

**Superintendent's Letter
May 8, 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 May 7th were the following:

WILSON GOOD NEWS – Carol Reid

- Recognized the mural dedication at Wilson West Middle School
- Recognition of students who participated in a variety of competitions, Reading Olympians, You Be the Chemist, Women's Club State Poetry Contest
- Art Show in the HS starts this evening.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 16, 2012 (Motion Carried)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 30, 2012 (Motion Carried)

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

(No report/no vote required)

2.0 PAYMENT OF BILLS: (Roll Call)

2011-2012 General Fund – \$ 1,605,834.80

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

COMMUNICATIONS - none

ORDER OF BUSINESS – John Miravich, Esq

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - AGENDA ITEMS

- **Mr. Bruce Haigh – spoke against the proposed final budget**

4.0 Ratification/Approval of the following (Motion Carried)

4.1 Field Trips:

a) (6) Southern Radio/Control Club members and Mark Wiebner to Tri County Radio Club Workshop, Hamburg –May 12, 2012 to work on flying and operating radio control airplanes. No cost to students. Cost to district transportation.

b) Approval of the following field trip for our summer child care program: Field Trips are optional for the summer program. The cost of each trip plus transportation will be paid by the parent of the child attending. There will be no cost to the District. Number of participants will be determined after summer contracts are returned.

Lehigh Valley Zoo - 7/6/12, rain date 7/11/12 (replaces Elmwood Zoo trip that was approved 4/16/12)

4.2 Participations:

a) Joseph Melograna and (11) 11th grade students to the Science, Engineering, and Technology: Today and Tomorrow Conference, at Penn State Berks, May 10, 2012. Cost to students \$10.00; Cost to district (1) substitute and transportation.

b) Ryan Dennes, Jon Jarrett and (6) high school students (4) boys and (2) girls) to F1 in Schools Nationals at Michigan International Speedway. These students qualified to participate. The students will compete for (2) days in verbal presentation, displays, portfolio and racecar. They will get to visit and tour the speedway. Local engineering colleges and businesses will be present to interact with students. Date: May 10-13 Cost to students is \$100.00.*Students have also fundraised and received sponsorship to help with the cost of this trip (lodging and meals). Cost to district is rental van, teacher lodging, substitutes and meals.

5.0 Superintendent's Report (Motion Carried)

5.1 Retirement

Mary Kurtz, Custodian, effective 6/16/12, 11 years with the Wilson School District

5.2 Resignations

Amy Fick, Food Service Worker, effective 4/20/12

Lauren Fogelman, Child Care Supervisor, effective 5/2/12

Kristina Kingma, LTS Teacher, effective 4/19/12

Theresa Knabb, Nurse, effective 6/8/12

Vanessa Macrina, Special Ed Instructional Assistant, effective 5/4/12

Amy Matijasich, LTS School Psychologist, effective 4/30/12

Larry Sites, Weekend Security Guard, effective 3/28/12

Barbara Wittich, Nurse, West Middle School, effective 6/19/12

Alton Wood, Crossing Guard, effective 4/20/12

5.3 Change of Status (eff. 7/1/12 unless otherwise noted)

George Fiore, High School Principal, change start date to 5/30/12

Stephanie Capellupo, Special Ed IA to Substitute Special Ed IA, effective 6/8/12

Nicole Krick, Long Term Sub, Math, High School, assignment extended until the end of the 11-12 school year

Dana Rosenberger, Kindergarten, West Wyomissing to Grade 2, Spring Ridge

Kim Wilson, Grade 1, Lincoln Park to Grade 1, Spring Ridge

Cheryl Varano, Grade 4, Lincoln Park to Grade 4, Spring Ridge

Alison Heister, Grade 3, Lincoln Park to Grade 3, Spring Ridge

Amy Young, Grade 5, West Wyomissing to Grade 5, Spring Ridge

Jessica Lewars, Grade 1, West Wyomissing to Kindergarten, Green Valley

Jenna Knechtle, Grade 1, West Wyomissing to Grade 1, Green Valley

Diane Miller, IST, West Wyomissing/Lincoln Park to Grade 2, Green Valley

Jen Adams, Grade 3, West Wyomissing to Grade 3, Green Valley

Sue Zimmerman, Kindergarten, West Wyomissing to Kindergarten, Shiloh Hills

Dianna Accordino, Kindergarten, Lincoln Park to Grade 1, Shiloh Hills

Erin Schiefer, Grade 2, West Wyomissing to Grade 2, Shiloh Hills

Sue Wojciechowski, Grade 2, West Wyomissing to Grade 2, Shiloh Hills

Jana Grim, Grade 3, West Wyomissing to Grade 3, Shiloh Hills

Christie Goss-Snyder, Grade 4, West Wyomissing to Grade 4, Shiloh Hills

Steven Strobel, Grade 5, Lincoln Park to Grade 5, Shiloh Hills

Brad Binder, Special Education, West Wyomissing/Lincoln Park to Emotional Support, Shiloh Hill

Christine Foehl, Reading Specialist, West Wyomissing/Lincoln Park to Reading Specialist, Spring Ridge

Angela Mitstifer, Reading Specialist, Spring Ridge to Reading Specialist, Green Valley

Rebekah Marconi, Guidance Counselor, West Wyomissing/Lincoln Park Guidance Counselor, High School

Denise Boyer, Grade 2, Shiloh Hills to IST, Shiloh Hills

Nancy Snyder, Grade 4, Cornwall Terrace to Grade 1, Green Valley

Belinda Fabrizio, Grade 4, Green Valley to Grade 2, Green Valley

Kathy Levy, Grade 1, Green Valley to Grade 4, Green Valley

Michelle Ward, Grade 1, Green Valley to Grade 5, Green Valley

Jeff Kahl, Kindergarten, Whitfield to Grade 2, Whitfield

Kelly Wylezik, Grade 2, Whitfield to Kindergarten, Whitfield

Matt Riffle, Grade 5, Spring Ridge to Grade 4, Cornwall Terrace

Kasey Kasopsky, Long Term Substitute, Grade 2, West Wyomissing to TPE, Grade 3, Spring Ridge

5.4 Unpaid Leave

Heather Iswalt, CT/WW Art, 5/10/12 (1/2 working day)

Ann Tamaccio, HS Nurse, 5/14/12 (1 working day)

Kerri Remlinger, Special Education Teacher, Southern, 5/18/12 (1 working day)

5.5 Childrearing Leave of Absence

Debra Fritz, English Teacher, Lower House, beginning approximately 8/23/12 and ending approximately 10/15/12

Melody Burkhart, Learning Support Teacher, High School, beginning approximately 9/14/12 and ending approximately the first day of the 2013-14 school year.

5.6 Support Staff

Rebecca Chelius, Substitute Bus Drive, \$12.69/hr, effective 4/25/12

Mayra Jaquez, Substitute Food Service Worker, \$9.34/hr, effective 4/25/12

5.7 Certified Substitute eff. 5/8/12

Katherine Kern

5.8 Extra Curricular

West Baseball Volunteer

Dan MeMiro

6.0 Consent Items (Motion Carried)

6.1 Accepted with gratitude the following donations:

a) \$278.00 from Lifetouch to West Wyomissing Elementary, to be used for student activities and supplies.

b) \$178.00 from Lifetouch to Lincoln Park Elementary, to be used for student activities and supplies.

c) \$100.00 from the Mohnton Fish & Game Protective Association to Cornwall Terrace Elementary School, to be applied to the National Archery in the Schools Grant Program account.

d) \$824.80 from the Box Top for Education Program, to Cornwall Terrace Elementary, to be used for school supplies and activities.

e) \$1,153.00 from Lifetouch to Whitfield Elementary, to be used for student activities and supplies.

f) \$500.00 from Lifetouch, to Spring Ridge Elementary School to be used for student supplies and activities.

Roll Call Votes**7.0 Human Resources (Motion carried)**

- 7.1 Approved** to temporarily appoint Scott Schwenk as an interim Southern Middle School administrator, \$300/day, effective 5/8/12 through the final student day of the 2011-12 school year.

8.0 Pupil Services (Motion Carried)

- 8.1 Granted permission** to waive tuition for the following students:
Elvin Perez, Jr., Gr. 5, West Wyomissing Elementary School, from 3/26/12 until the end of the school year (as per Board Policy #202 – Eligibility of Non-Residents).
Francisco Eduardo Lebron, Jr., Gr. 1, West Wyomissing Elementary School, from 3/26/12 until the end of the school year (as per Board Policy #202 – Eligibility of Non-Residents).
- 8.2 Ratified** placement of one 16-year old High School male on 4/18/12 into the Wilson/Governor Mifflin Alternative Education Program.
- 8.3 Approved** the Doctors, Dentists & Game Coverage 2012-13 (see attachment).
- 8.4 Approved** the Caron Student Assistance Program contract between Caron and the Wilson School District for the 2012-2013 school year.
- 8.5 Approved** James Surgeoner, Truant Officer (no stipend) and School Resource Officer 2012-13.
- 8.6 Approved** Donna Tothoro for attendance/residency verification work at a rate of \$25.00 per hour on an as needed basis, 2012-13.
- 8.7 Approved** the Resolution approving and adopting student discipline Waiver and Consent Agreement dated May 4, 2012.

9.0 Technology & Media (No items)**10.0 Finance****10.1 Motion Carried Ayes 5, Nays 2, Absent 2****10.2 – 10.6 Motion Carried**

- 10.1 Approved** the proposed final budget for 2012-2013 in the amount of \$87,050,305 at the rate of 23.77 mills, as per the resolution to the permanent minutes.
- 10.2 Granted permission** for Diane J. Richards, Director of Finance to execute, on behalf of the district, all applicable documents and agreements with PNC Bank for the district's procurement card program.
- 10.3 Approved** entering into agreement with Wyomissing School District to transport one of their students on our run to New Story for the 2011-12 school year at a rate of \$13.69/day.
- 10.4 Approved** entering into an agreement with Governor Mifflin School District to transport one of their students on our run to Hillside School for the 2011-12 school year at a rate of \$41.29/day.
- 10.5 Approved** removing E. Wayne Foley and add George Fiore as a signer on the Wilson High School Student Activities Fund Affinity Bank Account #5008685 and Account # 5008693.
- 10.6 Approved** removing Michael Edelman as a signer on the Wilson Southern Middle School Student Activities Fund Affinity Bank Account # 5008727 and Account #5008735.

11.0 Transportation (No items)**12.0 Food/Cafeteria (No items)**

13.0 Operations

13.1 Motion to table (Motion Carried)

13.2 – 13.3 Motion Carried

13.1 Tabled - Request approval for the Reading Pops Orchestra to use the Wilson West Middle School auditorium in case of inclement weather from 10:45am to 5:00pm on Sunday, June 17, 2012, for a rehearsal and concert.

13.2 Request approval to waive the rental fee for the Berks County Special Olympics to use the Wilson West Middle School track on Saturdays in May 2012 to practice for the June statewide competition.

13.3 Request approval of facilities request by Hope Baptist Church for the use of Shiloh Hills Elementary on Sundays from 9:00 – 12:30 p.m. and also 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. for the months of May and June.

14.0 Policies (No Vote)

14.1 First reading of the following revised policy:
#Policy #210 – Use of Medications

15.0 Miscellaneous (Motion Carried)

15.1 Approved the rates and fees for the Berkshire Heights Early Learning Center and the Before and After Care Program for 2012-13.

15.2 Approved the 2012-13 Budget for our Child Care Program (BH and Before and After Care).

15.3 Approved the course ESL IV (as presented through Curriculum Council – no additional cost for the District; funded through Title III).

OTHER BUSINESS (President to permit public participation prior to any vote on Other Business)

Two (2) Motions were made from the floor:

- Request authorization for the Superintendent to make employment commitments to qualified professional applicants for the purpose of filling vacancies that occur after May 7th Board meeting with action to be ratified by the Board of Education at the next official meeting. (Motion Carried)
- Request approval to enter into Adoption Agreement of the Berks County School District Health Trust for Support Staff and Administrative/Act 93 employees. (Motion Carried)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NON-AGENDA ITEMS - none