

WEST ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

July 17, 2024

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

The West Allegheny Board of School Directors met in regular session on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, in the District Office Board Room located at Wilson Elementary School. The President, Mr. Robert Ostrander, presided. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call of Directors

Present -	Robert Ostrander – President	Tracy Pustover – Vice President
	George Bartha	Vicki Bozic
	Todd Kosenina	Debbie Mirich
	Steven Pons	Steve Psomas
	Seth Tomei	

Also Present -

- Mr. William Andrews, Solicitor
- Dr. Jerri Lynn Lippert, Superintendent
- Dr. Chris Shattuck, Assistant Superintendent
- Dr. Lynn Utchell, Assistant to the Superintendent
- Dr. Shana Nelson, Assistant to the Superintendent
- Mr. George Safin, Business Manager

Mr. Ostrander announced that the Board met in executive session on July 10, and prior to tonight's meeting in regards to personnel and litigation.

3. Public Comment

No comments.

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1 The board secretary previously distributed copies of the minutes from the June 19, 2024, meetings to the Board. On a motion by Mrs. Pustover, seconded by Mrs. Mirich, and unanimously carried, it was moved to approve the minutes as distributed.

5. Treasurer’s Report

The treasurer’s report from last month was read by Mr. George Safin, Business Manager, and accepted by the board indicating a balance on June 30, 2024, of \$40,693,953.13.

6. Communications

No communications.

7. Acknowledgements/Distinguished Achievement Award

No awards.

8. Reports of Superintendent and Administrators

Dr. Lippert shared that Administrators are excited to welcome back staff and students for the new school year.

9. President's Report

No report.

10. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business this month.

11. Solicitor's Report

No report.

12. Personnel

On a motion by Mrs. Mirich, seconded by Mr. Tomei, and unanimously carried, it was moved to approve items 12.1 through 12.9 on the Personnel agenda.

12.1 Approving the contract for Dr. Christopher Shattuck as Assistant Superintendent of Schools for a five-year term effective July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2030 as presented.

12.2 Approving the contract for Mr. George Safin as the Director of Finance for a term effective July 18, 2024 to December 31, 2031 as presented.

12.3 Approving the salary adjustment for Dr. Julian Underwood from \$121,025 to \$127,000 effective July 1, 2024.

12.4 Approving promoting Vicky Lauff to Class III paraprofessional at McKee Elementary effective August 13, 2024, at \$23.20/hour.

12.5 Approving hiring April Burns as a Class III paraprofessional at McKee Elementary effective August 13, 2024, at \$21.94/hour.

12.6 Approving promoting Melissa McCready to Class III paraprofessional at McKee Elementary effective August 13, 2024, at \$21.94/hour.

12.7 Approving hiring Ashley Goolsby as a Class III paraprofessional at the middle school effective August 13, 2024, at \$21.94/hour.

12.8 Approving hiring Jessica Musleh as a Class IV-B 3.75-hour cafeteria server at the high school effective with the start of the 2024-25 school year. Salary, \$20.15/hour.

- 12.9 Approving Madison Burroughs as a kindergarten teacher at Wilson Elementary effective with the start of the 2024-25 school year. Salary, 1st step Bachelor's, \$54,215.

13. Property & Supply

On a motion by Mr. Ostrander, seconded by Mrs. Mirich, and unanimously carried, it was moved to approve item 13.1 on the Property & Supply agenda.

- 13.1 Approving the 2024-25 Bus Schedules as presented.

14. Finance

On a motion by Mr. Bartha, seconded by Mrs. Mirich, and unanimously carried, it was moved to approve items 14.1 through 14.5 on the Finance agenda.

- 14.1 Approving the payment of bills from the General Fund as per list presented to the Board Members.
- 14.2 Approving the Construction Fund and Construction Treasurer's reports as presented to the Board Members.
- 14.3 Approving the Cafeteria Report as presented to the Board Members.
- 14.4 Authorizing the District to utilize the following purchasing consortiums for the 2024-25 fiscal year: PEPPM Technology Purchasing Program PA COSTARS Statewide Cooperative Purchasing Program Keystone Purchasing Network (KPN) AIU Electricity and Natural Gas Consortium AIU Purchasing Consortium US Communities Cooperative Purchasing Program OMNIA purchasing cooperative program/Amazon.com (formerly a part of US Communities Cooperative) South Hills Area Council of Governments Purchasing Consortium Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing
- 14.5 Approving the Voluntary Student Accident Insurance Policy through the District's agent, Goodwin and Gruber, at a cost of \$70 per student for school time coverage and \$150 per student for 24-hour coverage (no increase over 2023-24). Costs are paid by the parents.

15. Policy & Programs

On a motion by Mrs. Pustover, seconded by Mrs. Mirich, and unanimously carried, it was moved to approve items 15.1 through 15.5 on the Policy & Programs agenda

- 15.1 Approving Policies 239-251 of Section 200 of the updated policy manual. This represents the second of two required readings.
- Policy 239 Foreign Exchange Students
 - Policy 246 School Wellness
 - Policy 247 Hazing
 - Policy 249 Bullying/Cyberbullying
 - Policy 250 Student Recruitment
 - Policy 251 Students Experiencing Homelessness, Foster Care and Other Educational Instability

- 15.2 Approving the school-based mental health service agreement with Familylinks to provide eight (8) mental health therapists as presented.
- 15.3 Approving an agreement with UPMC to provide Student Assistance Program services for the 2024-25 school year as presented at no cost to the District.
- 15.4 Approving the Educational Services Agreement with Intermediate Unit 1 for the 2024-25 school year as presented.
- 15.5 Approving Dr. Kim Buser to support K-5 mathematics curriculum and assessment development at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.

16. Athletics & Activities

On a motion by Mr. Kosenina, seconded by Mrs. Mirich, and unanimously carried, it was moved to approve items 16.1 through 16.3 on the Athletics & Activities agenda

- 16.1 Approving hiring the 2024 fall coaches and volunteers as presented. All clearance requirements have been met.
- 16.2 Approving the marching band and arts supplemental positions for the 2024-25 school year as presented.
- 16.3 Approving Tom Snyder as assistant producer of the fall and spring musicals as presented.

17. Federal Programs & Legislation

Dr. Utchell reported on a special education grant that the District was awarded.

18. Student Representatives

No report.

19. Library

Mrs. Pustover reported on the following activities:

- Fall For Your Library, September 14, 6-10 pm at Celebrations
- July 23, 6-7:30 pm, seminar to help with student loans and financial aid
- \$25 donation for a tribute or memorial
- Summer reading wraps up mid August

Please visit the Library and their website for more information
www.westernallegHENYlibrary.org.

20. Parkway West CTC

No report.

21. SHASDA

No report.

22. West Allegheny Athletic Hall of Fame

Mr. Psomas reported that a meeting was held on July 15. They reviewed the nominations and chose the seven who will be inducted on October 5, at the SNPJ.

23. West Allegheny Foundation

No report.

24. Wellness and Safe Schools Committee

No report.

25. New Business

No new business.

26. Open Forum

No comments.

27. Adjournment

On a motion by Mrs. Pustover, seconded by Mrs. Mirich, and unanimously carried, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Robert Ostrander, Board President

George M. Safin, Pro-Tem Secretary