

WAYNESBORO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Waynesboro, PA 17268

The Waynesboro Area Board of School Directors held a special meeting on Tuesday, May 3, 2016, in the board room at 210 Clayton Avenue to discuss budget and textbooks. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Kulla.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Kulla began the meeting with the pledge to the flag.

ATTENDANCE

Present were: Bonnie Bachtell/Chris Lind/Cindy Sullivan/Karen Herald/Stephen O'Brien/Roger Willingham/Billie Finn/Leland Lemley/Stephen Kulla.

Also present were: Dr. Sherian Diller, Superintendent; Dr. Wendy Royer, Assistant Superintendent; Eric Holtzman, Business Administrator; Ruth Berger, recording secretary; and Zach Glenn, The Record Herald.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a Lind/Bachtell motion and roll call listed, the Board of School Directors approved the agenda.

YEA: Bachtell/Lind/Sullivan/Herald/O'Brien/Willingham/Finn/Lemley/Kulla

PUBLIC COMMENT

Colleen Glenn, WASD teacher, spoke supporting the purchase of the *Wonders* series for grades 1 & 2 ELA.

Mia Ciasullo and Erin Ellis, WASD Foreign Language teachers, presented information to support the need for new French and German textbooks.

Cori Urey, WASD teacher reiterated her support for purchasing the *Wonders* series for grades 1 & 2 ELA.

BUSINESS

Discuss Budget Updates

Eric Holtman, Business Administrator discussed the current status of the preliminary budget for 2016-2017 school year and shared the following information.

2016-17 Revenues: \$53,269,219
2016-17 Expenditures: (\$53,665,795)

Exp B/(W) Rev: (\$ 396,576)

From a revenue perspective, this includes a full Act 1 tax increase of 3.2% or 2.768 mills based on the April 1, 2016 Real Estate Assessed values for WASD in the amount of \$255,880,080. Additionally, it also includes an estimated increase in Pennsylvania State Basic Education Funding (BEF) of \$200,000 or 1.5% of our 2015-16 revenues. Based on historical annual increases, that is slightly less than the average increase since 2012-13.

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2016-17
BEF/ABG/RTL	\$ 12,718,877	\$ 12,848,138	\$ 13,102,609	\$ 13,456,917	\$13,656,917	\$13,726,055
Annual Increase		\$ 129,261	\$ 254,471	\$ 354,308	\$ 200,000	\$ 269,138
Percentage Increase		1.0%	2.0%	2.7%	1.5%	2.0%
		2013-2016 Average =		1.9%		

2016-17 Budget Suggestions

Two suggestions that could bring the budget closer into alignment.

1. Use 95% of the Capital BlueCross premium rates for the Medical Fund. That would save approximately \$300,000 of the \$397,000 budget deficit.
2. Increase anticipated state revenues to 2.0% -- an increase of \$69,000 in revenue.

Medical Fund Analysis

An analysis of the medical fund was given and various scenarios were discussed.

In summary, the reserve is designed to mitigate year-over-year major variations in claims and funding levels from the general fund. It was recommended to take a multiple year approach when solving this problem. Mr. Holtzman suggested using the 95% Capital BlueCross rates for 2016-17, and plan on increasing the 2017-18 budget as well to ultimately match revenues and expenditures.

A summary of 2016-2017 Revenues and Expenditures was also provided.

Questions were asked concerning numerous line items in the expenditures summary, such as what is included in certain categories or how a projected expense was determined. Mr. Holtzman will provide the school board with information needed to answer these questions.

The administration was asked to look at possible options for increasing revenue along with decreasing expenditures.

Due to time constraints, the preliminary budget will be on the May 10, 2016 board agenda.

Discuss/Act on Textbook Adoption

Following is a list of textbooks for adoption for the 2016/2017 school year. The administration asked permission to purchase these textbooks following the two-week review period.

Level	Course	Name of Text	Publisher	Edition	Rationale
Grades 1-2	English Language Arts	<i>Wonders</i>	McGraw-Hill	2016	Replacing Gr. 1 (2008) and Gr. 2 (2005) anthology, content aligned to PA Core Standards, provides digital access to all students.

Grades 9-12	French 1 - 4	<i>Club @dos1</i>	Schoenhof's Foreign Books	2013	Replacing 2004 text with outdated cultural references and grammatical errors, new text teaches French from native perspective, provides digital access to all students.
Grades 9-12	German 1 - 4	<i>Portfolio Deutsch 1</i> <i>Genial Klick 2-3</i> <i>Aspekte Neu 4</i>	Klett-USA	2013- 2015	Replacing 2006 text with outdated cultural references, new text teaches German from native perspective, provides digital access to all students.

On a Lind/Lemley motion and roll call listed, the Board of School Directors approved the purchase of textbooks as presented, following a two-week review period.

YEA: Bachtell/Lind/Sullivan/Herald/O'Brien/Willingham/Finn/Lemley/Kulla

INFORMAITON ITEMS

- It was suggested that Per Capita Tax bills could provide additional revenue. These bills include the district and local municipality taxes. The district could charge the local municipality half the cost of sending out the bills which could generate about \$10,000.
- A booklet containing PSSA information was provided and included timelines, sample items, etc.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Maribeth Daniels, Weatherstone Driver, Waynesboro expressed concerned that AP Physics II will not be offered next year.

Mr. Kulla took the opportunity to thank everyone for a positive meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

On a Lind/O'Brien motion and unanimous voice vote, the Board of School Directors adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

SIGNED

 Stephen Kulla, President

 Bonnie Bachtell, Secretary