

**Superintendent's Letter
February 21, 2012**

Wilson School District Strategic Vision Planks

WSD Vision Plank 1 – Improve upon or expand Wilson's portfolio to advance student success.

WSD Vision Plank 2 – Grow Wilson regionally or nationally.

WSD Vision Plank 3 – Increase organizational agility and capacity.

WSD Vision Plank 4 – Creative development of existing and new infrastructure.

WSD Vision Plank 5 – Create a flatter organizational structure for stakeholder collaboration.

WSD Vision Plank 6 – Control for fiscal accountability.

Among the actions taken by the Board at its meeting on February 21st were the following:

WILSON GOOD NEWS –

Carol Reid reported on the TSA Competition, the Trebuchet Launch at Wilson West, in addition the numerous student recognitions from several area competitions.

The following Presentations/Recognition for Achievement were announced:

West Students

Jenny Xie and Elle McKemy (1st Place Poetry); Woman's Club of Spring Twp.
Brendan Salyards -Geography Bee School Winner
Ali Syed -You Be the Chemist Challenge(2nd Place) (will go to state level)
Corrine Cook(1st Place Art) and Matthew McClosky (3rd Place Art); Woman's Club of Spring
Tabby Trymbiski (1st Place); Jada Butler (2nd Place) Photography – Woman's Club of Spring
Sabrina Kline (Honorable Mention- Art)- Yocum Institute
Sabrina Kline (1st Place – County, District and State); Jackie Strobel (2nd Place); and
Azure Fernsler (3rd Place)- "Children Know Peace" Lions Club Poster Contest

Southern Students

Cory Lerch (1st Place) and Jenna Roth (2nd Place) - Art; Woman's Club of Spring Twp.
Pam Batista (3rd place) Photography – Woman's Club of Spring Twp.

High School Students

Amber Knappenberger (1st Place); Suchitha Nama (2nd Place) and Lauren Kern (3rd Place)-
Woman's Club of Spring Twp.
Alyssa Locke-Bramble- Honorable Mention Award Winner; Angela Walter- Coggins Award
Winner- Best of Show; Emma Osle- Berks Art Alliance Award of Merit Winner and Esmeralda
Adames (3rd Place)- Yocum Institute Art Show

Dr. Ruth announced that Diane Richards, our Director of Finance received renewal of the status of a Pennsylvania Registered School Business Administrator.

4.0 Ratified/Approved (Motion Carried):

4.1 Participations

- a.** Ryan Dennes and (6) high school students to The Formula One Technology Challenge in Warrendale, PA March 17. They are competing in the F1 in Schools PA State Competition.
- b.** Chris Trickett and (40) high school Stem Academy students to Penn State Berks February 23(National Engineers Week) to meet and tour the Berks Engineering facility.

Penn State Berks students and staff will be tour guides and share a question and answer session. From Penn State Berks students will go to Cartech to share lunch and tours of the R&D lab. While at Cartech students will then be doing hands on activities with the engineers in the R&D lab.

5.0 Superintendent's Report (Motion Carried)

5.1 Resignations/ End of Service

Kathleen Coleman, Special Education Instructional Assistant, High School, eff. 2/24/2012
 Tomorrow Danielle DiNatale, Social Worker, eff. 2/29/2012
 Holly Rhoads, Food Service Worker, Cornwall Terrace, eff. 12/8/2011

5.2 Unpaid Leave

Denise Boyer, Grade 2, Shiloh Hills, 2/17/2012 (1 Inservice Day)
 Sue Henn, Grade 3, Cornwall Terrace, 4/3/12 (1 working day)

5.3 Support Staff

Andrew Wedlock, Special Education Instructional Assistant, Cornwall Terrace, \$11.29 per hour, 20 hours per week, eff. 2/9/12
 Octavio Canela, Substitute Crossing Guard, \$15.00 per hour, eff. 2/22/12
 Sue Ellefson, Special Education Instructional Assistant, Spring Ridge, 29.5 hours per week, \$11.29 per hour, eff. 2/21/12 (replacing Brenda Litwin who has resigned eff. 2/3/12)
 Kevin Fry, Substitute Special Education Instructional Assistant, \$11.29 per hour, eff. 2/22/12
 Edward Heim, Substitute School Bus Driver, \$12.69 per hour, eff. 2/9/12
 Kyle Kline, Substitute School Bus Driver, \$12.69 per hour, eff. 2/1/12
 Wendy Rowe, Monitorial Aide, Green Valley, \$9.34 per hour, eff. 2/21/12 (replacing Michelle Woods who is having a change of status eff. 2/21/12)
 Rochelle Stambaugh, Food Service Worker, Spring Ridge, 15 hours per week, \$9.34 per hour, eff. 2/21/12 (replacing Barbara Buchel who is having a change of status eff. 2/21/12)

5.4 Change in Status

Octavio Canela, Substitute School Bus Driver to Substitute School Bus Aide, \$9.34 per hour, eff. 2/22/12
 Terry Ellefson, Substitute School Bus Driver to School Bus Driver, 24 hours per week, \$13.09 per hour, eff. 12/6/2011 (replacing Luis Costa who resigned eff. 11/23/11)

5.5 Professional Employee Status

Temporary Professional Employees who have fulfilled the requirements of Section 1108 of the School Code of Pennsylvania and are eligible for the status of Professional Employee, effective 2/18/12

Samantha Wolfe, High School

5.6 Professional Hire (LTS)

Jacquelyn Allan

Education

Bachelor of Arts in Special Education/Elementary Education, Alvernia University 2009

Experience

Long Term Substitute, Makefield Elementary School, Pennsbury School District

Degree, Credit Year, Salary

B, CY 1, \$41,168

Assignment

Long Term Substitute, 3rd Grade, Spring Ridge, 2/23/12 through the end of the 2011-2012 school year (replacing Sandy Petersheim who is on maternity leave).

5.7 Certified Substitutes eff. 2/22/12 (unless otherwise noted)

Nicole Rowe eff. 2/10/12

Christina Capiotis

Phillip Griffith

Hilary Heffner

Melissa Johnson

Kerrie Kengor

Samantha Werner

5.8 Emergency Substitutes eff. 2/22/12

Kathy Correa

Anthony Danna

Rosemarie Weidenhammer

5.9 Extracurricular

Assistant Girls Lacrosse Coach

Leah Page – Pay \$3,261.

Assistant Boys Volleyball Coach

Albert Ruppert - Pay = \$2,302

Wilson West Assistant Track Coach

Anton Fernsler - Pay = \$1,808 (Replacing John Stopper)

Wilson West Assistant Baseball Coach

Eric Winson - Pay = \$1,644

Wilson West Assistant Softball Coach

Alisha DiMarzio - Pay = \$1,644 (Replacing Anton Fernsler)

Wilson Southern Head Track and Field Coach

Jayme Worrell - Pay = \$2,652.

Wilson Southern Assistant Track Coaches

Leah Worrell - Pay = \$1,644 (Replacing Marci Miller)

Mike Razzano - Pay = \$1,808

Volunteers

Tony Dodds – Senior High Track & Field

Phil Hozza – Senior High Boys Volleyball

Dan Witman – Senior High Boys Tennis

Jackie Kramer – Senior High Boys Tennis

Paul McCracken- Senior High Girls Soccer

Nicole Aument – Senior High Girls Soccer

Alison Heister – Freshman/Southern Softball

Matt Schaeffer – Freshman Baseball

Dain Shirey – Southern Baseball

Dave Steffy – Boys Lacrosse

6.0 Consent Items (Motion Carried)

6.1 Accepted with gratitude the following donations:

- a. \$250.00 from Wal-Mart to Whitfield for student activities and supplies.
- b. Accepted with great pride (2) copies of the book “If I Fall” written by Kelseyleigh Reber a senior here at Wilson for the high school library.
- c. The following books for the high school library donated by George Mack: “Freedom From Fear; Japan’s War; My War; The Hitler Virus; Up Front; Hitler’s Pope; Flags of our Fathers: D-Day; Ghost Soldiers and Victors”. Donation value: \$227.00
- d. The following books for the high school library donated by Nixa Rodriguez: “50 Years of Golf Wisdom; Swing Thoughts and Ben Hogan An American Life”. Donation value: \$22.00

Roll Call Votes

7.0 Human Resources (No Items for this agenda)

8.0 Pupil Services (Motion Carried)

- 8.1 Approved** the 2012-2013 Wilson School District calendar.
- 8.2 Approved** the adoption of a Settlement Agreement and Release, the Educational Trust Agreement, to pay up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for attorney fees and thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) be placed in an educational trust fund to settle and comprise all claims raised by the parents of a special education student, and to authorize the Board President and Secretary to execute the agreements on behalf of the District

9.0 Technology & Media (No items for this agenda)

10.0 Finance (Motion Carried)

- 10.1 Approved** the Berks County Intermediate Unit Services Budget, July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

- 10.2 Approved** the budget transfers dated January 13, 2012 through February 16, 2012.

11.0 Transportation (No items for this agenda)

12.0 Food/Cafeteria (No items for this agenda)

13.0 Operations (No items for this agenda)

14.0 Policies (No Vote)

- 14.1 *Second reading*** of the following revised policy:
Policy #130 – Homework

15.0 Miscellaneous (Motion Carried)

- 15.1 Approved** the Wilson School Board meeting dates (July 2012 to June 2013) for the 2012-2013 school year.

Other Business:

- The Board reaffirmed by a vote of 8 to 1 the PSBA Standards for Effective School Governance and PSBA Code of Conduct for Members of the Pennsylvania School Board.