

**Superintendent's Letter
March 19, 2013**

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 18th, were the following:

WILSON GOOD NEWS – Carol Reid

- Brad Binder - In Our Schools Recognition – Reading Eagle
- Dancing With the Berks County Stars, The Yocum Institute for Arts Education – Karyn & Jody Reppert are contestants. You can support the arts and Karyn and Jody by your vote!
- Our HS Technology Student Association did exceptionally well at the Regional Qualifier in Quakertown, in our best outing ever. Qualifying 29 out of the 40 students. Wilson had 11 first place finishes, 4 second place finishes, and 4 third place finishes.
- Students from Wilson West participated in the Formula 1 competition; took first place in the MS will represent Pennsylvania in the US competition at Michigan International Speedway in May.

4.0 Ratification/Approval of the following: (Motion Carried)

4.1 Field Trip (none)

4.2 Participations:

a) Rick Lapi, Jeremy Platchek and 5 Wilson West Middle School students to Penske Racing, Reading, PA to speak with lead engineers as it pertains to their Formula 1 national competition. Cost to district : Transportation (1 van)

5.0 Superintendent's Report (Motion Carried)

5.1 Retirements

Lisa DeLong, Administrative Assistant to Director of Curriculum & Staff Development, eff. 6/27/13, 37 years with the Wilson School District

5.2 Resignations/ End of Service

Linda Chandler, Food Service Cashier, Whitfield, eff. 3/15/13

Nicholas Earhart, Study Hall Monitor, High School, eff. 3/12/13

Stephanie Pumphrey, Special Education Instructional Assistant, Green Valley, 4/27/13

5.3 Unpaid Leave

Stacie Golemo, Grade 2, Green Valley, 5/17/13 (1 working day)

Alison Lacey, Grade 1, Cornwall Terrace, 2/27/13- 3/1/13 (3 working days)

Lauren O'Brien, Social Studies Teacher, Southern, 5/24/13 (1 working day)

5.4 Childrearing Leave of Absence

Colleen Klepeis, Learning Support Teacher, Wilson West, beginning approximately 6/3/13 and ending approximately 1/2/14

5.5 Support Staff

Kwan Kim, Substitute School Bus Driver, \$12.82 per hour, eff. 2/25/13
 Jessica Salem, Van Driver, 17 hours per week, \$12.08 per hour, eff. 1/24/13
 Jessica Salem, Substitute Crossing Guard, \$15.00 per hour, eff. 1/24/13
 Karen Savage, Substitute Food Service Worker, \$9.43 per hour, eff. 3/19/13
 Terrance Snyder, Substitute School Bus Driver, \$12.82 per hour, eff. 3/1/13
 Terrance Snyder, Substitute School Crossing Guard, \$15.00 per hour, eff. 3/1/13
 Terrance Snyder, Substitute School Bus Aide, \$9.43 per hour, eff. 3/1/13
 Terrance Snyder, Substitute Van Driver, \$12.08 per hour, eff. 3/1/13
 Bonita Wunder, Food Service Cashier, Whitfield, 17.5 hours per week, \$9.43 per hour, eff. 3/18/13 (replacing Linda Chandler who is resigning eff. 3/15/13)

5.6 Change of Status

Robert Dague, 2nd Shift Custodian, High School to 1st Shift Custodian, Floater, no change in rate, eff. TBD (new position)
 Janet Lindsay Mogel, Skills Tutor, Southern, \$20.63 per hour to \$19.91 per hour, eff. 8/27/12 (rate correction)
 Joanne Stauffer, Substitute Food Service Worker to Food Service Worker, Cornwall Terrace, 16.25 hours per week, no change in rate, eff. 2/11/13 (replacing Alene Fuller who had a change in status eff. 2/11/13)
 Molly Hodnik, LTS, Shiloh Hills to LTS, Kindergarten, Spring Ridge, no change in salary, eff. 3/21/13- the end of the 12-13 school year (replacing Theresa Himmelberger while on maternity leave)

5.7 Professional Hires

Rachel Weidenhammer

Education

Masters of Education, Millersville University, December 2012

Bachelor of Arts in Communications, Elizabethtown College, May 2009

Experience

Substitute Teacher, January 2013- present

Student Teaching Experience, Cornwall Terrace Elementary, Wilson School District, Fall 2012

Degree, Credit Year, Salary

B, CY 1, \$41,168

Assignment

ESL Long Term Substitute, Cornwall Terrace, eff. 4/12/13- 11/25/13 (replacing Kristina McAllister while on maternity leave)

5.8 Certified Substitutes eff. 3/19/13 unless otherwise noted

Dana Borzellino

Kristin Caccese

Brynn Casamassa

Brandon Dahms, eff. 3/11/13

Brittany Natole

Kathleen Schnider

5.9 Emergency Substitutes (eff 3/19/13)

Lisa Moyer

5.10 Extracurricular**a) Resignation**

Lisa Weiser, Freshman Softball Assistant

b) Assistant Senior High Girls Lacrosse Coach

Heather Coppola - Pay \$3,261

c) Head Southern Softball Coach

Joel Marino – Pay \$2,192

d) Wilson West Head Softball Coach

Tony Tuzzio- Pay \$2,192 (Tony is moving from the head freshman softball coach to the head Wilson West softball coach)

e) Southern Baseball Co-Assistant Coaches

Dain Shirey - \$411

Scott Spatz - \$1,233

f) Southern Baseball Volunteer

Anthony Furillo

g) West Track Coach

Phil Yoder = Pay \$8.50/hr

h) West Track Volunteer

Christopher Lockhart

i) Community Swim Instructor

Madison Curran, P-1-\$7.50

j) Freshman Co-Assistant Baseball Coach

Kevin High =\$863.00 (rate correction)

6.0 Consent Items (Motion Carried)**6.1. Accepted with gratitude the following donations:**

a) \$2,000.00 from Wilson West's PTO to Wilson West Middle School, these funds will go toward e-missions: Operation Montserrat program.

b) \$150.00 from the O'Shea Family; \$50 from WGEN; \$120 from PA Media Group Sales Team Associates; \$275 from Wilson West PTO; \$45 from Reading Orthodontist Group; \$150 from Wilson West; \$150 from US Store 2 Euro Door, \$25 from the Funk Family; \$50 from Gurski D'Agistiono Dentist; and \$200 an anonymous donor

Material Sponsors –

Bob Hilbert – Shirts (\$200)

Berks Pattern – Milling of Cars (\$2,125)

WHS Tech Ed – 3D printing, Boca Bearings, Milling Costs (\$870)

WHS Business – Business Cards (\$13.99)

All donations are to assist with the expenses related to the Formula 1 Business Engineering competition held in Pittsburgh, PA.

c) From "Patient First" the attached book list valued at \$1,000.00 to be used in the Spring Ridge Elementary Library.

Roll Call Votes**7.0 Human Resources (No Items)****8.0 Pupil Services (Motion Carried)**

- 8.1 Ratified** placement of one 16-year old High School female on 3/4/13 and one 17-year old High School female on 3/7/13 into the Wilson/Governor Mifflin Alternative Education Program.
- 8.2 Granted permission** to waive tuition for the following student:
Female Student, Gr. 12, High School, from 12/1/12 until the end of the school year (as per Board Policy #202 – Eligibility of Non-Residents)
- 8.3 Approved** to change the late start for the secondary schools on May 24, 2013 to an early dismissal day for the purpose of professional development. Upon board approval, parents will be informed of the change through principal communications, district website, and Bulldog Blitz.
- 8.4 Granted permission** to approve the adoption of a Settlement Agreement and Release for tuition, related services fees, and transportation costs, and legal fees (not to exceed \$4000.00) to settle and comprise all claims raised by the parent of a special education student and to authorize the Board President and Secretary to execute the agreements on behalf of the district.
- 8.5 Granted permission** to approve the adoption of a Settlement Agreement and Release for tuition (not to exceed \$5950.00), related services fees (not to exceed \$80.00 per hour), and transportation costs, to comprise all claims raised by the parent 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)**10.0 Operations (No Items)****11.0 Finance (Motion Carried)**

- 11.1 Approved** the Berks Career & Technology Center General Fund Operating Budget for July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 with Wilson's share \$886,493 for Operations (1.1% increase) and \$353,281 for debt service payments.
- 11.2 Approved** the budget transfers dated February 14, 2013 through March 13, 2013.

12.0 Curriculum and Staff Development (No Items)**13.0 Transportation (No Items)****14.0 Food/Cafeteria (No Items)****15.0 Child Care (No Items)****16.0 Policies (Motion Carried)**

- 16.1 Final reading** of the following policy:
Policy #214 – Class Rank

17.0 Miscellaneous (No Items)