

WEATHERLY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
School Board Regular Meeting – December 9, 2009

The Board of Directors of the Weatherly Area School District met in the Middle School LGI Room on Wednesday, December 9, 2009, for a Regular Meeting. President Joanne Dougherty presided. President J. Dougherty called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

President J. Dougherty led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ATTENDANCE:**        Directors present: J. Dougherty, G. Grega, C. Gerhart, G. Gerhard, W. Gerhard, T. Russell, E. Snyder, and J. Toft.  
Late Arrival:  
Directors absent: B. Urban (work related)  
Also present: M. Kew-Goodale, Board Secretary/Business Manager, F. Victor, Superintendent, S. Slavick, ES/MS Principal, T. McLaughlin, HS Principal, D. Herman, Maintenance Supervisor/Facilities Director, and D. Miscavige, Solicitor.  
Members of the staff and the public were also present.

Presentation by **Dominic Palermo** of his senior project to raise money for an electronic scoreboard for the baseball field.

There was Board discussion of the project including costs to the district, methods of fund raising, infrastructure requirements, length of time to raise funds, whether grants are available for this purpose, and electrical needs for the scoreboard.

There was a motion to endorse D. Palermo proceeding with the project by W. Gerhard and seconded by J. Toft. The endorsement was approved on roll call vote. Voting yes: J. Dougherty, G. Gerhard, W. Gerhard, C. Gerhart, G. Grega, T. Russell, E. Snyder, and J. Toft. Voting no: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Presentation by **Mr. James Shea** from Geisinger regarding Certified Athletic Trainers for the various athletic events at Weatherly Area School District.

There was Board discussion regarding insurance certificates, background clearances, PIAA requirements, cost per hour/event, and the method of payment. A Special Meeting is to be set for Wednesday, January 06, 2010 for General Purposes to appoint the certified athletic trainers. D. Miscavige is to work with S. Zoscin on the requirements for the trainers.

**STUDENT RECOGNITION:**

T. McLaughlin and S. Slavick read a list of the accomplishments and achievements for the November students of the month.

- Senior of the Month for November 2009 – **Shane Moran** (Present)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Student of the Month for November 2009 – **Breanna Balliet** (Present)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Student of the Month for November 2009 – **Catherine Maleski** (Not Present)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Student of the Month for November 2009 – **Cheyenne Wallish** (Not Present)

**MINUTES APPROVED:**

The minutes of the **November 11, 2009 Regular Meeting** were approved.

Motion to approve the minutes by C. Gerhart and seconded by G. Grega passed on roll call vote: Voting yes: G. Gerhard, W. Gerhard, C. Gerhart, G. Grega, T. Russell, E. Snyder, J. Toft, and J. Dougherty.

Voting no: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

**PUBLIC RECOGNITION:**

J. Dougherty welcomed the public.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Topic</u>
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J. Dougherty asked the Board Solicitor about discussion before or after a motion due to the fact that there was not a Caucus Meeting prior to this meeting. D. Miscavige stated that it was at the President's discretion.

J. Dougherty announced her intention to **resign as Treasurer to the Board** due to her appointment as Board President. On a motion by W. Gerhard, seconded by G. Grega, the resignation was accepted on roll call vote. Voting yes: W. Gerhard, C. Gerhart, G. Grega, T. Russell, E. Snyder, J. Toft, J. Dougherty, and G. Gerhard. Voting no: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

J. Toft nominated **C. Gerhart as Treasurer** to fill the balance of the current term (though June 30, 2010). G. Grega seconded the motion. C. Gerhart was appointed as Board Treasurer for the balance of the 2009-2010 year by roll call vote. Voting yes: G. Grega, T. Russell, E. Snyder, J. Toft, J. Dougherty, G. Gerhard, and W. Gerhard. Voting no: Abstain: C. Gerhart. 7 yes, 0 no, 1 absent, 1 abstention. The fee of \$500 will be prorated for the balance of the term.

### **PERSONNEL:**

Approved the resignation of **Wendisue Matyas**, MDS classroom aide, effective last day of employment December 18, 2009.

A substitute will fill the position until new personnel is hired.

On a motion by J. Toft, seconded by C. Gerhart, the resignation was accepted on roll call vote. Voting yes: G. Grega, T. Russell, E. Snyder, J. Toft, J. Dougherty, G. Gerhard, W. Gerhard, and C. Gerhart. Voting no: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Approved the appointment of the following **game workers** for 2009-10:

Cathy Grega  
Lauren Kelshaw  
Andrea Romig  
Kellye Zoscin

On a motion by C. Gerhart, seconded by G. Grega, the appointments were approved on roll call vote. Voting yes: T. Russell, E. Snyder, J. Toft, J. Dougherty, G. Gerhard, W. Gerhard, and C. Gerhart. Voting no: Abstain: G. Grega. 7 yes, 0 no, 1 absent, 1 abstention.

Approved the appointment of the following to be added to the **2009-2010 substitute list** (pending all necessary clearances):

**Gloria Rossi** Cafeteria Aide Substitute  
**Wendisue Matyas** Instructional Aide & Office Aide

On a motion by C. Gerhart, seconded by W. Gerhard, the appointments were approved on roll call vote. Voting yes: E. Snyder, J. Toft, J. Dougherty, G. Gerhard, W. Gerhard, C. Gerhart, G. Grega, and T. Russell. Voting no: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Approved a salary increase for **Jennifer Rockovich**, teacher, from Master's Degree (step13) to Master's Degree +15 (step 13). Salary increase from \$51,192.00 to \$52,309.00 per the WEA contract will become effective December 17, 2009 payroll.

Approved a salary increase for **John McGee**, teacher, from Master's Degree +15 (step 6) to Master's Degree +30 (step 6). Salary increase from \$40,973.00 to \$42,664.00 per the WEA contract will become effective December 17, 2009 payroll.

On a motion by W. Gerhard, seconded by G. Grega, the salary increases were approved on roll call vote. Voting yes: J. Toft, J. Dougherty, G. Gerhard, W. Gerhard, C. Gerhart, G. Grega, T. Russell, and E. Snyder. Voting no: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

There was a brief discussion regarding voice votes versus roll call votes. J. Dougherty said that she would review the requirements based on information from the School Code to be provided by D. Miscavige.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

F. Victor noted that he had provided a form regarding email accounts. The form should be completed and turned into his office.

Approved **Homebound Instruction** for a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade student.

On a motion by G. Grega, seconded by W. Gerhard, the instruction was approved on a voice vote.

Approved **Martha Kew-Goodale** as the **E-Rate approver** for the Weatherly Area School District. There was brief discussion about this requirement as relates to E-rate audits. On a motion by G. Gerhard, seconded by W. Gerhard, the appointment was approved on a voice vote.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

The **December 01, 2009 Treasurer’s Report** was approved as filed. Motion to approve the report by G. Grega and seconded by C. Gerhart passed on voice vote.

**FINANCIAL REPORT/ACTION (BUSINESS OFFICE) BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT**

M Kew-Goodale noted that there were forms to be completed by the Board member regarding the PSBA travel insurance. The forms are to be turned into the Business Office.

M. Kew-Goodale asked for Board guidance regarding a preliminary budget. If the Board intends to adopt the resolution not to exceed the index, a preliminary budget is not due at this time. The Board expressed their interest in adopting the resolution in January.

The Board discussed a scope of work proposed by **Edulog** to complete a **transportation study**. Without further details, the Board did not want to proceed.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

**Approved the Payment of Bills as presented including General Fund, Cafeteria, Student Activities/Athletic, and Capital Projects Fund bills:**

**General Fund**

November 2009 Manual Checks	\$519,450.23
Checks dated December 9, 2009	<u>349,253.64</u>
TOTAL	\$868,703.87

**Cafeteria Fund**

Checks dated December 9, 2009	\$ 25,050.01
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**Student Activities/Athletic Fund – Fund 29**

November 2009 Bills	\$ 24,672.95
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**CAPITAL PRJOECTS FUND – Fund 30**

Series A Bills – KNBT Acct.	
Series B Bills – PNC Acct. – December 9, 2009	\$ 1,500.00

Motion to approve the payment of bills by G. Grega and seconded by C. Gerhart passed on roll call vote: Voting yes: C. Gerhart, G. Grega, T. Russell, E. Snyder, J. Toft, J. Dougherty, and G. Gerhard. Voting no: Abstain: W. Gerhard. 7 yes, 0 no, 1 absent, 1 abstention.

There was a motion by G. Gerhard, seconded by G. Grega to approve the following use of facility.

**Weatherly Girls’ Softball** (contact: Lori Parker) use of high school facilities (gymnasium, restrooms, athletic equipment) Sunday (3:00 – 5:00 p.m.) Monday, Wednesday, and Friday as available.

The motion was approved on voice vote.

F. Victor noted R. McFadden’s report that was included in the Board packets. He thanked her and her staff for a fantastic job with the H1N1 vaccination program.

**REPORTS FROM BOARD COMMITTEES:**

J. Dougherty asked that the Board members get their requests to her as soon as possible. She will set committees by January 6, 2010,

**Athletic:** G. Grega (Chairperson) noted that exit interviews for fall sports are being scheduled. There are 5 applications for the volunteer softball coaching position.

**Transportation/Property:** G. Grega (Chairperson) requested that the administration provide a copy of suggested language changes for the transportation contracts.

**Curriculum/Technology:** F. Victor noted that the committee has to review the course of study and honor courses.

J. Toft noted that national common core standards are in development and are supposed to be available in early 2010. These standards may have an effect on our curriculum.

T. Russell left the meeting at 8:37 PM.

**Budget/Finance:** M. Kew-Goodale noted that she would have the resolution for the January meeting.

**REPRESENTATIVES:**

**CCTI: G. Grega** noted that the renovation project is moving ahead. The proposed 2010-2011 budget will be reviewed at the next CCTI meeting.

**CLIU #21: J. Toft** noted that the operating budget has been presented. PDE is stating that districts owe more money to the IU. Per R. Keegan, the IU will cover this. The PSERS cliff is going to affect the IU's costs. Interviews for the Executive Director position are starting in January. There are 19 applications.

**PSBA Liaison: G. Grega** thanked the Board for their support.

**TCC – G. Grega** noted that the next meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2010. Subcommittees are to meet between now and then. J. Toft noted that he had attended a webinar regarding the TCC and found it an eye opening experience.

J. Dougherty reviewed the board meeting dates and the calendar of events. J. Dougherty requested that a Board retreat be setup for an informal review of the board business and open discussions.

There will be an Executive Session immediately following this meeting for Personnel reasons.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion by W. Gerhard and seconded by E. Snyder, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Martha Kew-Goodale*  
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Board Secretary