

WILSON SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING Minutes
Tuesday, February 21, 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 7:06 p.m. on Monday, April 3, 2017 in the Board Room, by Mr. Steve Ehrlich, Board President. The following Board members were present:

Steve Chmielewski

Steve Ehrlich

Brad Hart

Mike Martin

Robert Metzgar

Jay Nigrini

Carol Reid

Matt Wolf

Excused: Jason Hopp

Present: Dr. Mierzejewski, Ms. Schlosman, Ms. Lillis, Dr. A Flannery, Dr. Long, Ms. Lindsey, Officer Johnson, Mr. Damiani, Ms. Hart, Ms. Lorchak, Dr. Antonis

Public Attendee: (see attached)

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Executive Session – The board met in executive session prior to tonight’s board meeting for the purpose of discussing personnel issues.

ANNOUNCEMENT –

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - none

COMMUNICATIONS – none

Recognition – Kyle Zeiber and Dawn Hart

➤ Zach Withelder – Custodian Spring Ridge

WILSON GOOD NEWS – Mr. Ehrlich, Board President

- Congratulations to Anthony Dusko and Kathy Ramsey our 2017 Extraordinary Teachers of the Year winners (announced at Iron Chef)
- Congratulations to Claire Hinkle, Aidan Melograna, Sanchita Bhusari, Amaya Shah and Krishna Nayak, all honored with various awards at the Reading Berks Science and Engineering Fair held at Albright College.
- Congratulations to all the 32 students who received scholarships from the Reading Musical Foundation

Approval of Minutes (Consent)

Hearing no objection to approve the Wilson School Board minutes of March 20, 2017, President Ehrlich directed that a unanimous vote be cast to ratify/approve the minutes.

(AYES 8)

1.0 TREASURER’S REPORT/INVESTMENT REPORT/GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL REPORTS (No Items)

2.0 PAYMENT OF BILLS: (Motion Carried)

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

General Fund	\$ 4,343,978.44
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A roll call vote was recorded as follows:

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

3.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS: (No Items)

4.0 Ratified/Approved the following: (Consent)

Hearing no objection to Agenda items 4.1 President Ehrlich directed that a unanimous vote be cast to ratify/approve the following: **(AYES 8)**

4.1 Granted permission to ratify the out of state/overnight field trips as attached.

5.0 Superintendent's Report (Motion Carried)

Mr. Hart moved, seconded by Mr. Wolf to approve the Superintendent's report #5.1- #5.9 as follows:

5.1 Resignations

Alli Aquila, Special Education Teacher – Whitfield, effective 3/22/17

Annamaria Doelp, Study Hall Monitor – High School, effective 4/11/17

David Huber, Custodian – High School, effective 6/2/17

Patience Murray, Child Care Assistant, effective 3/31/17

Renee St. Pierre, Special Education IA – High School, effective 3/28/17

Melissa Yeager, Special Education IA – Green Valley, effective 4/7/17

5.2 Child Rearing Leave

Jaclyn Staller, 2nd Grade Teacher – Green Valley, from approximately 8/4/17 through 9/15/17

5.3 Unpaid Leave

Rebecca Chester, LTS Art Teacher – SMS, 4/27-5/1, 3 days unpaid

Jillian Lynch, 1st Grade Teacher – Whitfield, 5/26, 1 day unpaid

Jennifer Weyman, Grade 2 Teacher, Whitfield, 3/20/17 (1 working day)

Julie Zezenski, Special Ed. Teacher, Southern/West, 4/11/17 (1 working day)

5.4 Change of Status

Jessica Gable, from Substitute Teacher to LTS English Teacher – West MS, \$44,000/yr (pro-rated), effective 3/9/17-6/9/17 (replaces Natasha Palm while on maternity leave)

Leslie Livingston, from Van Driver to Special Education Autistic IA – High School, \$13.11/hr, 29.5 hours/week, effective 4/3/17 (replaces Melanie Meinhold who transferred)

Melanie Meinhold, from Special Education Autistic IA – High School, to ESL Aide – High School, \$12.27/hr, 29.5 hours/week, effective 3/27/17 (replaces Melpomene Schlagater who resigned)

Jennifer Weidner, Secretary – Whitfield, from \$13.89/hr to \$14.10/hr, effective 7/1/16 (moving to minimum pay grade for the position; due to June 2016 transfer into position was missed in that new salary range)

Nesrin Amawi, Monitorial Aide, Spring Ridge, 7 hours to 3.5 hours per week, no change in rate, eff. 4/4/17

Laurie Kiritsis, Greeter, High School to Security Guard, High School, \$12.11/hr., eff. 4/3/17 (replacing Fred Hill who ended service)

Samantha Simcox, B+24 to Masters, eff. 1/23/17 (due to credits earned)

Lindsay Swinehart, First Grade Assistant and Monitorial Aide, Green Valley to Learning Support Instructional Assistant, Green Valley, 29.5 hours per week, \$12.11 per hour, eff. 4/10/17 (replacing Melissa Yeager who is resigning)

5.5 Support Staff

Thomas Bortz, Substitute Van Driver, \$12.75/hr, effective 8/26/16

Johanna Francisco, Special Education Life Skills IA – Whitfield, \$13.11/hr, 29.5 hours/week, effective 3/20/17 (replaces Emily Bailey who resigned)

Tara Raymond, Hourly Teacher – Whitfield, \$19.22/hr, 17 hours/week, effective 3/20/17 (replaces Spencer Kelly who transferred)

Linda Reinhert, Monitorial Aide, Spring Ridge, 3.5 hours per week, \$9.87 per hour, eff. 4/4/17

5.6 Professional Hires

Courtney Marchut

Education

Bachelor's Degree, Elementary and Special Education, Shippensburg University, December 2016

Experience

Student Teacher – Autistic Support, Big Spring School District, Fall 2016

Degree, Credit Year, Salary

Bachelors, CY1, \$44,000/yr (pro-rated)

Assignment

Life Skills Teacher, Whitfield, LTS, effective 3/27/17 (replaces Alli Aquila who resigned)

5.7 Substitute Teacher – effective 4/4/17 unless otherwise noted

Jessica Gable, effective 3/7/17

Derek Rozwadowski,

5.8 Extracurricular

Jim Gehman – Assistant Track Coach, \$2,591 stipend

Nicole Pagan – CT Yearbook, \$300 stipend funded by CT donation revenue

Kimberly Schickram – CT Yearbook, \$300 stipend funded by CT donation revenue

Mary Bishop – CHICAGO Pit Orchestra, \$800 funded by the High School Student Activities Theater Club

Edward Luckey – CHICAGO Pit Orchestra, \$200 funded by the High School Student Activities Theater Club

Donnasue Thompson – CHICAGO Pit Orchestra, \$280 funded by the High School Student Activities Theater Club

Adam Smith, Baseball Clinic Coach, \$800.00

Josh Klostik, Volunteer Coach, HS Track

5.9 Winter Season Extended Season Pay as attached

A roll call vote was recorded as follows:

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

6.0 Consent Items **(No Vote)**

Roll Call

7.0 Human Resources (Motion Carried)

Dr. Chmielewski moved, seconded by Mr. Hart to approve Human Resource items #7.1 - #7.3 as follows:

7.1 Approved the Agreement & Release between the Wilson School District and Alli Aquila, effective 3/23/17.

7.2 Granted permission to name Lori Lillis as the Wilson School District representative to the Berks County School Districts Health Trust, effective 7/1/17.

7.3 Approved a stipend of \$850 for Frank Reese for additional gifted duties with the resignation of Christine Yoh

A roll call vote was recorded as follows:

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

8.0 Pupil Services (Motion Carried 6-2)

Dr. Chmielewski moved, seconded by Mr. Metzgar to approve Pupil Services item #8.1 as follows:

- 8.1 Ratified two** contracts with Capstone Academy, to provide ESY to two special education students at the rate of \$10,555.50 per child; including all related services costs, beginning 7/10/17 and ending 8/11/17.

A roll call vote was recorded as follows:

(Ayes 6): Messrs.; Chmielewski, Ehrlich, Hart, Metzgar, Nigrini, and Wolf

(Nays 2): Mr. Martin and Mrs. Reid

9.0 Technology & Media (Motion Carried)

Dr. Chmielewski moved, seconded by Mr. Martin to approve Technology & Media items #9.1 - #9.2 as follows:

- 9.1 Granted permission** to donate two obsolete laptops to the Tulpehocken Chapter of Trout Unlimited for data collection related to monitoring water chemistry of local creeks for educational presentations.
- 9.2 Granted permission** to enter into a 48-month lease with Edwards Business Machines for (2) Konica Minolta 558 and (2) Konica Minolta 642e MFP copiers for a total lease of \$6,232.08/year, an annual savings of \$4,951.92 over the expiring lease for these locations. Locations are Green Valley office, Cornwall Terrace faculty room, Upper and Lower House offices. These are replacements, not additional copiers.

A roll call vote was recorded as follows:

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

10.0 Operations (Motion Carried)

Mr. Wolf moved, seconded by Mr. Martin to approve Operations item #10.1 as follows:

- 10.1 Granted permission** to award the following contracts pending Solicitor review for the Berkshire Heights Project:

- Electrical – HB Frazer in the amount of \$4,970.00
- Plumbing – Vision Mechanical Inc. in the amount of \$148,277.00

Please note that the above costs for this project will be paid for by Wilson Child Care, with no cost to the general fund.

A roll call vote was recorded as follows:

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

11.0 Finance (No Items)

12.0 Curriculum and Staff Development (Motion Carried)

Dr. Chmielewski moved, second by Mr. Martin to approve Curriculum and Staff Development items #12.1 - #12.3 as follows:

- 12.1 Approved** to pay Joel Dries for Quarter 3 Virtual Driver's Education according to the terms of the MOU in the amount of \$2,400 (One section at \$1,000 base fee plus \$50 per student * 28 students).
- 12.2 Approved** the 2017 summer school brochures as attached.
- 12.3 Granted permission** to accept up to a total of \$7,500 from the Berks Trust Grant from Capital Blue Cross to be spent on Staff Wellness Initiatives for the district.

A roll call vote was recorded as follows:

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

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 (Motion Carried – Final Reading)

Mr. Metzgar moved, seconded by Mr. Wolf to approve item #17.1 - Policy #806

17.1 Policy #806 - Child Abuse

A roll call vote was recorded as follows:

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

18.0 Miscellaneous (No Items)

COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Berks Career and Technology Center Representative (Mr. Metzgar)

Next meeting is 4/26 at the West Campus. Some concern about HB 2381, more information is needed but could potentially have some schools move students to tech schools to avoid taking keystone assessments.

Berks County I.U. Board Representative (Mrs. Reid)

No report

Berks E.I.T. Representative (Mrs. Schlosman)

Met on 3/30. Received a clean audit report, next meeting is 6/29.

Curriculum Committee Chairman (Mrs. Reid)

No report

Extracurricular Committee Chairman (Mr. Wolf)

Spring sports are underway.

Facilities Committee Chairman (Mr. Nigrini)

Looking to have the water tested for lead content in our oldest building (Berkshire Heights). This is a proactive measure. The company doing the testing has a filter that can be applied should levels not meet federal standards.

Finance Committee Chairman (Mr. Ehrlich)

Met last week and began work on the budget. The committee is still in process of gathering information and looking at a variety of scenarios. This is still a working document and not a proposed budget. The preliminary/proposed budget will be presented in May, with the final budget being voted on in June.

Human Resources Committee Chairman (Mr. Hopp)

No report

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

No report

Public Relations Chairman (Mr. Hart)

Reminder Spring Break is Wednesday, April 12 through Monday, April 17. School will resume on Tuesday, April 18.

New Director of Public Information, Karen Troutman, will begin full-time on Tuesday, April 18.

PSSA Testing begins this week with the following testing windows:

- April 3 - 7 English Language Arts Grs. 3-8
- April 24 - 28 Math Grs. 3-8
- May 1- 5 Science Grs. 4 & 8
- May 8-12 Make-ups

The following Wilson students won 1st place awards at the General Federation of Women's club South East District competition on Saturday, March 18. These first place winners will now proceed to the State competition being held April 28 - 30.

Art - Maria Sasaran, Gr. 6 West MS

Photography - Noelle Long, Gr. 4 Green Valley
Molly Morales, Gr. 4 Shiloh Hills
Briana Schroll, Gr. 7 Southern MS
Anderson Deutschman (2 awards), Gr. 11 High School

Staff Appreciation week is May 3 - 7 with National Teacher Appreciation Day on Tuesday, May 4.

Education Foundation Report (Mr. Nigrini)

The Iron Chef Competition & Benefit Auction was held on Sunday, March 26, and was, once again, a great success with another sell-out crowd. Approximately 1,000-1,200 people attended. This year students demonstrated projects or skills learned through the Wilson Discovery and High School ISTEM program. Also new this year, the Grandview Gallery had a table to highlight the Gallery as well as the Arts at Wilson. Final figures are not yet available.

The Foundation also now has t-shirts available through the Foundation office for \$10 each as part of the effort to raise awareness about the Foundation.

Technology Chairman (Dr. Chmielewski)

The committee met this afternoon. Will be bringing to the board a proposal from Launch DM to redesign our website and branding of the Wilson Bulldog. Adding wireless access in our elementary buildings; as well as looking into the intercom system between the lower and upper house at the HS. Reviewed the tech lease between WSD and RACC.

Student Outreach (Emma O'Shea)

Solicitor (Mr. Miravich)

No report

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NON-AGENDA ITEMS

➤ none

There being no further business, Mr. Hopp moved, seconded by Mr. Hart to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Cheryl Raffauf, Board Secretary