

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, April 23, 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)
Danicle 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 Kent, SECOND BY Crouse**, to approve the agenda.
VOTE: ALL AYES

MOTION CARRIED.

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

- April 9, 2020 Personnel

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **MOTION BY Hildreth, SECOND BY Coss**, to approve the **March 26, 2020**, regular meeting minutes.
VOTE: ALL AYES
- **MOTION BY Crouse, SECOND BY Coss**, to approve the **April 9, 2020**, Personnel, Educational Planning, Athletic, Building & Sites and Budget Committee meeting minutes.
VOTE: ALL AYES

MOTION CARRIED.

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BOARD ACTION TAKEN AT THE April 9, 2020, COMMITTEE MEETINGS AS A MATTER OF RECORD

Personnel

MOTION BY Coss, SECOND BY Hildreth, to post and advertise, if necessary for a 5-Hour Cafeteria Worker, as per the support contract.

VOTE: ALL AYES - MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY Crouse, SECOND BY Hildreth, to accept the retirement of Frank Hunter, Secondary English/Social Studies Teacher, effective the end of the 2019-2020 school year, with regret.

VOTE: ALL AYES - MOTION CARRIED.

Building & Sites

MOTION BY Coss, SECOND BY Crouse, that the board approve Doody Engineering as the Construction Manager for the STEM Renovation Project, as per their proposal dated March 26, 2020.

VOTE: 6 YEA; 1 NAY (Gillispie); 0 ABSTAIN; 2 ABSENT (Berdine, Kent) - MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY Scott, SECOND BY Coss, to authorize Widmere Engineering to proceed with a permit to fix the stream at the practice field at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.

VOTE: ALL AYES - MOTION CARRIED.

REPORTS

Superintendent, Brian Jackson

Mr. Jackson reported that Construction Manager, Kevin Doody, hopes to start the STEM Wing Project renovation by May 1, 2020.

Academic Director, Eric Gaydos

Mr. Gaydos reviewed the Continuity of Education Plan with the Board. The District is making a good faith effort to accommodate the needs of the students. Bids for day-to-day pupil transportation that were received from Petermann and STA are still being reviewed. The base price for the camera system was in one bid but not the other.

Director of Facilities, John McDermitt

There is an issue with the water bill and the water company says it is not the meter. There seems to be a slow but steady leak. No leaks have been found and the water meter will be tested. Rooms are getting emptied on the green floor and the Contractors would like to begin as soon as possible. Mr. McDermitt discussed the purchase of a new marquee, which would be similar in size to the one at Jefferson-Morgan, at a cost of \$35,000. He will investigate other avenues. The sign at the Center Township Fire Hall cost approximately \$15,000.

Food Service Director, Jim Eisenheimer

The feeding program is serving 236 meals per day, and will continue to serve meals until the end of June. A new Memorandum of Understanding will need to be prepared for the 2020 Summer Food Service Program. The District will receive full reimbursement for all meals served until June 30, at the free rate. Contacts are being made to children in need. He thanked the local communities for their help in facilitating the feeding program.

Elementary Principal, Don Painter

The PBIS Fidelity Check was conducted via ZOOM with Amy Dillow from the Intermediate Unit I. West Greene School District received a score of 90 percent and now will apply to become a Tier II PBIS program. Mr. Painter continues to attend the weekly I.U.1 ZOOM meetings for Elementary Principals to discuss current issues. Trent Wilson has won the PA Council for Financial Literacy Stock Market Challenge for Middle School students which was sponsored by California University of PA. Mrs. Richardson had her students participate in the contest which continued through the closure of schools and concluded on April 17th. Mrs. Richardson's class finished in 1st place in the Middle School division in the five county region of Allegheny, Greene, Washington, Fayette and Westmoreland Counties. Mrs. Richardson and Trent will both be awarded prizes. Kindergarten Registration is currently underway. Registration packets are available at all of the remote feeding stations, in the elementary school office and on the web site.

Junior-Senior High School Principal, Scott Sakai

Mr. Sakai thanked Mrs. Berdine, Mrs. Hildreth, the custodial staff and the cafeteria staff for all of their hard work during this trying time. He thanked the teachers and students for all of the work and effort that they have been displaying. Contact is continually being made with all students. Preliminary planning is being made for Graduation, Academic Honors Banquet and Prom. Once notification is given regarding large gatherings, planning of events will commence as necessary. Student locker clean-out and Teacher end of the year classroom closure are being planned. AP Exams will be taken online and will be 45 minutes long. Students are doing amazing things with Pioneer Prime Time. Ben Jackson was selected for one of the WPIAL Scholarships.

School Resource Officer, Jared Edgreen

Mr. Edgreen reported on his continued work with Siemens this month on the camera project. On April 28, the Administration will be meeting with Siemens and their contractors to finalize plans for the end of the project. Plans for new interior hallway doors and electronic entries were also being worked on this month, but due to the COVID-19 epidemic, these projects will be pushed back. He has continued to help print face shields and face masks with 3D printers. Eric Armstrong, Tim Barnes, and Kayla Hildreth have distributed over 500 to doctors offices and first responders throughout Greene County. They have also printed, and will continue to print, face masks for West Greene staff who are working in the building during this time.

Athletic Director, Bill Simms

Benjamin Jackson was one of the WPIAL Scholar-Athlete award winners announced at the WPIAL webinar meeting. Mr. Simms will try to coordinate uniform turn-in, and possibly athletic award handout, to coincide with locker cleanout. He continues to actively work on budget with Mrs. Bissett. He is also continuing to work on next year's 2020-2021 schedules as they get released to him. Upon their completion, they will be uploaded to www.bigteams.com.

WGEA Representative, Matthew Rychtarsky

Trout in the Classroom program ended the year by successfully releasing the trout from the tank in the Junior-Senior High School lobby into Whitely Creek. Jeanine Wilcox thanked the students, teachers, administration and Board for all of their efforts and support. A website has been created through Square for the Greenhouse. West Greene employees and FFA Members will be sent to the site next week and be able to pick up their orders beginning May 2, and 3. The link to the site will then be posted to Facebook for the public. Pick up will be curbside service only. Mr. Snyder and Mrs. Wright received a Supplemental Equipment Grant that has been used to order a Plasma Cutter for the Shop and Hydroponic Tower Garden set for the Ag Lab. The grant was for \$6,467.13. An extra \$1,600 was needed to purchase both pieces of equipment. Mr. Snyder had extra money in his requisition to put towards the purchase. Mrs. Wright has also been working on paperwork for the students' Supervised Agricultural Experiences. Students are being asked to proceed at their own risk as far as buying market animals for the Jacktown and Greene County Fair as we don't yet know the fate as to what is going to happen. All summer FFA Conferences have been canceled, including the State FFA Convention in June and Western PA FFA Leadership Conference. Mr. Rychtarsky thanked the Administration, Board, and all staff for their continued efforts in making the best of

the COVID-19 situation. The Video Production class has started an online video series, entitled Pioneer Prime Time, which is accessible through the [livestream.com](https://www.livestream.com) account. Members of the class, Gage and Colby Gray, have taken the lead on this project in an effort to allow the West Greene community to have some entertainment and an avenue to help stay connected in this time. The Video Production class has been joined by other students in hosting this series as well, including senior, Ben Jackson, who helped host an interview segment that will be airing in the coming days. Mr. Rychtarsky commended Gage and Colby, along with the other students that have worked to put this program together.

PSBA Liaison, Ryan Crouse

PA House Bill 974 was withdrawn on April 20. This is an Act authorizing municipalities to implement senior citizen tax reduction incentive volunteer exchange programs. Elementary and Secondary ESSER funding was released. This is funding established by the CARES Act. Pennsylvania will receive \$523,807,198 for schools and some of it will be ear-marked for COVID-19.

HEARING OF CITIZENS – No response.

PERSONNEL

1. **MOTION BY** Hildreth, **SECOND BY** Coss, to post and advertise, if necessary, for a Secondary English/Social Studies Teacher, effective the 2020-2021 school year, as per the professional contract.
VOTE: ALL AYES **MOTION CARRIED.**
2. **MOTION BY** Coss, **SECOND BY** Crouse, to post and advertise, if necessary, for a Sixth Grade Teacher, effective the 2020-2021 school year, as per the professional contract.
VOTE: ALL AYES **MOTION CARRIED.**
3. **MOTION BY** Crouse, **SECOND BY** Coss, to post and advertise, if necessary, for a Learning Support Teacher, effective the 2020-2021 school year, as per the professional contract.
VOTE: ALL AYES **MOTION CARRIED.**
4. **MOTION BY** Coss, **SECOND BY** Crouse, to post and advertise, if necessary, for a Fifth Grade Teacher, effective the 2020-2021 school year, as per the professional contract.
VOTE: ALL AYES **MOTION CARRIED.**
5. **MOTION BY** Crouse, **SECOND BY** Coss, to post and advertise, if necessary, for a Special Education/Gifted Teacher, effective the 2020-2021 school year, as per the professional contract.
VOTE: ALL AYES **MOTION CARRIED.**
6. **MOTION BY** Crouse, **SECOND BY** Coss, to approve Olympia Security Group to provide security services for the 2020-2021 school year at a cost of \$21.00 per hour for each unarmed, uniformed officer and \$28.00 per hour for each armed uniform officer.
VOTE: ALL AYES **MOTION CARRIED.**
7. **MOTION BY** Crouse, **SECOND BY** Coss, to approve Andrews and Price LLC, as the school solicitor for the 2020-2021 school year at a monthly retainer fee of \$1,000.00 with hourly rates as follows:
 - \$125.00 per hour for attorney fees
 - \$ 75.00 per hour for paralegal fees**VOTE: ALL AYES** **MOTION CARRIED.**
8. **MOTION BY** Coss, **SECOND BY** Hildreth, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between West Greene School District and the WGEA relating to online learning.
VOTE: ALL AYES **MOTION CARRIED.**

EDUCATIONAL PLANNING

1. **MOTION BY** Kent, **SECOND BY** Coss, to approve the change to the 2019-2020 school calendar to allow for the last day of student instruction to be June 3, 2020.
VOTE: ALL AYES **MOTION CARRIED.**
2. **MOTION BY** Hildreth, **SECOND BY** Kent, to approve West Greene School District's Continuity of Education Plan.
VOTE: ALL AYES **MOTION CARRIED.**

ATHLETICS

1. **MOTION BY Coss, SECOND BY Kent**, to approve EMS Southwest for ambulance coverage for the 2020-2021 school year at a cost of \$125.00 per hour for Basic Life Support and \$150.00 per hour for Advanced Life Support Ambulance.
VOTE: ALL AYES **MOTION CARRIED.**
1. **MOTION BY Coss, SECOND BY Kent**, to approve Haleigh Thomas as the Assistant Varsity Volleyball Coach for the 2020-2021 sports season, pending physical examination, clearances, receipt of the Act 168 Release form and satisfactory results from a pre-employment drug test.
VOTE: ALL AYES **MOTION CARRIED.**

POLICY

1. **MOTION BY Crouse, SECOND BY Coss**, to REMOVE FROM THE TABLE the motion to approve the second reading of Policy No. 616.
VOTE: ALL AYES **MOTION CARRIED.**
2. **MOTION BY Coss, SECOND BY Kent**, to approve the second reading of Policy No. 616 Payment of Bills, as written.
VOTE: ALL AYES **MOTION CARRIED.**
3. **MOTION BY Hildreth, SECOND BY Coss**, to suspend Board Policy No. 213 for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year, as follows: (1) For grades K-8, the District will assess the fourth (4th) nine-week grading period on a pass-fail basis, with every course grade that is sixty percent (60%) or above being marked as "pass" and every course grade that is fifty-nine percent (59%) or below being marked as "fail," and for the final course grade to be calculated by averaging the first three (3) nine weeks periods together to get the final course grade. (2) For grades 9-12, the District will retain its normal grading rubric for the fourth (4th) nine weeks, so that the final course grade will be the average of all four (4) grading periods, but for the Class of 2020 only, for purposes of calculating impact on class rank, the fourth grading period will be disregarded and any changes to class rank shall be calculated solely through the use of the first three (3) grading periods.
VOTE: ALL AYES **MOTION CARRIED.**

BUDGET

1. **MOTION BY Kent, SECOND BY Crouse**, that the following invoices be approved as submitted:
General Fund paid list - \$ 20,703.39
General Fund unpaid list - \$185,478.28
Cafeteria Unpaid list - \$ 10,643.68
VOTE: 7 YEA; 1 NAY(Coss); 0 ABSTAIN; 1 ABSENT **MOTION CARRIED.**
2. **MOTION BY Coss, SECOND BY Kent**, that the following payroll be approved as submitted:
March 27, 2020 - \$287,242.97
April 10, 2020 - \$247,882.49
VOTE: ALL AYES **MOTION CARRIED.**
3. **MOTION BY Crouse, SECOND BY Kent**, that the following invoices, received after April 16, 2020, be approved as submitted:
General Fund unpaid list - \$65,225.01
Capital Projects unpaid list - \$ 495.00
VOTE: 7 YEA; 1 NAY(Coss); 0 ABSTAIN; 1 ABSENT **MOTION CARRIED.**

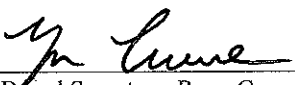
HEARING OF CITIZENS – No response.

ADJOURNMENT

- **MOTION BY Coss, SECOND BY Crouse**, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM, to enter into executive session and not return to the meeting.
VOTE: ALL AYES **MOTION CARRIED.**



Board President, Chad Scott



Board Secretary, Ryan Crouse