

WELLSBORO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2024 – 6:30 PM

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- I. Called to order by Christopher Gastrock @ 6:32 PM, in the Old Music Room, Administration Office, 227 Nichols Street, Wellsboro, PA.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance – Mr. Christopher Gastrock led the pledge of allegiance.
- III. Roll Call of Members – Mrs. Linda West; Mr. Eric Baldwin; Mr. Jerry Curreri; Mr. Daniel Nowak; Mr. Scotty Brown; Mr. Christopher Gastrock; Mr. Albert Bieber; Mr. Glen Reese; Mrs. Maegan McConnell.
- IV. Announcement of any Executive Sessions –
- V. Concerned Resident Issues: Mr. David Messineo distributed and discussed a handout regarding the Commonwealth MOU.
- VI. Approval of Agenda – A motion was made by Mr. Nowak, seconded by Mr. Reese to approve the agenda as presented. On a voice vote, there were 9 yes votes. Motion passed.

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- VII. Board Minutes/Financials – A motion was made by Mr. Reese, seconded by Mr. Brown to accept the board minutes and approval of bills as presented. On a voice vote, there were 9 yes votes. Motion passed.

*A. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Work Session of March 5, 2024;	(Attachment VII-A)
Board Meeting of March 12, 2024;	(Attachment VII-A-1)
Buildings & Grounds Com. Meeting of 3/28/2024	(Attachment VII-A-2)
Personnel Committee Meeting of 4/2/2024	(Attachment VII-A-3)
Curriculum Com. Meeting of 4/2/2024	(Attachment VII-A-4)
Institutional Foods/Culinary of 3/12/2024	(Attachment VII-A-6)
Agriculture Mechanization of 3/14/2024	(Attachment VII-A-7)
Engineering/ Engineering Related Technologies of 3/20/2024	(Attachment VII-A-8)
Health Occupations of 3/15/2024	(Attachment VII-A-9)
Carpentry of 3/20/2024	(Attachment VII-A-10)

*B. Approval of Bills:

General Fund Invoices	(Attachment VII-B)
Student Activity Invoices	
Capital Reserve Invoices	
Disbursements – General Fund	

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VIII. A. Reports

1. **Student Representative** – Ms. Nevaeh Rinebold gave the student report for the high school.
2. **Superintendent** – Mrs. Alanna Huck reported to be the guest reader at Wellsboro Head Start on 4/9. She also reported the upcoming FFA Banquet to be held on April 17th and spoke to the board about additional budget meetings. Mrs. Alanna Huck introduced Cindy Jenkins who spoke of the 1976 class donation of a bench and non-fictional books.

3. **Business Manager** – Mrs. Jordan DeHaas reported to have traveled to Harrisburg for a supervisor workshop. She discussed meeting with representatives from FCCB to discuss CD rates and she also traveled to Canton for a Business Managers meeting. Lastly, she reported to be continuing to work on the budget for the next school year.
4. **Public Relations Follow-Up** - Mrs. Maegan McConnell addressed public comments from the March Work Session and Board Meeting.
5. **Board Members** – Mrs. Linda West asked why there was no assistant baseball coach for Baseball. Mr. Gastrock commented on the budget showing a deficit.

IX. CONSENT ITEMS

A motion was made by Mrs. West, seconded by Mr. Bieber to approve the Consent items as follows.

1. ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

- *A. Federal Programs Consolidated Opportunities
Consideration of approval that authorization be granted to Amy Coots, Principal of Academic Affairs, to submit grant applications for Federal Programs Consolidated as they may become available.
- *B. Approval of Creation of The National Technical Honor Society
Consideration of approval to create The National Technical Honor Society to provide recognition (through membership, awards and scholarships) and leadership, service, and career development opportunities for students dedicated to the study of their career pathway. (Attachment IX-1B)
- *C. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding – Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania
Consideration of approval for the Memorandum of Understanding (Concurrent Enrollment) between the Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania and the Wellsboro Area School District, whereby the District and the University desire to describe the features, purposes and mechanisms of the relationship by which the parties will establish a partnership in a collaborate arrangement. (Attachment IX-1C)

2. PERSONNEL

- *A. Extra-Curricular Resignations
Consideration of approval to accept letters of resignation from
 1. Darrell Morris, High School Girls Basketball Head Coach, effective March 19, 2024; (Attachment IX-2A-1)
 2. Holden Kennedy, High School Boys Basketball Assistant Coach, effective March 25, 2024; (Attachment IX-2A-2)
 3. Renee Frazier, Middle School Volleyball Assistant Coach, effective March 26, 2024; (Attachment IX-2A-3)

3. OTHER

- A. Approval of Van Driver
Consideration of approval for Michael David Johnston, as Van Driver, for Correll Student Transport, effective March 15, 2024.

Roll call vote was as follows:

Mrs. West – Yes	Mr. Bieber – Yes	Mr. Curreri – Yes
Mr. Nowak - Yes	Mr. Baldwin – Yes	Mr. Brown – Yes
Mrs. McConnell – Yes	Mr. Gastrock – Yes	Mr. Reese – Yes

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A motion was made by Mrs. McConnell, seconded by Mr. Brown to approve the Action items as follows.

1. ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION**A. Approval of 1976 Donation**

Consideration of approval to accept a Memorial Bench from the Class of 1976 to honor all the teachers who taught the Class of 1976.

Roll call vote was as follows:

Mrs. West – Yes	Mr. Bieber – Yes	Mr. Curreri – Yes
Mr. Nowak – Yes	Mr. Baldwin – Yes	Mr. Brown – Yes
Mrs. McConnell – Yes	Mr. Gastrock – Yes	Mr. Reese – Yes

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A motion was made by Mrs. McConnell, seconded by Mr. Nowak to table Personnel Item B. – Approval of Support Staff Hire – IT Technology Technician.

Roll call vote was as follows:

Mrs. West – Yes	Mr. Bieber – Yes	Mr. Curreri – Yes
Mr. Nowak – Yes	Mr. Baldwin – Yes	Mr. Brown – Yes
Mrs. McConnell – Yes	Mr. Gastrock – Yes	Mr. Reese – Yes

A motion was made by Mrs. West, seconded by Mr. Baldwin to approve Personnel Items A, C, D, E and F.

A. Extra-Curricular Volunteer Appointments for School Year 2023-2024

Consideration of approval for the following extra-curricular volunteer appointments for School Year 2023-24:

1. Tasha Losinger, Volunteer for High School Dorney Park trip, effective April 9 – June 30, 2024; clearances received;
2. Steven Tokarz, Volunteer for High School Dorney Park trip, effective April 9 – June 30, 2024; clearances received;
3. Holly Campbell, Volunteer for FBLA Conference, April 8 – 10, 2024; clearances received;
4. Patrick Hewitt, Volunteer for High School Boys & Girls Track Assistant Coach, effective April 9 – June 30, 2024; clearances received;
5. Christine Whitsell, Volunteer for High School Dorney Park trip, effective April 9 – June 30, 2024; clearances received;
6. Lorraine Bowen-Cherepko, Volunteer for High School Dorney Park trip, effective April 9 – June 30, 2024; clearances received;
7. Erin Butters, Volunteer for High School Dorney Park trip, effective April 9 – June 30, 2024; clearances received;
8. Michael Reese, Volunteer for High School Dorney Park trip, effective April 9 – June 30, 2024; clearances received;
9. Karen Kotz, Volunteer for Musical, effective April 9 – June 30, 2024; clearances

received;

10. Emma Ray Ostrander, Volunteer for SHREK (Pit Crew), effective April 9 – June 30, 2024; clearances received;
11. Jennifer Cleveland, Volunteer for High School Student Council trip to New York City, effective April 9 – June 30, 2024; clearances received;
12. Leslie Clifford, Volunteer for High School Student Council trip to New York City, effective April 9 – June 30, 2024; clearances received;
13. Susan Gage, Volunteer for High School Student Council trip to New York City, effective April 9 – June 30, 2024; clearances received;
14. Melissa Richardson, Volunteer for High School Student Council trip to New York City, effective April 9 – June 30, 2024; clearances received;
15. Drew Wolgemuth, Volunteer for SHREK (Pit Crew), effective April 9 – June 30, 2024; clearances received;

B. Approval of Support Staff Hire – IT Technology Technician

Consideration of approval for the following

1. _____ as IT Technology Technician, full-time (8 hrs. per day/ 12 months), effective start date of _____ at a starting rate of \$14.50 per hour. Hire is dependent on completion of a satisfactory first forty-five (45) day probationary period.

***C. Approval of Conference Requests**

Consideration of approval for the following conference requests:

1. Melanie Berndtson, High School AgScience Teacher, to attend “CASE Curriculum Lead Teacher Training – Elite Elevation” in Des Moines, IA on April 25 & 26, 2024
(**Estimated Expenditures:** None (Organization will pay for all travel, lodging, and registration fees. There will be an expense of substitute teacher amounting to \$330) (Attachment X-2C-1))
2. Karen Farrer, Supervisor of Special Education, to attend “Compliance Monitoring Training” in Harrisburg, PA on May 17, 2024; (**Estimated Expenditures:** Travel: \$179.56; Meals: \$75; **Total:** \$254.56) (Attachment X-2C-2)

D. Approval of WASD Teachers for Professional Development in Curriculum & Instruction

Consideration of approval for the following Wellsboro Area School District teachers for professional development in Curriculum and Instruction from June 10 – August 2, 2024 at the rate of \$34.00 per hour up to six (6) hours;

Social Studies Curriculum, Grades K-3 (a representative from each grade)

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| 1. Jessica Palmer | 3. Annette Nuss |
| 2. Carly Clark | 4. Kristopher Davis |

E. Approval of Attendance at Health Careers Camp on June 18-20, 2024

Consideration of approval of up to twenty (20) hours for Bianca Parsons, High School Career Health Occupations teacher, at the rate of \$34.00 per hour to supervise and represent Wellsboro Area School District at the UPMC Health Careers Camp offered June 18-20, 2024 for free to District students. The camp sponsored by UPMC Wellsboro Hospital tours and provides engaging career exploration for students.

F. Approval of Hire of School Psychologist Intern for School Year 2024-2025

Consideration of approval for the hire of Gweneth Dick as Graduate School Psychology Intern for Wellsboro Area School District for the School Year 2024-25, effective the first day of inservice training for School Year 2024-25. Rate of pay will be \$15.55 per hour for 1,350 hours for a total stipend of \$20,992.50.

Roll call vote was as follows:

Mrs. West – Yes

Mr. Bieber – Yes

Mr. Curreri – Yes

Mr. Nowak - Yes

Mr. Baldwin – Yes

Mr. Brown – Yes

Mrs. McConnell – Yes

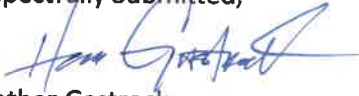
Mr. Gastrock – Yes

Mr. Reese – Yes

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- XI. Public Comment – Mr. David Messineo distributed and reviewed a handout titled “Creating a Successful Parent & Teacher Partnership”. He also spoke to the board about his thoughts on inviting parents to an Act 80 day.
- XII. A motion was made by Mrs. West, seconded by Mr. Brown to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Heather Gastrock
Board Secretary

