

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, May 21, 2020**, at the West Greene Junior-Senior High School, 1352 Hargus Creek Road, Waynesburg, PA at 7:00 PM.

AS A MATTER OF RECORD - Due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency declared in Pennsylvania, the public meeting of the West Greene Board of School Directors was held live through video conferencing for the public to attend remotely.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chad Scott, President.

ROLL CALL

Jan Berdine – A	Joe Coss – P (via video)	Ryan Crouse – P (via video)
Daniele Frye – P (via video)	Marie Gillispie – P (via video)	Michael Hildreth – P (via video)
Rob Inmon – P (via video)	Mary Jane Kent – P (via video)	Chad Scott – P (via video)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- **MOTION BY** Hildreth, **SECOND BY** Gillispie, to approve the agenda.
VOTE: ALL AYES

MOTION CARRIED.

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

- May 14, 2020 Personnel

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **MOTION BY** Kent, **SECOND BY** Crouse, to approve the **April 23, 2020**, regular meeting minutes.
VOTE: ALL AYES
- **MOTION BY** Coss, **SECOND BY** Kent, to approve the **May 14, 2020**, Educational Planning, Personnel, and Budget Committee meeting minutes.
VOTE: ALL AYES

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION CARRIED.

BOARD ACTION TAKEN AT THE MAY 14, 2020, COMMITTEE MEETINGS AS A MATTER OF RECORD

BUDGET

MOTION BY Gillispie, **SECOND BY** Coss, to approve funding the purchase of T-Shirts and yard signs for the Senior Class at a cost not to exceed \$2,500.00
VOTE: ALL AYES - MOTION CARRIED.

REPORTS AND BUDGET PRESENTATIONS - Each Department head provided a presentation of their proposed budget for the 2020-2021 school year.

Bill Simms, Athletic Director, accounted for an increase in coaches salaries. Due to the absence of spring sports this year, there will be an \$11,000 credit from NovaCare for the 2020-2021 school year. As per Governor Wolf's directive, anyone who was a coach as of March 12, 2020, received a full pay for the 2019-2020 school year. Also, Benjamin Jackson has been chosen to receive the GreeneSports.net scholar athlete of the year.

Don Painter, Elementary Principal, indicated his budget will remain relatively the same. There is a significant increase in Professional Development for teachers. Office equipment expenses are diminishing.

Scott Sakai, Junior-Senior High School Principal, indicated his budget is in line with last year's budget. Rental of equipment cost tends to have overages with projects and materials being printed by teachers and students. Books and periodicals for replacing lost and damaged books will be kept the same. The Celebration of Seniors Parade will be held on May 22. Each Senior will receive a sign and t-shirt. Each student was adopted by teachers and community members and presented with a gift basket. The commencement ceremony plan was presented to the Board. The event will be live-streamed and social distancing will also occur on Friday, June 5. Mr. Sakai's goal is to make the graduation as normal as possible, given the circumstances with social distancing. Volunteer photographers will take photos of the Seniors and their family members because Life Touch is prohibited to do any work until July 1. With the current guidelines and recommendations, a group portrait with 40 students is against the 25 person limit.

Eric Gaydos, Academic Director, reported that technology in the classrooms was the biggest need. Curriculum leaders will continue to receive training with team meetings through the Intermediate Unit 1. New for 2020-2021 will be a 10-day

contract through the I.U.1 to provide math coaching for the Curriculum Leaders. CARES funding can cover certain things. The advancing PA Smart Grant funds will not be released. Equipment grants are generally received each year and a virtual welder purchase has been included in the budget. Pedro Rivera, Pennsylvania Secretary of Education, has stated the number one priority is keeping students, faculty and families safe. Approximately 95 percent of the CARES funding was received by the eastern part of Pennsylvania. The area Superintendents sent a letter to Governor Wolf regarding their dismay over this allocation of funds. Schools that did not receive CARES funds will have a portion of those funds reallocated to them by the State. Several temporary options are being looked into to provide mobile home internet access. A school sign is for sale (P8) in Uniontown for \$8,000. It is in good working order. Dismantling the sign, transporting it to West Greene and installing it, dismantling the current sign and installing it on top would cost \$4,300 for a total cost of approximately \$12,500. A brand new, full color sign(P10) with a five-year warranty with install and set up and dismantling the old one would cost \$14,100. Other sign quotes received were \$20,000 to \$22,500.

Brian Jackson, Superintendent reported that the Superintendents met with Don Martin, Executive Director of the Intermediate Unit 1 with regard to EQT wanting to help students in Greene County get connected to the internet. Software costs will be placed under Bob Ward's budget. Mr. Gaydos' budget is covered as much as possible by grants. Mr. Jackson reviewed the Capital Projects budget briefly. Further discussion will take place at the next committee meeting.

Bob Ward, Director of Educational & Informational Technology, stated his budget is remaining basically the same as it has been in previous years. Instructional hardware including new LCD's to replace outdated smartboards and interactive white boards. New devices will be moved to a 5-year life cycle.

Jim Elesenheimer, Director of Food Service, reported the PDE now wants a la carte sales tracked. Back-pack revenue, Pioneer Pantry donations and expenses for each of those, are line items in the budget. An MOU for the Summer Food Service Program, for satellite feeding drop sites, was revised to reflect a new end date of August 14, in accordance with the USDA.

Jared Edgreen, School Resource Officer, reported that for the 2019-2020 school year the West Greene School District was awarded \$224,000 in safety and security grants. A bullet resistant vest carrier with police identification on it is in the 2020-2021 budget along with uniformed shirts with police identification for larger scale school events. Mr. Edgreen participated in training with municipal police officers, Waynesburg Borough, Greene County Regional Sheriff's Department and State Police. At the end of the second day awards were given and Mr. Edgreen was the top shooter.

John McDermitt, Director of Facilities, reviewed his budget by line item. The water and sewage amount budgeted for the District Office will decrease once the office is relocated to the current Junior-Senior High School space. Sewage treatment plan expenses will also include grinder motors that will need to be replaced. Costs are also accounted for at the Center Township Park. A laptop for diagnosing issues with the HVAC system, without the need to go into each area individually to investigate problems, will be more efficient. UV scrubbers could be an option if the school opens up under different guidelines mandated by the state. Disinfecting lights are also options that are out there.

Solicitor, Russell Lucas stated that the Board has already received his written report and he would gladly respond to any questions.

WGEA Representative, Misty Renner, presented the following report to the Board. Karlie Wright thanked the Board for letting the students adjust to sell the greenhouse items and to school staff and faculty and the community for their never-ending support. They are looking ahead for the poinsettia growing season this fall and sale this winter as well as an awesome spring sale in 2021. Mr. Patton's 7th and 8th Grade students participated in the Conservation District's "Where Would We BEE Without Pollinators?" poster contest. Lessons about honey were incorporated into his classes. The participation was great, having nearly 60 posters entered into the contest. Three West Greene students placed. Jaycees Melodia (8th Grade) took 3rd place winning \$50. Keisha McGowan (8th Grade) took 2nd place and won \$75. Cheyenne Deblasio (7th Grade) took 1st place and won \$100. Cheyenne's poster will now move on to the state competition. This is the second poster contest Cheyenne has won this year. She won a contest put on by the Lions Club earlier in the school year. Congratulations to the participants and the winners. In addition, Mr. Patton has an on-going scavenger hunt that his 7th graders are doing, that they seem to really like. He has created a "Historical West Greene Scavenger Hunt" where in exchange for bonus points, they go around the school district in search of places that have a story behind them. They first went over a Slides presentation during one of their Google Meet sessions, where they looked at each location, described its historical significance, and talked about where that place was located. He has received many submissions for the assignment, with selfies showing where the students visited.

PSBA Liaison, Michael Hildreth, PSBA gave guidance on how students will enter back into the school districts once given the green light to do so. Hold classes in gyms or outdoors; open windows; give adults protective face shields; create staggered student schedules; start the school year earlier to counter the resurgence of the virus in the winter; 10-15 students per classroom; and regular temperature checks. No real protocol has been provided at this time.

HEARING OF CITIZENS – No response.

PERSONNEL

1. **MOTION BY** Crouse, **SECOND BY** Hildreth, to approve Cornerstone Care Inc. as school dentist for the 2020-2021 school year at a cost of \$7.50 per dental examination.
VOTE: ALL AYES **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. **MOTION BY** Gillispie, **SECOND BY** Crouse, to approve Cornerstone Care Inc. as school physician for the 2020-2021 school year at a cost of \$7,500.00.
VOTE: ALL AYES **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. **MOTION BY** Gillispie, **SECOND BY** Kent, to approve the MOU regarding the 2020 Summer Food Service Program between the West Greene Board of Education and the WGESPA.
VOTE: 7 YEA; 0 NAY; 1 ABSTAIN (Crouse); 1 ABSENT **MOTION CARRIED.**

4. **MOTION BY** Crouse, **SECOND BY** Hildreth, to post and advertise, if necessary, any subsequent teaching positions that become available due to the bidding process.
VOTE: ALL AYES **MOTION CARRIED.**

5. **MOTION BY** Crouse, **SECOND BY** Hildreth, to accept the retirement of Eileen White, Clerical Aide, effective the end of the 2019-2020 school year with regret.
Discussion: Mr. Sakai thanked Mrs. White for everything she has done for the District. He has had the honor to work with her for the past 6 years and she will be missed. Mr. Gaydos thanked her for helping him get acclimated when he started working and regrets losing her.
VOTE: ALL AYES **MOTION CARRIED.**

6. **MOTION BY** Crouse, **SECOND BY** Hildreth, to post and advertise, if necessary, for a 192-Day Clerical Aide assigned district transportation.
VOTE: ALL AYES **MOTION CARRIED.**

ITEMS OF INFORMATION:

- Michelle Burrie successfully bid into the Fifth Grade Teaching position.
- Stacy Vensko successfully bid into the Sixth Grade Teaching position.

EDUCATIONAL PLANNING

1. **MOTION BY** Coss, **SECOND BY** Hildreth, to approve the tentative list of graduates for the class of 2020:

Brianna Nicole Amos	Hunter Nathaniel Guthrie	Savannah Zeria Milliken
Colton Alexander Anderson	Kolton Michael Haywood	Jade Alexis Renner
Dalton Reed Bamberger	Skyler Elizabeth Horr	Carlos Jose Reyes
Brock Jehu Bedillion	Corey Nathaniel Huff	Hunter Lee Rizor
Kaden Roy Bennington	Benjamin Lee Jackson	Paige Nicole Taylor
Avery Anna Berdine	Justin Allen Jacobs	Gavin William Scott
Deshaylah Leigh Bissett	Kaleb Stanley Johnson	Kylie Nicole Simms
Rory Nichole Black	Kenneth Duane Jones III	Gregory Alan Staggers
Austin Nathaniel Crouse	Daniel Robert Kennedy	Alyssin Dawn Thomas
Aaron James Eddy	Andrew Scott Litton	Jonathan Daniel Toth
Andrew Marcus Fike	Dillin Daniel McClellan	Kolin Richard Walker
Amber Elise Finch	Brendan Ian McGrath	Sheyann Larina Watson
Braedon McKenzie Gilbert	Colton Jud Meek	Cameron Joseph Zaccone
Gage Everett Gray	Nyjel Paul Miller	

VOTE: ALL AYES

MOTION CARRIED.

2. **MOTION BY** Crouse, **SECOND BY** Scott, to adopt McGraw Hill Wonders 2020 ELA Series for grades K-6 at the rate listed in the Academic Director Budget for 2020-2021.
VOTE: ALL AYES **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. **MOTION BY** Crouse, **SECOND BY** Scott, to adopt Pearson My Perspectives ELA Series for grades 7-12 at the rate listed in the Academic Director Budget for 2020-2021.
VOTE: 7 YEA; 1 NAY (Coss); 0 ABSTAIN; 1 ABSENT **MOTION CARRIED.**

BUILDING & SITES

1. **MOTION BY Coss, SECOND BY Gillispie**, to approve the Lease Agreement between the West Greene School District and Contura Pennsylvania Land, LLC for an alternative practice area for the Football Team and Band, at a cost of \$1.00 per year for each year of the agreement.
VOTE: ALL AYES **MOTION CARRIED.**
2. **MOTION BY Crouse, SECOND BY Hildreth**, to authorize the administration to solicit bids to replace the stair treads, cove base and rubber landings in the Junior-Senior High School stairwells.
VOTE: 7 YEA; 1 NAY (Coss); 0 ABSTAIN; 1 ABSENT **MOTION CARRIED.**
3. **MOTION BY Crouse, SECOND BY Hildreth**, to accept the proposal to install shower stations in the Junior High gym at a cost not to exceed \$14,840.00 to be paid through Capital Projects, pending the receipt of three written quotations in compliance with the PA School Code.
VOTE: ALL AYES **MOTION CARRIED.**
4. **MOTION BY Crouse, SECOND BY Coss**, to approve the Lease Agreement between West Greene School District and BLUEPRINTS to utilize a classroom for the Pre-K program from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, at an annual cost of \$9,000 per year and \$4,800 per year for janitorial services and supplies to be paid to the District.
5. **MOTION BY Crouse, SECOND BY Hildreth**, to accept the quote from Tremco Inc. for the gym roof metal gutter replacement, and maintenance building gutter repair at a cost not to exceed \$17,000 (COSTARS) paid through the maintenance budget.
VOTE: ALL AYES **MOTION CARRIED.**

TRANSPORTATION

1. **MOTION BY Scott, SECOND BY Crouse**, to authorize the administration to start contract negotiations with Petermann for day-to-day student transportation services for a five-year term from the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year through the 2024-2025 school year.
VOTE: 6 YEA; 0 NAY; 2 ABSTAIN (Frye, Gillispie) 1 ABSENT **MOTION CARRIED.**

BUDGET

1. **MOTION BY Crouse, SECOND BY Scott**, that the following invoices be approved as submitted:
General Fund paid list - \$10,043.88
General Fund unpaid list - \$62,870.62
Capital Projects unpaid list - \$26,973.00
Cafeteria Unpaid list - \$10,491.15
VOTE: 7 YEA; 1 NAY (Coss); 0 ABSTAIN; 1 ABSENT **MOTION CARRIED.**
2. **MOTION BY Coss, SECOND BY Crouse**, that the following payroll be approved as submitted:
April 24, 2020 - \$236,961.22
May 8, 2020 - \$239,045.86
VOTE: ALL AYES **MOTION CARRIED.**
3. **MOTION BY Coss, SECOND BY Gillispie**, to approve the Athletic Supplies and Equipment bids for the 2020-2021 school year in the amount of \$49,072.15.
VOTE: ALL AYES **MOTION CARRIED.**
4. **MOTION BY Crouse, SECOND BY Gillispie**, to approve the West Greene School District's 2020-2021 tentative General Fund Budget in the amount of \$16,239,282.00 with the millage set at 19.96.
VOTE: 7 YEA; 1 NAY (Coss); 0 ABSTAIN; 1 ABSENT **MOTION CARRIED.**
5. **MOTION BY Crouse, SECOND BY Hildreth**, that the following invoices, received after May 14, 2020, be approved as submitted:
General Fund unpaid list - \$16,248.23
General Fund paid list - \$ 4,402.23
Capital Projects unpaid list - \$ 4,843.75
VOTE: 7 YEA; 1 NAY (Coss); 0 ABSTAIN; 1 ABSENT **MOTION CARRIED.**

HEARING OF CITIZENS

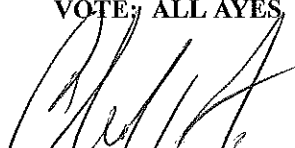
- **Eric Gaydos, Academic Director** - If there is a need for summer school, it would be conducted online.
- **Brian Jackson, Superintendent** - the next meeting of the Board will be in-house in either the cafeteria or library, and limited to Board members and Administration. The public will be able to participate in the meeting via ZOOM. Board members can also participate in the meeting remotely.
- **Bill Simms, Athletic Director**, thanked the Board, Administration and Teachers for stepping up for the students. With his daughter being a Senior, he stated it was touching to see everything that the school is trying to do for all of them.

ADJOURNMENT

- **MOTION BY Coss, SECOND BY Crouse**, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 PM.

VOTE: ALL AYES

MOTION CARRIED.



Board President, Chad Scott



Board Secretary, Ryan Crouse