

**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, December 6, 2018**, at the West Greene Junior-Senior High School, 1352 Hargus Creek Road, Waynesburg, PA at 7:37 PM.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Jan Berdine – P

Ryan Crouse – P

Timothy Mankey – P

Butch Cassiday – P

Daniele Frye – P

Mike Pikula – P

Joe Coss – P

Robert Gilbert – P

Chad Scott – P

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- **MOTION BY** Cassiday, **SECOND BY** Pikula, to approve the agenda.

VOTE: ALL AYES

MOTION CARRIED.

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

- December 6, 2018 – Personnel, Litigation and Student matters

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **MOTION BY** Crouse, **SECOND BY** Pikula, to approve the **November 15, 2018**, regular meeting minutes.

VOTE: ALL AYES

MOTION CARRIED.

- **MOTION BY** Berdine, **SECOND BY** Frye, to approve the **November 8, 2018**, Personnel, Policy, Budget and Building & Sites committee meeting minutes.

VOTE: ALL AYES

MOTION CARRIED.

REPORTS

Superintendent, Brian Jackson

Mr. Jackson reported that a plan would be set up for the green hallway (STEM wing) and presented to the board in January. The science labs/rooms will be revamped during the summer of 2019. Nothing will be done with the Aquaponics room at this time. The furniture will be mobile and not fixed to the floor. The Administration worked with the Teachers in the development of all of the areas. Mr. Painter and Mr. Sakai will attend a meeting on January 10, at the CTC regarding truancy. The CTC Annual Christmas Buffet is tomorrow, December 7.

Business Manager, Jessica Bissett

Mrs. Bissett reported that preliminary numbers were received on the assessment values for next year, and the mineral values dropped by \$19,000,000 which is equivalent to \$390,000.00 and the Act 1 Index is 2.3 percent for the 2019-2020 school year. If taxes would have to be raised, the millage rate would increase to 20.41 mills, the revenue of which would be \$230,000. The difference between costs and revenue for next year is approximately \$700,000. She stated to consider that the Trane Municipal Lease will be paid off which is \$58,000 per year. If money is not transferred to Capital Projects, that would account for \$100,000. Gas well money in the amount of \$200,000 has been received in the last two months and they still owe the District \$17,000 that they withheld for taxes; and new teachers coming in to fill vacated retired teacher positions will start out a lower salary. The budgetary reserve could be used.

Academic Director, Jed Hamberger

Mr. Hamberger, Ms. Walters and Mrs. Dire met with the Greene County CYS, County Commissioners, Judge Toothman and multiple other school districts to discuss the foster care situations and laws to start the process to develop a county wide plan. He reported that the PA Smart Grant is for \$35,000 for computer science improvements and program development for teachers and students. He reviewed the status of the PCCD Grant, DEP Grant and FFA Blue 365 Technology Grant (combining STEM in agriculture). Website articles have been and are continuing to be updated as submitted. Through the Ag OAC/LAC meeting, a 501 C-3 Greene County Alumni Association was created which allows EQT to have a non-profit, third party donate money; a vote to increase the Ag showing age to 21 was approved; and length of terms for the OAC and LAC members was created. Under Act 44, Safe2Say will be coming out January 14, 2019. It is a reporting hotline number that will be posted to the website once the line is active. STEM teachers, Tim Barnes and Kayla Hildreth, are in Hershey, PA working to develop the STEM tool kit for the SAS portal. Mr. Hamberger attended the Comprehensive Plan training this week and there were changes made that will affect all schools. A “steakholder” group will need to be developed from the community, and meetings will need to be organized. The STEM team and Mr. Hamberger met with Remake Learning to develop a profile for schools to use as a resource for the development of their STEM programs.

Director of Facilities, John McDermitt

Mr. McDermitt's is looking into pricing for painting or the complete replacement of the student lockers on the green floor as they are in bad shape. He would like to have new flooring placed down in Room 512 that would be paid through the Pioneer Fund. Mr. McDermitt will obtain two more quotes as the cost is over \$10,000.

Solicitor, Russell Lucas

The board has the written report from Andrews and Price. On December 3, Judge Toothman signed the Order regarding the Petition for At-Large election of board members and Township redistricting. This is in preparation for the 2019 Municipal Election.

HEARING OF CITIZENS – No response.**PERSONNEL**

1. **MOTION BY** Mankey, **SECOND BY** Pikula, to ratify the approval of the Teacher Professional Development Request for Tim Barnes and Kayla Hildreth to attend the STEM Toolkit at PaTTAN in Harrisburg from December 4 – 6, 2018 at a cost of \$1,381.27 to be reimbursed by the PDE.

VOTE: 8 YEA; 1 NAY (Coss); 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED.

2. **MOTION BY** Mankey, **SECOND BY** Crouse, to hire Brody Miller as a 12-Month Custodian, as per the support contract, pending receipt of all appropriate paperwork.

VOTE: 8 YEA; 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN (Berdine); 0 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED.

EDUCATIONAL PLANNING

3. **MOTION BY** Berdine, **SECOND BY** Mankey, to ratify the approval the following field trip request:

Melissa Ullom	12-03-18	Student Grant Writing	\$ 0.00	No cost to
		Community Foundation		the District
		of Greene County		

VOTE: ALL AYES

MOTION CARRIED.

4. **MOTION BY** Berdine, **SECOND BY** Crouse, to approve the following field trip request:

Eric Bedilion	1-2 times per month	City Mission	\$ 0.00	Budgeted
	on weekends	Washington, PA		

VOTE: ALL AYES

MOTION CARRIED.

5. **MOTION BY** Berdine, **SECOND BY** Mankey, to approve the following field trip request:

Scott McCullough	04-24-19 to	Band Spring Trip	\$12,890.00	Budgeted &
	04-26-19	Williamsburg &		Band Boosters
		Virginia Beach		

VOTE: ALL AYES

MOTION CARRIED.

6. **MOTION BY** Berdine, **SECOND BY** Pikula, to approve the following field trip request:

Eric Bedilion	05-14-19 to	AP Calculus Students	\$ 520.00	Substitutes & fuel
	05-16-19	Math & Science Week		costs paid by district.
		Cedar Point		Remainder of trip
				paid by students

Discussion: Seniors who are taking the AP Calculus testing will miss their senior trip. This is a special circumstance that allows for those specific students to attend a field trip in lieu of their senior trip.

VOTE: 8 YEA; 1 NAY (Coss); 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED.

7. **MOTION BY** Berdine, **SECOND BY** Mankey, to approve the following field trip request:

Jackie Slogan	01-22-19	Junior League Tournament	\$ 495.62	Not budgeted
		Penn State Fayette Campus		

VOTE: ALL AYES

MOTION CARRIED.

BUILDING & SITES

8. **MOTION BY** Gilbert, **SECOND BY** Berdine, to approve the Addendum to the Honeywell Building Solutions Service Agreement No. 40100901, between West Greene School District and Honeywell International, Inc. with the price for year 3 of the Agreement from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 to be \$99,100.00.

VOTE: ALL AYES

MOTION CARRIED.

9. **MOTION BY** Gilbert, **SECOND BY** Berdine, to approve replacing the flooring in Room No. 512 through Humble Carpet, at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.

VOTE: ALL AYES

MOTION CARRIED.

POLICY

10. **MOTION BY** Gilbert, **SECOND BY** Berdine, to approve the second reading of the following policy:

Policy No. 150.3 Federal Programs – Procurement

VOTE: ALL AYES

MOTION CARRIED.

BUDGET

11. **MOTION BY** Cassiday, **SECOND BY** Pikula, that the following invoices be approved as submitted:

General Fund paid list - \$14,358.08

General Fund unpaid list - \$64,940.97

Cafeteria Fund unpaid list - \$13,853.22

Cafeteria Fund paid list - \$ 433.62

VOTE: 8 YEA; 1 NAY (Coss); 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED.

12. **MOTION BY** Cassiday, **SECOND BY** Berdine, that the following payroll be approved as submitted:

November 23, 2018 - \$282,352.25

VOTE: ALL AYES

MOTION CARRIED.

13. **MOTION BY** Cassiday, **SECOND BY** Pikula, to approve the Resolution for the 2019-2020 fiscal year certifying that the School District will not increase any tax at a rate that exceeds the index (2.3%) as calculated by the Department of Education under the provisions of the Taxpayer Relief, Act 1 of 2006 (the current millage rate is 19.96).

VOTE: ALL AYES

MOTION CARRIED.

14. **MOTION BY** Cassiday, **SECOND BY** Berdine, to the following invoices (received after November 29, 2018) be approved as submitted:

General Fund unpaid list - \$126,874.11

Cafeteria Fund unpaid list - \$ 256.84

VOTE: 8 YEA; 1 NAY (Coss); 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED.

HEARING OF CITIZENS – No Response.

ADJOURNMENT

- **MOTION BY** Coss, **SECOND BY** Cassiday, 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