

**Superintendent's Letter
September 4, 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 Tuesday, September 3, 2013 were the following:

WILSON GOOD NEWS – Carol Reid

- Chris Daubert, along with former students Mark McDevitt and Ryan Yanchocik, Founders of Reading Is Rising, held a "Project Smart Start" where school supplies went to the first 100 families and students who attend Tyson Schoener, Millmont and Amanda E. Stout elementary schools. Berks Packing Company, Redner's Warehouse Markets and Clover Farms Dairy donated food, drinks and supplies for the event.

5.0 Superintendent's Report (Motion Carried)

5.1 Resignations

Robinann Ansbach, Food Service – Lower House, effective 8/21/13
Tinisha Crawford, Child Care, effective 8/23/13
Hope Douglas, Special Ed Instructional Assistant, effective 8/29/13
Brandy Drago, Child Care, effective 8/22/13
Ronald Hulina, Substitute Bus Driver – Transportation, effective 8/22/13
Crystal Pasquale, Child Care, effective 8/24/13
Lynn White, Monitorial Aide-Green Valley, effective 8/29/13

5.2 Child-Rearing Leave of Absence

Alison Poplaski, Secondary Home & School Visitor, beginning 1/1/14 and ending August 2014
Jessica Chrusch, Primary Autistic Support, Green Valley Elementary, beginning 12/10/13
returning 5/5/14

5.3 Support Staff

Christi Baer, Substitute Child Care Assistant Supervisor, \$10.98/hr, effective 9/3/13
Tammy Bonargo, Monitorial Aide-Cornwall Terrace, \$9.55/hr, 9.5 hours per week, effective 8/28/13 (replaces Giovanna Borelli who transferred)
Tammy Bonargo, Kindergarten Aide- Cornwall Terrace, \$10.98/hr, 15 hours per week, effective 8/29/13 (replaces Tris Griffin who resigned)
Alan Crystal, Substitute Crossing Guard, \$15.00/hr, effective 8/26/13
Lisa Groeller, Monitorial Aide-Green Valley, \$9.55/hr, 5 hours per week, effective 8/29/13 (replaces Lynn White who resigned)
Carrie Hunter, Substitute Child Care Assistant Supervisor, \$10.98/hr, effective 9/3/13
Candice Johnson, Program Coordinator – Cornwall Terrace, \$13.36/hr, 17 hours per week, effective 8/26/13 (replaces Mary Jo Dunn who transferred)
Dawn Latona, In-School Suspension Monitor- High School, \$9.55/hr, 28.75 hours/week, effective 8/26/13 (replaces Adam Ziegler who resigned)
Jeanann Lynn- Roman, School Bus Driver, \$13.36 per hour, 20 hours per week, eff.8/28/13 (replacing David Olinger who is having a change in status)
Melody Malia, Substitute Child Care Assistant Supervisor, \$10.98/hr, effective 9/3/13

Robert Metzger, Monitorial Aide-Green Valley, \$9.55/hr, 4 hours per week, effective 8/26/13 (replaces hours assigned to Russell Becker who resigned)
 Donna Miller, Substitute Van Driver – Transportation, \$12.34/hr, effective 8/26/13
 Melanie Morroney, Study Hall Monitor – High School, \$9.55/hr, 27.5 hours/week, effective 8/26/13 (replaces Nicole Gonzalez who transferred)
 Barbara Reber, Bus Aide – Transportation, \$9.55/hr, 15 hours/week, effective 8/26/13 (replaces Alyssa DiFazio's who transferred - morning bus run only)
 Michele Schnoor, Monitorial Aide-Green Valley, \$9.55/hr, 6 hours/week, effective 8/26/13 (replaces hours assigned to Russell Becker who resigned)
 Hope Silverman, Lunch Monitor – High School, \$9.55/hr, 18.75 hours/week, effective 8/26/13 (vacant position for the 2012-13 SY)
 Tami Trout, Substitute Van Driver- Transportation, \$12.34/hr, effective 8/26/13

5.4 Hourly Teachers - \$19.22/hr, 17 hours per week, effective 8/26/13

Karen DeLoretta, Shiloh Hills (replaces Melissa Johnson who resigned)
 Molly Luckenbill, Whitfield (replaces Kelsea Didden who transferred)
 Tamica Walsh-Cheney, Cornwall Terrace (replaces Nicole Sobjak who resigned)
 Kim Wiseman, Whitfield (replaces Sarah Melzer who resigned)
 Kim Tran, Elementary 5th Grade Tutor, \$15.73 per hour, Spring Ridge, eff. 9/4/13 (new position due to enrollment)

5.5 Change of Status

Irene Becker, Child Care, to 27.5 hours per week, no change in rate, effective 8/26/13
 Brian DeGreen, Monitorial Aide-Green Valley, to 7.5 hours per week, no change in rate, effective 8/26/13
 Stephen Dybowski, Substitute Teacher to Special Education Teacher, LTS, West Middle School, \$41,168/yr, effective 8/20/13 through 12/20/13 (replaces Colleen Klepeis while on maternity leave)
 Carol Forbes, Monitorial Aide-Green Valley, to 12.5 hours per week, no change in rate, effective 8/26/13
 Patricia Liszcz, Child Care, to 28.75 hours per week, no change in rate, effective 8/26/13
 Rick Perez, Home & School Visitor, to M+12 (verification of credits), \$52,076/yr, effective 8/20/13
 Connie Petrilli, Child Care, to 35 hours per week, no change in rate, effective 8/26/13
 Wendy Rowe, Monitorial Aide-Green Valley, to 4.5 hours per week, no change in rate, effective 8/26/13
 Karen Savage, Monitorial Aide-Green Valley, to 2 hours per week, no change in rate, effective 8/26/13
 Linda Weitzel, Child Care, to 27.5 hours per week, no change in rate, effective 8/26/13
 Lynn White, from Monitorial Aide, Shiloh Hills, to Monitorial Aide, Green Valley, \$9.55 per hour, 5 hours per week, effective 8/26/13
 Cindy Wise, Monitorial Aide-Green Valley, to 8 hours per week, no change in rate, effective 8/26/13
 Nicole Blieler, Food Service Worker, Lower House to Autistic Special Education Instructional Assistant, Whitfield, \$12.72 per hour, 29.5 hours per week, eff. 9/9/13 (replacing Tammy Worley who had a change of status eff. 8/30/13)
 Carmen Butler, Child Care Assistant Supervisor, Spring Ridge, 21.25 hours per week to 10 hours per week, no change in rate, eff. 9/3/13
 Mark Greaves, Guidance Counselor, High School, M+6 to M, eff. 8/20/13 (verification of transcript)

Beverly Mason, Child Care Substitute to Child Care Assistant Supervisor, 10 hours per week at Berkshire Heights and 11.25 hours per week at Spring Ridge, \$11.57 per hour, eff. 9/3/13

5.6 Professional Hires

Laura Condos

Education

Bachelor's Degree in Special Education and Early Childhood Education, West Chester University plus English (7-12) certification

Experience

Teacher, Abraxas Academy, June 2010 – December 2011

The Goddard School, September 2009 – June 2010

Cumru Elementary School, Building Substitute, August 2008 – June 2009

Degree, Credit Year, Salary

Bachelor's Degree, CY 1, \$41,168

Assignment

Special Education Teacher, LTS, Lower House, effective 8/20/12 (replaces Alison Mathews' LTS position)

Kathleen Modica

Education

Bachelor's Degree – Health Education, Penn State University

Graduate coursework – Special Education, East Stroudsburg University

PDE Highly Qualified in English, Math, Science, and History

Experience

Emotional Support Teacher, Pine Grove High School, August 2010 - June 2013

Dean of Students, Saint Clair School District, November 2009 – June 2010

Degree, Credit Year, Salary

ME+12, Step 2, \$52,951

Assignment

Emotional Support Teacher – High School, effective 8/21/13 (replaces Joe McGee who resigned)

5.7 Salary Increases for Credits Earned in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement, add advances effective 8/20/13

Nicole Austin, B+24 to Master's degree

Lisa Bednar, M+12 to M+30

Kathy Blume, M+6 to M+12

Tim Fick, M+24 to M+30

Kasey Kasopsky, B+18 to B+24

Kelly Kuhn, B+18 to B+24

Jessica Lewars, M to M+6

Tim Prokopovits, M+18 to M+24

Kristie Shuker, M+24 to M+30

Heather Stonefelt, M+6 to M+12

Leah Worrell, B+12 to B+18

5.8 Teacher Mentors for the 2013-2014 School Year - \$700 per year

Connie Aarons for Madeline Bieber

Vanessa Bauer for Jillian Bambrick

Sarah Kahl for Rachel Weidenhammer

Lauren Peterson for Michele Muenker (partial year)

Sharon Levan for Steffany Snell (partial year)

5.9 Certified Substitutes, effective 9/4/13

Dana Borzellino
 Brandon Dahms
 Amanda Kimmage
 Molly Luckenbill
 Travis Strouse
 Kelcie Werner
 Melissa Ellis
 Harlie Ann Snyder

5.10 Extracurricular

a) Assistant Freshman Football Coach

Greg Brooks Pay - \$8.50/hr

b) Co- Freshman Class Advisor

Samantha Scannell – Pay \$548
 Charles Trovato – Pay \$548

c) Volunteer Southern Volleyball Coach

Renee Stufflet

d) Volunteer West Football Coach

Mike Razzano

6.0 Consent Items (Motion Carried)

6.1. Accepted with gratitude the following donations:

- a)** \$1,073.19 from Giant A+ Rewards program to Cornwall Terrace Elementary, to be used for student programs and supplies.
- b)** An assortment of clothing, cleaning and school supplies, donated by Gavin Siravo and friends to the Whitfield Elementary Multiple Disabilities classroom, estimated value of \$264.00

Roll Call Votes

7.0 Human Resources (No Items)

8.0 Pupil Services (Motion Carried)

8.1 Granted permission to waive tuition for the following students:

Female, Gr. 6, West Middle School, from 8/28/13 to 9/30/13 (as per Board Policy #202 – Eligibility of Non-Residents).
 Female, Gr. 4, Green Valley Elementary, from 8/28/13 to 9/30/13 (as per Board Policy #202 – Eligibility of Non-Residents).
 Female, Gr. 4, Shiloh Hills Elementary, from 8/26/13 to 10/30/13 (as per Board Policy #202 – Eligibility of Non-Residents).
 Male, Gr. 4, Whitfield Elementary, from 8/26/13 to 10/4/13 (as per Board Policy #202 – Eligibility of Non-Residents).

8.2 Granted permission to approve the Addendum to the Settlement Agreement and Release to reimburse the parents of a special education student the amount of six hundred ninety dollars (\$690.00) for tuition costs incurred for the 2013-2014 school year, to settle and comprise all claims raised by the parents and to authorize the Board President and Secretary to execute the agreement of behalf of the district.

8.3 Granted permission to approve the adoption of the Settlement Agreement and Release to directly pay the Stratford Friends School the amount of thirty-five thousand, eight hundred thirty dollars (\$35,830.00) for tuition, to settle and comprise all claims raised by the parents of a

special education student and to authorize the Board President and Secretary to execute the agreement on behalf of the district.

9.0 Technology & Media (No Items)

10.0 Operations (Motion Carried)

10.1 Granted permission to approve the Field Project change order to the following contract:

- 15 – FieldTurf – an increase of \$18,434.52

10.2 Granted permission to approve the West Stadium Support Facility change order to the following contract:

- G-1 – Balton Construction, Inc. – an increase of \$4,750.00.

10.3 Granted permission to approve the Additions to Elementary Schools change order to the following contract:

- H-1 - Frey Lutz Corporation – an increase of \$2,302.00.

11.0 Finance (No Items)

12.0 Curriculum and Staff Development (Motion Carried)

12.1 Ratified the agreement with Connections Learning to supplement our Virtual Academy courses for our K-12 students.

13.0 Transportation (No Items)

14.0 Food/Cafeteria (No Items)

15.0 Child Care (No Items)

16.0 Policies (No Items)

17.0 Miscellaneous (No Items)