

WEATHERLY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Board Special Meeting – July 15, 2009

The Board of Directors of the Weatherly Area School District met in the Middle School LGI Room on Wednesday, July 15, 2009, for a Regular Meeting. President Corey Gerhart presided. President C. Gerhart called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

President C. Gerhart led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

PUBLIC RECOGNITION:

C. Gerhart welcomed the public.

Approved the recommendation to appoint **Walter Kierys** to the Maintenance Supervisor/Facilities Director position at a salary of \$51,000 (prorated) plus benefits per the Act 93 Compensation Plan for School Administrators effective August 3, 2009.

G. Grega thanked J. Dougherty and F. Victor for their efforts, the confidentiality of the process, and the success of the process.

Motion to approve the appointment by G. Grega and seconded by J. Dougherty passed unanimously 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.

Approved to **abolish a full-time high school secretary position** at the Weatherly Area High School.

Motion to approve the abolishment by J. Toft and seconded by E. Snyder passed unanimously 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.

Approved a **part-time secretarial position** (10-month employee, 5 hrs/day) per the WAESPA contract and **job description** for that position at the Weatherly Area High School.

F. Victor handed out a spreadsheet showing the savings from adjusting various aide and teaching positions.

Motion to approve the position by E. Snyder and seconded by G. Gerhard passed unanimously 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.

Contact was lost with W. Gerhard at 7:42. All votes will reflect two board members absent from this point.

Update on **MDS Class**.

F. Victor handed out a spreadsheet regarding the MDS class. Board discussion included questions regarding the reduction in the amount WASD could bill out for the out of district students. F. Victor stated that the rates were based on the WASD secondary tuition rate multiples by an index. The index was based on guidance F. Victor received from the CLIU21 and Hazleton Area School District. The class curriculum would be based on the curriculum currently in use at the Middle School MDS classroom. The two other districts have notified F. Victor that they would use the WASD MDS classroom whether it was managed by CLIU or WASD. The Board offered their consensus to proceed with the WASD MDS classroom.

Approved the following personnel for the **summer reading remediation program** for the week of August 3 – 7, 2009 to be paid through the Freese Foundation contribution to the Weatherly Area School District:

Barbara Sipler	\$20.00/hr.
Julia Watkins	9.15/hr.
Debra Spaide	9.15/hr.
Judith Kunkle	10.07/hr.

There was Board discussion regarding the class schedule (July 27 setup meeting, August 3-7 9 – 11:30 AM), the material to be covered including Title I reading readiness, students moved out of Title I (approximately 8 students in 2008-2009), response towards program (parents very happy with offer for remediation).

Motion to approve the program by T. Russell and seconded by J. Toft passed unanimously on roll call vote: Voting yes: C. Gerhart, G. Grega, T. Russell, E. Snyder, J. Toft, J. Dougherty, and G. Gerhard. Voting no: 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Approved the appointment of J. Dougherty as the **2nd voting delegate to the PSBA 2009 Legislative Policy Council.**

Motion to approve the appointment by J. Toft and seconded by T. Russell passed unanimously on roll call vote: Voting yes: G. Grega, T. Russell, E. Snyder, J. Toft, J. Dougherty, G. Gerhard, and C. Gerhart. Voting no: 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

G. Grega asked the Board to consider having F. Victor to oversee action on the athletic fields. People are willing to donate work and materials to accomplish the field upgrades. Board discussion included the cost of fencing (approximately \$8,700), establishing a not to exceed amount, use of local contractor for dugout, drainage, donated volunteer work, use of stimulus money, creation of a realistic plan, getting quotes/bids, solicitation of donations, and softball field is the priority.

Approved proceeding with **softball /little league field upgrades** not to exceed \$50,000 based on receiving appropriate bids and quotes.

Motion to approve the upgrades by J. Toft and seconded by G. Gerhard passed unanimously on roll call vote: Voting yes: T. Russell, E. Snyder, J. Toft, J. Dougherty, G. Gerhard, C. Gerhart, and G. Grega,. Voting no: 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

F. Victor provided the Board with an update on the roof project. He noted that R. Miller was doing a fantastic job. Additionally, he noted that no replacement of roof structure had been required to that point. Carlisle will come and complete a final inspection when all work is complete.

F. Victor noted that the old cookers were removed and the new cookers have been installed. A training session was being scheduled.

F. Victor noted that a stop sign had been erected in the back lot as you exit the gate unto 8th St.

C. Gerhard noted that there would be a brief Executive Session following this meeting for litigation reasons

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by E. Snyder and seconded by T. Russell, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha Kew-Goodale
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Board Secretary