## WEST SHORE SCHOOL DISTRICT Lewisberry, PA February 20, 2025

The West Shore School Board met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. with President Brent presiding.

The following members were present: Cox, Davis, Guistwhite, Kambic, Thomas, Tierney, and Trone.

Administrators present: Stoltz, Gay, Argot, Sanders, Butt, Herbert, Long, Peifer, and Vogelsong. Solicitor: Hall.

## **Opening Ceremonies**

The opening ceremonies were led by Red Land High School JROTC comprised of Junior Michael Hall with Sophomores Livia Donley and Jaxen Borkowski. A flute ensemble from Red Land High School comprised of Seniors Sophia Gross and Dakota Keller, Sophomores Samuel Herbert, Alexandra Housley, and Lillian Rosenberger performed the National Anthem preceding the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Recognition by the Board

Red Land High School Senior Aiden Lee shared his school experiences.

Cedar Cliff High School Senior Zoey Strickland shared her high school experiences.

Mrs. Cox congratulated those wrestlers who moved on to the next level of competition.

Mr. Trone praised the West Shore Foundation and the West Shore Education Association for their sponsorship of the "My Ascession" presentation.

Mr. Guistwhite gave a "Shout Out" to the Food Service Department for providing students with fresh fruit.

Mrs. Davis shared information from the District Advisory Council.

Dr. Stoltz shared information about the film "My Ascension." The documentary details the story of 16-year-old Emma Benoit and her struggles with mental health. He congratulated West Shore Marching Band's Percussion Drill Team for earning first place in the "Scholastic A" Category at the Keystone Indoor Drill Association's competition. He also highlighted the District's participation in National Read Aloud Day on Friday, February 7.

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, was given the time to share thoughts from the Policy Committee meeting because public comments were not taken in the meeting. She shared concerns for requiring students to go to the doctor, concerns for protecting girls in sports, and the length of time it takes for policies to get revised.

Kristi Harmon, Mechanicsburg, was given the time to share thoughts from the Policy Committee meeting because public comments were not taken in the meeting. She indicated her desire of keeping boys out of girls sports and advocated for moving policies at a faster pace.

Rachel Henicle, Lemoyne, was given the time to share thoughts from the Policy Committee meeting because public comments were not taken in the meeting. She expressed concerns about requiring a doctor's note for three days consecutive absences from school.

Jay Hess, Etters, was given the time to share thoughts from the Policy Committee meeting because public comments were not taken in the meeting. He disputed that there are only two sexes and shared research with the Board. A copy of the article was given to the Board Secretary for distribution.

Heather Keller, New Cumberland, was given the time to share thoughts from the Policy Committee meeting because public comments were not taken in the meeting. She expressed concerns about the need to write a policy which might be in violation of the law and asked why it was needed.

Kirsten Salvatore, Mechanicsburg, was given the time to share thoughts from the Policy Committee meeting because public comments were not taken in the meeting. She expressed concerns about discussing a policy that might not be in compliance with the *Pennsylvania Human Relations Act*.

Traci Bitting, Mechanicsburg, expressed support for moving forward with renovations at the Natatorium. These comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Heidi Culleiton, Camp Hill, expressed support for moving forward with renovations at the Natatorium. These comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Erin Edwards, New Cumberland, expressed support for moving forward with renovations at the Natatorium. These comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Brian Rainey, Mechanicsburg, expressed support for moving forward with renovations at the Natatorium. These comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Sandra Gonzalez, York Haven, expressed concerns about the amount of money being targeted for the West Shore Natatorium.

Minutes Motion: It wa

Refunds

**Professional Meetings** 

It was moved by Mrs. Tierney and seconded by Mr. Trone that the minutes of the meetings held on January 9, 2025, and January 16, 2025, be approved. Motion carried on a roll call vote 8-0.

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Treasurer's Report Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Kambic that

the Treasurer's Report for the month ending January 31, 2025, and available funds of \$57,545,378.28 be filed subject to audit.

Motion carried on a roll call vote 8-0.

Communications Finance, Policy, and Transportation Committee reports were

posted.

Mrs. Davis shared news from the Facilities Committee.

Mrs. Thomas shared news from the Policy Committee.

Mr. Guistwhite shared news from the Transportation

Committee.

Personnel Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Tierney that

the Board of School Directors approves Item 7.a.1. through

Item 7.a.10. Motion carried on a roll call vote 8-0.

Bills for Approval Motion: It was moved by Mr. Kambic and seconded by Mrs. Tierney

that the Board of School Directors approves the bills as

attached to these minutes;

Real Estate Tax approved a refund of \$70,225.69 for tax paid on 2024-2025 bill

#000171, #000172, #000173, #000174, #000175, #000176 &

#000177, at penalty; and

Budgetary Transfer approved budgetary transfers to and from the following

accounts in the attached amounts. Motion carried on a roll call

vote 8-0.

Staff Attendance at Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Tierney and seconded by Mr. Kambic

that the Board of School Directors approves the requests for staff attendance at professional meetings. Motion carried on a

roll call vote 8-0.

Intermediate School Change Orders Motion:

It was moved by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Cox that the Board of School Directors approves the following Change Orders:

- 1. Old Trail General Contract Change Order #13: \$6,969.00;
- 2. Old Trail Electrical Contract Change Order #13: \$2,355.21; and
- 3. Old Trail Site Change Order #15: -\$120,000.00. Motion carried on a roll call vote 8-0.

Red Land Site Improvement Change Order Motion:

It was moved by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Kambic that the Board of School Directors approves the following Change Order: Red Land Site Improvement Change Order #15: \$17,901.00. Motion carried on a roll call vote 8-0.

Purchase and Installation of Combi Oven Motion:

It was moved by Mr. Kambic and seconded by Mrs. Cox that the Board of School Directors authorizes use of Food Service financial reserves and awards the bid for a new Combi Oven to Culinary Dept, 67 Rt 59, Spring Valley, NY 10977 in the amount totaling \$36,061.30, as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder meeting specifications; and

Purchase and Installation of Cleveland Range Steamer authorizes use of Food Service financial reserves and awards the bid for a new Cleveland Range to Culinary Dept, 67 Rt 59, Spring Valley, NY 10977 in the amount totaling \$21,708.74, as the lowest bidder meeting specifications. Motion carried on a roll call vote 8-0.

Special Education Settlement Agreements Motion:

It was moved by Mrs. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Tierney that the Board of School Directors authorizes execution of the settlement agreements as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote 8-0.

Natatorium Renovations Motion:

It was moved by Mr. Kambic and seconded by Mrs. Tierney that the Board of School Directors accepts the proposal for design services for Natatorium Renovations from RLPS Architects. Motion carried on a roll call vote 8-0.

Information Items

No Information Items were presented to the Board.

Opportunity for Students to Speak on General Items

No students addressed the Board.

Opportunity for the Public to Speak on General Items Brandi and Oliver Brandl, Camp Hill, expressed support for moving forward with a policy on sex-based differences in athletics. These comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Ash Hussain, Etters, expressed concern about moving forward with policies on bathrooms or sex-based differences in athletics. These comments were shared with the Board after the February 13 Board meeting.

Sandra McCarver, Lemoyne, encouraged Board members to consider federal laws and the *Pennsylvania Human Relations Act* when considering policy revisions. These comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Joei Askey, Lewisberry, shared her thoughts and concerns about the discussions on the Natatorium and sex differences in sports conversations.

Marvin Beshore, Lemoyne, pushed back on the idea that Florida's education system for children is top in the nation.

Julie Estep, New Cumberland, commended the District's music program, thanked the Transportation Committee, and highlighted Pennsylvania's recent audit of charter schools.

Sandra Gonzalez, York Haven, expressed concerns about funding priorities.

Teri Mickle, New Cumberland, advocated for full day kindergarten.

Casey Reed, New Cumberland, indicated males should not be in women's sports and argued that there were only two sexes.

There being no further business, President Brent declared the meeting adjourned. (8:31 p.m.)

Adjournment

Dr. Ryan E. Argot, Secretary