

WEATHERLY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Board Regular Meeting – October 21, 2009

The Board of Directors of the Weatherly Area School District met in the Middle School LGI Room on Wednesday, October 21, 2009, for a Regular Meeting. Vice President Gerard Grega presided. Vice President G. Grega called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

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

ATTENDANCE: Directors present: G. Grega, J. Dougherty, B. Barbush-Urban, (via phone), T. Russell, and J. Toft.
Late Arrival:
Directors absent: C. Gerhart (no contact) G. Gerhard (meeting conflict), W. Gerhard (no contact), and E. Snyder (illness).
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:

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

- Senior of the Month for September 2009 – **Nicole Caccese** (present)
- 6th Grade Student of the Month for September 2009 – **Joshua Naegele** (present)
- 7th Grade Student of the Month for September 2009 – **Colleen Popko** (present)
- 8th Grade Student of the Month for September 2009 – **Joshua Reiner** (present)

MINUTES APPROVED:

The minutes of the **September 9, 2009 Regular Meeting** were approved.
Motion to approve the minutes by B. Urban and seconded by J. Toft passed on voice vote: 5 yes, 0 no, 4 absent.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION:

G. Grega welcomed the public.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Topic</u>
M. Titus	11 Eurana Ave Weatherly	2009 Yearbook

PERSONNEL:

Approved the appointment of **Bonita Borawski** (change of status from substitute to part-time employee) as a part-time cafeteria aide (4-3/4 hrs./day, 10 months) at a salary of \$7.65/hr. effective October 22, 2009.

Motion to approve the change of status by B. Urban and seconded by J. Toft passed unanimously 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.

Approved the appointment of **Daniel Herman** as **Maintenance Supervisor/Facilities Director** (pending clearances) at a salary of \$53,000.00 (prorated) and benefits per the Act 93 Compensation Plan for School Administrators effective date of employment November 9, 2009.

Motion to approve the appointment by B. Urban and seconded by T. Russell passed unanimously 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.

D. Herman was present at the meeting. The Board offered their welcome and wished him the best during his time at Weatherly Area School District.

Approved the appointment of **Brian Kaminski** as weight room supervisor for the 2009-10 school year at a salary of \$20.00/hr. per the WEA contract.

Approved the appointment of **Craig Reiner** as an Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach for the 2009-2010 season at a salary of \$2,282.84 per the WEA contract (pending clearances).

Approved the appointment of **Steve Fiore** as a volunteer Asst. Boys' Basketball coach for 2009-2010 season.

Approved the appointment of **Ronald Duser** as a volunteer Asst. Girls' Basketball coach for 2009-2010 season.

There was Board discussion regarding the number of hours for the weight room and F. Victor pointed out that the money was from the Freese Foundation grant. Additional Board discussion was regarding the basketball appointments. The Athletic Committee held interviews the previous evening and C. Reiner was the selected candidate based on the recommendations of R. Cann and S. Zoscin. C. Reiner was present at the meeting and the Board wished him the best in the upcoming season.

Motion to approve the appointment by B. Urban and seconded by T. Russell passed unanimously 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 **Michael Miller** and **Ian Hearn** as volunteer Asst. Boys' Basketball coaches for 2009-2010 season pending the receipt of all clearances.

G. Grega presented the agenda item for Board consideration based on the request of R. Cann. These positions are volunteer positions and will not be paid positions. R. Cann is going to oversee these positions.

Motion to approve the appointments by J. Toft and seconded by T. Russell passed on voice vote: 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):

Heather Koble	Emergency Substitute – All Subject Areas
Cori Urban-Thompson	Elementary Education Substitute
Vanessa Yoder	Elementary Education/Special Education Substitute
Margaret Burczy	Cafeteria Aide Substitute
Cheryl Penning	Cafeteria Aide Substitute

Motion to approve the appointment by B. Urban and seconded by T. Russell passed unanimously 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 **Melissa Cabe**, teacher, from Master's Degree (step 9) to Master's Degree +15 (step 9). Salary increase from \$43,973.00 to \$45,090.00 per the WEA contract will become effective October 22, 2009 payroll.

Motion to approve the salary increase by B. Urban and seconded by T. Russell passed unanimously 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 Youth Basketball League (contact: Wayne Wagner) use of high school facilities (gymnasium, restrooms, athletic equipment) from November 2009 through March 2010 Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. (League competition) and Saturdays 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. (practices, make-up days).

Drama Club (contact: Denise Stadnik & Bobbi Ann Kufro) use of high school facilities (gymnasium, stage, tables and chairs) on May 7th & 8th, 2010 from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. for Performance of Spring Play.

WAHS Class of 2010 – (contact: Lori Clabia) use of middle school facilities (gymnasium, locker room, tables and chairs) on November 7, 2009 from 2:00 – 10:00 p.m. for Annual Senior Students vs. Parents and Faculty Basketball Games Fundraiser.

WASD – (contact: Rebekah McFadden) use of school facilities as vaccine administration site for distribution of H1N1 (Swine Flu) vaccine.

Adult Basketball (contact: Gary Gerhard) use of high school facilities (gymnasium, rest rooms) from November 1, 2009 through March 28, 2010 on Sundays nights from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. for recreational basketball (request, waiver and release received 10-9-09).

Weatherly Area Educational Support Professionals (contact: Julia Watkins) use of elementary school facilities (staff lounge) on November 9, 2009 from 8:30 – 10:00 p.m. for general membership meeting (received 10/19/09).

There was Board discussion regarding the administration of the H1N1 vaccine including consent forms, school district pre-registration with the state, administration would be outside normal school hours either at night or on weekends, the information packet R. McFadden, School Nurse, had provided, and whether vaccination could be expanded to children of the district not yet in school.

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

F. Victor presented information regarding Project Alert, a parent notification system. He noted that WASD is the only district in Carbon County without an emergency notification system and the Carbon County EMA is urging the District to get one. There was Board discussion including integration into the 911 system, information that would be shared with the parents through the system, staffs ability to perform this function, cost of the system, and use of TV and radio to communicate issues.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The **October 01, 2009 Treasurer's Report** was approved as filed.

Motion to approve the report by B. Urban and seconded by T. Russell passed on voice vote. 5 yes, 0 no, 4 absent.

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

Awarded the bid for **snow removal** for the 2009-2010 school year to Kislans Trucking at a rate of \$70/hour for Pick-up truck with plow, \$70/hour for backhoe, and \$70/hour for Tri-axle for snow removal. There was Board discussion regarding the lack of additional bids and the lack of response from the previous vendor.

Motion to approve the bid award by J. Toft and seconded by T. Russell passed unanimously 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 Bio-Haz Solutions, Inc. Service Agreement.

This is for "red bag" waste and is required.

Motion to approve the agreement by J. Toft and seconded by B. Urban passed unanimously 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 **Berkheimer Outsourcing** for processing and sending the required Act 1 of 2006 **Homestead/Farmstead application** at a rate of \$.278 plus postage per application.

There was discussion regarding alternate vendors to perform this service. The Business Office will check for alternates for the 2010 notifications. It was also noted that this is the third year and the county could require all homestead/farmstead eligible properties to re-file. Carbon County currently does not plan on this but they could require that in the future.

There was a motion by T. Russell, seconded by G. Grega that did not pass on voice vote. Voting yes: J. Dougherty, G. Grega, T. Russell, and J. Toft. Voting No: B. Urban. 4 yes, 1 no, 4 absent.

Motion to approve Berkheimer by T. Russell and seconded by J. Toft passed unanimously 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 a motion to modify **addendum** dated August 12, 2009 for transportation services provided by **Evancho, Transportation** reflecting a \$25.00 reduction adjustment per day effective October 13, 2009 (see attached).

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

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

General Fund

September 2009 Manual Checks	\$1,209,920.46
Checks dated October 21, 2009	<u>280,357.22</u>
TOTAL	\$1,490,277.68

Cafeteria Fund

Checks dated October 21, 2009 \$ 31,203.15

Student Activities/Athletic Fund – Fund 29

September 2009 Bills \$ 6,719.36

Capital Projects Fund – Fund 30

Checks dated October 21, 2009 \$ 3,700.00

Motion to approve the payment of bills by B. Urban and seconded by G. Grega passed unanimously 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.

REPORTS FROM BOARD COMMITTEES:

Personnel/Policy: Joanne N. Dougherty (Chairperson) welcomed D. Herman and thanked the committee and F. Victor for their dedication.

Athletic: Gerard E. Grega (Chairperson) congratulated C. Reiner. G. Grega also scheduled an athletic committee meeting to discuss some items from the Athletic Director. It was also noted that the Athletic Fields were out for bid and were being advertised in the weekend newspaper. The bids can be separated and some portion of a bid, all of a bid, or none of the bids can be approved.

Trans./Property: Gerard E. Grega (Chairperson) noted that there was a memo from Barry Isett regarding the air conditioning project. There was discussion regarding whether to place the air conditioners on the roof or the ground.

Approved a motion to continue with the engineering study for **air conditioning units** in eight classrooms with unit **placement on the roof**.

Motion to approve the roof placement by B. Urban and seconded by J. Toft passed unanimously 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.

Curriculum/Technology: Thomas D. Russell (chairperson) discussed setting up a meeting to tour the facilities to view the technology additions to the district. It was also noted that there is a problem with heat build up in the server closet in the High School.

Budget/Finance: A Budget/Finance meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, 11/17/09 at 7 PM.

REPRESENTATIVES:

CCTI: G. Grega noted the Superintendent of Record issue was on-going with the possibility of contacting Speaker McCall to eliminate the archaic statute requiring this position. Construction is going well and most of the building is under roof.

CLIU #21: J. Toft noted that the search committee has a goal to select a new executive director by late January. The revenue anticipation note was not needed since the state budget impasse has passed.

PSBA Liaison: G. Grega noted that the PSBA Leadership Conference was the previous week. G. Grega, J. Dougherty, and B. Urban attended. J. Toft also attended as the representative for CLIU #21.

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

An executive session was to follow this meeting for personnel reasons.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by B. Urban and seconded by T. Russell, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha Kew-Goodale

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Board Secretary