

WAYNESBORO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Waynesboro, PA 17268

The Waynesboro Area Board of School Directors held its regular meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2009, in the board room, 210 Clayton Avenue, Waynesboro, PA. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM, by president Smith.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Smith called for a moment of silence and meditation and then led the pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Present were: Christopher Devers, Pat Heefner, Mindy Rouzer, Firmadge Crutchfield, Leland Lemley, Gregory Ochoa, Edward Wilson, Marilyn Smith, and student representatives Chad Reichard and Amelia Rock. John Fitz was absent. Others present were: James Robertson, superintendent; Evan Williams, assistant superintendent; Caroline Dean, business administrator; Bobbi Trostle, recording secretary; James Flower, Jr., solicitor; Denise Bonura, Record Herald; Jennifer Fitch, Herald Mail; and those individuals listed on the attached sign-in sheet.

Mr. Fitz arrived at 7:02 AM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Lemley asked that a *Discussion Item* be added to the agenda – discuss scheduling a special meeting on Thursday, with a plan to approve the preliminary budget at that meeting.

On a Devers/Heefner motion and roll call listed, the board approved the agenda with the additional *Discussion Item*.

YEA: Devers/Heefner/Rouzer/Fitz/Crutchfield/Lemley/Ochoa/Wilson/Smith

NAY: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a Ochoa/Heefner motion and roll call listed, the board approved the April 21, 2009 budget workshop minutes.

YEA: Devers/Heefner/Rouzer/Crutchfield/Lemley/Ochoa/Wilson/Smith

NAY: None

Mr. Devers and Dr. Rouzer were not present at the workshop, but reviewed the video.

Mr. Fitz was not present for the vote.

On a Heefner/Ochoa motion and roll call listed, the board approved the April 21, 2009 regular meeting minutes.

YEA: Heefner/Rouzer/Fitz/Crutchfield/Lemley/Ochoa/Wilson/Smith

NAY: None

ABSTAINED: Devers (was not present at meeting)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Cont'd)

On a Heefner/Fitz motion and roll call listed, the board approved the April 29, 2009 budget workshop minutes.

YEA: Devers/Heefner/Fitz/Crutchfield/Lemley/Ochoa/Wilson/Smith
NAY: None
ABSTAINED: Rouzer (was not present at workshop)
Mr. Devers was not present at workshop, but reviewed the video.

On a Fitz/Ochoa motion and roll call listed, the board approved the May 7, 2009 budget workshop minutes.

YEA: Devers/Heefner/Rouzer/Fitz/Crutchfield/Ochoa/Wilson/Smith
NAY: None
ABSTAINED: Lemley (only present for first half of the workshop)

STUDENT REPORT

Amelia Rock reported that on April 25, members of the Wayarian Chapter of the National Honor Society participated in the annual Gala Cancer Auction. Spirit Week was celebrated at the High School the week of April 27-May 1, with a pep rally held on May 1 and prom on May 2. Throughout April and May, several members of the junior and senior classes have been volunteering as chaperones at the various outdoor schools, in which elementary school students participate and learn the basics of wildlife study and become familiar with forestry. These overnight events are chaperoned by fifth grade teachers.

Chad Reichard reported that students were afforded the opportunity to take Advanced Placement tests the past two weeks. The annual choral concert will be held on Saturday at 7:00 PM, in the High School auditorium. This week is teacher appreciation week and Chad thanked teachers and staff members for their dedication and willingness to assist students.

DISCUSS 2009/2010 BUDGET – Student Information Systems Presentation

Mike Kugler, Supervisor of Technology/Child Accounting, presented information on the Student Information Systems. The Instructional Technology (IT) Committee conducted an evaluation of vendors and software for the purpose of upgrading our current student software, Tenex. This upgrade is part of the district's Strategic Plan. Five vendor products were reviewed and narrowed down to two, with a cross-section of school employees reviewing the final two. The Power School student software package, employee training, and installation were recommended for purchase.

Mr. Kugler said the Tenex system is outdated. Mr. Devers questioned how much the district would save in replacing this system. Mr. Kugler said there would be some savings on supplies, but not a significant amount overall. This system meets the needs of the district (parents, students, teachers, counselors, and administration). If the board would approve Power School, Mr. Kugler said it would be phased in over a one year period and Tenex would still be used until the conversion of the data would be complete. The total price is \$104,078.88. Annual maintenance of this system would be \$18,666. Mrs. Heefner, who was on the committee, said she was very pleased and totally agrees with the decision of selecting Power School. She said this is an up and coming need for the school district. This item will be placed on next week's agenda.

Discuss 2009/2010 Preliminary Budget

Mr. Lemley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to have a special meeting Thursday evening to further discuss the budget, with the thought of approving a preliminary budget that evening also. He said he wants to see a balanced budget or as close as the administration can get to it. Mr. Robertson, Mr. Devers, and several other people said they would not be available that evening. Mrs. Smith said the budget could be discussed and a possible vote on the 19th. Mr. Lemley and Mr. Wilson then amended their motion and second, to have a special meeting on Friday evening at 7:00 PM, to discuss the budget, with the idea of being prepared to approve the preliminary budget that evening.

YEA: Crutchfield/Lemley/Wilson
NAY: Devers/Heefner/Rouzer/Fitz/Ochoa/Smith
The motion did not pass.

Mrs. Heefner then made a motion to have a budget workshop prior to the regularly scheduled meeting on May 19th at 5:00 PM. The motion died for lack of a second.

Ms. Dean questioned what information the board wanted to review on Tuesday. Mrs. Heefner replied she wanted the athletic budget presented. Ms. Dean said she would present the same information, along with any changes that could occur. Mr. Wilson said he wanted to see a balanced budget without any tax increase.

Mr. Lemley questioned state funding. Ms. Dean said she spoke with Senator Alloway and he doesn't know what is going to happen or when.

Mrs. Heefner again made a motion to have a budget workshop prior to the regularly scheduled meeting on May 19th at 5:00 PM. The motion again died for lack of a second.

The board's next meeting is Tuesday, May 19th at 7:00 PM.

PUBIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discuss Board Resolution Regarding the PA School Employees' Retirement System

Mr. Robertson reviewed a resolution that school districts in PA are adopting, asking the State Legislature to undertake a review in amending the Pubic School Employees' Retirement Code to limit eligibility, funding levels, and/or the extent of the benefits so that the employer contribution rate, which would spike in the 2012/2013 fiscal year, would be substantively reduced, and/or provide other sources of revenue independent of the employer contribution rate. This item will be placed on next week's agenda. Mr. Robertson said a copy of the resolution would be in the board members' packet on Friday.

ELECTION OF BOARD TREASURER

On a Ochoa/Devers motion and roll call listed, the board elected John Fitz as Board Treasurer for the 2009/2010 fiscal year (July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010). It is noted that Mr. Fitz will continue in this position until the end of his term (December, 2009).

YEA: Devers/Heefner/Rouzer/Crutchfield/Lemley/Ochoa/Wilson/Smith
NAY: None
ABSTAINED: Fitz

2009/2010 COBRA RATES

On a Devers/Ochoa motion and roll call listed, the board approved the following Cobra rates for 2009/2010:

CLASS	2009/2010
Single	\$493.63
Parent and Child	\$617.05
Parent and Children	\$789.82
Individual/Spouse	\$987.27
Family	\$1,234.08
65 Special-Single	\$414.59
65 Special-Individual/Spouse (both over 65)	\$829.19
65 Special-Individual/Spouse (1 over 65)	\$908.22

Note: None of the above rates include the 2% administrative fee.

YEA: Devers/Heefner/Rouzer/Fitz/Crutchfield/Lemley/Ochoa/Wilson/Smith
NAY: None

COUNTY-WIDE EIT COLLECTION/COMMISSION MEMBERS

Ms. Dean asked permission to be named to the EIT Commission and Mr. Robertson as an alternate. There is legislation that will require a county-wide EIT collection. She said it is good in theory, but has some flaws. This commission is being formed in Chambersburg that will review this legislation. The first meeting is May 20.

On a Devers/Ochoa motion and roll call listed, the board appointed Ms. Dean to be part of the EIT Commission, with Mr. Robertson as an alternate.

YEA: Devers/Heefner/Rouzer/Fitz/Crutchfield/Lemley/Ochoa/Wilson/Smith
NAY: None

DATE CHANGE FOR JUNE BOARD MEETING

The June 9th board meeting coincides with Baccalaureate. Mr. Robertson asked that this meeting be moved to June 23rd, with June 16th being the discussion meeting and the 23rd being the voting meeting. On a Heefner/Ochoa motion and roll call listed, the board approved changing the board meeting dates to June 16th and June 23rd, respectively.

YEA: Devers/Heefner/Rouzer/Fitz/Crutchfield/Ochoa/Wilson/Smith
NAY: Lemley

2009 SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAM

On a Ochoa/Devers motion and roll call listed, the board approved the 2009 Summer Music Program.

YEA: Devers/Heefner/Rouzer/Fitz/Crutchfield/Lemley/Ochoa/Wilson/Smith
NAY: None

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Recommend Awarding of Bids

The board recommended awarding the following bids – General School Supplies, Art, Paper Products, Custodial Supplies, Lumber, and Athletic Supplies.

Recommend Tentative Approval of Purchase Order Requisitions

The board recommended tentative approval of purchase order requisitions in the amount of \$138,972.08.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Board members are invited to attend the Induction Reception on May 21st at 4:00 PM, and the Franklin Learning Center graduation ceremony on June 9th at 12:45 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board president, Marilyn Smith, called for an executive session following the meeting to discuss personnel issues.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

/s/ K. Marilyn Smith, President SIGNED /s/ Patricia F. Heefner, Secretary

Approved May 19, 2009