

# WYOMISSING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 2006-3760

## Minutes February 27, 2006

The regular meeting of the Board of School Directors convened at 7:33 p.m. in the Cafeteria of the Jr./Sr. High School with Mr. Snyder, Board President, presiding.

Board Members Present: Mrs. Barnett, Mr. Deem, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Hinsey, Mr. Larkin, Dr. Shuttlesworth, Mrs. Sakmann, Mrs. McCready, and Mr. Snyder.

Administrative Staff Present: Dr. Dietz, Dr. Riedel, Dr. Kennedy, Mr. McDonnell, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Laubach, and Mrs. Motze.

Attendees: Mr. S. Georgeadis, Kozloff Stoudt and Mr. DeLucas, Reading Eagle. See list of attendees included as part of these official minutes.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Following the pledge, President Snyder announced executive sessions were held on Sunday, February 26, 2006, and preceding the regular meeting this evening, to discuss personnel issues with no action taken by the Board.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Amy Beadle, President of the WAEA, read a statement which is included as part of these official minutes.

President Snyder read a statement which is included as part of these official minutes.

### APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Upon motion by Mrs. McCready, and second by Mr. Larkin, the minutes of the following meetings were approved as presented and included as part of these official minutes.

January 17, 2006 Work Session  
January 23, 2006 Regular Business Meeting

Yeas: 9  
Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### RATIFIED FINANCIAL REPORTS

Upon motion by Mrs. McCready, and second by Mr. Larkin, payment of properly approved vendor invoices for the General Fund, and 2001 and 2003 G.O. Bond, February 2006 were approved.

Yeas: Barnett, Deem, Fitzgerald, Hinsey, Larkin, McCready, Sakmann, Shuttlesworth, and Snyder.  
Nays: None. Motion carried.

### CORRESPONDENCE

None.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATES

Dr. Dietz reported on the district goals, indicating 140 tasks were completed and significant progress has taken place.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Prior to reviewing his report, Dr. Dietz commented on the additional items on the addendum for the Board's approval that included a personnel item and a finance item. The Board indicated they wanted to vote on the Finance addendum item separately.

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### APPROVED SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Upon motion by Mrs. Barnett, second by Mrs. McCreedy, the Board approved the Superintendent's report, including the personnel addendum item. A copy of the report and addendum are included as part of these official minutes.

Yeas: Barnett, Deem, Fitzgerald, Hinsey, Larkin, McCreedy, Sakmann, Shuttlesworth, and Snyder.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

### BORROWING FOR SPECIAL ED/TECH/BUSINESS OFFICE PROJECT DEFEATED

A motion was made by Mrs. McCreedy, seconded by Mr. Hinsey, to borrow \$1 million to fund the Special Education/Technology/Business Office Project.

Yeas: Barnett, Deem, Hinsey, and Larkin,

Nays: Fitzgerald, McCreedy, Sakmann, Shuttlesworth, and Snyder.  
Motion defeated.

Mr. Deem brought up the fact that he thought the cost of borrowing for both the District Office and Jr./Sr. High School projects would be less if done at the same time rather than doing them separately.

Mr. McDonnell added that Mr. Phillips reminded the board that they would not have to designate the money for a particular project for quite some time, and if they eventually decided not to do the project, they could repay the \$1 million. Additionally, the savings from doing the borrowings together, would be approximately \$11,000 to \$20,000 depending on the amount charged by the solicitor.

### FINANCE

#### PRESENTATION OF ATHLETIC BUDGET

Mrs. Motze presented the 2006-07 athletic budget asking for an \$11,000 increase in the board subsidy.

#### PRESENTATION OF TECHNOLOGY BUDGET

Mr. Laubach presented the 2006-07 technology budget reflecting an increase of \$117,000 that includes many additional items for each building from digital cameras to mobile lap top carts.

### FACILITIES

Mr. Dawson updated the board on the status of the Jr./Sr. High School project and commented that the auditorium will be ready for the Jr./Sr. High School play scheduled for March.

Due to the vote and discussion that took place on the funding for the special education/technology/business office project earlier in the meeting, no additional comments were made at this time.

### SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Snyder commented on the last meeting of at the Berks Career & Technology Center where they discussed the preliminary budget.

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Mrs. McCready had no report on the E.I.T. meeting.

Mr. Snyder stated that the BCIU Board also discussed their preliminary budget.

Mr. Fitzgerald reported on two recent legislative meetings.

There were no reports from the WAEF or the Joint Boroughs /District Committee. Dr. Dietz said he would contact Brad Scribner concerning the next meeting.

### OLD BUSINESS

None.

### NEW BUSINESS

Heidi Silverman asked about the status of the West Reading feasibility study.

Mr. Mintz asked about the auditorium project and why the fly tower was eliminated. He said he also heard something about the curtain not being functional.

The superintendent, Mr. Deem, and Mr. Dawson all commented on the fact that the project is going through as planned and the additional money was borrowed to finish the project as proposed, and the issue of the curtain being lowered is being addressed.

Mrs. Benusa expressed concern over the teachers' contract and stated the starting salary is too low.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. McCready and seconded by Mr. Larkin to adjourn to executive session at 8:35 p.m.

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Arthur J. McDonnell  
Board Secretary

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To: Members of the Board of School Directors

The superintendent respectfully submits the following information and recommendations for Board approval:

### I. Personnel

#### A) EMPLOYEE

1. Approve Professional Staff Resignations –
  - a. **Tracy Leister**, Assistant Director of Business Affairs, resignation letter dated February 13, 2006, resignation date to be determined.
  - b. **Stephanie Jablonski**, Spanish/Latin teacher at the Jr./Sr. High School, resignation letter dated February 2, 2006, resignation effective in 60 days or as soon as position is filled.
2. Approve Professional Staff Resignation Date – **Tamzen Didyoung**, Itinerant Learning Support Teacher and Transition Coordinator at the Jr./Sr. High School, resignation effective date, February 10, 2006. (Resignation approved January 23, 2006.)
3. Approve Professional Staff Effective Start Dates –
  - a. **Andrew Hoffert**, Itinerant Support Teacher and Transition Coordinator at the Jr./Sr. High School, effective February 21, 2006. (Appointment approved January 23, 2006.)
  - b. **Jennifer Lengel**, Elementary Spanish Teacher at Wyomissing Hills Elementary Center, effective February 6, 2006. (Appointment approved January 23, 2006.)
4. Approve Support Teachers for New Professional Staff –
  - a. **Tammy Lobaugh**, support teacher to Jennifer Lengel, at a stipend of \$250.
  - b. **Cindy Rakow**, support teacher to Andrew Hoffert, at a stipend of \$250.
5. Approve Change to Leave of Absence Date – **Lindsay Rada**, Secondary English Teacher, has requested an extension to her maternity/child-rearing leave from the beginning of the fourth quarter in March to the beginning of the 2006-07 school year. (Leave approved September 26, 2005.)
6. Approve Correction to Leave of Absence Date – **Kimberly Luigard**, Special Education Instructional Aide at Wyomissing Hills Elementary Center, unpaid leave effective January 30, 2006, for three months. (Correction to December 5, 2005, board approved date.)
7. Approve Support Staff Resignations –
  - a. **Annette Vail**, Special Education Instructional Aide at Wyomissing Hills Elementary Center, effective February 28, 2006.
  - b. **Grace A. Long**, Special Education Instructional Aide at West Reading Elementary Center, effective February 17, 2006.
  - c. **William Poper**, HVAC Technician, effective February 22, 2006.

8. Approve Support Staff Appointments –
  - a. **Shelley Filer**, full-time Secretary to the Assistant Superintendents, at \$16.92 per hour, at the District Office 12 months per year effective March 13, 2006.
  - b. **Sherry Larrick**, full time Special Education Instructional Aide, 7 hours per day at \$11.09 per hour at the West Reading Elementary Center during the school year, effective February 21, 2006.
9. Approve Support Staff Unpaid Leave of Absence Requests –
  - a. **Carrie Jalbert-Berry**, Food Service worker at the Jr./Sr. High School, unpaid leave effective April 25, 26, 27 and 28, 2006.
  - b. **Karen Sichak**, Teacher’s Instructional Aide at Wyomissing Hills Elementary Center, unpaid leave effective February 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10, 2006.
  - c. **David Bensinger**, Custodian at the Jr./Sr. High School, unpaid leave effective January 2, 2006, to February 6, 2006. Mr. Bensinger returned to work February 7, 2006, with a temporary reduction in work schedule due to physical work restrictions.
10. Approve Substitute Bonus Payment for the first semester of the 2005-06 school year in the amount of \$3,900.
11. Approve Revised Payment Plans for Substitute Teachers and Substitute Support Staff.

*Background Information: The revised substitute memorandum recognizes the added responsibilities of an extended assignment even if a substitute has an absence for approved reasons and will apply to any substitute in an extended assignment on or after February 1, 2006, including Kristin Stewart, Kathie Duquette, and Denise Mogel.*

12. Approve Revised Position Guide – Assistant Director of Business Affairs.
13. Approve District volunteer list.
14. Approve Substitute list for professional/support staff.

## II. Curriculum

- A) Accept Increase in Title I Federal Allocation –\$3,491 increase to \$190,081.
- B) Approve Elementary Social Studies Textbooks.

## III. Finance

- A) Accept Audit Report from Barbacane Thornton & Company for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2005.
- B) Approve Borrowing for Jr./Sr. High School Project

*Background information: The Board authorizes the administration to secure \$1.4 million in funds for the Jr./Sr. High School project utilizing a financing vehicle and working with a financial investment institution that provide the best financial benefit for the school district.*

## IV. Facilities

- V. School Activities & Athletics
  - A) Approve Supplemental Athletic Appointment – **Daniel M. Bergey**, senior high boys’ soccer head coach, effective fall 2006-07 school year, 52 points, at a salary to be determined with the approval of the 2006-07 point value.
- VI. Technology
- VII. Policy
  - A) Approve Second Reading/Adoption of Policies –
    - 1. 005 Organization
    - 2. 006 Meetings
    - 3. 011 Board Governance Standards/Code of Conduct
- VIII. Community Relations
- IX. Other items

Additions to Superintendent's Report  
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I. Personnel

A) EMPLOYEE

15. Approve Support Staff Termination – **Edwin Montalvo**, Custodian, effective February 28, 2006.

III. Finance

C) Approve Borrowing for Special Education/Technology/Business Office Project

*Background Information: The Board authorizes the administration to secure \$1 million in funds for the Special Education/Technology/Business Office Project utilizing a financing vehicle and working with a financial investment institution that provide the best financial benefit for the school district.*