

Order of Business #15-18
Board of School Directors
WISSAHICKON SCHOOL DISTRICT
September 24, 2018

A Work Session Public Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Wissahickon School District was held on the above date in the Administration Offices. The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by Mr. Antonio, President.

On roll call, the following Directors were present: Mr. Badger, Mrs. David, Mrs. DiPietro, Mr. Frank, Ms. Greenstein, Mr. Stoloff, Mrs. Walsh and Mr. Antonio. Mrs. Hayman was absent.

Also present were: Dr. Crisfield, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Abbamont, District Assistant Superintendent; Mrs. Rossi, Director of Personnel; Mr. Coleman, Business Administrator; Dr. Blair, WHS Principal; Mr. Moore, Director of Buildings and Grounds and Mr. Sultanik, Solicitor.

Interested staff members, parents, students, and members of the community were present in the audience.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board met in executive session prior to the meeting to discuss personnel and legal matters.

The Honorable Suzan Leonard administered the Oath of Office to Paul Badger, Jr., newly appointed member of the Wissahickon Board of School Directors.

PRIOR MEETINGS

- a. August 20, 2018, Regular Public Board Meeting
- b. August 20, 2018, North Montco Technical Career Center
- c. August 22, 2018, MCIU Board of Directors
- d. September 12, 2018, Policy
- e. September 17, 2018, Special Public Board Meeting
- f. September 17, 2018, North Montco Technical Career Center
- g. September 19, 2018, MCIU Legislative

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- a. September 26, 2018, MCIU Board of Directors, 7:00 p.m.
- b. October 1, 2018, Regular Public Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- c. October 15, 2018, Policy, 5:30 p.m.
- d. October 15, 2018, North Montco Technical Career Center, 7:00 p.m.

- e. October 24, 2018, MCIU Legislative, 7:30 p.m.
- f. October 29, 2018, Work Session Public Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

- a. 2nd Annual “Wiss Nation Hero” Award – Introduction Dr. Crisfield.
Presenters: Beth Bauer, Maureen Stanek and Debbie Beardsley.
Ms. Eva O’Brien was recognized and honored as this year’s recipient of the Wiss Nation Hero Award for her “Grab Bag” program that she spearheaded in the summer paying attention to the needs of each and every student. Heartfelt words were expressed about Ms. O’Brien’s dedication and service to others. A plaque was unveiled honoring recipients of this award.

- b. WHS Grading Scale – Year One Summary – Presenter: Dr. Blair.
Presented was information on the development of the new grading scale and the rationale and benefits for the change at the high school. The + and – grades provide a more accurate representation of student performance and provide incentive and motivate a student to work throughout the marking period/school year to improve his/her grade.

A lengthy discussion ensued on the change as it relates to the grading scale, impact of student mental health and student performance. Board members expressed their concerns and opinions in favor of and in opposition of the change.

Joel Bjordammen and Michael Licata, student board representatives participated in the discussion and provided their viewpoints and opinions on the change to the grading scale for students.

- c. Summer 2018 Facility Projects – Presenter: Mr. Moore. Shared was a photo tour of the before and after of 2018 projects that occurred in the buildings over the summer.

- d. Highlights of Comprehensive Plan 2019-2022 – Presenter: Mr. Abbamont.
Reviewed and explained was the five focus areas in the final plan as the District moves forward. The plan will be placed on a 28-day public review beginning tomorrow. Approval of the Comprehensive Plan is scheduled for November 5th. Submission of the plan is required by November 30th to the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Comments on Voting Items Only)

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follow up responses will be posted on the District's website (www.wsdweb.org/school-board/meeting-minutes-and-agendas).

- a. No member of the public addressed the Board of School Directors.

REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT

- a. Informational Items
- b. Review of Voting Items (See Agenda Item 15. A.)

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

- a. Informational Items
 - 1. Opening of School Update (including 10th Day enrollment figures)
Information was provided on the successful opening of school and a summary was provided on enrollment numbers that were up 2.5%. Comparison figures from this year to last year show an overall increase in enrollment of 211 students. Student enrollment K-12 is 4,730.
- b. Review of Voting Items (See Agenda Item 15. B.)

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

- a. Informational Items
 - 1. Start of School Year – Shared was information on the start to the school year for staff and students and the excitement that was evident.

REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR

- a. Review of Voting Items (See Agenda Item 15. C.)

REPORT OF THE BOARD SECRETARY

- a. Review of Voting Items (See Agenda Item 15. D.)

REPORT OF THE BOARD TREASURER

- a. Review of Voting Items (See Agenda Item 15 E.)

BOARD COMMITTEES

- a. Communications – Mrs. Hayman
 - 1. Informational Items – Results will be shared at the October 1st meeting.
 - Parent/Guardian Satisfaction Survey
 - Calendar Survey
 - 2. Review of Voting Items (See Agenda Item 15. F.)
- b. Curriculum /Technology – Mr. Stoloff
 - 1. Informational Items

2. Review of Voting Items (See Agenda Item 15. G.)
- c. Facilities /Transportation – Mrs. Walsh
1. Informational Items
 - Modular Walkway at Stony Creek – Information was shared on options and pricing for covering the walkway from the school building to the modular unit. Discussion focused on reviewing how the operation works in the future to determine if changes are needed.
 2. Review of Voting Items (See Agenda Item 15. H.)
- d. Finance – Mr. Frank
1. Informational Items
 - Wissahickon Valley Public Library (WVPL) Financing Needs – Mr. Coleman explained the background of the request from the public library to assist in an upcoming bond issue. The topic was discussed and opinions were expressed. A straw poll with a show of hands determined that the majority of the Board did not want to participate in a bond offering for the benefit of WVPL.
 2. Review of Voting Items (See Agenda Item 15 I.)
- e. Policy – Mrs. DiPietro
1. Informational Items
 - Summary of September 12, 2018 Policy Committee Meeting, per Document 1. The document explains the changes/updates to the policies that were reviewed and will be voted upon for First Reading on October 1st.
 2. Review of Voting Items (See Agenda Item 15 J.)

REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL DIRECTOR

- a. Informational Items
 - List of Contracted Bus Drivers for the 2018-2019 school year, per Document 2.
- b. Review of Voting Items (See Agenda Item 15 K.)

REPORT OF BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

Meeting highlights and discussed items were reported on by the Board representatives.

- a. Extra-Curricular – Mrs. Walsh
- b. MCIU Board of Directors – Mr. Antonio
- c. MCIU Legislative Committee - Mrs. David and Mr. Stoloff

- d. North Montco Technical Career Center – Mrs. Hayman and Mr. Frank

BOARD VOTING ITEMS (At Public Meeting on October 1, 2018)

- a. Board President
1. Approval of Ongoing District Priorities and District Goals 2018-2019, per Document 15. A-1.
 2. Approval of 2018 PSBA Officer Elections Slate of Candidates
 - President-Elect (one-year term)
Eric Wolfgang
Endorsement of Eric Wolfgang as President-Elect
 - Vice President (one-year term)
Art Levinowitz
Endorsement of Art Levinowitz as Vice President
 - Eastern At Large (three-year term) Sections 4 & 8
Maura Buri
Endorsement of Maura Buri as Eastern At Large
- b. Superintendent
1. No items under B.
- c. Solicitor
1. Approval of Settlement Agreement by and between Family A, Student ID#788430 and the Wissahickon School District, therefore, intending to be legally bound hereby, it is agreed by and between the family and the District, that this matter shall be settled and compromised in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Settlement Agreement, per Document 15. C-1, as redacted. Item presented in executive session.
- d. Board Secretary
1. Approval of August 13, 2018 Facilities/Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes, per Document 15. D-1.
 2. Approval of August 20, 2018 Regular Public Board Meeting Minutes, per Document 15. D-2.
- e. Board Treasurer
1. Acceptance and minuting of the Treasurer's Report for August 2018, per Document 15. E-1.
- f. Communications
1. No items under F.
- g. Curriculum/Technology

1. Preliminary and final approval of Extended Field Trips, per Documents 15. G-1, G-2, G-3, G-4.
 - FIRST Robotics Competition, Brunswick, NJ, 11/10/18
 - FIRST Robotics Championship Competition, Detroit, MI, 4/23 4/28/19
 - Model UN International Relations Conference, American University, Washington, DC, 11/3/18
 - Winter Athletic Events not part of the PIAA Post Season
2. Approval of 2018-2019 Tuition Contract between WSD and New Hope Academy, for one (1) special education student ID #784863, to receive educational services, per Document 15. G-5.
3. Approval to purchase the Everyday Math and Wonders Teacher Workspace digital licenses from McGraw-Hill Education, in the amount of \$95,120 for the period through June 30, 2023, per Document 15. G-6.
4. Approval to purchase a laser engraver, from Allegheny Educational Systems, Inc., using the PEPPM state purchasing contract, in the amount of \$21,620.86, per Document 15.G-7.
5. Approval to award a bid for a plasma cutting system, from Allegheny Educational Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$19,999.00, per Document 15. G-8.
6. Approval to purchase a CNC router system, from Shopbot Tools, Inc., in the amount of \$20,080.30, per Document 15. G-9.

h. Facilities/Transportation

1. No items under H.

i. Finance

1. Approval of Stipulation and Order of Settlement in the assessment appeal (Parec Plaza Associates) Parcel No. 66-00-0652-00-5, in the Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery County, per Document 15. I-1.
2. Approval of Food Service Equipment Supply Bid Award, per Document 15. I-2.
3. Approval of Winter Sports Supply Bid Award, per Document 15. I-3.
4. Approval to Hire Decision Insite for a five (5) year term @ \$8,265.00, per year to complete enrollment analysis.
5. Approval of Financial Reports, per Document 15. I-4.
6. Approval of List of Payments Issued for Month Ending August 2018, per Document 15. I-5.

j. Policy

1. Approval of First Reading on Policy #006 Meetings, per Document 15. J-1. *Recommended changes were received and will be reviewed.*
2. Approval of First Reading on Policy #108 Adoption of Textbooks, per Document 15. J-2.
3. Approval of First Reading on Policy #138 Language Instruction Educational Program for English Learners, per Document 15. J-3.

4. Approval of First Reading on Policy #210.1 Possession/Use of Asthma Inhalers & Epinephrine Auto-Injectors, per Document 15. J-4.
Typographical errors will be corrected as recommended.
 5. Approval of First Reading on Policy #218 Student Discipline, per Document 15. J-5.
 6. Approval of First Reading on Policy #218.1 Weapons Offense, per Document 15. J-6.
 - ~~7. Approval of First Reading on Policy #246 Student Wellness, per Document 15. J-7.~~
 8. Approval of First Reading on Policy #311 Reduction in Staff, per Document 15. J-8.
- k. Personnel
1. Approval of Retirements/Resignations/Terminations, Appointments, Leave of Absences, Change of Status and/or Salary, and Extra-Curricular Resignations, Appointments, Extra-Curricular Post-Season Pay for Selected Sports/Coaches and Change of Status and/or Salary, per Document 15. K-1.
 2. Approval of Salary/Degree Status Changes for the 2018-2019 school year, per Document 15. K-2.
 3. Approval of additions to the Inductee/Mentor Listing for the 2018-2019 school year, per Document 15. K-3. *Document was amended and blue sheeted to members of the Board prior to the meeting.*
 4. Approval of additions to the Volunteer List as those persons identified in accordance with Board Policy #902, for the 2018-2019 school year, per Document 15. K-4.
 5. Approval of Yearlong Extra-Curricular Activities for the 2018-2019 school year, per Document 15. K-5.
 6. Approval of New Extra-Curricular Job Description, CASA (Celebrating All Student Achievement (Grades 9-12 - Yearlong), per Document 15. K-6.
 7. Ratification for the appointment of Gail Ryan as interim Elementary Principal, Stony Creek Elementary School, \$550.00 per day, effective Monday, September 24, 2018

OCTOBER 1, 2018 CONSENT AGENDA: Approval of Motions a through k, per Documents 15. A-1 through 15. K-6.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Comments on Any School-Related Topics)

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appropriate, follow up responses will be posted on the District's website (www.wsdweb.org/school-board/meeting-minutes-and-agendas).

- a. The following members of the public addressed the Board of School Directors on matters related to the WHS grading scale, bullying and communication through the schools as children move up.
 1. Jill Rhea, Ambler
 2. Colleen Johnson, Ambler

BOARD COMMENTS

- a. Mrs. Walsh provided comments on the Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony activities.

ADJOURNMENT

- a. Ms. Greenstein moved, seconded by Mrs. DiPietro, approval to Adjourn the Meeting. By voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Antonio adjourned the meeting at 10:01 p.m.

ATTACHMENTS

The following documents were Discussion Items and are attached as a part of these minutes:

- 1, Informational: Summary of 9.12.18 Policy Committee Meeting
- 2, Informational: List of Contracted Bus Drivers for 2018-19
- A-1, Ongoing District Priorities and District Goals 2018-2019
- C-1, Settlement Agreement by and between Family A, Student ID#788430
- D-1, 8.13.18 Facilities/Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes
- D-2, 8.20.18 Regular Public Board Meeting Minutes
- E-1, Acceptance and minuting of the Treasurers Report for August 2018.
- G-1, G-2, G-3, G-4, Preliminary and final approval Extended Field Trips: FIRST Robotics Competition, Brunswick, NJ, 11/10/18, FIRST Robotics Championship Competition, Detroit, MI, 4/23-4/28/19, Model UN International Relations Conference, American University, Washington, DC, 11/3/18, Winter Athletic Events not part of the PIAA Post Season
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In addition, the following unnumbered documents are included as a part of these minutes:

WHS Grading Scale Presentation
Summer 2018 Facility Projects Presentation
WSD Comprehensive Plan 2019-2022 Presentation
Oath of Office to Paul Badger, Jr.,

Respectfully submitted,

Wade Coleman, Secretary