

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE BOROUGH OF WILKINSBURG  
SPECIAL VOTING MEETING  
June 21, 2016**

The May 24, 2016 Legislative Meeting of the Wilkinsburg School District Board of Directors was called to order by the Board President, Ed Donovan at 7:00pm. The meeting was held in the Administration Building at 718 Wallace Avenue, starting with the Pledge of Allegiance. The following board members were in attendance: Klara K. Brown, Kathy Firestine, Michael A. Johnson, Joshua Miller, Debra Raubenstrauch, LaTonya Washington. Substitute Superintendent, John Frombach, Rick Liberto, Business Manager and the Gavin Robb, of the firm Tucker Arensberg, P.C., were also present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

none

A motion was made by Debra Raubenstrauch, seconded by Joshua Miller to approve the closure of the Wilkinsburg Middle School / High School effective upon the commencement of the 2016-17 school year, due to low pupil enrollments in grades seven through twelve.

A roll call vote was taken:

Edward Donovan -yes

Klara Brown - yes

Kathy Firestine - yes

Joshua Miller - yes

Michael Johnson - yes

Debra Raubenstrauch - yes

LaTonya Washington -- yes

*The motion carried by unanimous vote.*

A motion was made by Joshua Miller, seconded by Kathy Firestine to approve the following motions:

- B. The Board of School Directors concurs in the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent for the curtailment of the secondary English program (grades seven through twelve) by the elimination of 4 English teaching positions effective upon the commencement of the 2016-17 school year, to conform to standards of organization and due to low pupil enrollments. The Board hereby directs the Administration to notify the Pennsylvania Department of Education in accordance with Section 1124(2) of the Public School Code of the curtailment of the secondary English program. The Board further approves the furlough or non-renewal of the affected employees on the grounds of the curtailment of the secondary English program and the closure of the Wilkinsburg Middle School / High School effective upon the commencement of the 2016-17 school year.
- C. The Board of School Directors concurs in the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent for the curtailment of the secondary Reading program (grades seven through twelve) by the elimination of 1 Reading teaching positions effective upon the commencement of the 2016-17 school year, to conform to standards of organization and due to low pupil enrollments. The Board hereby directs the Administration to notify the Pennsylvania Department of Education in accordance with Section 1124(2) of the Public School Code of the curtailment of the secondary Reading program. The Board further approves the furlough or non-renewal of the affected employees on the grounds of the curtailment of the secondary Reading program and the closure of the Wilkinsburg Middle School / High School effective upon the commencement of the 2016-17 school year.
- D. The Board of School Directors concurs in the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent for the curtailment of the secondary Math program (grades seven through twelve) by the elimination of 4 Math teaching positions effective upon the commencement of the 2016-17 school year, to conform to standards of organization and due to low pupil enrollments. The Board hereby directs the Administration to notify the Pennsylvania Department of Education in accordance with Section 1124(2) of the Public School Code of the curtailment of the secondary Math program. The Board further approves the furlough or non-renewal of the affected employees on the grounds of the curtailment of the secondary Math program and the closure of the Wilkinsburg Middle School / High School effective upon the commencement of the 2016-17 school year.
- E. The Board of School Directors concurs in the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent for the curtailment of the secondary Science program (grades seven through twelve) by the elimination of 3 Science teaching positions effective upon the commencement of the 2016-17 school year, to conform to standards of organization and due to low pupil enrollments. The Board hereby directs the Administration to notify the Pennsylvania Department of Education in accordance with Section 1124(2) of the Public School Code of the curtailment of the secondary Science program. The Board further approves the furlough or non-renewal of the affected employees on the grounds of the curtailment of the secondary Science program and the closure of the Wilkinsburg Middle School / High School effective upon the commencement of the 2016-17 school year.

- F. The Board of School Directors concurs in the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent for the curtailment of the secondary Social Studies program (grades seven through twelve) by the elimination of 3 Social Studies teaching positions effective upon the commencement of the 2016-17 school year, to conform to standards of organization and due to low pupil enrollments. The Board hereby directs the Administration to notify the Pennsylvania Department of Education in accordance with Section 1124(2) of the Public School Code of the curtailment of the secondary Social Studies program. The Board further approves the furlough or non-renewal of the affected employees on the grounds of the curtailment of the secondary Social Studies program and the closure of the Wilkinsburg Middle School / High School effective upon the commencement of the 2016-17 school year.
- G. The Board of School Directors concurs in the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent for the curtailment of the secondary Foreign Language program (grades seven through twelve) by the elimination of one Foreign Language teaching position effective upon the commencement of the 2016-17 school year, to conform to standards of organization and due to low pupil enrollments. The Board hereby directs the Administration to notify the Pennsylvania Department of Education in accordance with Section 1124(2) of the Public School Code of the curtailment of the secondary Foreign Language program. The Board further approves the furlough or non-renewal of the affected employee on the grounds of the curtailment of the secondary Foreign Language program and the closure of the Wilkinsburg Middle School / High School effective upon the commencement of the 2016-17 school year.
- H. The Board of School Directors concurs in the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent for the curtailment of the secondary Physical Education program (grades seven through twelve) by the elimination of 3 Physical Education teaching positions effective upon the commencement of the 2016-17 school year, to conform to standards of organization and due to low pupil enrollments. The Board hereby directs the Administration to notify the Pennsylvania Department of Education in accordance with Section 1124(2) of the Public School Code of the curtailment of the secondary Physical Education program. The Board further approves the furlough or non-renewal of the affected employees on the grounds of the curtailment of the secondary Physical Education program and the closure of the Wilkinsburg Middle School / High School effective upon the commencement of the 2016-17 school year.
- I. The Board of School Directors concurs in the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent for the curtailment of the secondary Family Consumer Science program (grades seven through twelve) by the elimination of one Family Consumer Science teaching position effective upon the commencement of the 2016-17 school year, to conform to standards of organization and due to low pupil enrollments. The Board hereby directs the Administration to notify the Pennsylvania Department of Education in accordance with Section 1124(2) of the Public School Code of the curtailment of the secondary Family Consumer Science program. The Board further approves the furlough or non-renewal of the affected employee on the grounds of the curtailment of the secondary Family Consumer Science program and the closure of the Wilkinsburg Middle School / High School effective upon the commencement of the 2016-17 school year.

- J. The Board of School Directors concurs in the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent for the curtailment of the secondary Business Technology program (grades seven through twelve) by the elimination of one Business Technology teaching position effective upon the commencement of the 2016-17 school year, to conform to standards of organization and due to low pupil enrollments. The Board hereby directs the Administration to notify the Pennsylvania Department of Education in accordance with Section 1124(2) of the Public School Code of the curtailment of the secondary Business Technology program. The Board further approves the furlough or non-renewal of the affected employee on the grounds of the curtailment of the secondary Business Technology program and the closure of the Wilkinsburg Middle School / High School effective upon the commencement of the 2016-17 school year.
- K. The Board of School Directors concurs in the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent for the curtailment of the secondary Library program (grades seven through twelve) by the elimination of one Librarian position effective upon the commencement of the 2016-17 school year, to conform to standards of organization and due to low pupil enrollments. The Board hereby directs the Administration to notify the Pennsylvania Department of Education in accordance with Section 1124(2) of the Public School Code of the curtailment of the secondary Library program. The Board further approves the furlough or non-renewal of the affected employee on the grounds of the curtailment of the secondary Library program and the closure of the Wilkinsburg Middle School / High School effective upon the commencement of the 2016-17 school year.
- L. The Board of School Directors concurs in the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent for the curtailment of the secondary Guidance and Student Assistance programs (grades seven through twelve) by the elimination of 2 Guidance / SAP positions effective upon the commencement of the 2016-17 school year, to conform to standards of organization and due to low pupil enrollments. The Board hereby directs the Administration to notify the Pennsylvania Department of Education in accordance with Section 1124(2) of the Public School Code of the curtailment of the secondary Guidance / SAP programs. The Board further approves the furlough or non-renewal of the affected employees on the grounds of the curtailment of the secondary Guidance / SAP programs and the closure of the Wilkinsburg Middle School / High School effective upon the commencement of the 2016-17 school year.

A roll call vote was taken:

Edward Donovan –yes

Klara Brown – yes

Michael Johnson – yes

Kathy Firestine – yes

Joshua Miller – yes

Debra Raubenstrauch – yes

LaTonya Washington -- yes

*The motion carried by unanimous vote.*

A motion was made by Debra Raubenstrauch, seconded by Kathy Firestine to approve an Amendment to the Agreement of Sale with Integrity Construction Co., Inc., for the sale of Johnston

Elementary School for the purpose of extending the buyer's due diligence period through July 8, 2016.

*The motion carried by unanimous vote.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Joshua Miller, seconded by Debra Raubenstrauch to excuse Beth Slaby and Kevin Urda from the meeting.

*The motion carried by unanimous vote.*

A motion was made by Joshua Miller, seconded by Kathy Firestine to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm.

*The motion carried by unanimous vote.*

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:

**Jeanne E. Taylor**

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School Board Secretary