

On BOARD

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Board Meeting

The Board met in special session on Thursday, February 14, with President Crocenzi presiding.

Recognition by the Board

Board Shout Outs

Mrs. Moyer thanked the maintenance and custodial staff for their work after the snow storm to prepare buildings for students and staff.

Recognition of the Public

Opportunity for Students to Speak/ Agenda Items

No students or community members addressed the Board.

Business Item

Personnel

The Board approved all personnel items as presented.

Board Policies

Dr. Argot shared proposed revisions to Board Policies 108: Adoption of Textbooks, 127: Assessment System, 704: Maintenance, and 818: Contracted Services. He also introduced a proposed new policy, Board Policy 317.2: Educator Misconduct.

Student Success

This year, the District took a different approach in the way it updated the Board on student and school performance. Dr. Whye and Mr. Champion produced a nine video series showcasing "Stories of Student Success." The videos include student and staff interviews highlighting the many ways West Shore measures student achievement, growth, and success.

All nine videos were shared with the Board and are posted on the [District website](#) along with specific information about the Future Ready PA

Index which is used by the state to assess school performance under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

2019-2020 Calendar Discussion

Dr. Stoltz and the Board discussed the feedback received from the community and staff concerning the proposed [2019-2020 school calendar](#). After careful review of all input submitted, two early dismissal days were added to the draft.

Recognition of the Public

General Items

No community members addressed the Board.

Board Meeting

The Board met in regular session on Thursday, February 21, with President Crocenzi presiding.

Red Land High School's JROTC Color Guard presented the colors for the evening. JROTC members included Senior Sarah Border, Juniors Blake Davis and Haileigh Shildt, and Sophomore Christina Waller.

Cedar Cliff High School's Chamber Ensemble performed the National Anthem.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held January 17, 2019, were approved.

Treasurer's Report

The Board approved the Treasurer's Report for the month ending January 31, 2019, showing invested and available funds of \$43,904,517.74.

Communications

Dr. Stoltz distributed a copy of the latest legal update from the solicitor's office, and Dr. Argot



EMPLOYEES OF THE QUARTER

Congratulations to our Employees of the Second Quarter from the Administration Center...Mitchell Henderson, Senior Network Administrator, and April Smith, Special Education Instructional Advisor.

shared the Central Treasury Reports for Cedar Cliff and Red Land High Schools.

The Board approved the student discipline recommendations as presented.

Mrs. Tierney reminded the community that the [West Shore Foundation](#) is a beneficiary of the Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community fundraiser on Saturday, May 18, 2019, and encouraged everyone to register.

Mrs. Tierney also provided a summary of the last Board Feasibility Committee meeting, and Mr. Guistwhite shared highlights from the Board Policy and Board Finance Committee meetings.

Mrs. Williamson shared her experience at Red Land High School during the Junior Achievement (JA) STEAM Day and encouraged others to consider volunteering with JA. She also provided an update on the West Shore Hockey team's success leading up to the Viola Cup championship.

Recognition by the Board

The Board recognized Mrs. April Smith and Mr. Mitchell Henderson as Employees of the Second Quarter.

Seniors Jillian Fought, Red Land, and Katelyn LaFaver, Cedar Cliff, shared recent events from their respective high schools. Board reports for [Red Land](#) and [Cedar Cliff](#) can be downloaded from the Daily Announcements page of each school website.

Board Shout Outs

Mrs. Tierney gave a shout out to Natalie and Mitchell Dameshek who shared the story of their daughter Emilia's battle with a rare bone cancer during Penn State's THON.

Mrs. Crocenzi highlighted the artwork on display in the Board room from Allen Middle School. She also commended the fundraising efforts of students, staff, and families during the elementary school mini-mini-THONs.

Lastly, Mrs. Crocenzi gave a shout out to the maintenance and custodial staff for their continued efforts this winter tackling snow and ice removal.

Recognition of the Public

Opportunity for Students to Speak/ Agenda Items

No students or community members addressed the Board.

Business Items

Bills for Approval

The Board approved bills for the period January 10, 2019, through February 13, 2019, listing checks which totaled \$2,722,490.60.

Refunds

The Board approved one refund for \$3,435.48, as presented.

Personnel & Budgetary Transfers

The Board approved all personnel items and budgetary transfers as presented.

Replacement of Walk-Ins

The Board approved an agreement with Commercial Refrigeration of Harrisburg, Inc. for \$157,218 to replace the walk-in refrigerators and freezers at Cedar Cliff High School during the summer of 2019.

Student Trips

The Board approved the following student trips for Red Land High School students:

- Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) State Leadership Conference
Hershey, PA
April 8-10, 2019
- Pennsylvania Key Club District Convention
Pittsburgh, PA
March 29-31, 2019

Staff Attendance at Professional Meetings

The Board approved the requests for staff attendance at professional meetings as presented.

Rossmoyne - Resolution of Condemnation

The District continues to work through approval processes for the construction of the new Rossmoyne Elementary School. Part of the land development plan and highway occupancy permit requires the District to make improvements to Rossmoyne Road, including widening the road and adding a turn lane.

As a result of the changes to the roadway, the District will have to disturb property and obtain grading easements to complete the project. In the interest of the project timeline, the Board approved a resolution of condemnation for use if needed.

2019-2020 School Calendar

The Board adopted the [2019-2020 school calendar](#). The calendar for 2019-2020 maintains its proposed starting date for students of Monday, August 26, 2019.

Information Items

Board Policies

Dr. Argot shared proposed language for revisions to Board Policy 810: Transportation, new Board Policy 810.2: School Bus Drivers and School Commercial Motor Vehicle Drivers, and new Board Policy 810.3: School Vehicle Drivers.

Recognition of the Public

General Items

No community members addressed the Board.

WEST SHORE SCHOOL DISTRICT School Calendar • 2019-2020

IMPORTANT DATES

School Year Begins for Students

August 26, 2019

High School Graduation Ceremonies

June 6, 2020

SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION

Labor Day Break

August 30 and September 2, 2019

Staff Development / Act 80 Day

October 11, 2019

Fall Recess

October 14, 2019

Kindergarten ONLY Parent Conferences

November 22, 2019

Parent Conferences / Staff Dev. / Act 80 Day

November 25, 2019

Parent Conferences / Staff Development

November 26, 2019

Thanksgiving Recess

November 27, 28, 29, and December 2, 2019

Holiday Recess

December 23, 2019 - January 1, 2020

Staff Development / Act 80 Day

January 20, 2020

Winter Break

February 17, 2020

Spring Recess

March 16, 2020

Spring Break

April 9, 10, and 13, 2020

Memorial Day

May 25, 2020

School Year Ends for Students Early Dismissal / Staff Development (p.m.)

June 5, 2020

EARLY DISMISSALS / STAFF DEV.(P.M.)

September 20, 2019, January 17, 2020,
February 14, 2020, March 13, 2020, & May 22, 2020