

**Superintendent's Letter
March 20, 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 19th were the following:

WILSON GOOD NEWS

Carol Reid congratulated the Academic Team on winning the county competition against Schuylkill Valley and Twin Valley. The team remains undefeated for the season and will continue to the state competition the beginning of May. She also recognized the Wilson girls swim team in their win of the PIAA Class AAA swimming championships.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 5, 2012 (Motion Carried)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 12, 2012 (Motion Carried)

Presentations/Recognition for Achievement:

Elyse McDevitt (senior) – Junior Achievement Student of the Year

❖ Presented by Judy Simmons, Junior Achievement

**Samantha Zientek (sophomore) – Prudential Spirit of Community Initiative
(President's Volunteer Service Award)**

❖ Presented by Patrick Sasse, WHS Assistant Principal

Art & Poetry Recognition:

Elementary Art Awards - Women's Club of Spring Township

Lincoln Park: Ashley Feiler (1st Place), Carolina Hoyas (2nd Place),
Jessica Trexler (3rd Place)

Cornwall Terrace: Madison Cunningham (1st Place - Poetry), Nicholas Shockey
(1st Place), Jaden Obi (3rd Place), Taylor Marcinko (2nd Place)

❖ Presented by Jennifer Dianna, Cornwall Terrace Principal

Music Achievements:

Elementary

Music Students – “Songfest”

Taylor Border, Katie Burkert, Daniel Sachetta, Skyler Burnham, Maggie Foight, Travis Cunningham, Vivian Black, Christopher Russo, Ally Yu, Katelyn Tegan

PMEA Elementary Band and Orchestra Fest

Sashank Sridhar, Andrew Thomas, Robert Stone, Kiera Spann, Kevin Koch

- ❖ Elementary presentations by Donnasue Thompson, Secondary Music Department Chair and Cynthia Borelli, Elementary Chorus

Middle School Students

- ❖ Secondary presentations by Dave Cooper, Secondary Music Department Chair

Junior County Chorus

Nicholas Borelli, Benjamin Harris, Steven Kuipers, Matthew McCloskey, Evan Nelson, Ryan Sullivan, Harrison Tuckman, Jon Templin, Zane Elgogari, Aprille Mohn, Alexis Robinson, Iulia Bancos, Jacob Himes, Brianna Metsger, Ian Roth,

Junior County Orchestra

Alexa Chronister, Rosanna Lam, Matthew McCloskey, Liam McNulty, Iulia Bancos

Junior County Band

Eric Zhunio, Verity Lee, Katie Loew, Lindsey Gibbon, Jenny Xie, Lydia Yenser, Matthew McCloskey, Harrison Tuckman, Rosanna Lam, Jillian Schmitz, Katrina Seidel, Amy Wagner, Molly Rozetar, Thomas Snyder

Junior County Band and District Band

Iulia Bancos

High School Students

Orchestra Students

Cynthia Vong (county, district, regional), Madeline Hess (county, district) Ethan Blumer (county, district), Nathan Lis (district)

County Orchestra

George Dietrich, Leah Henrich, Kaitlyn Reber, Jessica Reber, Marisa Parmer, Jacob Kollar, Nick Levine

County Band

Cassandra Christman, Leah Henrich, Nick Levine, Mikaela Naugle, Olivia Place, Caitlin Roberts, Jordan Showers, Katie Soto, Jocelyn Zuhnio

County and District Band

Danya Chabinec, Jessica Kang, Nathan Lis, Dara Nuebling-Smith, Zach Trego

County, District, and Regional Band

Hannah Krall, Megan Osika

County, District, Regional and State Band

Cynthia Vong

Senior County Chorus

Jessica Feldman, Amanda Fick, Rachel Himes, Nathan Lis, Barret Soisson, Regan Winter

County and District Chorus

Jeremy Ebert, Elyse McDevitt, Warren Wolfe

County, District and Region Chorus

Amy Schneiderhan

ACDA Eastern Division Honor Choir

Corey Hertzog, Warren Wolfe

The Reading Musical Foundation Awards:

American Guild of Organists Scholarship – Nathan Lis

Bruce P. Bengtson Keyboard Scholarship – Nathan Lis (2nd place tie), Jessica Kang and Amatavema Lee (Honorable Mention)

David Bilger Woodwind Scholarship – Cynthia Vong (flute) (1st place tie)

Peter J. Brye Cello & Harp Fund – Kaitlyn Reber (cello) (3rd place)

Thomas W. & Marion Christman Balkcom Scholarship

Sashank Sridhar (1st place), Anna Gutzler and Jerrett Zeng (Honorable Mention)
Green Valley students

Thomas W. & Edna Garrett Balkcom Scholarship- (Woodwind)

Sarah Woronko (Oboe) (2nd place), Antonia Wenning (Clarinet) (3rd Place), Ryan Tuckman (Saxophone) (Honorable Mention)

Robert R. Kreitz – Mark Hornberger Piano Scholarship

William Levy (1st Place) Cornwall Terrace student

Ann W. Souders Piano Scholarship

Jenny Xie (Honorable Mention)

Work Family Woodwind Program

Mikaela Krall (Baritone Saxophone) (1st place), Katie Loew (Clarinet) (3rd place)
Jillian Schmitz was awarded her choice of Yamaha Intermediate Level Sterling Silver Flute or Yamaha Piccolo

4.0 Ratification/Approval of the following (Motion Carried)

4.1 Field Trips

High School Global Academy students (6), and Shelly Campbell to the Inn at Reading for the World Affairs Council meeting/luncheon April 11 and May 9, 2012. Cost to students - \$10.00. Cost to the district - teacher participation and transportation.

5.0 Superintendent's Report (Motion Carried)

5.1 Retirement

Janet Parker, Library Technical Assistant, Lincoln Park, eff. 6/8/12, 25 years with the Wilson School District

5.2 Resignations

Vanessa Carrasco, Substitute Special Education Instructional Assistant, eff. 3/13/12

5.3 Childrearing Leave of Absence

Jena Damiani, Grade 3, Spring Ridge, beginning approximately 8/21/12 and ending approximately 10/31/12

Sue Wojciechowski, Grade 2, West Wyomissing, beginning approximately 8/21/12 and ending approximately 1/22/13

5.4 Change in Status

Susan Dobbs, Food Service Worker, \$9.34 per hour to \$9.40 per hour, eff. 2/29/12 (correction in rate)

Jody Kulaga, Special Education Instructional Assistant, Lincoln Park, 10 hours per week to 20 hours per week, no change in rate, eff. 3/12/12.

Melanie Ryan, Hourly Teacher, Whitfield to Long Term Substitute, Whitfield, \$41,168 per year (prorated), eff. 4/2/12 through the final school day of the 2011-2012 school year. (replacing Kate Cogan while out on maternity leave)

5.5 Support Staff

Susie Olson, Substitute Greeter, \$9.34 per hour, eff. 3/20/12

5.6 Certified Substitutes, eff. 3/20/12

Laura Stewart-Pennock

5.7 Extracurricular

Southern Track Volunteer

Kimberly Nagle-Seidel

West Softball Volunteer

Courtney Delia

Senior High Baseball Volunteer

Scott Emerich

6.0 Consent Items (Motion Carried)

6.1 Accepted with gratitude the following donations:

- a. From friend of high school library the book “Green Your Home”
No assigned value.
- b. \$5,000.00 from SME Education Foundation to PLTW for the purchase of robotics equipment.
- c. \$125.00 from the High School Academic Boosters club to the High School Chess team for the purchase of 5 timers.
- d. \$40.00 from Penske to the STEM Academy for general purchases.

Roll Call Votes

7.0 Human Resources (Motion Carried)

7.1 Approved the Memorandum of Understanding with the Wilson Education Association to extend the present retirement notification date to April 1, 2012, per attached.

8.0 Pupil Services (Motion Carried)

8.1 Approved to contract with Northwestern Human Services of Pennsylvania, Inc. (The NHS Autism School), to provide Extended School Year Educational Programming to three elementary and two middle school male students a cost of \$2,179.00 plus related services fees per student as listed in agreement beginning June 25, 2012 through July 26, 2012.

- 8.2 **Ratified** of placement of one 16-year old High School male on 3/6/12 into the CSF Buxmont Academy at approximately \$103.42 per day.
- 8.3 **Ratified** of placement of one 14-year old Southern Middle School male on 3/15/12 into the Wilson/Governor Mifflin Alternative Education Program.
- 9.0 **Technology & Media** (Motion Carried)
- 9.1 **Approved** to enter into a 36 month lease agreement with ePlus Group, Inc. for HP network switches and wireless infrastructure equipment at a yearly cost of \$137,272.54.
- 10.0 **Finance** (Motion Carried)
- 10.1 **Approved** the budget transfers dated February 17, 2012 through March 15, 2012.
- 11.0 **Transportation** (No items)
- 12.0 **Food/Cafeteria** (No items)
- 13.0 **Operations** (Motion Carried)
- 13.1 **Approved** for Fox Rothschild to negotiate a contract with E.I. Associates for the design and construction services for the 4 classroom additions at Spring Ridge, Shiloh Hills and Green Valley Elementary Schools. As recommended by the Facilities Committee.
- 14.0 **Policies** (No Vote)
- 14.1 ***Second reading*** of the following revised policy:
Policy #217 – Graduation Requirements
Policy #625 – Procurement Cards (new)
Policy #702 – Gifts, Grants, Donations
- 15.0 **Miscellaneous** (Motion Carried)
- 15.1 **Approved** Western Berks Fire Company to use the Wilson West and Green Valley parking lots from 7:00am to 2:00pm on Sunday, September 23, 2012 for a 5k Fundraiser to benefit Western Berks Fire Chief Ron Wentzel.
- 15.2 **Approved** the 9 month contracts for the Gurski Stadium Advertising Program for advertisers Sign-A-Rama, Academy of Movement, and Emkey Law Firm.