

WILSON SCHOOL BOARD
Minutes
Monday, March 20, 2017

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.*

The regular meeting of the Wilson School Board was called to order at 7:05 p.m. on Monday, March 20, 2017 in the Board Room, by Mr. Steve Ehrlich, Board President. The following Board members were present:

Steve Chmielewski
Steve Ehrlich
Brad Hart
Jason Hopp
Mike Martin
Robert Metzger
Jay Nigrini
Carol Reid
Matt Wolf

Present: Dr. Mierzejewski, Ms. Schlosman, Ms. Lillis, Dr. A. Flannery, Dr. Long, Ms. Lindsey, Mr. Wetherhold, Mr. Bender, Ms. Shewmake, Mr. Kaufmann, Officer Johnson

Public Attendees: (see attached)

Executive Session – The board met in executive session on March 20, 2017 for the purpose of discussing personnel issues.

Presentation of Colors - JROTC

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

ANNOUNCEMENT – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

COMMUNICATIONS –

WILSON GOOD NEWS – Mr. Ehrlich, Board President

Congratulations to Wilson West Middle School for winning the “Outstanding Cool Video” award at this year’s inaugural Berks County’s “What’s So Cool About Manufacturing?” contest. Sponsored by the Manufacturing Resource Center, the WSCM program paired 19 Berks and Schuylkill County middle schools with local manufacturers. The goal was to produce a short video that demonstrates the positive attributes of modern production firms and increase awareness of potential career paths in the manufacturing field. Video entries were judged by an expert panel of local industry and educational leaders. Thanks to the generosity of their manufacturing partner, Sweet Street Desserts, West’s students produced a high-quality video that demonstrated an accurate perception of the “coolness” that is occurring in local businesses. To view all video entries and a list of award winners, check out the website, dreamitdoitpa.com. The West team consisted of 8th graders - **Cole**

Chmielewski, Samantha Cobaugh, Aidan D'Souza, Nicole Pasterczyk, Veraj Patel, McCord Peterson, Emily Spatz, and Lizzie Thomas. Teacher advisors were Belinda Davison, Frank Reese, and Christine Yoh.

Wilson Southern and Cambridge-Lee were featured in the Reading Eagle article to kick-off the video voting for the entire county! There is a great shot of our Southern students interviewing CEO Andrea Funk. VP of Operations, Chris Wilhite, is in the shot also. Our featured kids, from left to right, are Hannah Katein, Jenna Zepp, and Madison Katein. Summer Light is at the bottom working another camera. Also, James Figura and Sean Geltz are behind the scenes, but not in this particular shot. March 7th was the awards ceremony. With only 7 possible awards for all participating schools from Berks and Schuylkill counties in the "What's So Cool About Manufacturing?" contest, Wilson came out winners! Wilson Southern Middle School, who teamed up with Cambridge-Lee Industries, won the "Outstanding Educational Value" award. The video was completely produced, directed, filmed, and edited by **Southern students Jenna Zepp, Summer Light, Madison Katein, Hannah Katein, James Figura, and Sean Geltz. Kristi Szczepkowski and Michelle Campbell were the student advisers** throughout the competition, which began at the start of the school year. Way to go Wilson Southern, we are proud of you!

RECOGNITION/PRESENTATION – Mr. Wetherhold

Lions Club International Peace Poster News

Congratulations! The Spring Township Lions Club's sponsored entry created by **Karen Mendoza** has been chosen as a merit award winner in the 29th Annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Approximately 600,000 children from 60 countries participated in this year's Peace Poster Contest. The posters were judged at club, district and multiple district levels before reaching the international level, at which point they had been narrowed down to 116 posters. Based on creativity, originality and portrayal of the theme, "A Celebration of Peace," The Spring Township Lions Club entry was chosen as one of 23 merit award winners. As such, Karen Mendoza will receive \$500 and a certificate of merit.

The 23 merit award winners are from Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Greece, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Multiple District 300 Taiwan, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Thailand and the United States (Pennsylvania). The grand prize winner was announced at the *Lions Day* with the United Nations on Saturday, March 4, 2017. All Merit posters and information about the grand prize winner is currently posted on the [Peace Poster section of the LCI website](#).

Approval of Minutes (Consent)

Hearing no objection to approve the Wilson School Board minutes of March 6, 2017, President Ehrlich directed that a unanimous vote be cast to ratify/approve the minutes.

(Ayes 9)

1.0 TREASURER'S REPORT/INVESTMENT REPORT/GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL REPORTS (Motion Carried)

Dr. Chmielewski presented the February 2017 Treasurer's Report, Investment Report and General Fund Financial Statements as attached. Dr. Chmielewski moved, seconded by Mrs. Reid, to accept the Treasurer's Report and approve related invoices as presented and to include the General Fund Investment Accounts list and Board Summary Report for the period February 2017 in the permanent minutes.

A roll call vote was recorded as follows:

(Ayes 9): Messrs.: Chmielewski, Ehrlich, Hart, Hopp, Martin, Metzgar, Nigrini, Wolf, and Mrs. Reid

2.0 PAYMENT OF BILLS: (Motion Carried)

Dr. Chmielewski moved, seconded by Mr. Martin to approve the Payment of Bills as follows:

General Fund	\$ 2,254,076.80
Capital Reserve	\$ 4,191.88

A roll call vote was recorded as follows:

(Ayes 9): Messrs.: Chmielewski, Ehrlich, Hart, Hopp, Martin, Metzgar, Nigrini, Wolf, and Mrs. Reid

3.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS: (Motion Carried)

Dr. Chmielewski moved, seconded by Mr. Martin to approve the Financial Reports as follows:

Cafeteria (February 2017)
Child Care (February 2017)
Activity Accounts:
 Wilson West MS (February 2017)
 Southern MS (February 2017)
 Senior High (February 2017)

A roll call vote was recorded as follows:

(Ayes 9): Messrs.: Chmielewski, Ehrlich, Hart, Hopp, Martin, Metzgar, Nigrini, Wolf, and Mrs. Reid

4.0 Ratified/Approved the following: (Consent)

Hearing no objection to Agenda item #4.1, President Ehrlich directed that a unanimous vote be cast to ratify/approve the following: **(Ayes 9)**

4.1 Ratified the out of state/overnight field trips as attached.

5.0 Superintendent's Report (presented by Dr. Mierzejewski) (Motion Carried)

Dr. Chmielewski moved, seconded by Mr. Metzgar to approve the Superintendent's Report items #5.1 - #5.8 as follows:

5.1 Unpaid Leave

Stefanie Kistler, Learning Support Teacher, Shiloh Hills, 5/18/17 (1 working day)

5.2 Resignations

Michelle Musseman, Secretary to the Elementary Principal, Green Valley, eff. 6/29/17

Nicole Pagan, Discovery Teacher, Cornwall Terrace, eff. 3/16/17 (was previously approved as 3/24/17)

5.3 Child Rearing Leave

Ashley Huff, Grade 1, Whitfield Elementary beginning approximately 7/26/17 and

ending approximately 9/21/17

Abby Kalejta, Math Teacher, High School, ending date changed to 1/22/18 (was previously approved for 8/1/17)

Kelly Kuhn, Orchestra Teacher, West and High School, beginning approximately 6/13/17 and ending approximately 7/25/17

5.4 Change of Status

Spencer Kelly, Hourly Teacher, Whitfield to Long Term Sub, Discovery Teacher, B, CY 1, \$44,000 (prorated), Cornwall Terrace, eff. 3/16/17 (replacing Nicole Pagan who is resigning)

Cindy Strickler, Van Driver to Substitute Van Driver, \$12.75 per hour, eff. 3/20/17

5.5 Support Staff

Kim Iaccarino, Substitute School Bus Aide, \$9.87 per hour, eff. 3/9/17

Anna Marie Seyler, Food Service Worker, Spring Ridge, \$9.87 per hour, 18.75 hours per week, eff. 3/16/17 (replacing Margaret Trexler, who resigned)

Sarah Tibbetts, Substitute Van Driver, \$12.75 per hour, eff. 3/6/17

Dustin Yoder, Substitute School Bus Aide, \$9.87 per hour, eff. 3/21/17

5.6 Hourly Teacher

Kimberly Smith, Spring Ridge, \$19.22 per hour, 17 hours per week, eff. 3/17/17 (replacing Kim Duffy, who had a change of status)

5.7 Substitute Teachers eff. 3/21/17 (unless otherwise noted)

Anna Berzins

Lillie Geiger, eff. 3/8/17

5.8 Extracurricular

Elizabeth Capitano, Volunteer West Track Coach

TJ Daley, Volunteer HS Boys Volleyball Coach

Tony Dodds, Volunteer High School Track Coach

Stephen Goeltz, Volunteer High School Track Coach

Lyndsay Woods, Age Group Water Polo, \$9.00 per hour

A roll call vote was recorded as follows:

(Ayes 9): Messrs.: Chmielewski, Ehrlich, Hart, Hopp, Martin, Metzgar, Nigrini, Wolf, and Mrs. Reid

6.0 Consent Items (Consent)

Hearing no objection to Agenda item #6.1, President Ehrlich directed that a unanimous vote be cast to ratify/approve the following: **(Ayes 9)**

6.1 Accepted with gratitude the following donation:

a) \$19,110.00 to Green Valley Elementary from Green Valley Home & School Association to be used for Reading Workshop Kits for the 2017-18 school year.

Roll Call

7.0 Human Resources (Motion Carried 8-1-0)

Mr. Hopp moved, seconded by Mrs. Reid to approve Human Resources item #7.1 as follows:

7.1 Approved the Superintendent Search Agreement (attached).

A roll call vote was recorded as follows:

(Ayes 8): Messrs.: Chmielewski, Ehrlich, Hart, Hopp, Metzgar, Nigrini, Wolf, and Mrs. Reid

(Nays 1): Mr. Martin

8.0 Pupil Services (No Items)

9.0 Technology & Media (No Items)

10.0 Operations (Motion Carried)

Mr. Nigrini moved, seconded by Dr. Chmielewski to approve Operations item #10.1 as follows:

10.1 Approved proceeding with Option 2A at a cost of \$160,480.00 with money coming from Capital Reserve for the bleacher work and Press Box/Concession Stand through the KPN Agreement, as recommended by the Facilities and Extracurricular Committees.

A roll call vote was recorded as follows:

(Ayes 9): Messrs.: Chmielewski, Ehrlich, Hart, Hopp, Martin, Metzgar, Nigrini, Wolf, and Mrs. Reid

11.0 Finance (Motion Carried)

Dr. Chmielewski moved, seconded by Mr. Hart to approve Finance item #11.1 and item #11.2 as follows:

11.1 Approved the removal of Curt Baker's name and replacing with Cynthia Mierzejewski's name as an authorized signer on all District bank accounts.

11.2 Approved the budget transfers dated February 16 through March 13, 2017.

A roll call vote was recorded as follows:

(Ayes 9): Messrs.: Chmielewski, Ehrlich, Hart, Hopp, Martin, Metzgar, Nigrini, Wolf, and Mrs. Reid

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

13.0 Transportation **(No Items)**

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

15.0 Child Care **(No Items)**

16.0 Extra-Curricular **(No Items)**

17.0 Policies **(Second Reading)(No Vote)**

17.1 **Second** reading of the following revised policy:
Pol. #806 – Child Abuse

18.0 Miscellaneous **(No Items)**

COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS
COMMITTEE REPORTS

Berks Career and Technology Center Representative (Mr. Metzgar)
Next meeting will be Wednesday, 3/22/17, 6:30 p.m., East Campus

Berks County I.U. Board Representative (Mrs. Reid)
On 4/27/17, at Millmont Elementary School, there will be a tour & reception at 5:30 p.m., program will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Berks E.I.T. Representative (Mrs. Schlosman)
Next meeting will be held on 3/30/17 at 6 p.m. at our (Wilson SD) Administration Building

Curriculum Committee Chairman (Mrs. Reid)
The rescheduled meeting was held today, 3/20/17. Professional Development for Math was discussed - criteria to be worthwhile, interesting and at a good fee. Summer courses – some fees have changed. March 30th – Screenagers program will be presented.

Extracurricular Committee Chairman (Mr. Wolf)
Very busy with swimming. High School's presentation of *Chicago* went very well. Cheer competition – East Coast and Canada participants. Operations did a great job of clearing snow so that Extracurricular events could take place.

Facilities Committee Chairman (Mr. Nigrini)
Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 3/28/17 at 4:30 p.m.

Finance Committee Chairman (Mr. Ehrlich)

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 3/29/17 at 5:15 p.m.

Human Resources Committee Chairman (Mr. Hopp)

No Report

Legislative/PA School Board Assn. Representative (Mr. Martin)

Snow delayed the return of the legislature. A budget was passed, but no suggestions were made about how to raise the money to cover the deficit.

Public Relations Chairman (Mr. Hart)

On Monday, March 13, Spring Ridge Elementary hosted a Family Literacy Night at the Reading Public Museum. The event is an extension of the One School, One Book program the entire school participated in this past fall by reading *Masterpiece* by Elise Broach. The event showcased one of the museum's current exhibits that features the art of Albrecht Durer, the artist referenced throughout *Masterpiece*, as well as an exhibit called Beetle Mania: The Art of Joan Danziger, which ties into the plot of *Masterpiece*, as the main character is a beetle who can draw like Albrecht Durer. This evening allowed students to experience the exhibit and tie in their knowledge learned from reading the book. The Family Literacy Night included several hands-on activities led by teachers.

On Tuesday, March 21, at 7:00 pm in the Wilson High School Auditorium, the Wilson community will celebrate academic achievement at the annual National Honor Society Induction Ceremony. At this candlelit event, our best and brightest students will be inducted into the National Honor Society. During the ceremony, Wilson alumni will be honored and inducted as members of the Wilson Academic Hall of Fame. This year, Distinguished Alumni Awards will recognize Brian Campbell, David Casmus, Corinne Gible and David McAlees. Refreshments will be available prior to the ceremony in the auditorium lobby at 6:30pm, and the ceremony will be followed by coffee and dessert. The community is welcome to attend this event highlighting Wilson students, past and present. No RSVP is necessary.

Grandview Gallery this month will be showcasing artwork by Wilson High School students. On Friday, March 24, from 6:00-8:00 pm Wilson High School's Literary Magazine *Ink* is hosting a coffee house in the gallery featuring poetry, music and more, as well as, coffee, hot chocolate, and donuts. Tickets are \$3 each, and all proceeds will go to the publication of the magazine.

On Wednesday, March 30, at 6:30 pm, at Wilson West, families are invited to view the 90 minute award-winning film *Screenagers*. *Screenagers* reveals how screen time impacts kids' development and also offers solutions on how adults can empower their children to best navigate the digital world to find balance. Screenings are available only through community events such as this. At the conclusion of the film, a panel welcomes questions and thoughts for discussion with our community.

Education Foundation Report (Mr. Nigrini)

Iron Chef is 1 – 5 p.m. on March 26, 2017. Fast Taste Tickets are on sale to allow attendees to enter and sample one hour before the regular ticket holders. Wilson Night at the Reading Phillies is June 9th.

Technology Chairman (Dr. Chmielewski)

Discussions are ongoing regarding revising the website and rebranding the district. Public meetings to discuss the rebranding will be held in the near future.

Student Outreach (Emma O'Shea was absent. Mr. Ehrlich presented.)

The National Honors Society ceremony is tomorrow night! We have many new juniors as well as a couple seniors who are being inducted! This is a really cool night where many students are honored for their accomplishments. The NHS officers will each be giving a speech and there are Wilson alumni being inducted as well.

The musical Chicago was performed this past weekend. This was an outstanding performance from all members involved. The show was also very well attended, and an overall big success.

Student government is currently reaching out to the middle schools to give a presentation to eighth graders to explain our club, what we do, and how to apply. We are also trying to coordinate a senior video and are planning a color run for this spring.

Interact just hosted a basketball tournament for Wilson students this weekend to raise money for Olivet's Boys and Girls Club.

The peer advocacy club is planning on decorating the lower house with more artwork and are currently working on that.

Solicitor (Mr. Miravich was absent)

No Report

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Enrollment as of March 16, 2017 is 6,016 students, which is an increase of 13 in the number of students from the February 18, 2017 report.

There being no further business, Mr. Hopp moved, seconded by Mr. Hart, to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. Motion carried.

Edna T. Carroll, Board Secretary