

WYOMISSING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 2009-4036

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The special meeting of the Board of School Directors convened at 6:01 p.m. in the Community Board Room of the Jr./Sr. High School with Mr. Larkin, Board President, presiding. At 6:03 p.m. the Board convened into executive session for a hearing.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Following the pledge, President Larkin announced that the Board would meet in executive session for a hearing.

At 6:44 p.m. the Board reconvened and the secretary called the roll of Board members.

Board Members Present:

Mr. Althouse, Mrs. Barnett, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Hinsey, Mrs. McCready, Mr. Portner, Mrs. Sakmann and Mr. Larkin.

Administrative Staff Present:

Mr. Robbins, Dr. Pulkowski, Mrs. Mason, and Dr. Speace..

Attendees:

Mr. Boland, Kozloff Stoudt; David Kostival, Reading Eagle; and residents Anne Seltzer, Sharon Berman, Carolyn Bamberger, Mike Mitchell, Sr., and Angel Helm.

WELCOME

President Larkin welcomed everyone and asked if anyone would be recording the meeting. No one indicated an intention to record.

ADDITIONS TO PERSONNEL AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Larkin announced the following three items would be added to the personnel agenda and recommended for Board approval.

- (1) The approval of Corbett Babb as Principal of West Reading Elementary Center and therefore Item IV. on the personnel agenda would be the approval of an Administrative Change for Mr. Babb at his current salary of \$86,074.
- (2) The approval to extend Mr. Robbins' current Acting Superintendent contract for three months from August 2, 2009 to November 2, 2009.
- (3) The termination of Daniel S. Melot, a professional employee of the District, effective July 13, 2009, in accordance with the prepared resolution, copies of which he provided to the audience and are included as part of these official minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Larkin asked for public comments on agenda items.

Members of the audience wanted to publicly recognize Mary Pearsall, retiring English teacher, for her dedicated service to the students. It was noted that a replacement for Mrs. Pearsall's position will be sought.

In response to questions, it was noted that Mr. Babb's new position as West Reading Elementary Principal is a full-time, 12-month position

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and the vacancy at the high school for assistant principal will be advertised.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Larkin announced that an executive session was held by the Board to discuss personnel matters prior to the 6:00 p.m. meeting and also on Monday, July 6, 2009.

The August meeting schedule was noted as follows:

- August 10, 2009 – Personnel/Policy Committee – 5:00 p.m.
- August 10, 2009 – Finance/Facilities Committee – Following Personnel/Policy Meeting
- August 24, 2009 – Curriculum/Technology Committee – 5:00 p.m.
- August 24, 2009 – School Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

All listed meetings will be held in the Community Board Room at the Jr./Sr. High School.

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Upon motion by Mrs. Barnett, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald, the minutes of the June 22, 2009 Board meeting were approved.

Yeas: Althouse, Barnett, Davis, Fitzgerald, Hinsey, McCready, Portner, Sakmann, and Larkin.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL/POLICY

A motion was made by Mrs. McCready and seconded by Mrs. Sakmann to approve the following personnel agenda items and the three additional items as outlined by Mr. Larkin.

APPROVED PROFESSIONAL RETIREMENT

Approved Professional Retirement - **Mary E. Pearsall**, Secondary English teacher at JSHS effective June 29, 2009.

APPROVED SUPPORT STAFF RESIGNATION

Approved Support Staff Resignation – **Audrey Schaeffer**, Food Service Worker at WHEC effective June 30, 2009.

APPROVED TRANSFER/CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT

Approved Transfer/Change in Employment – **Arlene Wagner**, part-time (.4) Family & Consumer Science teacher at the JSHS and part-time Special Education Instructional Aide at JSHS to full time Special Education Instructional Aide at WHEC, effective July 1, 2009, at her current Board approved aide rate, \$10.62 per hour.

APPROVED ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGE

Approved Administrative Change – **Corbett Babb**, Principal at WREC, effective August 10, 2009, at his current salary of \$86,073.85.

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RATIFIED SUMMER
HOURS FOR VAN
DRIVERS

Ratified Summer Hours for Van Drivers at their Board approved regular rate of pay for a maximum total of 375 hours between June 16, 2009 and August 6, 2009 for transporting students attending the summer programs:

Richard Cosgrave
Otto Essenwein
Mary Hafer
Dominic Pezzino
Arthur Tod Rickenbrode
Karl Schneiderhan
Robert Troxel

APPROVED
SUPPLEMENTAL
ACTIVITY ADVISOR
APPOINTMENTS

Approved Supplemental Activity Advisor Appointments –

Betsy Santoro, Jr. High Math Team Co-Advisor, 12 points, \$1,002, effective the 2009-10 school year.

Craig Caltagirone, Sr. High Drama Director, 46.5 points, \$3,883, effective the 2009-10 school year.

Steve Reazor, Junior High Drama Director, 35 points, \$2,923, effective the 2009-10 school year.

Ryan Hassler, National Junior Honor Society/National Honor Society Advisor, 21.5 points, \$1,795, effective the 2009-10 school year.

Amanda Stimpfi, Band Drill Instructor, 6 points, \$501, effective the 2009-10 school year.

APPROVED
EXTENSION TO
ACTING
SUPERINTENDENT
CONTRACT

Approved an extension to Mr. David H. Robbins' current contract as Acting Superintendent for three months from August 2, 2009 to November 2, 2009.

APPROVED
TERMINATION OF
PROFESSIONAL
STAFF EMPLOYEE

Approved Resolution No. 07-13-09 to terminate the employment of Daniel S. Melot, a professional employee of the District, effective July 13, 2009. Copy of the resolution included as part of these official minutes.

Yeas: Althouse, Barnett, Davis, Fitzgerald, Hinsey, McCready, Portner, Sakmann, and Larkin.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

POLICIES

POLICY READING/
ADOPTION

A motion was made by Mrs. Barnett and seconded by Mrs. Sakmann to approve the following policies for a first reading or adoption as listed:

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**APPROVED FIRST
READING OF
POLICIES**

Approved policies for a first reading:

- 006 – Meetings
- 104 – Nondiscrimination in Employment and Contract Practices
- 200 – Enrollment of Students
- 304 – Employment of District Staff
- 504 – Employment of Classified Employees
- 347 – Workers Compensation Transitional Return-to-Work Program (NEW)
- 810 – Transportation
- 818 – Contracted Services

**APPROVED
ADOPTION/2ND
READING OF
POLICIES**

Approved adoption of the revised policies:

- 113.5 Child Find (NEW)
- 113.2 Behavior Support

Yeas: Althouse, Barnett, Davis, Fitzgerald, Hinsey, McCready, Portner, Sakmann, and Larkin.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

In response to public questions on the termination of Mr. Melot, Attorney Boland provided information on the process used for termination.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Barnett, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Mr. Larkin noted that the Board would meet in executive session.

Corinne D. Mason
Board Secretary

