

WYOMISSING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Board Work Session Minutes
June 12, 2006

The Wyomissing Area School District Board of School Directors' work session convened at 6:00 p.m. in the Community/Board Room.

- Board Members Present: Mrs. Barnett, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Hinsey, Mr. Larkin,
Mrs. McCreedy, Mrs. Sakmann, and Mr. Snyder.
- Board Members Absent: Mr. Deem and Dr. Shuttlesworth
- Administrators Present: Mr. McDonnell, Dr. Riedel, Dr. Kennedy, Mrs. Mason,
Mrs. Steele, Mrs. Whye, Mr. Hartman, and Mrs.
Motze.
- Others Present: Amy Beadle, WAEA President; Bobbi Porter-Kunkel,
Brian Ackerman, Colleen Vargo, Clare Benz, and
Diana DeMarte.

Mr. Snyder announced an executive session was held on June 6, 2006, for personnel reasons and the Board took no action.

An engraved clock was presented to Bobbi Porter-Kunkel in honor of her retirement after 35 years of dedicated service to the children in the Wyomissing Area School District.

The Board presented a floral bouquet to Diana DeMarte who served as the PTA President for the past two years, and the new president, Clare Benz was introduced.

I. Personnel –

Dr. Kennedy presented the personnel items on the agenda, and the Board agreed to place the personnel items on the next agenda. The enrollment figures were reviewed and Dr. Kennedy provided additional information on the Educational Resource Development Trust (ERDT).

President Snyder asked that the Collective Bargaining Agreement be removed from the Superintendent's Report Personnel items and placed on the agenda next week as a separate agenda item.

II. Curriculum –

The proposed secondary level Spanish textbooks were presented by Dr. Kennedy, and the Board agreed to place the items on the next agenda.

III. Finance –

Dr. Kennedy explained the Consolidated Applications for Federal Programs Title I, IA and V.

Mr. McDonnell reviewed the remaining Finance agenda items.

The Board agreed to place the finance items on the next agenda.

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IV. Facilities –

Mr. McDonnell updated the Board on the Jr./Sr. High building project, the scoreboard at the football field, and the summer cleaning schedule, and the district-wide fiber project.

V. School Activities & Athletics –

Dr. Kennedy reviewed the agenda items with the Board that included supplemental activity appointments. Mrs. Barnett inquired if the Board would receive the report on the co-curricular activities. Dr. Kennedy responded that the report would be provided in July.

Mrs. Barnett also asked if the position for the Chariot advisor was still needed because publication is limited to a few times a year.

Mr. Hartman responded that the Chariot will be on the web site next year. Dr. Riedel noted that the appointment of an advisor will make improvements in the school newspaper possible.

The Board agreed to place the school activities & athletics items on the next agenda.

VI. Technology –

Mr. McDonnell discussed the issue of relocating the Technology Department with the Board.

He noted discussions were held at a liaison meeting with Mrs. Sakmann, Mr. Fitzgerald, and Mr. Laubach. Due to the technology need to be relocated somewhere in the building, and because of space restrictions in the existing area, the current wiring project has accelerated the need to relocate the equipment. Relocating it to an area adjacent to the Boardroom, current classroom 101, was discussed. After the topic was brought up at the liaison meeting, Mr. McDonnell contacted our architect for an estimate to relocate the Technology Department, and his estimate was approximately \$75,000. In addition, protection of the data and back-up power for the technology center was discussed. The Board thought these issues should also be addressed in the project to relocate the servers and staff.

The Board agreed that the relocation of the Technology Department should happen as soon as possible and authorized the administration to develop a bid document with the architect.

VII. Policy –

Mr. McDonnell reported that revisions to Policy 707 covering facility use is being drafted and should be ready at the July work session.

VIII. Community Relations –

On behalf of the Board, Mr. Snyder, complimented Mr. Hartman for the work done in preparation for the graduation ceremony.

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IX. Other Items –

Dr. Kennedy provided information to the Board on the \$12,500 grant application that was submitted to the PA Council on the Arts for the proposed “Latin Fiesta” at the West Reading Elementary Center.

X. Public Comments –

President Snyder asked Amy Beadle if she wanted to discuss any issues still to be worked out in the final draft of the contract. She responded it was up to the Board, and Mr. Snyder indicated that it would be discussed at a later time by the Board.

President Snyder announced the Board would meet in executive session to discuss personnel items immediately following tonight’s meeting, and no action will be taken.

The work session ended at 7:15 p.m.

Arthur J. McDonnell
School Board Secretary