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WEST SHORE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lewisberry, PA

March 19, 2024

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The West Shore School Board met in regular session at 6:36 p.m. with President Thomas presiding.

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

Administrators present: Stoltz, Gay, Argot, Boone (remote), Sanders, Unti, Butt, Fourhman, and Harrison. Solicitor: Say.

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Recognition by the Board

Attorney Say was asked by the Board to share details about the fact gathering information sessions held on Monday, March 18, 2024 with Byrnes Health Education Center and the Independence Law Center (ILC). Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Tierney provided additional statements about ILC.

Dr. Stoltz provided an update on the reasoning for rescheduling the March 13 Board Curriculum Meeting due to human error and the March 14 Board Meeting due to a network outage which impacted AgendaManager. Dr. Stoltz agreed to invite a representative from the Capital Area Intermediate Unit (CAIU) to attend the March 21 meeting to provide additional details.

Mr. Kambic requested a Moment of Silence in Honor of long time community leader Mayor DJ Landis. He then gave multiple athletic Shout Outs.

Mr. Trone gave Shout Outs for the phenomenal student musical productions.

Dr. Stoltz featured Cedar Cliff Senior Caleb Masshardt advancement to National Merit Finalist, YCAL announcement of Kristin Stahl and Alyson Weaver's Projectile Launching into Physics \$845.25 2024 Innovation Grant, Cedar Cliff High School first and second place wins at the Academic WorldQuest competition sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Harrisburg, Cedar Cliff's student group Colts Anti-Racist Alliance (also known as CARA) Anti-Racism & Diversity Art Gallery, Competition and Silent Auction as well as the formalwear donation drive by both high schools to help with prom season.

Opportunity for Students to Speak on Business Items

No students addressed the Board.

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Opportunity for the  
Public to Speak on  
Business Items

Larry Cox, Lewisberry, shared of his positive conversations with District leadership and provided copies of a petition in support of a Red Land High School Sports Complex.

Danielle Gross, Eppers, expressed support for moving forward with the Byrnes Health Education Center Agreement and upgrades to Fishing Creek Elementary School's heating system.

Matthew Grove, Lewisberry, spoke in favor of providing fact based puberty education to elementary students.

David McCahan, Lewisberry, expressed support for a Stadium at Red Land High School.

Dora Polk, New Cumberland, highlighted her prior desire to review the instructional materials from the Byrnes Health Education Center, explaining her intent was not to cancel the relationship.

Janel Trowbridge, Dover, expressed her support for moving forward with Byrnes Health Education Center.

Barbara Byrne, Camp Hill, shared support for moving forward with programming from the Byrnes Health Center. The comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Jennifer Gilmore, Eppers, shared support for moving forward with programming from the Byrnes Health Center. The comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Jennifer King, Eppers, shared support for moving forward with the Byrnes Health Center's "Grow and Know" program. The comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Nick Malawskey, Camp Hill, expressed support for the Byrnes Center. The comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Marybeth Quirin, Camp Hill, expressed support for the Byrnes Center. The comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Martha Uber, York Haven, shared support for reinstating the District relationship with the Byrnes Health Education Center. The comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Communications	Motion:	It was moved by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Thomas that the Board of School Directors approves the Board Hearing Administrator's recommendations in student disciplinary cases 23.24-135 and 23.24-140.
Personnel	Motion:	It was moved by Mrs. Brent and seconded by Mrs. Davis that the Board of School Directors approves Item 5.a.1. Retirement(s) – Professional; Item 5.a.2. Resignation(s) – Support; Item 5.a.3. Resignation(s) –Extra Duty; Item 5.a.4. Alteration(s) to Employment Status – Support; Item 5.a.4a. Appointment(s) - Professional; Item 5.a.5. Appointment(s) – Support; Item 5.a.6. Appointment(s) - Extra Duty; Item 5.a.7. Approval Supplemental Time; Item 5.a.8. Approval – Substitute Lists; Item 5.a.9. Approval – Bus Drivers. Motion carried on a roll call vote 8-0.
Approval of the Artis Senior Living Tax Assessment Appeal Settlement	Motion:	It was moved by Mrs. Tierney and seconded by Mr. Trone that the Board of School Directors approves the Artis Senior Living Tax Assessment Appeal Settlement as presented and authorize the District administration, and solicitor to take all steps necessary to effectuate this settlement and to resolve this pending tax assessment appeal case. Motion carried on a roll call vote 8-0.
Memorandum of Understanding - AFSCME Four-Day Work Week	Motion:	It was moved by Mrs. Tierney and seconded by Mr. Kambic that the Board of School Directors approves the attached Memorandum of Understanding with District Council 89 of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO. Motion carried on a roll call vote 8-0.
Addendum to July 1, 2023, Agreement for Services Between West Shore School District and CCRES	Motion:	It was moved by Mr. Kambic and seconded by Mrs. Thomas that the Board of School Directors approves the attached Addendum to the July 1, 2023, Agreement for Services Between West Shore School District and CCRES. Motion carried on a roll call vote 8-0.
Contract for Psychological Evaluations	Motion:	It was moved by Mrs. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Davis that the Board of School Directors approves the attached agreement for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year to be provided by Central Penn Educational Associates. Motion carried on a roll call vote 8-0.
Byrnes Health Education Agreement	Motion:	It was moved by Mrs. Tierney and seconded by Mr. Kambic that the Board of School Directors approves the agreement for Byrnes Health Education to deliver the "Grow and Know" program to fifth-grade students at Fishing Creek, Highland, and Newberry Elementary Schools during the 2023-2024 school year. This motion carried on a roll call vote 8-0 after a motion by Mr. Guistwhite to revise the language was seconded by Mrs. Brent and carried on a roll call vote 8-0.

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Red Land High School Key Club Trip      Motion:      It was moved by Mrs. Brent and seconded by Mr. Trone that the Board of School Directors approves the trip for Key Club students to participate in the convention in State College, Pennsylvania, from April 5, 2024, through April 7, 2024. Motion carried on a roll call vote 8-0.

2024 Summer School Programs      Motion:      It was moved by Mrs. Tierney and seconded by Mr. Kambic that the Board of School Directors adopts the 2024 Summer School Programs and approves all active West Shore School District support personnel at \$20 per hour or Regular Hourly Rate (whichever is higher) and all professional staff at the supplemental pay rate as outlined in the collective bargaining agreement to provide services needed for summer school programs. Motion carried on a roll call vote 8-0.

Transportation Agreement with Assist Services, LLC      Motion:      It was moved by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Cox that the Board of School Directors approves the attached Agreement with Assist Services, LLC, for the transportation of pupils through July 2024. Motion carried on a roll call vote 8-0.

Additional Services Agreement with PennTerra Engineering      Motion:      It was moved by Mrs. Tierney and seconded by Mrs. Davis that the Board of School Directors accepts the attached Proposal for Additional Services with PennTerra Engineering, Inc. Motion carried on a roll call vote 8-0.

Information Items

Dr. Stoltz provided an overview of the March 21 Board agenda.

Chris Stultz from McClure Company shared a proposal for upgrades to Fishing Creek Elementary School’s heating system.

Mrs. Boone provided an update on the 2024-2025 General Fund Budget development as well as the 2023-2024 audit analysis.

Dr. Argot shared proposed revisions for Board Policies 110: Instructional Supplies and 614: Payroll Authorization.

Opportunity for Students to Speak on General Items      No students addressed the Board.

Opportunity for the Public to Speak on General Items

Joel Askey, Lewisberry, reviewed Maslow’s Hierarchy in advocating for safe spaces in schools.

Martha Bert, New Cumberland, advocated for Board transparency.

Lucas Cox, Eters, expressed support for a sports complex at Red Land High School.

Judith Crocenzi, Eters, expressed concerns that staff may be looking to leave.

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John Dewan, Lewisberry, shared some concerns about students parking in the neighborhood.

Thaddeus Eisenhower, New Cumberland, commended the District's efforts to provide expanded mental health support of students and advocated for increased athletic facilities.

John Elliott, Eters, shared concerns about the District's potential use of the Independence Law Center and expressed support for Stock and Leader.

Julie Estep, New Cumberland, expressed concerns related to the lack of transparency in relation to interactions with the Independence Law Center.

Sandra Gonzalez, York Haven, advocated for a stadium at Red Land High School.

Danielle Gross, Eters, thanked the Board for approving the Byrnes Health Center partnership, discouraged the Board from moving forward with the Independence Law Center, advocated for better transparency, and suggested changing language related to public comments.

Jay Hess, Eters, expressed concerns related to actions related to the Independence Law Center and highlighted nursing ethics.

It was moved by Mrs. Tierney and seconded by Mr. Kambic that the Board of School Directors extend the meeting until up to 11:00 PM. The motion carried without any vocal opposition.

Heather Keller, New Cumberland, expressed concerns about a recent Facebook post by Mrs. Brent's Facebook and shared information about the Independence Law Centers affiliates.

Dora Polk, New Cumberland, revisited issues related to parental rights to review instructional materials (Byrnes) as well as advocating for better controls on technology devices.

Margeaux Sandnes, New Cumberland, expressed concerns related to book bans and the Independence Law Center.

Karen Taylor, New Cumberland, thanks the Board members for their service and expressed concerns related to the Independence Law Center.

Janel Trowbridge, Dover, concerned by the direction of the new Board related to the legal service RFP, potential changes in Board Policy 005, actions with Byrnes Health Center and the recent meeting with the Independence Law Center.

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Shawn Zeiders, expressed support for a sports complex at Red Land High School.

Barbara Byrne, Camp Hill, discouraged the Board from hiring the Independence Law Center. The comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Diane Andes, New Cumberland, expressed concerns related to the Independence Law Center. The comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Samuel Andes, New Cumberland, expressed concerns related to the Independence Law Center and a desire to retain current legal counsel. The comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Brandy Bacon, Dover, expressed concerns related to the Independence Law Center. The comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Lisa Budwig, Lemoyne, expressed frustration related to the timing of announcing and rescheduling meetings, suggesting they betray the spirit of transparency. The comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Kirsten Cohick, Eppers, expressed concerns related to the direction being taken by the new Board, focusing on its meeting with the Independence Law Center. The comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Jennifer Gilmore, Eppers, expressed concerns related to the Independence Law Center. The comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Lisa Hicks, New Cumberland, expressed concerns related to the Independence Law Center. The comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Tara High, Eppers, expressed concern about the Board's private meeting with a third party on Monday. The comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Lori Maas, Mechanicsburg, expressed concerns about the Board secret meeting with the Independence Law Center. The comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Nick Malawskey, Camp Hill, expressed support for Natatorium renovations. The comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

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Teri Mickle, New Cumberland, shared her support for transparency in School Board Operations and expressed concerns related to receiving any advice from the Independence Law Center. The comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Diana Miles, Etters, calls on the Board to operate with complete transparency. The comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Frank Miles, Etters, expressed concerns related to lack of timely notice about meetings and advocated for the Board working in a cooperative manner. The comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Amanda and Shawn Mutchler, Camp Hill, highlighted the importance of separation from church and state and then expressed concerns related to the Independence Law Center. The comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Vanessa Muth, Lewisberry, expressed concerns related to the Board's meeting with the Independence Law Center. The comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Kim Patterson, Etters, expressed concerns related to the Board's executive session workshop with the Independence Law Center. The comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Allison Schoener, Etters, discouraged the Board from moving forward with the Independence Law Center. The comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Lisa Temple, Lewisberry, expressed concerns related to the Independence Law Center. The comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

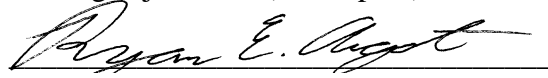
Martha Uber, York Haven, expressed concerns related to the Independence Law Center. The comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Laura Whitaker, New Cumberland, wanted more information about why there was a private meeting with the Independence Law Center. The comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, President Thomas declared the meeting adjourned. (10:53 p.m.)

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ryan E. Argot", written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Ryan E. Argot, Secretary