



WELLSBORO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2026 - 6:30 PM

- I. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 6:53 PM, by Mr. Christopher Gastrock.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance – Mr. 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; Mrs. Valerie Baltzley; Mr. Glen Reese; Mrs. Maegan McConnell.
- IV. Announcement of any Executive Sessions: Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 6:00 P.M., Conference Room, for the purpose of legal and personnel;
- V. Concerned Resident Issues: Mr. David Messineo spoke to the board regarding his thoughts on how to measure results in a budget. He asked the board to think about “what the return on investment” is.
- VI. Approval of Agenda - A motion was made by Mr. Nowak, seconded by Mr. Brown to approve the agenda as presented. On a voice vote, there were 9 yes votes. Motion passed.
- ☒ Approved ☐ Disapproved ☐ Amended ☐ Tabled ☐ Postponed
- VII. Board Minutes/Financials – A motion was made by Mr. Reese, seconded by Mr. Nowak 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**

Minutes of Work Session of February 3, 2026

(Attachment VII-A)

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of February 10, 2026;

(Attachment VII-A-1)

***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 Representatives – Ms. Claire Smith gave the presentation for the high school student body.
2. Superintendent – Mrs. Sottolano reported to have finished Safety School Coordinator training.

3. Business Manager – Mrs. Jordan DeHaas acknowledged the snacks that were given to the board by the Nutrition Group. She also reported that food service numbers had come in above average again and that she was preparing to go to the PASBO conference in Pittsburgh.
4. Board Members – None at this time.
5. Public Relations Follow-Up – Mrs. Maegan McConnell commended the administration team for the online presence the district has been making. She also asked if we could make a post for make-up snow days.

IX. CONSENT ITEMS

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

1. ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

- *A. Approval of BLaST Intermediate Unit #17 Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027
Consideration of approval of the BLaST Intermediate Unit #17 Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027 in the amount of \$3,613,621; (Attachment IX-1A)
- B. Approval to Utilize Back Parking Lot at WASD Administrative Office
Consideration of approval to allow the utilization of the back parking lot and a room at Administrative Office for Motorcycle Safety when school is not in session; Group will “paint” a course on the back lot and place a temporary storage unit in the back parking lot;

2. PERSONNEL

- *A. Approval of WESPA Support Staff Resignations
Consideration of approval to accept letter of resignation from:
 1. Connie P. Stoudt, part-time High School paraprofessional, effective February 6, 2026;

3. STUDENT

- *A. Approval of Overnight Field Trip Request
Consideration of approval for the following overnight field trip request:
 1. Daniel Sensenig, High School Music Teacher, to take three (3) High School band students to PMEA Region IV Band Festival at Hazelton High School on March 11 – 13, 2026; (\$1,225 which includes substitute costs for teacher, lodging, registration, and meals) (Attachment IX-3A-1)
 2. Michael Charles, FBLA Coordinator, to take twelve (12) FBLA Chapter students to 2026 Future Business Leaders of American Pennsylvania State Leadership Conference in Hershey, PA on April 12-15, 2026; (District requested to pay \$3200 out of total cost of \$10,708.429;) (Attachment IX-3A-2)
 3. Francis Novak, High School Math/Science/Engineering Teacher, to take four (4) High School Personal Finance students to Vanguard John C. Bogle Building, Malvern, PA (TeamMax167 WASD advances to Pennsylvania Personal Finance Challenge in Person State Finals) (District requested to pay \$550 out of total cost of \$550) (Attachment IX-3A-3)
 4. Amber Whitney, High School Technology Education/Industrial Arts Teacher, Bianca Parsons, High School Health Occupations Teacher and James Mack, High School Culinary Arts Teacher, to take seventeen (17) Skills USA students to Skills USA State Leadership Conference & Competition on April 8 – 10, 2026 in Hershey, PA; (Attachment IX-3A-4)

5. Daniel Sensenig, High School Music Teacher, to take twenty-four (24) Wellsboro High School Performance Marching Band students to Washington, DC on November 9-12, 2026 to perform as part of the Official National Veteran's Day Ceremony and 250th Celebration; (Attachment IX-3A-5)
6. Andrew Borzok, High School Physics Teacher, to take eight (8) Robotics Club students, to Saucon Valley Middle School, Hellerton, PA on March 14 & 15, 2025 to compete in the FIRST Tech Challenge PA State Championship; (Attachment IX-3A-6)

4. **OTHER**

A. **Approval of School Bus Driver**

Consideration of approval of the following school bus driver:

1. Angela Manookian, school bus driver for Benedict's Bus Service, effective March 11, 2026; all clearances and mandated reporter training certificate have been received;

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

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X. **ACTION ITEMS:**

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

1. **ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION**

*A. **Approval of UPMC Sports Medicine Athletic Training Services Agreement**

Consideration of approval for the UPMC Sports Medicine Athletic Training Services Agreement effective July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2028. Costs of Athletic Trainer and Physician Services are outlined in Attachment A: Pricing Schedule. (Attachment X-1A)

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

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2. **PERSONNEL**

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

A. **Extra-Curricular Volunteer Appointments for School Year 2025-2026**

Consideration of approval for the following extra-curricular volunteer appointments for School Year 2025-26; required clearances have been submitted;

1. Janessa Smith as Volunteer Chaperone for elementary trip to Harrisburg, PA on May 8, 2026 for the School Year 2025-26;
2. Cassandra Heath as Volunteer Chaperone for elementary trip to Harrisburg PA on May 8, 2026 for the School Year 2025-26;
3. Marc Rice as Volunteer Chaperone for elementary trip to Harrisburg, PA on May 8, 2026 for the School Year 2025-26;
4. Jeremy Richardson as Volunteer Coach for High School Baseball for the School

Year 2025-26;

5. Catava Reese as Volunteer Chaperone for High School Class Trip on May 25-28, 2026 for the School Year 2025-26 pending receipt of FBI fingerprinting clearance;

6. Samantha Stevens as Volunteer MS Track and Field Assistant Coach for the School Year 2025-26;

7. Dr. Ben Largey as Volunteer Middle School Baseball Assistant Coach for the School Year 2025-26;

8. Michelle Jayne-Showers as Volunteer Chaperone for 4th Grade Field Trip for School Year 2025-26;

9. Franciszka Lupkowski as Volunteer Assistant Coach for High School Boys Tennis for School Year 2025-26;

10. Traci Wood as Volunteer High School Girls Track Assistant Coach for the School Year 2025-26;

11. Susan Gage as Volunteer Chaperone for High School Personal Finance Competition and FBLA Leadership Conference for School Year 2025-26;

12. Tonya Wetherbee as Volunteer Chaperone for FBLA Leadership Conference for School Year 2025-26;

***B. Approval of Conference Requests**

Consideration of approval for the following conference requests:

1. Dr. Jacob Rogers, District Psychologist/504 Coordinator, to attend Section 504 Process Manual – Virtual Training on April 15, 2026 (Estimated Expenditures: Registration: \$100;) (Attachment X-2B-1)

2. Amy Coots, Principal of Academic Affairs, to attend “2026 PA Federal Programs Annual Conference”, in Erie, PA on May 17-20, 2026; (Estimated Expenditures: Travel - \$130; Lodging: \$520; Meals: \$10.00; Registration: \$550; **TOTAL: \$1,210**) (Attachment X-2B-2)

3. Ashley Bowen, Elementary Teacher, to attend “Designing Student Practice in Mathematics” in Harrisburg, PA on March 11, 2026; (Estimated Expenditures: Travel - \$194.30; Substitute Costs: \$160; **TOTAL: \$354.30** (Attachment X-2B-3)

4. Heather McCabe, Elementary Teacher, to attend “Designing Student Practice in Mathematics” in Harrisburg, PA on March 11, 2026; (Estimated Expenditures: Substitute Costs: \$160; **TOTAL: \$160** (Attachment X-2B-4)

5. Michael Wolff, Technology Technician, to attend “Tech-Talk-Live Conference” in Lancaster, PA on May 4, 5, & 6, 2026 ; (Estimated Expenditures: Travel: \$270; Lodging: \$337.44; Meals: \$40; Registration: \$350; **TOTAL: \$997.44** (Attachment X-2B-5)

C. Approval of Extra-Curricular Hires for School Year 2025-2026 and 2026-267

Consideration of approval for School Year 2025-26 and School Year 2026-27 extra-curricular hires of :

1. John Shaffer, as High School Boys Soccer Head Coach for the School Year 2026-2027 at a stipend of \$3,569 (play period of August 17 – November 21, 2026)

2. Alexis Getty, as Middle School Track and Field Head Coach, for the School Year 2025-2026 at a stipend of \$2,361 (play period of March 2 – May 23, 2026)

3. Jamie Frantz. as Middle School Baseball Assistant Coach for School Year 2025-26 at a stipend of \$1,680 (play period of March 2 – June 12, 2026)

4. Brent English as High School Football Assistant Coach for School Year 2026-27 at a stipend of \$3,491 (play period of August 10 – December 12, 2026)

D. Approval of Mentors

Consideration of approval of the following mentors for School Year 2025-26:

1. Isaac Cary, Don Gill Computer Teacher and Charissa Mascho, Kindergarten Teacher, as Mentors for Erica Parzych, Long-Term Substitute Art Teacher, in accordance with the New Teacher Induction Program of 2024-2030; Stipend of

\$1,250 will be divided 1/2 between mentors;

E. Approval of WESPA Support Hire for School Year 2025-26

Consideration of approval for the hire of Mark P. Taylor as part-time Special Education paraprofessional (up to 29.5 hours per week/nine (9) months), effective start date of March 11, 2026 with a starting rate of \$16.00 per hour. The thirty (30) working day probationary period is hereby waived. Hire is dependent upon completion of Mandated Reporter training.

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

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3. CURRICULUM

A motion was made by Mr. Nowak, seconded by Mr. Brown to approve the Action Item as follows.

A. Approval of Addition of AP Courses to the School Year 2026-27 Curriculum Guide

Consideration of approval for the addition of the following AP Courses to the School Year 2026-27 Curriculum Guide:

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| 1. AP Cyber Security | Instructor: Peter Buonaiuto | Effective Semester: Fall of 2026 |
| 2. AP World History Modern | Instructor: Courtney Russell | Effective Semester: Fall of 2026 |
| 3. AP United States History | Instructor: John Shaffer | Effective Semester: Fall/Spring 2026 |

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

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XI. Public Comment – Mr. Dave Messineo presented and spoke about a “Quick Reference” handout which reported numbers from the PSBA 2026 report.

XII. Mr. Reese made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown to adjourn the meeting at 7:22PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Gastrock
Board Secretary