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WEST SHORE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lewisberry, PA

September 19, 2024

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

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

Administrators present: Stoltz, Gay, Argot, Boone, Sanders, Unti, Butt, Long, Ryan, and Wensel.  
Solicitor: Hall.

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Opening Ceremonies

The opening ceremonies were led by Cedar Cliff High School JROTC comprised of Seniors Andrew Snavelly and Yune Kim, Junior Nick Toto and Sophomore Aubrey Jones. A Cedar Cliff High School Octet comprised of Seniors Liam Dietterick, Riley Emig, Portia Green, Krystiana Sobieray, Andrew Wickenheiser with Sophomores Andrei Javier, Gabriella Sobieray, and Tiger Zebrowski performed the National Anthem preceding the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition by the Board

The Board recognized Nicole Fenton, Allen Middle School English Teacher, as Professional Employee of the Summer Quarter.

The Board recognized Kristene Dormuth, Secretary to Director of Operations & Planning, as Support Employee of the Summer Quarter.

Cedar Cliff High School Senior Rayna Johnson shared experiences from school.

Red Land High School Senior Rylee Browning shared experiences from school.

Mr. Brinton gave a Shout Out to Rayna Johnson for being named National Merit Semi Finalist.

Mrs. Cox highlighted the Board visit to Red Mill Elementary School.

Mrs. Tierney highlighted ticket sales for the West Shore Foundation.

Mr. Kambic shared thanks to the bus drivers for all of their work.

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

Joel Askey, Lewisberry, expressed concerns about the hiring of special counsel. These comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Allan and Brandy Bacon, Dover, expressed concerns about the hiring of special counsel. These comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Heidi Culleiton, Camp Hill, expressed concerns about the hiring of special counsel. These comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Jennifer Halula, New Cumberland, expressed concerns about the hiring of special counsel. These comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Heidi Hartman, Lewisberry, expressed concerns about the hiring of special counsel. These comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Ellen Hoffmeister, Camp Hill, expressed concerns about the hiring of special counsel. These comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Linda Humes, Mechanicsburg, expressed concerns about the hiring of special counsel. These comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Liisa Temple, Lewisberry, expressed concerns about the hiring of special counsel. These comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Janel Trowbridge, Dover, expressed concerns about the hiring of special counsel. These comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

David Wilson, New Cumberland, expressed concerns about the hiring of special counsel. These comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Samuel Andes, New Cumberland, expressed concerns about hiring special counsel.

Todd Chance, New Cumberland, expressed concerns about hiring special counsel.

Danielle Gross, Etners, expressed concerns about hiring special counsel.

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Heather Keller, New Cumberland, expressed concerns about hiring special counsel.

Jeff Harmon, Camp Hill, expressed concerns about hiring special counsel.

Jay Hess, Etna, expressed concerns about hiring special counsel.

Victoria Madden, Lemoyne, expressed concerns about hiring special counsel.

Sandra McCarver, Lemoyne, expressed concerns about hiring special counsel.

Amy Moritz, New Cumberland, is confused about the direction of the District as it does not appear to be following the Comprehensive Plan.

Minutes	Motion:	It was moved by Mrs. Brent and seconded by Mr. Kambic that the minutes of the meetings held August 8, 2024, and August 15, 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. Trone that the Treasurer's Report for the month ending August 31, 2024, and available funds of \$46,037,223.11, be filed subject to audit. Motion carried on a roll call vote 9-0.
Communications		Reports from CPACTC Joint Operating Committee, and the Board Finance and Policy Committees were shared.
Bills for Approval	Motion:	It was moved by Mrs. Tierney and seconded by Mr. Kambic that the Board of School Directors approves the bills as attached to these minutes. Motion carried on a roll call vote 9-0.
Personnel	Motion:	It was moved by Mrs. Brent and seconded by Mrs. Davis that the Board of School Directors approves Item 7.b.1. through Item 7.b.4. Motion carried on a roll call vote 9-0. Mr. Kambic abstained on Item 7.b.3, which carried on a roll call vote 8-0-1.
Staff Attendance at Professional Meetings	Motion:	It was moved by Mrs. Cox and seconded by Mr. Trone that the Board of School Directors approves the requests for staff attendance at professional meetings. Motion carried on a roll call vote 9-0.
West Shore School District Exoneration of Real Estate Taxes		It was moved by Mr. Brinton and seconded by Mrs. Thomas that the Board of School Directors grants exoneration from the payment of school taxes for a total tax at face of \$8,473.01. Motion carried on a roll call vote 9-0.

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Appointment of  
Special Counsel and  
Approval for Appeal  
of Docket Number AP  
2024-1139

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Brent and seconded by Mr. Trone that the Board of School Directors authorizes the retention of the law firm of Cohen Seglias as special counsel for matters relating to Pennsylvania Office of Open Records Docket AP 2024-1139. Motion carried on a roll call vote 5-4 with Mr. Guistwhite, Mr. Kambic, Mrs. Tierney, and Mr. Trone voting in the negative.

PSBA Officer  
Elections

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Trone and seconded by Mrs. Cox that the Board of School Directors votes for the following PSBA candidates:

2025 President-Elect (one-year term)

- Sabrina Backer, Franklin Area School District

2025 Vice President (one-year term)

- Matt Vannoy, Sharon City School District

2025-2027 PSBA Eastern Zone Representative

- Holly Arnold, Tunkhannock Area School District

2025-2026 Western Zone Representative (two-year term)

- Kristy Bolte, Northwestern School District

2025-2026 Section E2 Advisor (two-year term)

- David Hein, Parkland School District

Trustee (term ends Dec. 31, 2027) – Includes three candidates (three-year term)

- Nathan G. Mains
- Richard Frerichs
- William S. LaCoff

and authorizes the Board Secretary to file the Board's ballot. Motion carried on a roll call vote 9-0.

Doceo Lease  
Addendum Approval

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Thomas that the Board of School Directors approves the three (3) year lease of five Toshiba devices through Doceo at the monthly amount of \$736.71 per month for the devices and estimated click charges. Motion carried on a roll call vote 9-0.

Service Dog Training  
Program - Kelly Rost,  
Red Mill

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Brinton and seconded by Mrs. Tierney that the Board of School Directors approves the attached agreement with United Disabilities Services Foundation. Motion carried on a roll call vote 9-0.

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Vista School  
Educational Services  
Agreement

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Tierney and seconded by Mr. Kambic that the Board of School Directors approves the attached Agreement with The Vista School for special education services and extended school year services for the 2024-25 school year as attached. Motion carried on a roll call vote 9-0.

Information Items

Dr. Butt and Mrs. Murray provided information on the District's dental program.

Mrs. Brent, Mr. Guistwhite, Mr. Kambic, and Mr. Trone agreed to serve on the new Transportation Committee.

Opportunity for  
Students to Speak on  
General Items

No students addressed the Board.

Opportunity for the  
Public to Speak on  
General Items

Brandi Brandl, Camp Hill, provided some suggestions about Board Policies 105.2 and 105.3 and expressed concerns about responses to safety concerns. These comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Katie Grim, Etters, advocated for metal detectors and armed security at all schools. These comments were shared with the Board in advance of the meeting.

Judith Crocenzi, Etters, reviewed the importance of Board Policy 011.

Shay Ellis, Lewisberry, expressed concerns about how Board members responded to recent attacks by a political action committee against a sitting Board member and said she was "taken aback" by recent comments made by the superintendent about absenteeism in relation to threats made against schools.

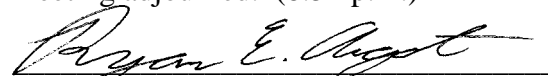
Danielle Gross, Etters, shared positive things about Old Trail Intermediate and Fishing Creek Primary Schools. She shared some concerns about recent compliments made by Dr. Stoltz along with some concerns for Board actions.

Jeff Harmon, Camp Hill, shared his appreciation for teachers and shared personal stories of teacher compassion for students.

Amy Moritz, New Cumberland, shared concerns about the plan of dealing with bullying in schools.

Adjournment

There being no further business, President Thomas declared the meeting adjourned. (8:54 p.m.)



Dr. Ryan E. Argot, Secretary