

WEATHERLY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
School Board Regular Meeting – May 12, 2010

The Board of Directors of the Weatherly Area School District met in the Middle School LGI Room on Wednesday, May 12, 2010, for a Regular Meeting. President Joanne Dougherty presided. President J. Dougherty called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

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

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

**PRESENTATION:**  
Lee Getz and the Carbon County Chapter of **PASR (Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees)** presented the **Lauretta Woodson Award to Katie Leach** (Instructor) and **Richard Miller** (Support) for outstanding service to the district.

**STUDENT RECOGNITION:**  
T McLaughlin read a list of the students' accomplishments and achievements.  
Senior of the Month for April 2010 – **Caitlin Lesko** (Present)  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade Student of the Month for April 2010 – **Gabraella Witter**(Present)  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade Student of the Month for April 2010 – **Kenneth Eroh** (Not Present)  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Student of the Month for April 2010 – **Jeffrey Ache** (Not Present)

**MINUTES APPROVED:**  
The minutes of the **April 14, 2010 Regular Meeting** were approved.  
Motion to approve the minutes by E. Snyder and seconded by G. Grega passed on voice vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

**PUBLIC RECOGNITION:**  
J. Dougherty welcomed the public.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Topic</u>
D. Stump	1007 A North St Weatherly	Wrecker Power Walk sponsored by the PTA

**PERSONNEL:**  
Approved the retirement of **Linda C. Wagner**, Special Education teacher, effective June 11, 2010.  
The Board expressed their gratitude for Ms. Wagner's years of service to the district.  
Motion to approve the retirement by T. Russell and seconded by J. Toft passed on voice vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Approved the appointment of **Matthew Caccese** as a computer technician for the summer months of June through August 2010 (not to exceed 300 hours) at a rate of \$7.50/hr.  
Motion to approve the appointment by E. Snyder and seconded by T. Russell passed on roll call vote:  
Voting yes: G. Grega, T. Russell, E. Snyder, J. Toft, J Dougherty, and W. Gerhard. Voting no: 6 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Approved the appointment of **Suzanne Rentschler**, MDS teacher, to the position of **MDS teacher for the Summer ESY program** held at the WAHS. Ms. Rentschler will receive \$20.00/hr. per the WEA contract. This program will be funded by IDEA funds.

Motion to approve the appointment by J. Toft and seconded by T. Russell passed on roll call vote: Voting yes: T. Russell, E. Snyder, J. Toft, J Dougherty, W. Gerhard, and G. Grega. Voting no: 6 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Approved the appointment of **Marion Miller**, instructional aide, to the position of **Instructional Assistant for the Summer ESY program** held at the WAHS. Mrs. Miller will receive \$10.87/hr. per the WAESPA contract.

Motion to approve the appointment by T. Russell and seconded by J. Toft passed on roll call vote: Voting yes: E. Snyder, J. Toft, J Dougherty, W. Gerhard, G. Grega, and T. Russell. Voting no: 6 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

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

<b>Paul DiGennaro</b>	Secondary Education/English Substitute Teacher
<b>Ryan Horensky</b>	Business Computer Info Tech K-12 Substitute Teacher
<b>Keri Kardisco</b>	Elementary Education K-6 Substitute Teacher
<b>Lisa Manjone</b>	Secondary Education/Social Studies Substitute Teacher

Motion to approve the appointments by J. Toft and seconded by T. Russell passed on voice vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Approved a salary increase for **Mary Lou Cerullo**, middle school teacher from MS (step 9) at \$43,973.00 to MS+15 (step 9) at \$45,090.00 effective May 20, 2010 payroll.

Approved a salary increase for **Michael Ziegler**, middle/high school teacher from MS+30 (step 20) at \$66,635.00 (+500.00 longevity) = \$67,135.00 to MS+45 (step 20) at \$67,688.00 (+500 longevity) = \$68,188.00 effective May 20, 2010 payroll.

Motion to approve the salary increases by J. Toft and seconded by T. Russell passed on roll call vote: Voting yes: J Dougherty, W. Gerhard, G. Grega, T. Russell, E. Snyder, and J. Toft. Voting no: 6 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Approved the following use of facilities (Any school activities receive precedence over outside activities. It is the responsibility of the organization using the facilities to leave facilities in good, clean condition):

**Weatherly Basketball Summer League 2010** (contact: Paul M. Miller) use of high school facilities (gymnasium) for summer league basketball from June 3<sup>rd</sup> through August 7, 2010 from 5:30 – 10:00 p.m. (to be used only if inclement weather).

**Weatherly Sr. Parents Group** (contact: Donnell Stump) use of middle school facilities (library) for an "All Night" planning meetings on Thursdays May 6<sup>th</sup>, May 13<sup>th</sup>, May 20<sup>th</sup>, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

**Boys Basketball** (contact: Ronald Cann) use of middle and high school facilities (gymnasium, locker room) for basketball camp and conditioning from June through September 2010 on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. and June 14 – 18, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Summer Youth Soccer League** (contact: Connie Derr) use of high school facilities (athletic field & equipment) on Mondays and Wednesdays from May 26 – July 30, 2010 from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. for Soccer Camp Senior Project [Brandon Hinkle and Christian Ormiston]. (Rec'd 5/6/10)

Motion to approve the use of facilities by J. Toft and seconded by E. Snyder passed on voice vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Approved the **2nd Reading** of the following Policies:

<b>Policy #103.1</b>	Nondiscrimination – Qualified Students with Disabilities
<b>Policy #718</b>	Service Animals in Schools

Motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading by J. Toft and seconded by T. Russell passed on voice vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Approved the **2010-2011 Agreement for Services between PA Treatment & Healing (PATH) and the Weatherly Area School District** (See attached).

Motion to approve the agreement by T. Russell and seconded by G. Grega passed on roll call vote: Voting yes: T. Russell, E. Snyder, J. Toft, J Dougherty, W. Gerhard, and G. Grega. Voting no: 6 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Approved the **Memorandum of Understanding** between the Weatherly Education Association and the Weatherly Area School District regarding the reimbursement for credits (See attached).

Motion to approve the MOU by T. Russell and seconded by J. Toft passed on roll call vote: Voting yes: E. Snyder, J. Toft, J Dougherty, W. Gerhard, and T. Russell. Voting no: G. Grega. 5 yes, 1 no, 3 absent.

Approved the **Memorandum of Understanding** between the Weatherly Education Association and the Weatherly Area School District regarding an adjustment in salary for the boys' and girls' soccer coaches, the establishment of assistant coaches for each sport and the elimination of the assistant football and Jr. high soccer coaching positions (See attached).

G. Grega explained that two positions were eliminated (Assistant football coach and jr high soccer) from the current WEA Collective Bargaining Agreement. The stipends from those positions would be used to increase the varsity boys' and girls' soccer coach positions and the balance of the stipends would be used to create two assistant soccer coach positions. No new money is being added to the agreement to create these positions.

Motion to approve the MOU by T. Russell and seconded by G. Grega passed on roll call vote: Voting yes: J. Toft, J Dougherty, W. Gerhard, G. Grega, T. Russell, and E. Snyder. Voting no: 6 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Approved the appointment of **Martha Kew-Goodale** as Secretary of the Board for a 4-year term.

Motion to approve the appointment by T. Russell and seconded by E. Snyder passed on voice vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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

Motion to approve the report by E. Snyder and seconded by J. Toft passed on voice vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

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

Approved the approval of the **2010-2011 Proposed Final Budget** at \$11,097,973 with a 0 MIL increase in real estate taxes, all other taxes remaining the same (See attached).

The Board commended the administration and the Board members who participated in the budget process for their hard work. The Board further stated that it was hard work but the district is able to present a budget with no tax increase and maintain all programs and services. This was not an easy undertaking. It was also noted that this budget is the third year in a row at the current real estate tax rate of 39.96 MIL.

Motion to approve the proposed final budget by J. Toft and seconded by E. Snyder passed on roll call vote: Voting yes: G. Grega, T. Russell, E. Snyder, J. Toft, J Dougherty, and W. Gerhard. Voting no: 6 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Approved the **reduction of 2006 property taxes** on tax parcel #45-20-A9 from \$752.96 (face value) to \$242.35 (face value). Penalty on the parcel at the adjusted amount would be \$24.24.

The property was destroyed by fire.

Motion to approve the reduction by T. Russell and seconded by J. Toft passed on voice vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Approved the appointment of Thomas Russell as **Treasurer for the 2010-2011** school year as per section 404 of the school code of 1949.

G. Grega asked is anyone had heard from C. Gerhart as to whether he continued to be interested in the position. J. Dougherty stated she had heard nothing from Mr. Gerhart.

T. Russell noted that he would take the \$500/year stipend and match it with his own \$500 donation to create an annual scholarship for a student to attend LCCC.

Motion to approve the treasurer by J. Toft and seconded by E. Snyder passed on roll call vote: Voting yes: E. Snyder, J. Toft, J Dougherty, W. Gerhard, and G. Grega. Voting no: Abstain: T. Russell. 5 yes, 0 no, 3 absent, 1 abstention.

Approved the following banks as **school district depositories for the 2010-2011 fiscal year** as per section 6-621 of the School Codes of 1949: KNBT, National Penn, Mauch Chunk Trust Company, Bank of America, PLGIT, PNC Bank, PA INVEST, PSDLAF, and Citizens Bank.

Motion to approve the depositories by T. Russell and seconded by G. Grega passed on voice vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Approved the services of **Jones & Company** to perform an annual audit of the district's tax collectors' final accounts and records for the year 2009 at the rate not to exceed **\$900.00** per tax collector. (\$900/tax collector x 6 tax collectors = **\$5,400.00**)

Approved the services of **Jones & Company** to perform an annual audit of the Weatherly Area School District final records for the 2009-2010 school year at the rate not to exceed **\$13,500.00** which includes the GASB 34 requirements plus an additional amount not to exceed **\$2,500.00** to complete the Single Audit.

Motion to approve Jones & Company by T. Russell and seconded by G. Grega passed on roll call vote: Voting yes: J Dougherty, W. Gerhard, G. Grega, T. Russell, E. Snyder, and J. Toft. Voting no: 6 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Approve the appointment of **Daniel A. Miscavige, Esq. as School District Board Solicitor** for the 2010-2011 fiscal year at the annual retainer of **\$13,000.00** and an hourly fee of **\$100.00**.

Motion to approve Daniel Miscavige by E. Snyder and seconded by G. Grega passed on roll call vote: Voting yes: W. Gerhard, G. Grega, T. Russell, E. Snyder, J. Toft, and J Dougherty. Voting no: 6 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Approved placing the **fitness center equipment** out for bid/state contract pricing.

G. Grega explained that this was in regards to revising the weight room and creating a fitness center in the Middle School including weights and aerobic equipment. In addition to being in use by the various district students involved in athletics, Special Needs students will also use the facilities. The funds for the center will come out of the 2009-2010 budget. In the future, it is hoped that the center would be opened to the public for a small fee.

Motion to approve seeking bids/state pricing by G. Grega and seconded by T. Russell passed on voice vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Approved the **renewal of AG Administrators** to provide voluntary student accident insurance for the 2010-2011 school year.

Motion to approve AG Administrators renewal by J. Toft and seconded by G. Grega passed on voice vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Approved **Budget Renovations and Roofing** to complete Area 1, Area 2 and Area 3 with Fleece Back 145 (30 yr.) roof materials @ a cost of \$960,840 including the recycling fess with wood blocking @ \$1.00/LF, metal deck @ \$4.00/SF and LWIC @ \$7.00/SF pending contract completion.

Budget Renovations and Roofing was the lowest combined bidder of all three projects. F. Pelegrino from Carlisle Roofing recommended the company. It was noted that the price of the three projects was almost equal to the projected price of one of the projects.

Motion to approve Budget Renovations and Roofing by T. Russell and seconded by E. Snyder passed on roll call vote: Voting yes: E. Snyder, J. Toft, J Dougherty, W. Gerhard, G. Grega, and T. Russell. Voting no: 6 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

There was Board discussion regarding the quantity of fuel oil to be purchased through the **PA Joint Purchasing Council bid award**. A motion was made to approve the **PA Joint Purchasing Council bid award** for Item #4 - #2 Fuel Oil –Firm Tank Wagon (30,000 gallons) and Item #15 - 87 Octane Unleaded – Fluctuating (2,500 gallons) for the 2010-2011 year by E. Snyder and seconded by T. Russell. The motion failed to carry on a voice vote. Voting yes: J. Dougherty, W. Gerhard, T. Russell, and E. Snyder. Voting No: J. Toft and G. Grega. 4 Yes, 2 No, 3 Absent.

Approved the **PA Joint Purchasing Council bid award** for Item #4 - #2 Fuel Oil –Firm Tank Wagon (40,000 gallons) and Item #15 - 87 Octane Unleaded – Fluctuating (2,500 gallons) for the 2010-2011 year. Motion to approve PA Joint Purchasing Council bid award by G. Grega and seconded by T. Russell passed on roll call vote: Voting yes: J Dougherty, W. Gerhard, G. Grega, T. Russell, E. Snyder, and J. Toft. Voting no: 6 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

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

**General Fund**

April 2010 Manual Checks	\$509,929.55
Checks dated May 12, 2010	161,302.29
Checks dated May 12, 2010 (Dual Enrollment Reimbursement)	<u>3,880.25</u>
TOTAL	\$675,112.09

**Cafeteria Fund**

Additional April – April 15, 2010	\$ 100.00
Checks dated May 12, 2010	\$ 27,793.00

**Student Activities/Athletic Fund – Fund 29**

April 2010 Bills	\$ 7,747.28
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**Capital Projects Fund – Fund 30**

Series B Bills – PNC Account – May 12, 2010	\$ 1,049.40
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Motion to approve the payment of bills by J. Toft and seconded by T. Russell passed on roll call vote: Voting yes: W. Gerhard, G. Grega, T. Russell, E. Snyder, J. Toft, and J Dougherty. Voting no: 6 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

**REPORTS FROM BOARD COMMITTEES:**

**Personnel/Policy:** J. Toft (Chairperson) noted that there was a meeting tonight where policy # 006 was discussed. Another meeting is scheduled for June 2<sup>nd</sup> to continue to discuss several policy revisions.

**Athletic:** G. Grega (Chairperson) noted that the cheerleading, cross county, and assistant soccer coach positions will be advertised.

**Transportation/Property:** G. Grega (Chairperson) noted that the transportation contracts are ending at the end of the school year. The committee will meet on May 17<sup>th</sup> to meet with the contractors representatives to discuss the revised contract proposal and request vendor proposals.

**Curriculum/Technology:** J. Toft scheduled a meeting for 05/24/10 at 6 PM to discuss High School mathematics and the senior project.

**CCTI:** G. Grega noted that the meeting was next Thursday and that graduation would be held the night of the next scheduled Regular meeting (06/09/10).

**PSBA:** G. Grega noted that the Spring Legislative Forum would be held in the cafeteria at 7 PM. John J. Wieczorek, Bruce A. Nalesnik, and Todd D. Koller were scheduled to attend. A PSBA representative would be there to host the session.

**TCC:** G. Grega noted that the RFP is due May 28h and that there was a mandatory pre-bid meeting next Wednesday at 7:30 PM

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

F. Victor noted the following:

The dedication of the new scoreboard was scheduled for 6:30 PM.

The pine trees between the ball fields were cut down and grass would be planted.

G. Grega asked that F. Victor and D. Herman contact G. Pavlick and Muschlitz to discuss the washout area for the new ball field.

W. Gerhard left at the start of the executive session.

There was an executive session for possible purchase of real estate from 8:30PM to 8:55 PM

Approved Daniel Miscavige to proceed with an offer of \$90,000 to the Estate of Paul Schickram for the purchase of the property at 564 Sixth St Weatherly, PA subject to review and execution of an agreement of sale.

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

A Board Retreat was scheduled for June 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 PM. Dinner would be served.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion by J. Toft and seconded by T. Russell, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Martha Kew-Goodale*

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Board Secretary