

WAYNESBORO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Waynesboro, PA 17268

The Waynesboro Area Board of School Directors held its regular meeting on Tuesday, August 18, 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**

Dr. Ochoa called for a moment of silence and then led the pledge to the flag.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On a Devers/Fitz motion and roll call listed, the board approved the agenda, with the addition of an *Executive Session* following *Communications*.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Rouzer/Lemley

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 11, 2009**

Mrs. Heefner requested that an additional sentence be added to item *Discuss Job Description – Supervisor of Technology* (Page 2), as follows: This position will report to the Superintendent.

On an Ochoa/Devers motion and roll call listed, the board approved the August 11, 2009 minutes with the additional sentence added.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAINED: Fitz (not present at meeting)

ABSENT: Rouzer/Lemley

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Margaret Reed had concerns about her daughter walking from Harrison Avenue to the Middle School and asked if they could make an exception to the policy so that her daughter can ride a bus. She explained that the area of town where her daughter has to walk are homes of registered sex offenders. She said her home is 0.0259 of a mile from the mile and a half distance that makes a student eligible to ride a bus and is two houses away from the cutoff. Mrs. Reed said she understands that her daughter would be an unreimbursable rider and that she could be bumped from the bus if another student who lives in the area meets the criteria. She suggested that bus routes should be reviewed. Mr. Crutchfield asked if this is the first time she talked with anyone. She said she talked with the State, Ms. Dean, and the transportation supervisor. Mr. Devers asked Ms. Dean if this bus was filled. Ms. Dean said it most likely is and reminded board members that there could be multiple cases in the district similar to Mrs. Reed's and transportation costs have increased \$57,062 this year because of transporting additional special education children. Mr. Devers requested information on the capacity of the bus.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (Cont'd)**

Mr. Crutchfield asked Mrs. Reed put in writing what she is requesting and the board will then review and discuss.

Dr. Allison Hickman questioned the revisions to the Use of School Facilities policy. She said you should not limit who can use the facility and should make the most of the buildings. She said this policy needs more discussion on how the community and budget can benefit. Mr. Crutchfield asked Dr. Hickman to put in writing her suggestions for revisions and submit to the Superintendent.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Robertson introduced Matthew Strine as the new Assistant Principal at the High School. Mr. Strine said he is looking forward to working for the WASD.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Board president, Mrs. Smith, called for an executive session to discuss legal issues (7:20-8:30 PM).

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Fitz reported that the Franklin County Career & Technology Center's JOC will meet next Thursday.

Mrs. Smith reported that the Franklin Learning Center will meet next Thursday.

Mr. Devers reported that the LIU Board will meet on September 1st.

Mrs. Smith reported she attended a PSBA meeting to discuss important issues with the state representative, which included prevailing wage, state budget, school consolidation, and Keystone Exams.

Mr. Robertson talked with the Secretary of Education regarding the budget and was told the governor is dead set on holding out for a budget that he originally proposed. Mr. Robertson said it looks like it could be a long, drawn-out process (possibly not until November). He said the district is delaying all non-essential purchases.

Mr. Robertson reported that practice for fall sports has begun. In-service for teachers is scheduled for August 25-27, and school begins on August 31. On August 26, teachers will travel to Chambersburg Area School District for a countywide in-service. Secretarial, custodial, and maintenance staff were commended for getting the buildings ready for students. Teacher Induction is scheduled for tomorrow. The district will be welcoming 19 new teachers.

Mr. Robertson said he wanted to clarify the discussion at last week's meeting concerning the technology coordinator position. He said that some members of the public felt there were negative remarks made about Mrs. Eberly who is retiring. He said this was not the intention and no comments were made about her efficiency. He said they were looking at increasing job responsibilities, which would warrant higher pay, in an effort to reduce consulting fees and save money. He went on record to say that Mrs. Eberly has done a good job and doesn't think otherwise and there will be a void when she retires. He said "no black eye" should be cast on Mrs. Eberly.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Discuss Information Requested by Mr. Lemley – Supervisor of Technology Job Description**

Mr. Robertson reviewed expenditures for consulting services that Mr. Lemley requested. He said many of these expenses could be eliminated if we paid someone at a higher rate to be the Technology Coordinator.

On an Ochoa/Heefner motion and roll call listed, the board approved the posting of the Technology Coordinator's position.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Devers/Rouzer/Lemley

Mr. Devers left the meeting at 8:35 PM, due to an emergency.

**Discuss Revision to Policy #707 – Use of School Facilities**

On a Crutchfield/Ochoa motion and roll call listed, this item was tabled until Dr. Hickman's suggestions can be reviewed.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Devers/Rouzer/Lemley

**APPOINTMENTS**

On a Fitz/Heefner motion and roll call listed, the board approved the following:

**Appointments**

Support Staff

Glenn C. Simmers, Night Custodian, Mowrey, effective August 17, 2009, salary:  
Range VI – Entry+Experience = \$10.15. He is replacing Ricky Birely.

Substitute Professional Staff

Shannon M. Lorusso – Elementary/Secondary

Substitute Support Staff

Joyce E. Deane – Cafeteria

Barbara A. Munson – Cafeteria

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Devers/Rouzer/Lemley

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

On a Heefner/Ochoa motion and roll call listed, the board approved the following:

**2009/2010 Budget Adjustments** in the amount of \$.00 (copy attached)

**Combined Treasurer's Report** for the month of July 31, 2009 (copy attached)

**Budget Income & Expense Accounts Summary for (1) General Fund; (2) Capital Reserve Fund (Sec. 690); (3) Capital Reserve Fund (Sec. 1431); (4) Athletic Fund; (5) Capital Projects Fund-33; (6) Capital Projects Fund-34; (7) Debt Service Fund-40; (8) Cafeteria Fund; and (9) Student Activity Fund** (copies attached)

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

**BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

On a Fitz/Ochoa motion and roll call listed, the board approved the following:

Paid and unpaid bills in the amount of \$1,227,847.46 from the **General Fund**

Paid and unpaid bills in the amount of \$48,614.51 from the **Athletic Fund**

Paid and unpaid bills in the amount of \$148,269.35 from the **Capital Reserve Fund (Sec. 1431)**

Paid and unpaid bills in the amount of \$375,292.07 from the **Capital Projects Fund-33**

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

**PURCHASE ORDER REQUISITIONS**

On an Ochoa/Heefner motion and roll call listed, the board approved purchase order requisitions in the amount of \$138,015.02 from the August 11, 2009 board meeting, and \$63,893.50 from the August 18, 2009 board meeting, for a total of \$201,908.52.

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

**TAX EXEMPTIONS**

On a Wilson/Ochoa motion and roll call listed, the board approved and accepted the following:

**2009/2010 Per Capita Tax Exemptions:** 225 in the amount of \$2,260.00

**Delinquent Per Capita Tax Exemptions:**

2005	-	32	\$ 390.50
2006	-	45	\$ 497.75
2007	-	102	\$1,124.75
2008	-	<u>183</u>	<u>\$2,015.75</u>
		362	\$4,028.75

**2009/2010 Occupation Tax Exemptions:** 278 in the amount of \$9,075.00

**Delinquent Occupation Tax Exemptions:**

2005	-	28	\$ 775.50
2006	-	42	\$1,320.00
2007	-	91	\$3,201.00
2008	-	<u>165</u>	<u>\$5,775.00</u>
		326	\$11,071.50

**2009/2010 Real Estate Tax Exemptions** in the amount of \$8,832.10

**2009/2010 Real Estate Tax Duplicate** – The 2009/2010 budget estimates income from real estate tax is \$18,283,921.40. At this time it is anticipated that this amount will be realized.

**2009/2010 Per Capita Tax Additions:** 67 in the amount of \$670.00

**2009/2010 Occupation Tax Additions:** 74 in the amount of \$2,670.00

**2009/2010 Delinquent Tax Additions:**

Occupation	-	11	\$247.50
Per Capita	-	5	\$ 57.75

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Devers/Rouzer/Lemley

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

There were no informational items.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

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

*Approved September 8, 2009*