

Superintendent's Letter
Tuesday, December 20, 2016

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 regular board meeting on Monday, December 19, 2016 were the following:

WILSON GOOD NEWS – Mr. Ehrlich, Board President

- Congratulations to Emma Miller, Southern Middle School. Emma's Christmas Essay was selected to be published in the Reading Eagle as part of their Holiday writing contest.
- Congratulations to the many athletes recognized by Reading Eagle - Best of Fall 2016 – particularly Alison Willingmyre- Cross Country, Azure Fernsler, Field Hockey and Iggy Reynoso – Football who were selected 2016 All Berks Player of the Year in their respective sport.

Holiday Musical Selections by members of the Southern Middle School Chorus – directed by Katie Skrzat

5.0 Superintendent's Report (Motion Carried)

5.1 Child Rearing Leave

Katharine Rothenberger, Math Teacher, High School, beginning approximately 2/19/17 and ending approximately the beginning of the 17-18 school year

5.2 Resignations

Mary Bowers, Emotional Support Teacher, West, eff. 1/6/17

David Daniels, Substitute Bus Driver, eff. 12/19/16

DiMarie Gonzalez, School Bus Driver, eff. 10/21/16

Tara Hritz, Substitute Bus Driver, eff. 12/19/16

Natalie Rivera, Special Education Instructional Assistant, Cornwall Terrace, eff. 12/22/16

Jenny Shepley, Indoor Percussion Asst., eff. 12/12/16

Kayleigh Miller, Special Education Instructional Assistant, West, eff. 12/21/16

Melissa White, Classroom Nurse, Spring Ridge, eff. 8/8/16

Lucille Holland, Special Education Instructional Assistant, Cornwall Terrace, eff. 12/14/16.

5.3 Change of Status

Brittany Boyer, Special Education Instructional Assistant, \$13.31 per hour to \$13.11, eff. 12/7/16

Carey Fisher, Special Education Instructional Assistant, \$13.31 per hour to \$13.11, eff. 12/7/16

Erica Griffin, Autistic Special Education Instructional Assistant, Shiloh Hills to Emotional Support Special Education Instructional Assistant, Shiloh Hills, no change in hours, \$12.11 per hour, eff. 11/29/16 (Replacing Jamie Fagan who resigned)

Lucille Holland, Special Education Instructional Assistant, \$13.31 per hour to \$13.11, eff. 12/5/16

Glenda Lara, Food Service Worker, High School, 26.25 hours per week, no change in rate, eff. 8/29/16

Leslie Stolz, Food Service Worker, High School, 26.25 hours per week, no change in rate, eff. 8/29/16

5.4 Support Staff

Chelsea Hill, Autistic Support Special Education Instructional Assistant, Cornwall Terrace, 29.5 hours per week, \$13.11 per hour, eff. 12/6/16 (replacing Kim Spengler who resigned)

Marjorie Ketner, Autistic Special Education Instructional Assistant, High School, \$14.94 per hour, 2 periods per day, eff. 12/9/16

Katherine Landis, Preschool Assistant, Berkshire Heights, 28.75 hours per week, \$11.35 per hour, eff. 12/19/16 (replacing Aleli Cortes who is resigning)

Deidre Lupia, Autistic Special Education Instructional Assistant, Shiloh Hills, \$13.11 per hour, 29.5 hours per week, eff. 11/29/16 (replacing Erica Griffin who transferred)

Beverly Morgan, Substitute Special Education Instructional Assistant, \$12.11 per hour, eff. 12/12/16

Oscar Santos, Substitute School Bus Driver, \$14.86 per hour, eff. 12/5/16

Claudia Schadler- Duong, Full Time Administrative Assistant to the Child Care Supervisor, Berkshire Heights, \$17.00 per hour, eff. 1/2/17 (replacing Denise Bentz who transferred)

Eva Sterley, Substitute Child Care Assistant, \$11.35 per hour, eff. 1/2/17

Gabriella Wertheim, Preschool Assistant, Berkshire Heights, 28.75 hours per week, \$11.35 per hour, eff. 12/5/16 (replacing Jessica Strine who resigned)

5.5 Professional Staff

Rachel Mehaffey

Education

Elementary Education/ Special Education, Kutztown University

Experience

Special Ed. Teacher, Fleetwood School District- present

Degree, Credit Year, Salary

M, CY 1, \$ 52,264

Assignment

High School Special Ed., eff. 2/6/17 (replacing Elissa Kelleher who resigned)

5.6 Substitute Teachers eff. 12/20/16 unless otherwise noted

Sarah Foley

Tara Raymond

Irving Rodriguez, eff. 12/19/16

Alexia Stamidi

Laura Stewart, eff. 12/15/16

5.7 Extracurricular

S. Alex Beilhart, Indoor Percussion Asst. 1- \$2,236.00

Tim Fick- Soccer Camp- \$1095.00

Kathryn Focht, FBLA Advisor, \$1028.00 (previous stipend approved with an incorrect amount)

Moss Grande- Soccer Camp- \$1095.00

Elizabeth Hensley, MS Indoor Color Guard Asst., \$573.00

Shannon Lape, West Cheer volunteer

Bill Lownes- Soccer Camp- \$400.00

Adam Molis, Intramural- \$11.27 per hour (approved at incorrect rate on previous agenda)

Brandon Perrone, Indoor Percussion Asst. 2- \$1,432.00 (previous stipend approved with an incorrect rate)

Christopher Russo, Swim Lesson Instructor and Lifeguard, \$7.75/hr

Jessica Wagner- Concession Stand

Brent Beougher, Swim Instructor & Life Guard, \$7.75 per hour

5.8 Extended Season for Marching Band

David Cooper- 4 days at \$30 per day= \$120

Brandon Perrone – 4 days at \$21 per day= \$84.00

Kaitlyn Galtere- 3 days at \$21 per day= \$63.00

Mark Allen- 2 days at \$21 per day= \$42.00

Ron Trostle- 2 days at \$21 per day= \$42.00

Anna Martin- 1 day at \$21 per day= \$21.00

6.0 Consent Items (Voice Vote)

6.1 Approved the appointment of Keith A. Stamm and William Herbine to the Spring Township Park and Recreation Board for 2017

Roll Call

7.0 Human Resources (Motion Carried)

7.1 Authorized the Superintendent to make employment commitments to qualified professional applicants for the purpose of filling vacancies that occur after the December 19, 2016 Board meeting with action to be ratified by the Board of Education at the next official meeting (January 17, 2017)

7.2 Approved a stipend to be paid to the (2) transportation mechanics, (13) grounds & maintenance staff, and (1) custodian supervisor for the last pay in calendar 2016

8.0 Pupil Services (Motion Carried)

Items #8.1- #8.4

8.1 Granted permission to contract with Weiser Decisions, to provide educational services to one special education student at the per diem rate of \$202.86 per day, beginning 10/25/16 and ending 6/8/17.

8.2 Granted permission to waive tuition for the following student:

Female student, Gr. 12, High School, from 11/30/16 until the end of the school year (as per Board Policy #202 – Eligibility of Non-Residents).

8.3 Approved the adoption of a Settlement Agreement and Release to pay the TALK Institute up to the amount of forty-five thousand, six hundred sixty-six dollars (\$45,666.00) for pro-rated tuition costs for a special education student to attend the remainder of 2016-2017 school year; seventy-four thousand, two hundred sixty-three dollars (\$74,263.00) for the 2017-2018 school years; so long as the student remains a resident of the district and the district is provided receipt of documentation of such costs and 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.

8.4 Granted permission to apply for Act 80 days for elementary and secondary:

- a) Monday, August 29, 2016 and Tuesday, August 30, 2016 – Kindergarten only. (Act 80 – Orientation).
- b) Wednesday, September 28, 2016 – Early dismissal for students – Secondary dismissed at 11:00 a.m.; Elementary dismissed at 11:45 a.m. (Professional Development).
- c) Monday, October 10, 2016 – No school for students. (Professional Development).
- d) Monday, October 31, 2016 – Early Dismissal for students – Secondary dismissed at 11:00 a.m.; Elementary dismissed at 11:45 a.m. (Professional Development).
- e) Monday, November 21, 2016 & Tuesday, November 22, 2016 – Early dismissal for students – Secondary dismissed at 11:00 a.m., Elementary dismissed at 11:45 a.m. (Elementary/MS/Parent Conferences/HS Professional Development).
- f) Wednesday, November 23, 2016 – No school for students – Act 80 (Elementary/MS/Parent Conferences – Professional Development).
- g) Thursday, December 22, 2016 – Early dismissal for students – Secondary dismissed at 11:00 a.m.; Elementary dismissed at 11:45 a.m. (Optional Professional Development).
- h) Thursday, January 26, 2017 – Early dismissal for students – Secondary dismissed at 11:00 a.m.; Elementary dismissed at 11:45 a.m. (Professional Development).
- i) Friday, January 27, 2017 – No school for students – Act 80 (Professional Development).
- j) Friday, February 17, 2017 – No school for students (Professional Development).
- k) Wednesday, March 29, 2017 – Early dismissal for students – Secondary dismissed at 11:00 a.m.; Elementary dismissed at 11:45 a.m. (Professional Development).
- l) Friday, May 26, 2017 – Early dismissal for students – Secondary dismissed at 11:00 a.m., Elementary dismissed at 11:45 a.m. (Professional Development).

Item #8.5 Motion from the floor (Motion Carried 5-2)

8.5 **Granted permission** to amend the 2016-17 School District calendar to reflect January 2, 2017 as a vacation day, moving the last student / teacher day to Friday, June 9, 2016 (1/2 day for students full day for staff)

9.0 **Technology & Media (No Items)**

10.0 **Operations (Motion Carried)**

10.1 **Granted permission** to purchase a new 2016 Ford F250 4 x 4 Regular Cab Pickup under Costar Contract #61241at a cost of \$27,216.32, with all costs coming from the general fund.

10.2 **Granted permission** to purchase a plow, spreader and required plow lighting at a cost of \$8,500.00, with all cost from the general fund.

11.0 **Finance (Motion Carried)**

11.1 **Granted permission** to create a literary club named, "The Literary Magazine – *Ink*" account within the Senior High Activities Fund.

11.2 **Approved** Accelerated Budget Opt Out Resolution (attached) for the 2017-18 fiscal year. The resolution states that the Board will not raise the rate of real estate tax by more than the Act 1 index of 3.1% or .77 mills.

11.3 **Approved** to decrease the mileage reimbursement rate from 54 cents per mile to 53.5 cents per mile, effective January 1, 2017, in accordance with the IRS approved mileage rate.

11.4 **Granted permission** to deny a taxpayer's application to pay discounted real estate rate rather than penalty rate.

11.5 **Approved** the budget transfers dated November 17 through December 14, 2016.

12.0 **Curriculum and Staff Development (No Items)**

13.0 **Transportation (No Items)**

14.0 **Food/Cafeteria (No Items)**

15.0 Child Care (Motion Carried)

15.1 Approved the 2017-18 Child Care budgets and contracts

16.0 Extra-Curricular (No Items)

17.0 Policies (1st Reading)

17.1 Policy #707 Use of School Facilities (Revised) 1st Reading

18.0 Miscellaneous (No Items)