
WEST SHORE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lewisberry, PA

April 18, 2024

The West Shore School Board met in regular session at 6:33 p.m. with President Thomas presiding.

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

Administrators present: Stoltz, Gay, Argot, Boone, Sanders, Fillgrove, Fourhman, Harrison, Konieczny, Ryan, Sheraw, Trevino, and Vogelsong. Solicitor: Hall.

Opening Ceremonies

The opening ceremonies were led by Cedar Cliff High School JROTC comprised of Senior Austin Snaveley, Junior Derek Cruz Andujar, Steward Dougherty and Freshman Aubrey Jones. A Crossroads Middle School Brass Ensemble performance of the National Anthem preceded the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition by the Board

The Board recognized Jennifer L. Smith, Assistant Principal's Secretary at Red Land High School, as support employee of the third quarter.

The Board recognized Melissa N.P. Wabrick, School Counselor at New Cumberland Middle School, as professional employee of the third quarter.

Cedar Cliff High School Senior Iva Peric shared some of her school experiences with the Board.

Red Land High School Senior Isaiah Brown shared some of his school experiences with the Board.

Mrs. Cox highlighted programs at Red Land High School, Fishing Creek Elementary, the District's Special Olympics, and the Capital Area Intermediate Unit's Champions for Children.

Mrs. Tierney featured the Board visit at Allen Middle School with Mrs. Brent and Mr. Kambic.

Mr. Brinton gave a Shout Out to Mr. David Heisey for being a Hall of Fame Coach.

Mr. Kambic gave a Shout Out to Cedar Cliff High School Senior Kelsey Shires for having more than 500 saves in both Field Hockey and Lacrosse.

Mr. Guistwhite provided a Shout Out for the number of community members engaged in Board meetings.

Mr. Trone echoed Mrs. Cox's praise of Special Olympics.

Dr. Stoltz thanked everyone for wearing purple in support of April being the Month of the Military Child. He featured THREE West Shore seniors performing in the annual PMEA All-State Festival in Erie, offering congratulations to Cedar Cliff's Senior Elijah Palmer--All-State Chorus, Red Land's Senior Joel Wickert--All-State Jazz, and Cedar Cliff's Senior Ian McCurdy--All-State Wind Ensemble. Dr. Stoltz thanked Giant and the community for their contribution of \$7,918.69 to support families struggling with food service accounts. He highlighted the record breaking 163 athletes who participated in this year's District Special Olympics organized by Jason Christine, Cedar Cliff teacher. Dr. Stoltz also recognized LJ Brtalik, a junior at Red Land High School, for Leadership York's Future Leaders of York (FLY) Superintendents/School Leaders Luncheon and several West Shore students who were recently honored by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers with Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. District students brought home 12 Honorable Mentions, 4 Silver Keys, and one student received 2 Gold Keys (the highest honor) and has advanced to the national level. Special congratulations to Cedar Cliff Senior Tristan Metherell who received Gold Keys in the categories of Poetry and Dramatic Script.

Dr. Stoltz also provided two reminders:

- The first was the Community Day at Cumberland Perry Area Career and Technical Center on Saturday, April 20.
- The second was the Community Supports Expo scheduled for Central Penn College on Wednesday, April 24.

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, supported the Board's intent to update policies.

Minutes

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Trone and seconded by Mrs. Tierney that the minutes of the meetings held March 19, 2024, and March 21, 2024, be approved. Motion carried on a roll call vote 9-0.

Treasurer's Report

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Brinton and seconded by Mr. Kambic that the Treasurer's Report for the month ending March 31, 2024, and available funds of \$48,964,234.99, be filed subject to audit. Motion carried on a roll call vote 9-0.

Communications	<p>Dr. Stoltz indicated central office administration’s recent meeting with the new legal team.</p> <p>Mrs. Tierney asked questions about reports indicating the Letter of Engagement for legal counsel might be renegotiated.</p> <p>The Curriculum, Finance, and Policy Committee reports were posted for community information and a verbal update on last week’s Facilities meeting was provided.</p> <p>The West Shore Foundation’s First Annual PUTTING Students First Mini Golf Fundraiser on May 4 at Liberty Forge Creekside was featured.</p>
Bills for Approval	<p>Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Brent and seconded by Mrs. Davis that the Board of School Directors approves the bills as attached to these minutes. Motion carried on a roll call vote 9-0.</p>
Personnel	<p>Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Brent and seconded by Mrs. Davis the Board of School Directors approves Item 7.b.1. Tentative Staffing Plans: 2024-2025; Item 7.b.1a. Resignation(s) – Support; Item 7.b.1b. Resignation(s) – Extra Duty; Item 7.b.1c. Request(s) for Extended Absence – Professional; Item 7.b.1d. Request(s) for Extended Absence - Support; Item 7.b.2. Alteration(s) to Employment – Support; Item 7.b.3. Appointment(s) – Professional; Item 7.b.3a. Appointment(s) – Support; Item 7.b.3b. Appointment(s) - Extra Duty; Item 7.b.3c. Approval – Supplemental Time; Item 7.b.4. Memorandum(s) of Understanding - Professional; Item 7.b.5. Approval - Substitute Lists. Approval - Substitute Lists. Motion carried on a roll call vote 8-0-1 with Mr. Guistwhite abstaining.</p>
Budgetary Transfers	<p>Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Brinton that the Board of School Directors approves the budgetary transfers to and from the following accounts in the amounts indicated. Motion carried on a roll call vote 9-0.</p>
Revised Board Policy 110: Instructional Supplies	<p>Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Tierney and seconded by Mrs. Cox that the Board of School Directors approves the revision to Board Policy 110: Instructional Supplies; approves the revision to Board Policy 614: Payroll Authorization; and authorizes submittal to PSBA to be placed in Board Policy Manual format. Motion carried on a roll call vote 9-0.</p>
Revised Board Policy 614: Payroll Authorization	
Food Services Management Company Renewal, Meal Price Determination, and Food Service Budget	<p>Motion: It was moved by Mr. Kambic and seconded by Mrs. Tierney that the Board of School Directors approves the Food Service Management Agreement between the West Shore School District and Sodexo Quality of Life Services for the period July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025; approves the school meal prices for</p>

Adoption 2024-2025	2024-2025 as presented; approves the 2024-2025 Food Services budget as attached; and authorizes Administration to pursue potential opportunities enabling the District to feed students for free. Motion carried on a roll call vote 9-0.
Staff Attendance at Professional Meetings	Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Tierney that the Board of School Directors approves the requests for staff attendance at professional meetings as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote 9-0.
Adoption of K-6 English Language Arts Resource	Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Davis that the Board of School Directors approves the Resource Adoption for English Language Arts (grades k-8) and Science (grades 5-8) 2024-2025 as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote 9-0.
Adoption of 7-8 English Language Arts Resource	
Adoption of 5-8 Science Resource	
West Shore School District Series of 2024 Bond Sale	Motion: It was moved by Mr. Trone and seconded by Mrs. Davis that the Board of School Directors authorizes the School District's finance team to proceed with the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2024, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 for the purpose of funding capital projects of the School District and to pay for all costs of issuance in accordance with a resolution of the Board of School Directors dated September 15, 2022. Motion carried on a roll call vote 9-0.
Additional Approval for Educational Services- CAIU	Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Tierney and seconded by Mrs. Cox that the Board of School Directors approves the attached contract for ELD services for the remainder of the 23-24 school year. Motion carried on a roll call vote 9-0.
Information Items	<p>Dr. Argot shared proposed revisions to Board Policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 206: Assignment Within District; 213: Grading of Student Progress; 215: Promotion and Retention; 802: School Organization; and 804: School Day.
	Mr. Gay shared information about the AP Art History Resource Adoption.
Opportunity for Students to Speak on General Items	Rossmoyne Elementary School Fourth Grade Student Lilliya Fry asked the Board to allow all students to exist.

Continued Opportunity
for the Public to Speak
on General Items from
Meeting of April 11,
2024

Cedar Cliff High School Senior Tristan Metherell expressed concern for the direction the Board is going and thoughts that the Board is turning its back on students.

Joei Askey, Lewisberry, expressed concerns about potential revisions to board policy. This comment was for the March 21 Board meeting, but was not included in the public comments at that time based on when the email came in and is being shared here for transparency purposes. It was shared with the Board members prior to the April 11 meeting.

The following comments were submitted for the April 11 Board meeting, but were not included in public comment then based on running out of time during the meeting. They were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting on April 11:

Kirsten Cohick, Etters, highlighted “bad press” for the district, focusing on the behavior of Board members.

Donnamarie Dietz, Lewisberry, expressed frustration about the Board’s private agenda.

Nicole Haas, Camp Hill, expressed concerns about the current state of the Board and the lack of transparency in decision making.

Jay Hess, Etters, expressed concerns about Board leadership and the qualifications of the potential new legal counsel.

Kari Hilt, York Haven, called on the Board President to resign.

Candice Kapranos, Mechanicsburg, encouraged the Board to move forward with Full Day kindergarten.

Victoria Madden, Lemoyne, advocated for a school board that works in good faith, elicits and considers input from the public and members of the community, while following well-established processes, laws, and regulations.

Sue Morrow, Etters, expressed dismay in the way the Board is running the district in a political/religious direction.

Carey Twigg, Lemoyne, expressed concerns about Board leadership.

The following comments were presented in person on April 18, based on “Blue Card” submission on April 11:

Sandra Gonzalez, York Haven, encouraged Board members to maintain their passion in spite of gas lighting.

Danielle Gross, shared that people who voted for the new Board members are telling her they regret their vote.

Kirsten Salvatore, Mechanicsburg, advocated for the Board members to get back to working as a collective group.

Opportunity for the
Public to Speak on
General Items

Joel Askey, Lewisberry, shared some literature resources related to LGBTQIA students and provided thanks for many of the Board for supporting all students. These comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Doug and Mandy Brown, Mechanicsburg, advocated for the RFP process and expressed concerns about potential violations of the Sunshine Act. These comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Lisa Budwig, Lemoyne, expressed multiple concerns over moving forward with the new solicitor. These comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Deb Gray, Camp Hill, encouraged the Board to focus on making our schools better for students and asked some questions about how the Board will move forward. These comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Allison Hollen, Etners, expressed multiple concerns and raised questions over moving forward with the new solicitor. These comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Candice Kapranos, Mechanicsburg, encouraged the Board to move forward with Full Day kindergarten. These comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Heather Keller, New Cumberland, expressed concerns about the Board’s decision making process and encouraged the Board to focus on children and their needs. These comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Ashley McHale, New Cumberland, expressed concern about the

impropriety of hiring a solicitor without an RFP. These comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Tom Palisin, New Cumberland, expressed concerns about violations of the Sunshine Act and encouraged the district to move forward with the RFP process. These comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Kelly Pennypacker, Camp Hill, expressed support for the Board and apologized for how people are behaving. These comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Greg Roof, Lewisberry, found it appalling the District circumvented the RFP process. These comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Nancy Sheets, Lemoyne, expressed concerns with Board leadership. These comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Karen Taylor, New Cumberland, expressed concerns about the new solicitor and how that relationship will work. These comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Jane Vivier, Eppers, expressed multiple concerns over moving forward with the new solicitor along with support for school employees. These comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Nicki Wilson, New Cumberland, expressed concerns related to decisions made at last week's Board meeting. These comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Donielle Cribben, Mechanicsburg, shared her thoughts on the disappointing response to speakers.

Julie Estep, New Cumberland, advocated for transparency and fiscal responsibility.

Sandra Gonzalez, York Haven, indicated people support the direction of the Board.

Bill Gramlich, Camp Hill, expressed concerns for how the new Board is being threatened.

Danielle Gross, Etters, shared appreciation for everyone's flexibility when students and staff were running late due to excessive traffic caused by a highway fatality and expressed concerns about the potential hiring of a RCAP lobbyist.

Jeff Harmon, Camp Hill, expressed concerns about the way Board leadership has been moving focusing on the change in legal counsel and asked leadership to resign.

Jay Hess, Etters, talked about intent versus impact highlighting his concerns with the impact of recent decisions.

Celeste Jack, Camp Hill, prayed for everyone in the room.

Dora Polk, New Cumberland, welcomed the new solicitor.

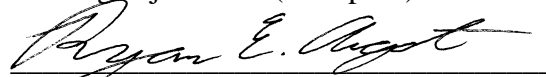
Casey Reed, New Cumberland, shared his concerns for inaccurate media coverage of changing legal counsel.

Kirsten Salvatore, Mechanicsburg, thanked staff for their support of Special Olympics and advocated for enhanced support/training for staff.

Janel Trowbridge, Dover, expressed concerns about loss of the fourth grade instrumental program and advocated for full day kindergarten.

Adjournment

There being no further business, President Thomas declared the meeting adjourned. (8:44 p.m.)



Dr. Ryan E. Argot, Secretary