

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

The West Greene School District Board of Education held their **regular meeting** on **Thursday, November 19, 2020**, at the West Greene Junior-Senior High School, 1352 Hargus Creek Road, Waynesburg, PA at 7:25 PM.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chad Scott, President and led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Jan Berdine – A

Daniele Frye – P (via Zoom)

Rob Inmon – P

Joe Coss – P

Marie Gillispie – P

Mary Jane Kent – P (via Zoom)

Ryan Crouse – P

Michael Hildreth – A

Chad Scott – P

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MOTION CARRIED.

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

- November 12, 2020 Personnel
- November 19, 2020 Personnel & Litigation

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **MOTION BY** Frye, **SECOND BY** Inmon, to approve the **October 22, 2020**, regular meeting minutes with a correction to page 5, item number 8, vote was “all ayes.”
VOTE: ALL AYES
- **MOTION BY** Hildreth, **SECOND BY** Gillispie, to approve the **November 12, 2020**, Athletics, Policy, Educational Planning and Budget committee meeting minutes.
VOTE: ALL AYES

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION CARRIED.

BOARD ACTION TAKEN AT THE NOVEMBER 12, 2020, COMMITTEE MEETINGS AS A MATTER OF RECORD

- **MOTION BY** Coss, **SECOND BY** Hildreth, to approve the settlement of twenty-seven (27) assessment appeals involving property owned by Consol, filed by Morris Township, as presented by the solicitor in a Memorandum dated October 27, 2020, for 2021 Real Estate Assessment Appeals.
VOTE: 7 YEA; 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 2 ABSENT (Berdine, Kent)
- **MOTION BY** Coss, **SECOND BY** Crouse, that the funds committed to Capital Projects and approved on August 27, 2020, for \$1,500,000 and October 22, 2020, for \$1,000,000 be retroactive to the 2019-2020 school year.
VOTE: 7 YEA; 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 2 ABSENT (Berdine, Kent)

MOTION CARRIED.

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REPORTS

Brian Jackson, Superintendent

The CTC had one positive adult case of COVID-19. All county schools will be in remote session the next three days based on substantial status in Greene County. With school operating remotely, the school buses are being utilized to deliver lunches and student materials at the bus stops. Kevin Doody has indicated the STEM Renovation project work is substantially complete. The punch list is all that is left.

Jessica Bissett, Business Manager

The Annual Financial Report (AFR) for 2019-2020 has been finalized and reported. October balances will be provided by the next board meeting. The 2021-2022 budget process will begin soon and she should be receiving the assessment values soon as well.

Eric Gaydos, Academic Director

The West Greene Computer Science/STEM department met with the Intermediate Unit 1 to conduct a bi-annual review of the District’s progress in creating a more comprehensive CS/STEM curriculum in grades K-12. Computer Science standards have been realigned to meet with ISTE standards. He congratulated Stephanie Spence and Kurt Jones for receiving grants from the I.U.1. Ms. Spence received a \$5,000 grant for the program entitled “Elementary STEM & Real World Critical Thinking” and Mr. Jones received \$1,815 for his program entitled “Mentored Diagnostic Training: Dual Enrollment Anatomy/Psychology Classroom.” The District has released a set of expectations for all stakeholders involved in the virtual

learning process. Senate Bill 1216 has passed and includes language to push the mandatory Keysogon graduation requirements to 2022-2023, a waiver for NOCTI exams, and extension of the Act 48 window for teacher professional development hours, permission for the PDE to apply for a testing waiver if the US Department of Education allows it, and transportation funding in regard to paying contractors a rate determined by the PDE that will be eligible for reimbursement. West Greene will be participating in the PDE Connected to Learning Initiative through a grant partnership with the I.U.1. Through this initiative, the District will work with a sample group of teachers and students to provide educational resources into homes without internet access. Through PBS engineers and the Department of Education, education resources can be sent via television signal with the use of a special antenna and a decoder device that plugs into any computer West Greene has deployed. There is no internet connection required. The content will be encrypted and works seamlessly with Google Classroom.

Jared Edgreen, School Police Officer - Absent, report read by Eric Gaydos

A school-wide lockdown drill was conducted on November 10, with the PA State Police, Greene County Sheriff's Office, Greene County Regional Police, Greene County Emergency Management Services and the Center Township Fire Department. The football stadium camera project has begun and is set to conclude prior to the end of the year.

Scott Sakai, Junior-Senior High School Principal

Several virtual college visits and college fairs have been made available to the students. Red Ribbon Week was held October 26 - 30. Grades Kindergarten through 12 acknowledged and participated in a district-wide spirit week, activities and educational presentations. Report cards were distributed on November 4. The Fall Harvest Festival was held on November 6, and turned out to be a great success. The WGEA held a fundraiser for the local Veterans in absence of the annual Veterans Day recognition. He thanked Dr. Jones, Mrs. Wise and Mr. Watson for working with some of the Sophomore students as they participated in a successful car wash fundraiser for the Greene County Humane Society. Senior Class Sponsor, Mr. Polander and the Senior Class have been working diligently to decide class announcements and any other upcoming events. The 2019-2020 yearbooks have arrived. BOT-VIN lessons are currently administered in the Junior-Senior High School by Mrs. Shinsky. NHS new member applications are currently being accepted and the deadline has been extended to December 2. Mr. Patton's Junior High Social Studies classes have been actively writing and receiving letters to local and abroad businesses, politicians, and educational organizations. He thanked Mr. Edgreen for organizing a successful and enlightening Lockdown Drill. He discussed attendance in the remote learning model and how it contrasts with the online learning in the spring.

Jim Elsenheimer, Food Services Director

He reported that 160 people were served food today and this service has been running very well.

Don Painter, Elementary Principal

Mr. Painter reviewed the process for accounting for student absence during the Virtual Learning closure. Mr. Benke, Mr. Bruno, and Mr. Whyte developed a virtual Veteran's Day program. The link is available on the district website and facebook page.

Bob Ward, Director of Educational and Informational Technology

The Ford Business Machines contract is an item on the agenda to be extended another 60 months. Smartboards will be removed and replaced with new LCD screens. New HD (high definition) cameras with integrated microphones have been distributed to help increase the flexibility of the Google Classroom and increase the learning experience. He continues to work on E-rate.

John McDermitt, Director of Facilities

He has been working on ceiling projects outside of the Office of Student Services while students have been out of school. Ceiling tiles that were removed from the library were repurposed throughout the hallways. After the quarantine, the 500 wing was disinfected as well as the rest of the school. All equipment has been winterized. Snow plows and salt spreaders are ready to go. The maintenance crew is preparing to remove 36 Smartboard and reinstall 36 LCD screens with Mr. Ward. He spoke with the Center Township Supervisors with regard to the sewage line project and the District is almost "shovel ready." Once the District is at that point, through the Township, the grant writing process can begin to help support this project. Extra power was provided at the concession stand for the camera project at the football stadium.

Bill Simms, Athletic Director

Twenty one boys are out for 7 & 8 Grade Basketball. He discussed West Greene's plan/format to have Little League organizations use the facilities. Little League officers and coaches were informed of this plan, and all expectations were shared with them. They have been issued temperature guns, and the COVID waiver and COVID tracking documentation forms. There is speculation with High School athletics, and schedules and plans are updated as information is obtained from the PIAA, WPIAL, and other member schools. There have been several recommendations, especially in wrestling, that have been discussed administratively. Winter sports were set to begin practices on November 20. No tri-fold schedules for winter sports will be printed. All schedules will be posted to www.bigteams.com.

HEARING OF CITIZENS -

Ryan Crouse congratulated the Little League Football B-Team for winning the Morgantown League Championship by a score of 21-0.

PERSONNEL

1. **MOTION BY** Crouse, **SECOND BY** Inmon, that the Board approve the Grievance Settlement Agreement between the West Greene School District, the West Greene Education Association and the West Greene Education Support Professional Association, relating to health insurance benefits continuing to August 31, for eligible retirees.
VOTE: ALL AYES **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. **MOTION BY** Coss, **SECOND BY** Crouse, to approve stipends for the Vo-Ag program for the 2020-2021 school year, in the total amount of \$10,000 on a pro rata basis in accordance with the FFA Advisor/SAE Report.
VOTE: ALL AYES **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. **MOTION BY** Coss, **SECOND BY** Crouse, to approve the following individuals as substitute teachers (emergency certification) for the 2020-2021 school year, pending satisfactory results from a pre-employment drug test:
Jenny Ridge, 242 Deems Park Road, Daisytown, PA 15427
Rianna Seighman, 208 2nd Street, Vestaburg, PA 15368
VOTE: ALL AYES **MOTION CARRIED.**

4. **MOTION BY** Inmon, **SECOND BY** Crouse, to accept the resignation of Lisa Kravits as the Class of 2023 Sponsor effective November 13, 2020.
VOTE: ALL AYES **MOTION CARRIED.**

5. **MOTION BY** Coss, **SECOND BY** Crouse, to post for a Class of 2023 Sponsor.
VOTE: ALL AYES **MOTION CARRIED.**

6. **MOTION BY** Coss, **SECOND BY** Crouse, to approve hiring Matthew Allen as a temporary, part-time custodian effective November 19, 2020 at the approved rate.
VOTE: ALL AYES **MOTION CARRIED.**

ATHLETICS

1. **MOTION BY** Coss, **SECOND BY** Crouse, to approve the following individuals as unpaid, volunteer Assistant Varsity Wrestling and Junior High Wrestling Coaches for the 2020-2021 sports season, pending receipt of clearances:
Connor Main
Wade Durbin
Luke Kiger (clearances on file)
Shannon Smith (clearances on file)
Scott Blair
Kory Bissett (clearances on file)
VOTE: ALL AYES **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. **MOTION BY** Crouse, **SECOND BY** Coss, to approve the following individual as an unpaid, volunteer Assistant Junior High Wrestling Coach for the 2020-2021 sports season, pending receipt of clearances:
Riley Jeffery
VOTE: ALL AYES **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. **MOTION BY** Coss, **SECOND BY** Gillispie, to restrict athletic activities to practices only upon the District's return to in-person instruction with the District's plan to be re-evaluated at the December 10, 2020, board meeting.
Discussion: Vote postponed.
NO VOTE TAKEN.

4. **MOTION BY** Crouse, **SECOND BY** Frye, to modify the District's Athletic Plan to restrict all athletic activities, including practices and games, in the event the District's Schools are remote as a result of a student or staff COVID-19 infection.
Discussion: This week school is closed because of a COVID case, and next week school is closed for precautionary measures because Greene County has been in two weeks of substantial risk.
MOTION WITHDRAWN.

5. **MOTION BY** Scott, **SECOND BY** Coss, to modify the District's Athletic Plan to restrict all athletic activities, including practices and games, in the event of District's High School is remote as a result of a student or staff COVID-19 infection.
VOTE: 2 YEA; 5 NAY (Crouse, Frye, Gillispie, Inmon, Kent); 0 ABSTAIN; 2 ABSENT **MOTION FAILED.**
6. **MOTION BY** Scott, **SECOND BY** (*No response*), to modify the District's Athletic Plan to restrict all athletic activities, including practices and games, in the event that any building within the District is remote as a result of student or staff COVID-19 infections. This will also include the withdrawal of permission for Little League Organizations to use school facilities.
MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.
7. **MOTION BY** Coss, **SECOND BY** Kent, to allow the Administration to make a determination on practices according to the COVID-19 Athletic Plan.
MOTION WITHDRAWN.
8. **MOTION BY** Coss, **SECOND BY** Inmon, to permit the administration to determine whether practices should be permitted to continue in accordance with the District's Athletic Plan until an updated plan is presented and approved at the December 10, 2020 meeting.
VOTE: 4 YEA; 2 NAY (Gillispie, Scott); 1 ABSTAIN (Frye); 2 ABSENT **MOTION FAILED.**
9. **MOTION BY** Crouse, **SECOND BY** Coss, to approve the purchase of West Greene's share of the Orion Rifle Shooting Scoring System to be used at the Waynesburg Sportsmans Club. The cost of this purchase, as a whole, is approximately \$1,300.00 with West Greene's share not to exceed \$450.00.
VOTE: ALL AYES **MOTION CARRIED.**
10. **MOTION BY** Coss, **SECOND BY** Crouse, to modify the District's Athletic Plan to permit practices only when the District is on a remote educational basis. No scrimmages or competitive sports are permitted. Once school resumes back on-site, activities will proceed as normal.
VOTE: 5 YEA; 2 NAY (Frye, Gillispie); 0 ABSTAIN; 2 ABSENT **MOTION CARRIED.**

BUILDING & SITES

1. **MOTION BY** Coss, **SECOND BY** Crouse, to approve the Use of Facilities Request of Erin Shiflett for West Greene Little League Basketball to use the Elementary Gym from November 30, 2020 through April 2, 2021, based upon availability, and in accordance with the COVID-19 Little League requirements (Type-A organization, fee waived and no liability insurance). They will follow the High School's schedule for building usage.
VOTE: ALL AYES **MOTION CARRIED.**
2. **MOTION BY** Coss, **SECOND BY** Crouse, to approve the Use of Facilities request of Patrick Morris for West Greene Little League Wrestling to utilize the wrestling room from December 1, 2020 through March 25, 2021 (Type "A" organization, fee waived). "Little League Requirements" form attached. They will follow the High School's schedule for building usage.
VOTE: ALL AYES **MOTION CARRIED.**

TECHNOLOGY

1. **MOTION BY** Crouse, **SECOND BY** Inmon, to approve the five (5) year contract (upgraded solution for the multi-function devices and printers) with Ford Business Machines at a cost of \$1,928.64 per month (COSTAR state pricing) for equipment and maintenance.
VOTE: ALL AYES **MOTION CARRIED.**

POLICY

1. **MOTION BY** Crouse, **SECOND BY** Kent, to approve the second reading of the following policy as revised:
Policy No. 819 Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response
VOTE: ALL AYES **MOTION CARRIED.**

TRANSPORTATION

1. **MOTION BY** Coss, **SECOND BY** Crouse, to approve the following individuals as drivers for the 2020-2021 school year, pending receipt of all appropriate paperwork:

Sasha Milliken
Brent Carroll
George V. Bissett
VOTE: ALL AYES

MOTION CARRIED.

BUDGET

1. **MOTION BY** Crouse, **SECOND BY** Coss, that the following invoices be approved as submitted:

General Fund Paid List - \$182,999.42
General Fund Unpaid List - \$235,670.18
Cafeteria Fund Unpaid List - \$ 13,328.40

VOTE: 6 YEA; 1 NAY (Coss); 0 ABSTAIN; 2 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED.

2. **MOTION BY** Crouse, **SECOND BY** Coss, that the following payrolls be approved as submitted:

October 23, 2020 - \$264,058.74
November 6, 2020 - \$247,834.34

VOTE: ALL AYES

MOTION CARRIED.

3. **MOTION BY** Crouse, **SECOND BY** Kent, to approve the following invoices/pay applications related to the STEM Renovation Project:

- Doody Engineering P.C. (CM) October 2020 invoice - \$ 3,993.75
- A-1 Electrical (Electrical) Pay Application #5 - \$ 74,596.50
- MASSCON, Inc. (General Construction) Pay Application #6 - \$172,338.65
- Wheels Mechanical (Plumbing) Pay Application #6 - \$ 42,332.40
- A.J. Demor and Sons (Prime Contract) Pay Application #7 \$ 18,848.00
- Eckles Architecture October 2020 - \$ 7,037.97

VOTE: 6 YEA; 1 NAY (Coss); 0 ABSTAIN; 2 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED.

4. **MOTION BY** Coss, **SECOND BY** Crouse, to uncommit (STEM Project) \$300,000.

VOTE: ALL AYES

MOTION CARRIED.

5. **MOTION BY** Coss, **SECOND BY** Crouse, to transfer \$300,000 from the General Fund TMMA to the Capital Project Fund.

VOTE: ALL AYES

MOTION CARRIED.

6. **MOTION BY** Crouse, **SECOND BY** Inmon, that the following invoices, received after November 13, 2020, be approved as submitted:

General Fund unpaid list - \$28,682.08

VOTE: 6 YEA; 1 NAY (Coss); 0 ABSTAIN; 2 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED.

HEARING OF CITIZENS - No response.

ADJOURNMENT

• **MOTION BY** Kent, **SECOND BY** Gillispie, to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 PM, enter into executive session and not return to the meeting.

VOTE: ALL AYES

MOTION CARRIED.

Board President

Board Secretary