

WEATHERLY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Board Regular Meeting – February 17, 2010

The Board of Directors of the Weatherly Area School District met in the Middle School LGI Room on Wednesday, February 17, 2010, for a Regular Meeting. Due to President J. Dougherty's laryngitis, Vice President Gerard Grega presided. Vice President G. Grega called the meeting to order at 9:17 PM.

Vice President G. Grega led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE: Directors present: J. Dougherty, G. Grega, T. Russell, J. Toft., and B. Urban (via phone)
Late Arrival:
Directors absent: C. Gerhart (no contact), G. Gerhart (work related), W. Gerhart (work related), E. Snyder (no contact)
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, and D. Miscavige, Solicitor.
Members of the staff and the public were also present.

STUDENT RECOGNITION:

Students were recognized at the schools due to the delayed Board meeting.

- Senior of the Month for January 2010 – **Erin Sarosky** (Not present)
- 6th Grade Student of the Month for January 2010 – **Heather Getten** (Not present)
- 7th Grade Student of the Month for January 2010 – **Gabriella Sacco** (Not present)
- 8th Grade Student of the Month for January 2010 – **Michael Grega** (Not present)

MINUTES APPROVED:

The minutes of the **January 6, 2010 Special Meeting** and **January 13, 2010 Regular Meeting** were approved.
Motion to approve the minutes by B. Urban and seconded by T. Russell passed on voice vote: 5 yes, 0 no, 4 absent.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION:

G. Grega welcomed the public.

PERSONNEL:

Approved the resignation of **Matthew Neil**, Asst. Baseball Coach, effective January 29, 2010.
Approved the resignation of **Scott Coll**, Cross Country Coach, effective January 13, 2010.
Motion to approve the resignations by J. Toft and seconded by B. Urban passed on voice vote: 5 yes, 0 no, 4 absent.

Approved the recommendation of **Joseph Guinta** and **Carl Andrews** (Geisinger) as Certified Athletic Trainers for athletic events (pending all necessary clearances and certification) at a rate of \$45.00/hr. for the 2009-2010 school year.

G. Grega noted that S. Zoscin, Athletic Director, feels this program is working out great. With the addition of more certified trainers, the program can expand to cover more home events. The expenses of this program are to be tracked to be reported back to the Board at the end of the year.

Motion to approve the recommendation by J. Toft and seconded by B. Urban passed on roll call vote:
Voting yes: G. Grega, T. Russell, J. Toft, B. Urban, and J. Dougherty. Voting no: 5 yes, 0 no, 4 absent.

Approved the appointment of **Tracy Smudin** for supervision of the weight room at a rate of \$20.00/hr. per Appendix A (Schedule of Wages and Salaries) of the WEA contract for the 2009-2010 school year.

Motion to approve the appointment by J. Toft and seconded by B. Urban passed on roll call vote: Voting yes: T. Russell, J. Toft, B. Urban, J. Dougherty, and G. Grega. Voting no: 5 yes, 0 no, 4 absent.

Approved the appointment of the following **volunteer coaches** for the 2009-2010 school year (pending all necessary clearances):

Chip Heister	Head Volunteer Junior High Softball Coach
Diane Polchin	Asst. Volunteer Junior High Softball Coach
Leann Miller	Asst. Volunteer Junior High Softball Coach

Approved the appointment of **Jim Dougherty** and **Lori Parker** as **volunteer assistants** to the **Junior High Softball Program** at the discretion of the Head Coach.

G. Grega noted that all candidates were interviewed and that all the positions are volunteer positions. All of the volunteers will need to get the required clearances. It was requested that this issue be brought before the Board at the March meeting for the District to cover the expense of the clearances for the volunteer coaches.

Motion to approve the appointments by J. Toft and seconded by B. Urban passed on roll call vote: Voting yes: J. Toft, B. Urban, J. Dougherty, G. Grega, and T. Russell. Voting no: 5 yes, 0 no, 4 absent.

Note: It was noted that J. Dougherty was voting for the volunteer assistants due to the completion of the quorum requirements. Since no money was involved in these appointments, no conflict exists.

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

Jennifer L. Bensinger	Social Studies Substitute Teacher
Jonathan Frantz	Elementary/Environmental Substitute Teacher
Cindi Powell-Schoepf	Substitute Teacher
Kenneth Sutton, Jr.	Elementary Education Substitute Teacher
Cindy M. Little	Cafeteria Aide Substitute

Motion to approve the appointments by T. Russell and seconded by B. Urban passed on roll call vote: Voting yes: J. Toft, B. Urban, J. Dougherty, G. Grega, and T. Russell. Voting no: 5 yes, 0 no, 4 absent.

Approved a salary increase for **Jodi Koziel**, elementary school teacher, from MS+30 (step 3) at \$42,043.00 to MS+45 (step 3) at \$43,097.00 effective February 11, 2010 payroll.

Motion to approve the salary increase by T. Russell and seconded by J. Toft passed on roll call vote: Voting yes: B. Urban, J. Dougherty, G. Grega, T. Russell, and J. Toft. Voting no: 5 yes, 0 no, 4 absent.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Approved the following use of facilities:

Weatherly Little League Association (contact: David Andreuzzi) use of high school facilities (gymnasium, batting cage) for winter practice for minor/major league players on Mondays & Wednesdays starting February 15, 2010 through March 31, 2010 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Weatherly Area High School Alumni Association (contact: Sarah Hamm) use of middle school facilities(LGI Room) for quarterly meetings on Thursday, March 18, 2010 and Thursday, October 21, 2010 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Lady Wreckers Volleyball (contact: Nicole Selert) use of high school facilities (gymnasium, locker room, athletic equipment) on Saturdays (when gym is available), Tuesdays or Thursdays (when available) for open gym-out of season conditioning beginning February 16, 2010 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Motion to approve the use of facilities by T. Russell and seconded by J. Toft passed on voice vote: 5 yes, 0 no, 4 absent.

Approved the **Senior Class Trip** to Ocean City, MD on May 16 – 18, 2010. (No cost to the WASD)

It was noted that district discipline rules should be applied to the students. The class has requested a deposit to be paid to indicate interest in the trip.

Motion to approve the class trip by T. Russell and seconded by J. Toft passed on voice vote: 5 yes, 0 no, 4 absent.

Approved renowned author **Ms. Sy Montgomery** to visit our school and conduct evening presentation and book signing. Title I funds will be used for this activity (\$3,000.00 fee and travel expense).

Motion to approve the author's visit by J. Toft and seconded by T. Russell passed on roll call vote: Voting yes: T. Russell, J. Toft, B. Urban, J. Dougherty, and G. Grega. Voting no: 5 yes, 0 no, 4 absent.

Approved the **Barry Isett Associates payment** of \$1,070.30 to the Hazleton Standard-Speaker as a result of the Muschlitz change order. This would have been a district expense.
Motion to approve the payment by T. Russell and seconded by J. Toft passed on roll call vote: Voting yes: J. Toft, B. Urban, J. Dougherty, G. Grega, and T. Russell. Voting no: 5 yes, 0 no, 4 absent.

Approved the bid recommendation of Barry Isett Associates to accept Spotts Brothers bid of \$127,300 on the elementary school air conditioning project.
There was Board discussion of a wet spot on the exterior wall of the gym, leaks near the music room, the condition of the roof that was put into place by Spotts Bothers over the summer, and the responsiveness of Spotts Brothers to repair calls.
Motion to approve the bid recommendation by J. Toft and seconded by T. Russell passed on roll call vote: Voting yes: B. Urban, J. Dougherty, G. Grega, T. Russell, and J. Toft. Voting no: 5 yes, 0 no, 4 absent.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

The **February 01, 2010 Treasurer’s Report** was approved as filed.
Motion to approve the report by B. Urban and seconded by J. Toft passed on voice vote: 5 yes, 0 no, 4 absent.

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

Approved the **Per Capita Exoneration Lists** for the **2009 Per Capita Taxes** (see attached).
Motion to approve the lists by B. Urban and seconded by J. Toft passed on voice vote: 5 yes, 0 no, 4 absent.

A motion to approve **JP Harris** for the collection of Earned Income Tax (EIT), delinquent Per Capita Taxes, Amusement Taxes, and Mechanical Device Tax for the 2010-2011 year at the current rates did not pass on roll call vote. The items will be brought to the March meetings.
Motion to approve the JP Harris by J. Toft and seconded by T. Russell failed to pass on a roll call vote: Voting yes: T. Russell, J. Toft, B. Urban, and J. Dougherty. Voting no: G. Grega. 4 yes, 1 no, 4 absent.

Approved the **PSBA PSERS Resolution** as presented without the final paragraph supporting the current legislation (see attached).
Motion to approve the resolution by J. Toft and seconded by T. Russell passed on voice vote: 5 yes, 0 no, 4 absent.

There was Board discussion regarding the **fuel oil and gasoline bids**. Currently there is only one bid from Farm & Home for fuel oil and gasoline. The fixed price for fuel oil is \$2.429/gallon as compared to the current fixed price of \$2.138/gallon. The other option is being part of the Pennsylvania Joint Purchasing Consortium for the fuel oil and gasoline purchase. The consortium requires a response by 03/09/10. The Board decided to hold a Special Meeting prior to the Caucus Meeting to discuss this issue and decide between the local bid and being part of the consortium.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Approved the Payment of Bills as presented including General Fund, Cafeteria, and Student Activities/Athletics Fund bills:

General Fund

January 2010 Manual Checks	\$501,258.95
Checks dated February 10, 2010	<u>221,262.79</u>
TOTAL	\$722,521.74

Cafeteria Fund

Checks dated February 10, 2010	\$ 21,690.45
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Student Activities/Athletic Fund – Fund 29

January 2010 Bills	\$ 19,431.82
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Capital Projects Fund – Fund 30

Series B PNC	\$ 26,197.33
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The Barry Isett Associate bills are included in the Series B PNC bills.
Motion to approve the payment of bills by J. Toft and seconded by T. Russell passed on roll call vote: Voting yes: J. Dougherty, G. Grega, T. Russell, J. Toft, and B. Urban. Voting no: 5 yes, 0 no, 4 absent.

REPORTS FROM BOARD COMMITTEES:

Policy/Personnel: J. Toft (Chairperson) moved the scheduled committee meeting to 02/23/10 instead of 02/24/10 at 6:30 PM. The policies under discussion are FMLA and Records Management.

Athletic: G. Grega (Chairperson) noted that the volunteer clearance item should be on the March agenda.

Transportation/Property: G. Grega (Chairperson) scheduled a meeting to follow the Policy/Personnel Committee meeting on 02/23/10.

Curriculum/Technology: J. Toft (Chairperson) noted that there was a meeting tonight prior to the Board meeting. The meeting included a technology tour including interactive whiteboards, wiki pages, smart music, video streaming, and more. Additionally, the committee has decided to recommend a new color copier lease and the Waterford Learning software to the Board at the March meetings. J. Toft noted that the core standards are moving forward and could be in place for September 2010.

Budget/Finance: A meeting was scheduled for 03/02/10 at 7 PM.

REPRESENTATIVES:

CCTI: G. Grega noted CCTI representatives will be at the March Caucus meeting to present the 2010-2011 CCTI budget. Additionally, the timeline for the renovation project is falling back into place, and there is a visit at CCTI on Friday at 10:35 AM.

CLIU # 21: J. Toft noted that an offer was being made to a new executive director.

PSBA Liaison: G. Grega noted that Speaker McCall has a conflict with the dates presented for the Spring Legislative Meeting. G. Grega also noted he requested new dates from the Speaker. Additionally, he noted that if the Speaker could not attend, perhaps the candidates for the legislative positions could come to the meeting.

TCC – G. Grega noted that there was a By-Laws Committee meeting tonight. East Penn podcasted the meeting. There is a 04/15/10 deadline for the TCC to have approved By-Laws. There will be a meeting in March to vote on the By-Laws. All the municipalities should attend, as this is a very important vote. There will be \$500,000 made available by the state to the TCCs to cover start up expenses, although only a small portion of that will go to the actual TCCs.

G. Grega reviewed the board meeting dates and the calendar of events.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by T. Russell and seconded by B. Urban, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 PM. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha Kew-Goodale
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Board Secretary