

**Superintendent's Letter
March 5, 2013**

****Guest Location: Berks Career and Technology Center West – Leesport****

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 March 4th, were the following:

WILSON GOOD NEWS – Carol Reid

- **Nikhil Kumar** - 7th grade, won the Wilson Southern Geography Bee. He took the state test and should receive the results sometime in March. Congrats and Good Luck to Nikhil!
- **Brittney Ehrlich** – Continues to excel on the slopes, recently finishing 5th in the slalom at the PA Alpine Racing Association state ski cup finals at Elk Mountain. Congrats to Brittany on another great season!
- **Marc Chmielewski** – West MS, You Be the Chemist – 4th place, qualified for the state competition. Good Luck Marc!

Presentations:

Recognition of the following BCTC students who competed and placed in the SkillsUSA District Competition

Alicia Benner – 1st Place - Food & Beverage Service (Culinary Arts Program)
 Stevie Domagalski – 1st Place – Cosmetology (Cosmetology Program)
 Dan Moldovan – 1st Place – Welding Technology (Welding Program)
 Joe Sgaramella – 2nd Place – Auto Service Specialization (Auto Technology)
 Keric Rollman – 2nd Place–Electronics Technology *(Electronic Technology)

4.0 Ratified/Approved of the following (Motion Carried)

4.1 Field Trips

- a) Request permission to approve the *revised* Middle and Secondary School Field Trips

5.0 Superintendent's Report (Motion Carried)

5.1 Resignations/ End of Service

Octavio Canela, Greeter, Lower House, eff. 2/27/13
 Brad Hart, Principal, Whitfield Elementary, eff. 6/14/13
 Lindsey Miller, Child Care Worker, Berkshire Heights, eff. 3/1/13
 Kristen Honeybone, Special Education Instructional Assistant, High School, eff. 3/1/13

5.2 Unpaid Leave

Leslie Aizkalns, Grade 1, Whitfield, 4/2/13 (1 working day)

5.3 Childrearing Leave of Absence

Sabrina Kennedy, Primary Learning Support, Spring Ridge, beginning approximately 8/21/13 and ending approximately the first day of the 14-15 school year

5.4 Support Staff

Eric DeLong, Special Education Instructional Assistant, Cornwall Terrace, 29.5 hours per week, \$11.40 per hour, eff. 2/25/13 (replacing Melissa Farabaugh who resigned eff. 2/22/13)

Bonita Thomas, Special Education Instructional Assistant, High School, 29.5 hours per week, \$11.40 per hour, eff. upon submission of clearances (replacing Kristen Honeybone who is resigning eff. 3/1/13)

5.5 Change of Status

Michelle Evans, Food Service Worker, Southern to Substitute Food Service Worker, \$9.43 per hour, eff. 2/28/13

Beatrice Rickenbach, temporary greeter, Southern to temporary greeter, Lower House, no change in rate, 20 hours per week, eff. 2/28/13 (replacing Ocatvio Canela who resigned eff. 2/27/13)

5.6 Hourly Teacher

Nicole Sobjak, Hourly Teacher, Cornwall Terrace, 17 hours per week, \$19.22 per hour, eff. 2/25/13 (replacing Ashley Engelman who resigned eff. 12/14/12)

5.7 Professional Hires

a) Erica Bechdel

Education

Bachelors of Science, West Chester, December 2012

Experience

Student Teaching Experience, Wilson School District, August 2012- December 2012

Degree, Credit Year, Salary

B, CY 1, \$41,168

Assignment

Long Term Substitute, Physical Education, Southern Middle School, eff. approximately 3/11/13- the end of the 12-13 school year (replacing Jayme Worrell while on maternity leave)

b) Brooke Hartranft

Education

Bachelors of Science, West Chester, December 2010

Experience

Long Term Physical Education Substitute, Cedar Crest Middle School, August 2012- January 2013

Degree, Credit Year, Salary

B, CY 1, \$41,168

Assignment

Long Term Substitute, Physical Education, Wilson West, eff. approximately 3/28/13- the end of the 12-13 school year (replacing Kristen Hook while on maternity leave)

c) Laura Johns

Education

Master of Education, Edinboro University, May 2012

Bachelor of Science, Cedar Crest College, May 2000

Experience

Substitute Teacher, Chester County Intermediate Unit, September 2011- present

Student Teaching Experience, Owen J. Roberts High School, January 2012- May 2012

Degree, Credit Year, Salary

B, CY 1, \$41,168

Assignment

Long Term Substitute, Science, Wilson West, eff. approximately 4/15/13- the end of the 12-13 SY (replacing Jess Gorfti while out on maternity leave)

5.8 Certified Substitutes eff. 3/5/13

April Pierson

5.9 Request approval of the following 2012-2013 ITEP instructors
Marcia Guinther

5.10 Extracurricular

- a) Assistant Senior High Track and Field Coach
Wayne Hassler - Pay = \$3,452
- b) Freshman Baseball Assistance Co-Coach
Kevin High - Pay = \$925
- c) Assistant Wilson West Baseball Coach
Michael Creed = Pay \$1,644
- d) Senior High Student Government
Kelly McDonough = Pay \$2,192
- e) Volunteer Southern Baseball Coach
Matt Kramlich
Dain Shirey
- f) Volunteer Southern Track and Field Coach
Leah Worrell
Kim Seidel
- g) Volunteer Freshman Baseball Coach
Matt Scheaffer
- h) Volunteer Senior High Baseball Coach
Josh Smith
- i) Volunteer Boys Volleyball Coach
Marybeth Olree
Phil Hozza

6.0 Consent Item (Motion Carried)

6.1. Accepted with gratitude the following donations:

- a) From Spencer Henry the attached list of professional books for the Southern Middle School library collection for teachers, assigned value of Value \$2,825.00.
- b) \$89.77 from VSN Photography to Southern Middle School to be used for programs and supplies.

Roll Call Votes

7.0 Human Resources (No Items)

8.0 Pupil Services (Motion Carried)

- 8.1 Granted permission** to approve the Legal Services Consultation Agreement with Sweet, Stevens, Katz & Williams LLP for the 2012-2013 school year, providing services from March 1, 2013 through August 31, 2013 for the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000).
- 8.2 Granted permission** to waive tuition for the following student:

Male Gr. 12, Wilson High School, from 2/12/13 until the end of the school year (as per Board Policy #202 – Eligibility of Non-Residents).
- 8.3 Granted approval** of the Resolution approving and adopting student discipline Waiver and Consent Agreement dated February 26, 2013.

9.0 Technology & Media (No Items)

10.0 Operations (Motion Carried)

- 10.1 Approved** using funds from the capital reserve for the replacement of the HVAC System in the Trainers Area of the Stadium Locker Room Facility as reviewed and recommended by the Facilities Committee. The cost of the equipment through Tri-State HVAC Equipment will be \$13,700.00.
- 10.2 Approved** the resolution to contract with the lowest responsible bidders per bid specification and review and approval by the district solicitor, for the Wilson West Middle School Stadium Support Facility.
- 10.3 Approved** the resolution to execute all necessary agreements related to the elementary additions and storm water control facilities with Lower Heidelberg and Spring Townships (attached).

11.0 Finance (Motion Carried)

- 11.1 Approved** to submit the PlanCon Part K, Project Refinancing, for the Series 2013 General Obligation Bonds to the Pennsylvania Department of Education.
- 11.2 Approved** the resolution approving authority of Director of Finance concerning assessment appeals, use of conflict counsel, and real estate appraisers.

12.0 Curriculum and Staff Development (Motion Carried)

- 12.1 Approved** the novel "Fast Food Nation – The Dark Side of the All American Meal" (2003) to be used in the AP English Language/Composition Course for the 2013-14 school year. Book has been reviewed by Carol Reid and Veronica Andes. Book cost will be absorbed by the English Department (25 copies).

13.0 Transportation (Motion Carried)

- 13.1 Approved** the purchase of a new transportation management software program from Transfinder at a cost of \$36,695.00 to be paid from the capital reserve fund.

14.0 Food/Cafeteria (No Items)**15.0 Child Care (No Items)****16.0 Policies (Motion Carried #16.1)**

- 16.1 Final Reading** of the following policy:
Policy #123 - Interscholastic Athletics

(No Vote)

- 16.2 Second Reading** of the following policy:
Policy #214 – Class Rank

17.0 Miscellaneous (No Items)