor Wolf, and after discussion with the administration, there will be no athletics until January 4. The Administration has been working on making improvements to remote learning. Mr. Jackson discussed the possibility of changing the 2020-2021 School Calendar by reducing the number of days of instruction in December and changing Act 80 Days in order to have as many in-class instruction days as possible from January through June. School would close for winter break on December 16, return to in-class instruction on January 4, 2021; Federal holidays would be observed in January and February; and the last day of school would be June 9, 2021.

Jessica Bissett, Business Manager

All accounts are balanced. She has been working on the budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, along with starting the year-end process for the 2020 calendar year. She has been participating in webcasts involving preparation for the.

Eric Gaydos, Academic Director

West Greene will be partnering with WQED-PBS to reach families without internet access by using a process called data-casting. Data-casting allows the teachers to broadcast data over television waves. Students who have a specific device attached to their chromebooks, can be broadcast directly to their home. This is a new type of technology that WQED and PBS are working with the PDE and allowing them to share this information as part of a grant. West Greene is the only School District participating in this program. He congratulated the following Instructional Aides who received their Google I Certified Instructional Certification: Gail Scott, Amy Jacobs, Angela Barner and Trudy Hamilton. They will be able to help support teachers in the virtual environment to help the online learners.

Jared Edgreen, School Police Officer

Mr. Edgreen continued to work on the football stadium camera project. The project is on schedule, albeit wireless antennas are on backorder. The project should be completed in January. Siemens was on-site to work on sensors for the security system. He worked on changing a few parameters on the access control system to maintain continuity as the district transitioned from fall to winter sports. This gives winter coaches access, via key fob, for the correct hours. He appeared in court on behalf of the district regarding summary violations committed in school during October. Mr. Edgreen attended firearms training with the Greene County Sheriff's Office, and subsequently requalified with his pistol.

Scott Sakai, Junior-Senior High School Principal

Mr. Sakai thanked Mr. Elsenheimer and his crew for taking the reins on making sure that the students who requested meals from the school are prepared and delivered to the elementary cafeteria each day. He thanked the aides who load the buses with food and class materials that are requested, and the bus drivers who make the rounds each day. Progress reports will be distributed to the students next week. There have been several virtual college visits and college fairs available to the students. Students have been kept informed of visits and scholarships via email, the school counseling classroom, school

Facebook page and the school website. The 2019-2020 yearbooks have arrived and the extra yearbooks are \$40. The Class of 2023 held their annual Craft Sale at the Rogersville Firehall and did exceptionally well. The West Greene FFA held another successful fruit sale and thanked Mrs. Wright and Mr. Snyder.

Don Painter, Elementary Principal

Mr. Painter has received positive feedback and comments from parents supporting the elementary teachers during the ongoing virtual instruction, and he shared these positive comments with the Board. He recognized Kades-Margolis for their generous donation to WGEC for the purpose of purchasing items for needy students during the holiday season. Mr. Painter, with the help of classroom teachers, identified 4 students/families who may need a little extra support this year.

Bob Ward, Director of Educational and Informational Technology

Mr. Ward reported that the new LCD installation is continuing at the Elementary Center and Junior-Senior High School. Cameras have been distributed throughout the district. A representative from The Wilson Group was available for an entry level training on the new equipment and they will be back in January for advanced training. A CSX grant was received earlier in the year which was used for replacement chromebooks. A meeting was held with them and the Community Foundation of Greene County and they got to see how the grant money was used.

Jim Elsenheimer, Director of Food Service

Mr. Elsenheimer reported that they are sending out 220 to 230 meals per day being delivered to the students on the buses. He publicly thanked Matt Tedrow for generously donating \$500 to the weekend food program.

John McDermitt, Director of Facilities

All work has been completed in the professional development center (Room 508) and it is set up as a classroom in case there is a need to use it to substantially reduce the number of students in the school. Work has been completed on the 700 level hallway. Classroom ceiling tile from the stem wing renovation was repurposed, repainted and turned into a 2 X 2 ceiling tile. The cleaning crew has been busy disinfecting the classrooms and picking up some extra duties like buffing the floors in their areas. They have also removed 36 Smartboards from the Elementary Center. This turned into patching and repainting all the walls where the Smartboards were hanging.

Bill Simms, Athletic Director

The wrestling tournament scheduled for tomorrow has been canceled. The Governor's mandate cancels all athletic activities effective Saturday night. The Girl's Basketball team is scheduled to play in a tournament on Saturday evening. Mr. Simms would like some guidance as to whether or not to attend the tournament.

Daniele Frye, Greene County CTC Representative

West Greene Senior, Haily Phillips was awarded an \$80,000 scholarship through the nursing program to attend Waynesburg University.

PSBA Liaison, Michael Hildreth

He shared his presentation with the Board, which included a graphic of the new mitigation measures that Governor Wolf just put in place. Last week around 99 percent of the schools sent in their Attestations forms to the State. Once the CoronaVirus vaccine becomes available, it will be optional for the K-12 public schools. It is not required.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

- Michelle Howard, parent - Mrs. Howard raised concerns about the online instruction. She indicated that while some teachers are excellent, others are not so much. Some teachers are showing that they do not want to invest the time. She stated that the District has done great, but the back and forth instruction is now working.
- Angie Van Dyne, parent - Mrs. Van Dyne indicated that students are struggling with online classes and that the Board members need to think about the mental health component for the High School students.
- Lauren Carpenter, parent - Mrs. Carpenter commended all teachers and she believes that they are doing the best they can. She asked the Board to please consider continuing in-person teaching. She also encouraged parents to continue communicating with their child's teachers.

**Jan Berdine disconnected from the meeting and did not return.*

PERSONNEL

1. **MOTION BY** Coss, **SECOND BY** Crouse, to authorize the administration to solicit proposals for school physician, school dental and solicitor services for the 2021-2022 school year.
VOTE: ALL AYES **MOTION CARRIED.**
2. **MOTION BY** Crouse, **SECOND BY** Hildreth, to approve the Settlement Agreement with the WGESPA regarding the Lori Toland grievance.
VOTE: ALL AYES **MOTION CARRIED.**

ATHLETICS

3. **MOTION BY** Crouse, **SECOND BY** Coss, to authorize the administration to solicit for athletic supply and equipment bids for the 2021-2022 school year.
VOTE: ALL AYES **MOTION CARRIED.**
4. **MOTION BY** Coss, **SECOND BY** Crouse, to authorize the administration to solicit for school ambulance services for the 2021-2022 school year.
VOTE: ALL AYES **MOTION CARRIED.**
5. **MOTION BY** Coss, **SECOND BY** Crouse, to authorize the administration to solicit for school security services for the 2021-2022 school year.
VOTE: ALL AYES **MOTION CARRIED.**

BUDGET

6. **MOTION BY** Crouse, **SECOND BY** Frye, that the following invoices be approved as submitted:
General Fund Paid List - \$10,902.63
General Fund Unpaid List - \$148,171.39
Cafeteria Fund Unpaid List - \$15,685.15
Capital Projects Unpaid List - \$82,694.90
VOTE: 6 YEA; 1 NAY (Coss); 0 ABSTAIN; 2 ABSENT (Berdine, Kent) **MOTION CARRIED.**
7. **MOTION BY** Coss, **SECOND BY** Frye, that the following payrolls be approved as submitted:
November 20, 2020 - \$274,088.22
December 4, 2020 - \$238,983.84
VOTE: ALL AYES **MOTION CARRIED.**
8. **MOTION BY** Hildreth, **SECOND BY** Crouse, that the following invoices, received after December 3, 2020, be approved as submitted:
General Fund unpaid list - \$132,156.36
VOTE: 6 YEA; 1 NAY (Coss); 0 ABSTAIN; 2 ABSENT (Berdine, Kent) **MOTION CARRIED.**
9. **MOTION BY** Crouse, **SECOND BY** Coss, to approve the following invoices/pay applications related to the STEM Renovation Project:
• Doody Engineering P.C. (CM) November 2020 Invoice - \$4,150.00
• A-1 Electrical (Electrical) Pay Application #6 - \$45,778.50
• MASSCON, Inc. (General Construction) Pay Application 7 - \$18,952.50
• Wheels Mechanical (Plumbing) Pay Application #7 - \$2,556.00
• A.J. Demor & Sons (Prime Contract) Pay Application #8 - \$6,298.50
VOTE: 5 YEA; 1 NAY (Coss); 1 ABSTAIN (Gillispie); 2 ABSENT (Berdine, Kent) **MOTION CARRIED.**
10. **MOTION BY** Coss, **SECOND BY** Frye, to approve the transfer of \$250,000 from the General Fund (budgeted) to the Capital Projects Fund.
VOTE: ALL AYES **MOTION CARRIED.**

EDUCATIONAL PLANNING

11. **MOTION BY** Coss, **SECOND BY** Hildreth, to approve the revision to the 2020-2021 school calendar, with the winter break beginning on December 16, 2020, resuming January 4, 2021, with January 18 and February 15, 2021, being school holidays and the last day of school being June 9, 2021.
Discussion: The original school calendar stands.
VOTE: 4 YEA; 3 NAY (Frye, Gillispie, Scott); 0 ABSTAIN; 2 ABSENT (Berdine, Kent) **MOTION FAILED.**

ATHLETICS

12. **MOTION BY** Frye, **SECOND BY** Scott, to suspend all athletic competitions today through December 12, 2020.
VOTE: 4 YEA; 3 NAY (Coss, Hildreth, Inmon); 0 ABSTAIN; 2 ABSENT (Berdine, Kent) **MOTION FAILED.**

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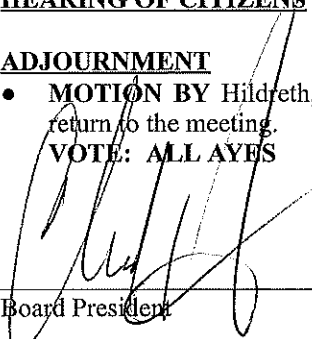
13. **MOTION BY** Coss, **SECOND BY** Hildreth, to reconsider the motion to approve the revision to the 2020-2021 school calendar, with the winter break beginning on December 16, 2020, resuming January 4, 2021, with January 18 and February 15, 2021, being school holidays and the last day of school being June 9, 2021.
Discussion: Daniele Frye stated she felt it would be better to have in-class instruction next week instead of resuming classes on January 4, after everyone has spent time with their families over the holidays.
VOTE: 5 YEA; 2 NAY (Coss, Frye); 0 ABSTAIN; 2 ABSENT (Berdine, Kent) MOTION CARRIED.

14. **MOTION BY** Hildreth, **SECOND BY** Crouse, to complete the remainder of the calendar year for both the Elementary and Junior-Senior High School with a remote model.
Discussion: School ends Tuesday with Monday and Tuesday being remote learning and students return January 4, 2021.
VOTE: 5 YEA; 2 NAY (Coss, Frye); 0 ABSTAIN; 2 ABSENT (Berdine, Kent) MOTION CARRIED.


HEARING OF CITIZENS - No response.

ADJOURNMENT

- **MOTION BY** Hildreth, **SECOND BY** Frye, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM, enter into executive session and not return to the meeting.
VOTE: ALL AYES MOTION CARRIED.



Board President



Board Secretary