

WEATHERLY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Board Regular Meeting – January 13, 2010

The Board of Directors of the Weatherly Area School District met in the Middle School LGI Room on Wednesday, January 13, 2010, for a Regular Meeting. President Joanne Dougherty presided. President J. Dougherty called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

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

ATTENDANCE: Directors present: J. Dougherty, G. Grega, T. Russell, J. Toft., and B. Urban
Late Arrival:
Directors absent: C. Gerhart (no contact), G. Gerhard (work related), W. Gerhard (work related), E. Snyder (family matter)
Also present: M. Kew-Goodale, Board Secretary/Business Manager, F. Victor, Superintendent, S. Slavick, ES/MS Principal, T. McLaughlin, HS Principal, and D. Miscavige, Solicitor.
Members of the staff and the public were also present.

STUDENT RECOGNITION:

S. Slavick and T McLaughlin read a list of the students' accomplishments and achievements.
Senior of the Month for December 2009 – **Jenette Stadnik** (Present)
6th Grade Student of the Month for December 2009 – **Olivia Winheld** (Present)
7th Grade Student of the Month for December 2009 – **Catherine Strizak** (Not present)
8th Grade Student of the Month for December 2009 – **Andrew Oross** (Not present)

PRESENTATION:

Update by **Ms. Patty Baresse**, Nutrition Group, Regional Mgr.
J. Dougherty thanked the cafeteria staff and the Nutrition Group for the dinner for Board Recognition Month.

MINUTES APPROVED:

The minutes of the **December 9, 2009 Re-Organization Meeting** and **December 9, 2009 Regular Meeting** were approved.
Motion to approve the minutes 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.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION:

J. Dougherty welcomed the public.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Topic</u>
J. Ursta	228 Third St Weatherly	Attendance of Board Members

PERSONNEL:

Approved a FMLA (Family Medical Leave) for **Tiffany Chapin**, elementary teacher, to begin after utilizing all sick and personal days. Effective date of leave will be approximately January 19, 2010.
Motion to approve the FMLA by B. Urban and seconded by J. Toft 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 **Nicole Eroh**, LTS Special Education teacher, (replacement for Ms. Wagner) at a salary of \$36,587.00 (BS, step 1) to be prorated for time spent in position. Effective date December 10, 2009 to end of 2009-2010 school year.

Motion to approve the appointment by B. Urban 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 re-appointment of the following **coaches for the 2010-2011 school year:**

Michael Limberg	Golf Coach	\$2,037.74
Shannon Shughart	Girls' Soccer Coach	\$2,037.74
Nicole Selert	Girls' Volleyball Coach	\$2,037.74

Teresa Hartz	Asst. Girls' Basketball Coach	\$2,351.33
Tracy Smudin	Asst. Girls' Basketball Coach	\$2,351.33

Motion to approve the appointments by J. Toft and seconded by G. Grega 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 appointment of the following to be added to the **2009-2010 substitute list** (pending all necessary clearances):

Jo Lynn M. Gazo	Emergency Teacher Substitute
Ryan Heaney	Secondary - Citizenship
Frank A. Parano	Emergency Teacher Substitute (rec'd 1/7/10)
Cindy Provizzi	Cafeteria Aide Substitute (rec'd 1/12/10)

Motion to approve the appointments by T. Russell and seconded by B. Urban 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.

Approved a salary increase for **Tiffany Maylath**, middle school teacher, from MS+15 (step 8) at \$43,285.00 to MS+30 (step 8) at \$44,976.00 effective January 14, 2010 payroll.

Motion to approve the salary increase by B. Urban and seconded by J. Toft 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.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Approved the following use of facilities:

Weatherly Area PTA (contact: Lori Ursta) use of middle school facilities (cafeteria) for Hearts Dance decorating meetings on January 5, 6, 12, 14, 19, 20, 26, 27 and February 2, 3, 2010 from 4:15 – 6:30 p.m.

Senior Parents – Class of 2010 (contact: Donnell Stump) use of middle school facilities (library) on January 13, 2010 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. for All Night Party Planning mtg.

Weatherly Area PTA (contact: Donnell Stump) use of middle school facilities (cafeteria, MS LGI Room, concession stand, MS lobby) for Scholastic Book Fair Family Day on March 13, 2010 (snow date: March 20, 2010) from 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Book Fair to be set up on March 11th or 12th).

Weatherly Area PTA (contact: Donnell Stump) use of middle school facilities (gymnasium) on Monday, November 22, 2010 from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. for Sadecky Puppet Show.

Weatherly Hall of Fame Committee (contact: Scott Zoscin) use of middle school facilities (cafeteria kitchen) for the Hall of Fame Dinner on January 16, 2010 from 1:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Weatherly HS Drama Club (contact: Denise Stadnik & Bobbi Ann Kufro) use of middle school facilities (cafeteria, table & chairs, concession stand) on Saturday, February 13, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for a Prize Bingo fundraiser.

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

Approved **Muschlitz Excavating, Inc.** request regarding a Change Order in the amount of \$5,193.69 to furnish and install revised Storm Drain Pipe and Inlets.

There was Board discussion regarding recouping some of the additional costs from Barry Isett and Associates, whether the bill should be paid, the work was completed, approval of change orders, Board being kept advised of any change order situations and no change orders being approved without input from the Board and/or the Superintendent.

Motion to approve the change order by B. Urban and seconded by G. Grega 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 acceptance of \$3,025.68 to the WASD from the **Freese Family Charitable Trust** to develop reading and athletic programs.

F. Victor noted that he was sending a letter to the trust to thank them for their donation.

Motion to approve the Freese Trust contribution by B. Urban and seconded by G. Grega 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 **Homebound Instruction** for 1st grade student.

Motion to approve the homebound instruction by B. Urban 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.

Approved **Weatherly Area School District's participation in Race To the Top (RTTT)** a federal initiative from the US Department of Education.

F. Victor noted that Weatherly Area School District has submitted the paperwork to participate in the Race to the Top funding, a federal initiative. He thanked the Board and PSEA for their assistance in the process. The program will be a benefit to student achievement. It was noted that an initial was missing from page 3 and F. Victor stated that he would resolve it tomorrow. J. Toft requested that the administration stay on top of this program and G. Grega requested that the Board be kept fully aware of the program and any requirements placed upon the district. It was suggested that an oversight committee be formed if necessary.

Motion to approve participation in Race To The Top 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.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The **January 01, 2010 Treasurer's Report** was approved as filed.

Motion to approve the report by B. Urban and seconded by J. Toft 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.

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

Approved the **2010-2011 Budget Resolution** Pursuant to Section 311(d)(1) Special Session Act 1 of 2006 (see attached).

Motion to approve the resolution by B. Urban and seconded by J. Toft 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 **2010-2011 CLIU General Operating Budget**.

It was noted that the bulk of the administrative staff is spread throughout other areas of the budget that are not included in this operations budget.

Motion to approve the CLIU Operating Budget 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.

Rejected both bids for the **fuel oil and gasoline bids for 2010-2011** and re-advertisement of the same at the Board's pleasure.

It was noted that J. Dougherty has a potential conflict on this vote. Under normal circumstances, J. Dougherty would abstain. However, since there are only five Board members present, J. Dougherty will vote.

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

A motion to approve **JP Harris** for 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 failed to pass on roll call vote. Motion to approve JP Harris by J. Toft and seconded by T. Russell failed to pass on roll call vote: Voting yes: J. Dougherty, T. Russell, J. Toft, and B. Urban. Voting no: G. Grega. 4 yes, 1 no, 4 absent.

The Board directed the Business Manager to bring it to the February meeting for re-consideration.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

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

General Fund

December 2009 Manual Checks \$737,972.56
Checks dated January 13, 2010 230,228.05

Cafeteria Fund

Checks dated January 13, 2010 \$ 22,154.74

Student Activities/Athletic Fund – Fund 29

December 2009 Bills \$ 15,418.96

Motion to approve the payment of bills by B. Urban and seconded by T. Russell 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.

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND – Fund 30

SERIES B Bills – PNC Acct – January 13, 2010 \$ 5,956.31

Motion to withhold the payment of the capital projects fund bills by G. Grega and seconded by J. Toft 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.

F. Victor was directed to contact Barry Isett and Associates for further clarification of the change order, related cost increase, and the possible remedy for the District.

REPORTS FROM BOARD COMMITTEES:

Policy/Personnel: J. Toft (Chairperson) requested a meeting to discuss the FMLA and Records Management policies for February 3, 2010 at 6 PM.

Athletic: G. Grega (Chairperson) noted there was a meeting with the athletic trainers. J. Dougherty noted that the coaches appear to be more comfortable with the addition of the certified trainers.

Transportation/Property: G. Grega (Chairperson) requested that the administration provide a copy of suggested language changes for the transportation contracts be sent to all committee members. Additionally, the air conditioning project is out for bid and due in on February 8, 2010.

Curriculum/Technology: J. Toft (Chairperson) set a meeting on 02/17/10 for a technology walkthrough and discussion of open curriculum issues.

Budget/Finance: A meeting was set for 02/17/10 to follow the Curriculum Technology meeting.

REPRESENTATIVES:

CCTI: G. Grega noted that the Business Administrator sent out requested budget vs. actual number and he will share them with the Board.

PSBA Liaison: G. Grega noted that the Spring Legislative Meeting would be in March. G. Grega also noted that Speaker McCall would retire at the end of this year.

TCC – G. Grega noted that the next meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2010.

J. Dougherty reviewed the board meeting dates and the calendar of events.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by B. Urban and seconded by T. Russell, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha Kew-Goodale
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Board Secretary