

Superintendent's Letter
August 2, 2011

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 August 1, 2011 were the following:

Report - Wilson JROTC Program Evaluation Report – Col. Wendell L. May

Items 7.1-7.4

- 7.1 Approved and accepted** the resignation of Thomas (Rudy) Ruth, Ed.D. pursuant to his current employment agreement, dated July 1, 2009. (Ayes 9, Nays 0)*
- 7.2 Approved appointment** of Thomas (Rudy) Ruth, Ed.D. Superintendent of the Wilson School District for a period of five (5) years, subject to the terms of the proposed written employment agreement dated August 1, 2011. (Ayes 9, Nays 0)*
- 7.3 Approved and accepted** the resignation of Steven M. Gerhard, pursuant to his current employment agreement, dated August 3, 2009. (Ayes 9, Nays 0)*
- 7.4 Approved appointment** of Steven M. Gerhard Assistant Superintendent of the Wilson School District for a period of five (5) years, subject to the terms of the proposed written employment agreement dated August 1, 2011. (Ayes 9, Nays 0)*

* Board members Steve Ehrlich and Steve Chmielewski connected into the Board meeting at 7:06pm via a conference call to announce their votes. After the votes were taken for agenda items 7.1 to 7.4, they disconnected at 7:17pm and were not involved in any further voting.

4.0 Ratification/Approval of the following (No Vote)

5.0 Superintendent's Report (Ayes 7, Nays 0)

5.1 Retirement

Anna Arnholt, Child Care worker, Berkshire Heights, eff. 8/1/11, 22 years with the Wilson School District

5.2 Resignations

Kari Kurtz, Assistant Child Care Supervisor, eff. 7/15/11

Lori Jean Anewalt, .5 Spanish Teacher, Wilson Southern Middle School, eff. 7/22/11

Gina Powell, Special Education Instructional Assistant, Cornwall Terrace, eff. 7/27/11

5.3 Change in Status

Jordan Reed, salary increase of \$1,000 due to completion of the Microsoft certification exam 070-680, configuring Windows 7, eff. 7/20/11

Valarie Noecker, Recreation Coordinator to Library Assistant, Southern Middle School, \$14.16 per hour, eff. 8/22/11

Mary Dilliplaine, ESY Instructional Assistant, \$11.29 per hour to \$11.61 per hour, eff. 6/28/11 through 8/4/11

5.4 Day to Day Substitutes eff. 8/29/11 – unless otherwise noted

Michael Creed

Kristen Knudsen

Mary Ellen McIntyre

Pam Rahmanian

Robert Ramsey – effective 8/24/11

5.5 Extra Curricular

Varsity Assistant Girls Volleyball Coach

Marybeth Olree – Pay = \$2,302

Southern Head Field Hockey Coach

Lisa Bachman – Pay = \$1,918.

6.0 Consent Items (All Ayes)

6.1 Accept with gratitude the following donations:

- a) **\$973.50** from Lifetouch made payable to Wilson West Middle School. The proceeds of this check will be used for team activities.

Roll Call Votes

7.0 Human Resources (Ayes 7, Nays 0)

7.5 Granted permission to approve Thomas Tracey, Community Aquatics Coordinator, Act 93 – 12 month position, \$50,000 per year, eff. 8/8/11.

7.6 Granted approval for compensation for the following Grade Level Coordinators, \$1,000 for the 2011-2012 school year:

Kindergarten – vacant
1st Grade – Michelle Ward
2nd Grade – Susan Wojciechowski
3rd Grade – Nicole Austin
4th Grade – Chelsea Koch
5th Grade – Tresa Curran

- 7.7 **Granted permission** to continue the current employee assistance program with Family Guidance Center for the 2011-2012 school year at the annual cost of \$3,375.00.

8.0 Pupil Services

Item 8.1 (Ayes 5, Nays 1, Abstain 1)

Items 8.2 – 8.7 (Ayes 7, Nays 0)

- 8.1 **Granted permission** to waive tuition for the following student:
Grade 12, Senior High School student, from 8/29/11 until the end of the school year as per School Board Policy # 202 – Eligibility of Non-Residents.
(rescinds vote of 7/18/11)
- 8.2 **Granted permission to approve** the adoption of a Settlement Agreement and Release to pay up to sixty-six thousand dollars (\$66,000) to settle and comprise all claims raised by the parents of a special education student from the beginning of time until the first day of the District's 2012-2013 school year and to authorize the Board President and Secretary to execute the Agreement on behalf of the District.
- 8.3 **Granted permission to approve** the adoption of a Settlement Agreement and Release and to pay up to three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500.00), to settle and comprise all claims raised by the parents of a special education student relating to the student's summer 2011 ESY program and to authorize the Board President and Secretary to execute the agreement on behalf of the district
- 8.4 **Granted permission to contract** with the Berks County Intermediate Unit to provide special education programs and services for the 2011-2012 school year per Schedules A & B of the agreement at a total cost of \$98,611.
- 8.5 **Approved** the Clinical Utilization Contract between Alvernia University and the Wilson School District for the 2011-12 school year.
- 8.6 **Approved** the Affiliation Agreement between Lebanon Valley College and the Wilson School District for the 2011-12 school year.
- 8.7 **Granted permission** to approve Elaine Torres to provide school psychology services at the rate of \$60 per hour as needed, effective July 25, 2011

9.0 Technology & Media (Ayes, 7, Nays 0)

- 9.1 Approved** to sell obsolete computer technology equipment to Capitol Asset Recovery for \$8,766 for (250) Dell Optiplex desktop computers.
- 9.2 Approved** to sell obsolete computer technology equipment to CDR Global for \$3,250 for (50) Dell Latitude D series laptops.

10.0 Finance (Ayes 6, Nays 1)

- 10.1 Granted permission** to accept the Highmark Healthy High 5 School Challenge Grant in the amount \$9,996.00 to be used for the purpose of purchasing equipment for the Cardio for Life Personal Fitness curriculum at Wilson High School – Lower House.
- 10.2 Approved** of resolution authorizing action by District Solicitor and Director of Finance regarding assessment appeals and appraisals related to real estate properties. (attached)

11.0 Transportation (Ayes 7, Nays 0)

- 11.1 Approved** of agreements with Berks Career & Technology Center for Wilson School District to provide transportation for their students during the 2011-12 school year. Wilson will receive \$165.28 daily for this service generating revenue of approximately \$29,750.

12.0 Food/Cafeteria (No Vote)

13.0 Operations (Ayes 7, Nays 0)

- 13.1 Granted permission** on behalf of the Lincoln Park Football Association to install storage shed at Southern Middle School in the stadium.

14.0 Policies (No Vote)

- 14.1 *Second reading*** of the following policies:
Policy #004 – Membership (revised)
Policy #005 – Organization (revised)

15.0 Miscellaneous (No Vote)