

WAYNESBORO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Waynesboro, PA 17268

The Waynesboro Area Board of School Directors held its regular meeting on Tuesday, November 10, 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 asked that prayers go out to the student who was injured last week and for all military personnel and then led the pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On an Ochoa/Fitz motion and roll call listed, the board approved the agenda.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 20, 2009

On a Wilson/Fitz motion and roll call listed, the board approved the October 20, 2009 minutes.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

STUDENT REPORT

Tyler Bowders reported that the High School held its first pep rally on October 23, which included a routine from the cheerleaders and a tug-of-war competition between the sports teams and the band, and ended with a performance of Michael Jackson's song "Thriller", which starred Justin Martinez as Michael Jackson and included 25-30 teachers dressed as zombie back-up dancers. The football team defeated Red Land with a score of 23-9 and claimed a very rainy homecoming victory. The National English Honor Society inducted 27 new members into its Wayarian Chapter on November 3. Elementary schools will hold their annual Veteran's Day programs this week. "Big Chiefs" school store hit a snag in its operations – their ability to sell drink products was temporarily suspended due to problems with the sink used to prepare the drinks. Also, "Big Chiefs" is sponsoring spirit week at the High School, which includes favorite sports team apparel day, camo day, tie-dye day, pajama day, and blue and gold day. Events will include a pie-eating contest. This year's all-school production will be the musical "Footloose". Auditions will take place in December.

Dr. Rouzer arrived at 7:05 PM.

Mr. Crutchfield arrived at 7:30 PM.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Elementary Academic Presentation

Elementary principals, director of special education, and supervisor of special education presented the elementary academic report. Dr. Diller, Mowrey principal, compared district totals for PSSA for math and reading (Advanced and Advanced/Proficient) in grades 3-6 with other Franklin County schools, which included Shippensburg. Mr. Taylor, Summitview principal, reviewed the percentage of students scoring Proficient/Advanced in Reading in grades 3-6. All grades surpassed benchmarks. Mrs. Martin, Fairview assistant principal, reviewed the percentage of students who are benchmark/strategic/intensive on DRA and DIBELS for grades K-3. Out of 292 kindergarten students, 224 scored benchmark; 66 scored strategic, and 2 scored intensive. In grade 1, out of 327 students, 224 scored benchmark, 82 scored strategic, and 21 scored intensive. In grade 2, out of 335 students, 198 scored benchmark, 93 scored strategic, and 44 scored intensive. In grade 3, out of 316 students, 209 students scored benchmark, 63 scored strategic, and 44 scored intensive. Mrs. Martin reviewed the number of intensive kindergarten students as measured by DRA and DIBELS over a seven-year period. In the 2001/2002 school year there were 70 students and in the 2008/2009 school year there were 2 students. Mrs. Sterner-Hine, Hooverville principal, reviewed what the district is doing to increase student achievement. PVAAS is a statistical analysis of existing assessment data and gives a realistic measurement of a school's progress/growth over time. Mrs. Sullivan, supervisor of special education, reviewed 4Sight assessment and analysis and gave examples of student progress across periods. Mrs. Eberhardt, Fairview principal, said **all WASD elementary buildings mete AYP for the general education and for all subgroups**. Mrs. Purnell, director of special education, reviewed the response to intervention and instruction framework. Academic programs include Guided Reading (K-6), Basal – grades 1-6, Earobics (K), Everyday Mathematics, and a menu of remedial programs, which include Early Literacy, Project Read, Read Naturally, Soar, Comprehension Groups, Academy of Reading, and Head Sprouts. There are after-school reading and math programs, Early Bird Program (Fairview and Mowrey only and is funded by Title I). The district also has extended-day kindergarten. Dr. Diller reviewed the District Elementary Goals, which include:

- Grades 3, 4, 5, 6: To meet PSSA benchmarks in reading and math defined by NCLB.
- To continue to increase PSSA scores in reading and math.
- Grades K, 1, 2: To increase the number of students by 5% or more who are on grade level in reading and math as measured by district assessments.
- To use assessment data to guide instruction.
- To conduct regularly scheduled meetings to review student assessment data in order to monitor student progress and remedial programming.
- To create lesson plans which integrate instruction and technology.
- To create an environment of cooperation, coordination, and information sharing between the four elementary buildings' safety committees and the district's safety committee.

Discuss Lease Agreement with Borough of Waynesboro

Mr. Flower informed the board that Waynesboro Borough Council agreed to the terms of the lease agreement for the Third Street driveway for \$1.00 per year and shall run until 2018 and then can be extended by mutual written agreement of the parties. Mr. Flower requested that the board review the agreement to make sure they agree with the conditions. This item will be placed on next week's agenda.

Discuss 2009/2010 Final Transportation Costs

Ms. Dean reviewed an analysis of the transportation costs for the 2009/2010 school year, which reflects annual mileage, number of students, and new designations of schools for special education and non-public students. This item will be placed on next week's agenda for approval.

Discuss 2010/2011 Transportation Contracts

The board authorized Ms. Dean to negotiate the 2010/2011 transportation contracts in a timely basis so that all the information is available before putting together budget numbers.

Discuss Act 1 Index and Budget Preparation Timelines

Ms. Dean gave an overview of annual budget timelines.

Discuss Tax Rate Resolution

Ms. Dean reviewed the tax rate resolution, which the board can elect to adopt indicating that it will not raise the rate of any tax for the support of the public schools for the following fiscal year by more than its index, provided the resolution is adopted no later than 110 days prior to the date of the election immediately preceding the upcoming fiscal year. The district's adjusted index for the 2010/2011 fiscal year is 3.7%, which would be a 3.056 millage increase. This item will be placed on next week's agenda for approval.

Discuss 2010/2011 Budget Calendar

Mr. Lemley requested a powerpoint presentation starting where the budget is today, so that by the end of the budget process the board will have a complete picture. He also requested a five-year history of each revenue source. Mrs. Heefner said she'd like to see a ten-year history of the fund balance. Ms. Dean said she could provide an eight-year history. Dr. Ochoa requested millage rates for these years. Mr. Lemley then requested what budget items can't be controlled (salaries, utilities, debt service, transportation, pass-thru monies), and the items that are obligated. Mrs. Heefner questioned when budget requests from teachers/buildings were due. Ms. Dean said by mid-January. She said that teachers were instructed to go with a zero-based budget balance.

Discuss 2008/2009 Audit Presentation by Smith Elliott Kearns & Co., to be Given on November 17, 2009

Scott Orndorff from Smith Elliott Kearns & Co. will present the 2008/2009 audit report at next week's meeting.

Discuss Act 32 Regionalization of Earned Income Tax Collection

Ms. Dean discussed Act 32 regionalization of earned income tax collection, which states there would only be one tax collector for the entire county to collect earned income tax, and would take effect in January 2012. Ms. Dean, who is on the tax collection committee, said there are only two choices the board can make – (1) go with the Chambersburg Wage Tax Bureau, or (2) put out a request for proposal. The board was in agreement to authorize Ms. Dean to vote to put out a request for proposal.

Discuss Use of IDEA Funds

Mr. Williams discussed the use of IDEA stimulus funds. The elementary principals and the director of special education would like to create two positions, which would be filled with WASD employees, if possible, and these employees' positions would then be filled with long-term substitutes. These stimulus funds are for a two-year period only. The first position requested is for a Middle School math coach, which would help increase test scores for special education students. The second position would be an additional learning support teacher at Fairview. This item will be placed on next week's agenda for approval.

Discuss High School Pep Club

Derek Null addressed the board concerning starting a pep club at the High School to increase the student fan base at all school functions. Emily Dickey and Brian Fisher, teachers at the High School, will be the advisors. The board requested a copy of the club's Constitution.

On an Ochoa/Fitz motion and roll call listed, the board approved the High School Pep Club.

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

Discuss Science & Social Studies Curriculum Maps

The board recommended that the science and social studies curriculum maps be placed on next week's agenda for approval.

Discuss Modulares

Mr. Robertson said that currently we have five modular units located at the High School and the district has until June 30 to remove them from the property in order to continue receiving state reimbursement for the renovation and addition project at the High School. He said these units can either be sold or repurpose them to other locations. By selling these units, the district could receive between \$81,000-\$91,000 for the units. Mr. Robertson reminded board members that this is not a guarantee that we will receive this much if we sell, rather it is a fair market value. The board was given an analysis from EI Associates that outlines the costs associated in keeping and moving these units, which amount of \$275,000. Mr. Robertson said the elementary buildings are being used to the fullest extent except for one room at Mowrey. He said that for next year, Hooverville will need another classroom and another first grade teacher because of the large kindergarten class this year. He suggested that one unit be added at Summitview and used for art and music classes, which would free up other spaces since students are eating lunch in the music and art rooms and hallway when the cafeteria is full. He reminded board members that presently there are 75 Hooverville students attending Summitview and that Summitview has 150 students from other attendance areas attending the school. Mr. Wilson said that \$275,000 is outrageous and suggested having a local contractor look at the units. Ms. Dean reminded them this has to be put out to bid. Mr. Wilson then noted that it might be less costly if the district purchased new modulares and sold the old ones. Mr. Robertson asked that the board authorize a feasibility study to determine the total costs of this project. This item will be placed on next week's agenda to authorize a feasibility study.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Recommend Tentative Approval of Purchase Order Requisitions

The board recommended tentative approval of purchase order requisitions in the amount of \$9,127.98.

INFORMATION ITEMS

There were no information items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

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

Approved November 17, 2009