

**Superintendent's Letter
March 6, 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 March 5th were the following:

WILSON GOOD NEWS –

Carol Reid reported on several student achievements – Brendan Salyards qualified for the National Geography Bee State Competition being held this weekend, Southern MS is a finalist for the National School of Character recognition, and Brittney Ehrlich, daughter of board member, Steve Ehrlich placed 8th in the PA Alpine ski competition and will be competing in the US Skiing events this weekend. Mrs. Reid also recognized the art work of our AP Studio Art Class which is being displayed in the Staff Development/Board room.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 21, 2012 (Motion Carried)

1.0 TREASURER'S REPORT/INVESTMENT REPORT/GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL REPORTS

(No report/no vote required)

2.0 PAYMENT OF BILLS: (Motion Carried)

2011-2012 General Fund – \$ 1,305,369.46

3.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS: (No report/no vote required)

COMMUNICATIONS

ORDER OF BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - AGENDA ITEMS

4.0 Ratified/Approved the following (Motion Carried)

4.1 Field Trips:

a) Grade 5 Whitfield students (92) and classroom teachers to Reading Phillies on May 16, 2012. No cost to students or district.

b) (6) Global Academy students and Shelly Campbell to World Affairs Council "The Impact of Population Growth" Inn at Reading March 15, 2012. Cost to students \$10.00. Cost to district \$10.00 and transportation

4.2 Participations:

a) West Middle School students (55), Donna Dawson, Cheryl Borja and Lorie Spadafora to Twin Valley Middle School, April 26, 2012 to participate in the Berks Co. Middle School Reading Olympics. Cost to students \$5.00 Cost to district \$30.00.

b) Richard Fulop, Nick Mahon, Silviu Burz representing Wilson High School in this regional competition and Frank Reese to "The National History Bee and Bowl" at Elizabethtown High School on March 17, 2012. Cost to district is \$120.00

5.0 Superintendent's Report (Motion Carried)

5.1 Retirements

MaryBeth Speicher, Library Tech. Assistant, Whitfield, eff. 6/8/12, 24 years with the Wilson School District

5.2 Resignations/ End of Service

E. Wayne Foley, Principal, Wilson Senior High, eff. on or before 4/29/12

Doug Stenberg, English & Humanities Teacher, Wilson Senior High, eff. the last working day of the 11-12 School Year

Catherine Stivala, Substitute Child Care worker, eff. 2/22/12

5.3 Unpaid Leave

Karli Reese, Mathematics Teacher, Wilson West, 2/29/12 & 3/1/12 (2 working days)

Lori Spadafora, Reading Teacher, Wilson West, 3/16/12 (1 working day)

5.4 Childrearing Leave of Absence

Emily Volence, Reading & Writing Teacher, Wilson West, beginning approximately 7/6/12 and ending approximately 9/24/12

5.5 Support Staff

Cathy Arroyo, Special Education Instructional Assistant, Spring Ridge, \$11.29 per hour, 29.5 hours per week, eff. 3/1/12 (replacing Suzanne Ellefson who had a change of status eff. 2/22/12)

Eileen Bourey, Custodian, Berkshire Heights, 29.5 hours per week, \$11.96 per hour, eff. TBD (replacing Luther Foltz who retired eff. 1/27/12)

David Campbell, Study Hall Monitor, Lower House, 18.75 hours per week, \$9.34 per hour, eff. 2/27/12 (replacing Tammy Worley who had a change of status eff. 2/29/12)

Sharon DiBiase, Substitute Food Service Worker, \$9.34 per hour, eff. 3/5/12

Suzanne Ellefson, Substitute Van Driver, \$11.96 per hour, eff. 3/6/12

Suzanne Ellefson, Substitute Crossing Guard, \$15.00 per hour, eff. 3/6/12

Deborah Bartal, After school aide, 5 hours per week, \$12.15 per hour, eff. 3/5/12-3/30/12

Edward Mierzejewski, Substitute School Bus Aide, \$9.34 per hour, eff. 2/27/12

Alfred Brown, Substitute Bus Driver, \$12.69 per hour, eff. 3/6/12

Karen Rowe, Study Hall Monitor, High School, 18.75 hours per week, \$9.34 per hour, eff. 3/5/12 (replacing MaryAnn Whitsett who is having a change of status eff. 3/5/12)

5.6 Change in Status

Virginia Bross, Special Education Instructional Assistant, Whitfield, 29.5 hours per week to 25 hours per week, no change in rate, eff. 2/22/12

Linda Chandler, Food Service Worker, West Wyomissing, 18.5 hours per week to 22.5 hours per week, no change in rate, eff. 1/23/12 (replacing Tom Heintzman who had a change of status- correction in hours from 2/6/12 agenda)

Kathy Trout, Special Education Instructional Assistant, Whitfield, 25 hours per week to 29.5 hours per week, no change in rate, eff. 2/22/12

Andrew Wedlock, Kindergarten Aide, Cornwall Terrace, 15 hours per week to 9.5 hours per week, no change in rate, eff. 2/9/12

Tammy Worley, Study Hall Monitor, Lower House to Special Education Instructional Assistant, Whitfield, 29.5 hours per week, \$11.29 per hour, eff. 2/29/12

Barbara Buchel, Food Service Worker, Spring Ridge to Substitute Food Service Worker, \$9.34 per hour, eff. 2/21/12

Susan Dobbs, Substitute Food Service Worker to Food Service Worker, Spring Ridge, 17.5 hours per week, \$9.34 per hour, eff. 2/29/12 (replacing Arlene Fuller who had a change of status eff. 2/29/12)

Suzanne Ellefson, Special Education Instructional Assistant, Spring Ridge to Substitute School Bus Aide, \$9.34 per hour, eff. 2/27/12

Wendy Ertel, Building Nurse, Southern, 5.5 hours per week to 11 hours per week, no change in rate, eff. 3/9/12- the end of the school year

Arlene Fuller, Food Service Worker, Spring Ridge, 17.5 hours per week to Food Service Worker, Cornwall Terrace, 16.25 hours per week, no change in rate, eff. 2/29/12

Whitney Turner, Building Nurse, Southern, 23 hours per week to 11.5 hours per week, no change in rate, eff. 3/9/12- 3/30/12, 17.25 hours eff. 4/1/12- the end of the school year

Mary Ann Whitsett, Study Hall Monitor, High School to Special Education Instructional Assistant, High School, 29.5 hours per week, \$11.29 per hour, eff. 3/5/12 (replacing Kathleen Coleman who resigned eff. 2/24/12)

Hermen Acevedo, School Bus Driver, 21.25 hours per week to 22.5 hours per week, no change in rate, eff. 2/27/12 (replacing Joe Lisa who has retired eff. 2/24/12)

Kyle Kline, Substitute School Bus Driver to School Bus Driver, \$12.69 per hour, 21.25 hours per week, eff. 2/21/12 (replacing Herman Acevedo who took on a different run)

Nicole Rowe, daily sub to LTS Guidance Counselor at Cornwall Terrace, \$49,218 per year, pro rated, eff. 2/10/12

Wendall May, JROTC Instructor, salary change to \$73,045.92, eff. 1/1/12, per directive from Army JROTC.

James Dolan, JROTC Instructor, salary change to \$59,170.68, eff. 1/1/12, per directive from Army JROTC.

5.7 Certified Substitutes eff. 3/6/12 unless otherwise noted

Chris Madeira

Amber Rowdon

Soleil Ruzicka

Lora Vaknin eff. 2/27/12

5.8 Professional Hires

Long Term Substitute

Kristina Kingma

Education

Bachelors in Elementary Education/ Special Education, Kutztown University, December 2011

Experience

Student Teaching Experience, Boyertown Junior High East, October- December 2011

Student Teaching Experience, Riverside Elementary School, August- October 2011

Degree, Credit Year, Salary

B, CY 1, \$41,168

Assignment

Grade 3, Spring Ridge, eff. 3/19/12- the end of the School Year (replacing Paula Belch who is resigning eff. 3/19/12)

5.9 Extracurricular

Southern Middle School Head Softball Coach

Alison Heister - Pay = \$2,192.

Assistant West Track Coach

Phil Yoder - \$8.5/hr

VOLUNTEERS

Matt Reightler – Senior High Track

Lindsay Kriebel – Senior High Track

Kevin High – Freshman Baseball

Randy Steffy – Senior High Baseball

6.0 Consent Items (Motion Carried)

6.1 Accepted with gratitude the following donations:

a.) \$500.00 from the West Wyomissing Fire Company Social Quarters West Wyomissing, to West Wyomissing Elementary to help and improve education for the school.

b.) \$1,200 from the Whitfield Elementary PTO to Whitfield Elementary to be used toward field trip expenses.

c.) \$3,716.81 from Shiloh Hills PTO to Shiloh Hills Elementary for the purpose of school supplies purchased through teacher grants.

d.) from Eric Lutz the book "Pistol the Life of Pete Maravich" for the high school library. Donation value \$4.50

e.) Two (2) Automated External Defibrillators and cabinets for district use from The Reading Hospital and Medical Center at an approximate value of \$3,500.00.

f.) \$460 from Penske Racing Shocks to Wilson STEM Academy, to be used toward costs for upcoming student competition.

g.) \$200 - Cambridge-Lee Industries, LLC to Wilson STEM Academy, to be used toward costs for upcoming student competitions.

h.) \$1,800 from Carpenter Technology to Wilson STEM Academy.

i.) \$131.84 from VSN Photography, to Wilson Southern Middle School, to be used toward athletic expenses at the school.

j.) \$364.06 in classroom supplies, from an anonymous donor, to Mrs. Susan Wojciechowski's 2nd grade classroom at West Wyomissing.

Roll Call Votes

7.0 Human Resources (Motion Carried)

7.1 Approved the resignation of Douglas Stenberg, English & Humanities Teacher, as per the Agreement and Release dated March 5, 2012

7.2 Approved compensation for the following Grade level coordinator, \$300 for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year:

Kindergarten- Heather Stonefelt, effective 3/15/12

8.0 Pupil Services (Motion Carried)

8.1 Ratified placement of one 16-year old High School male on 2/29/12 into the Wilson/Governor Mifflin Alternative Education Program.

9.0 Technology & Media (No items)

10.0 Finance (No items)

11.0 Transportation (No items)

12.0 Food/Cafeteria (No items)

13.0 Operations (No items)

14.0 Policies (Motion (items #14.1) carried)

14.1 Approved the following policy:

Policy #130 – Homework

14.2 First reading of the following revised policy and new policy:

Policy #217 – Graduation Requirements

Policy #625 – Procurement Cards (new)

15.0 Miscellaneous (No items)