
WEST SHORE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lewisberry, PA

January 16, 2025

The West Shore School Board met in regular session at 6:35 p.m. with President Brent presiding.

The following members were present: Brinton, Cox, Davis, Kambic, Thomas (remote), Tierney, and Trone.

Administrators present: Stoltz, Gay, Argot, Sanders, Unti, Butt, Granger, Herbert, Long, and Rizzardo. Solicitor: Hall.

Opening Ceremonies

The opening ceremonies were led by Cedar Cliff High School JROTC comprised of Seniors Yune Kim and Andrew Snavelly, Junior Andrew DuBose, and Isabel Bulick. A string ensemble from Allen Middle School comprised of Eighth Graders Amaia Gonzalez, Protayee Sarkar, Yana Semke, Elise Schmidt, and Amanda Ulzheimer with seventh grader Taylin Russaw performed the National Anthem preceding the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition by the Board

Mr. Brinton highlighted Freshman Ava Holjes' wrestling success for Red Land High School. He also highlighted the National Civics Bee.

Mrs. Cox, Mr. Kambic, and Mr. Trone shared news from Hillside Elementary School. Mrs. Cox also featured the West Shore Foundation's Academic Bowl.

Mrs. Tierney previewed West Shore Foundation's support for the showing of My Ascension.

Mrs. Thomas complimented Red Land High School JROTC's participation in the Wreathes Across America at Fort Indiantown Gap.

Mrs. Brent recognized Arthur Sherman and the rest of the District's Custodial Team.

Dr. Stoltz featured student musicians, the proposed 2025-2026 calendar, and success by West Shore's Cumberland Perry Area Career and Technology Center students at the Pennsylvania State Farm Show.

Door Decoration with Artificial Plants

1st place – Junior Emily Ritchey, level 3 (Red Land) – Best of Show winner

2nd place – Junior Samantha Emeigh, level 3 (Red Land)

		<p>Cactus Garden 1st place – Sophomore Emma Olson, level 1 (Red Land)</p> <p>Terrariums 1st place – Junior Leeland Huggins, level 2 (Red Land)</p> <p>Mini Landscape – Horticultural Business 1st place – Junior Malachi Derrickson, level 3 (Cedar Cliff) 5th place – Senior Landon Carroll, level 3 (Red Land) & Dylan Craig, level 1 (Red Land)</p> <p>Bud Vase 4th place – Junior Samantha Emeigh, level 3 (Red Land)</p> <p>Sympathy design for a cremation 4th place – Junior Emily Ritchey, level 3 (Red Land)</p>
Opportunity for Students to Speak on Business Items		No students addressed the Board.
Opportunity for the Public to Speak on Business Items		Sandra Gonzalez, York Haven, supports busing software updates and suggested the potential of allowing parents to access GPS locations of buses.
Minutes	Motion:	It was moved by Mr. Brinton and seconded by Mrs. Tierney that the minutes of the meetings held on December 5, 2024, and December 12, 2024, be approved. Motion carried on a roll call vote 8-0.
Treasurer's Report	Motion:	It was moved by Mr. Trone and seconded by Mrs. Cox that the Treasurer's Report for the month ending December 31, 2024, and available funds of \$64,309,906.90 be filed subject to audit. Motion carried on a roll call vote 8-0.
Communications		<p>Dr. Stoltz reported there were no changes necessary to the Health and Safety Plan.</p> <p>Mr. Brinton shared news from the Finance Committee.</p> <p>Mrs. Tierney previewed the announcement of Innovation Grant Winners, the upcoming Putting Students First (May 3), and the West Shore Foundation's Tenth Annual Gala (October 18).</p> <p>Mr. Kambic provided a Facilities Committee update.</p> <p>Mr. Trone shared news from the Transportation Committee.</p>

Mrs. Thomas featured York Adams Academy January 22 winter graduation.

Mrs. Davis provided some updates from the Facilities Committee.

Mr. Kambic provided some details from the Transportation Committee.

Mrs. Cox indicated the Curriculum Committee held a meeting this week and would report next month.

Mrs. Thomas indicated the Board Policy Committee held a meeting earlier in the evening and would report next month.

Bills for Approval	Motion:	It was moved by Mr. Trone and seconded by Mrs. Cox that the Board of School Directors approves the bills as attached to these minutes. Motion carried on a roll call vote 8-0.
Personnel	Motion:	It was moved by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Brinton that the Board of School Directors approves Item 7.b.1. through Item 7.b.10. Motion carried on a roll call vote 8-0.
Staff Attendance at Professional Meetings	Motion:	It was moved by Mr. Kambic and seconded by Mr. Brinton at the Board of School Directors approves the requests for staff attendance at professional meetings;
AFSCME MOU Four-Day Work Week		approves the attached Memorandum of Understanding with District Council 89 of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO;
Roof Restoration and Replacement Project		approves the attached proposal for Highland Elementary School from Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc.;
Agreement for Owner's Representative with Fidevia		approves the attached agreement for Construction Management Services with Fidevia, LLC.;
Intermediate School Change Orders		approves the following Change Orders: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Old Trail Electrical Contract Change Order #11: \$2,816.702. Fairview Electrical Contract Change Order #14: \$2,816.703. Old Trail Electrical Contract Change Order #12: \$2,024.854. Fairview Electrical Contract Change Order #15: \$2,024.855. Fairview Site Change Order #15: \$16,042.50

6. Fairview General Contract Change Order #9: -
\$55,842.57;

Non-Disclosure Agreement with Transfinder	approves the attached Non-Disclosure Agreement with Transfinder;
Girls Scouts Academic Edge Program	approves the attached agreement for Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania to deliver the "Academic Edge" program at eligible District elementary schools through the 2026-2027 school year;
MOU with Move Forward Counseling Services	adopts the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Move Forward Counseling;
2025-2026 Cumberland Perry Area Career Technical Center Operating Budget	approves the proposed 2025-2026 Cumberland Perry Area Career Technical Center Operating Budget as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote 8-0.
Information Items	Dr. Argot share proposed revisions to Board Policy 254: Educational Opportunity for Military Children.
Opportunity for Students to Speak on General Items	No students addressed the Board.
Opportunity for the Public to Speak on General Items	<p>As follow-up to the Board Policy Committee meeting, Sandra Gonzalez, York Haven, encouraged the Board to listen to the community, shared concerns for the safety of girls, and expressed concern for how bathroom use is covered in policy.</p> <p>As follow-up to the Board Policy Committee meeting, Jay Hess, Etters, highlighted differences in meaning between the words sex and gender, encouraged the Board to do their research, and offered to provide his expertise for free.</p> <p>As follow-up to the Board Policy Committee meeting, Heather Keller, New Cumberland, shared concerns about Board members focusing on "their" stakeholders, rather than the entire community, expressed concern about the source of policies Board members were looking at, and advocated for thinking about the safety of LGBTQIA+ students.</p> <p>As follow-up to the Board Policy Committee meeting, Sandra McCarver, Lemoyne, shared her thoughts that the direction of the Board Policy Committee's discussion was good by the time the meeting ended.</p>

As follow-up to the Board Policy Committee meeting, Margeaux Sandnes, New Cumberland, highlighted the importance of athletics and recognized the need for there a nuanced approach when dealing with sex-based differences in athletics.

Lisa Budwig, Lemoyne, shared concerns about items related to pronoun use and bathroom access on the Board Policy Committee agenda. These comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Tom Flynn, Etters, expressed concerns related to the potential of anti-LGBTQ+ policies shared in the *York Dispatch*. These comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Deb Gray, Camp Hill, expressed concerns about the issues in item 4 of the Board Policy Committee agenda. These comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Carol Helsel, Lemoyne, expressed concerns about the discussion of Sex-Based Distinctions in Athletics and Universal Bathrooms at the Board Policy Committee meeting. These comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Jennifer King, New Cumberland, expressed concerns related to sex-based distinctions in athletics and universal bathrooms as part of the Board Policy meeting. These comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Kim Patterson, Etters, expressed concerns about the York Dispatch article titled "West Shore to begin discussion of anti-LGBTQ+ policies." These comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Mariana Reed, New Cumberland, argued against implementing universal bathrooms. These comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Jim Sawyer, Etters, shared his concerns about the potential of boys taking athletic opportunities away from girls. These comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Martha Uber, York Haven, asked questions about why the Board is discussing LGBTQ+ rights. These comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Kirsten Youse, New Cumberland, shared concerns about the potential of adopting policies which are discriminatory towards students who are LGBTQIA+. These comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

David Wilson, New Cumberland, advocated for allowing students to participate as their presented gender and allow at least one non-nurses universal bathroom in every school.

Joel Askey, Lewisberry, shared information about victimization of trans people and read a WSSD adaptation of *Letter from Birmingham Jail*. She provided *Letter from Birmingham Jail* to Board members.

Leah Cooper, Etters, shared her reaction to comments made at the November 21, 2024 Board meeting.

John Dewan, Lewisberry, shared renewed concerns of parking in the neighborhood by Red Land High School.

Sandra Gonzalez, York Haven, expressed concerns about coverage of bathroom signs at Red Land High School.

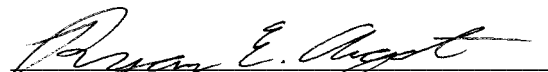
Bill Gramlich, Camp Hill, expressed concerns about boys/girls in sports/restrooms and offered learning opportunities for parents to learn about parenting and other issues from his church. The schedule of classes was shared with Board members.

Teri Mickle, New Cumberland, shared concerns about antagonistic topics being discussed, advocated for better funding, and encouraged the Board to demonstrate leadership.

Gabrielle Perkins, Etters, advocated for keeping everyone safe and putting the Bible back in schools.

Adjournment

There being no further business, President Brent declared the meeting adjourned. (8:26 p.m.)



Dr. Ryan E. Argot, Secretary