

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE BOROUGH OF WILKINSBURG
LEGISLATIVE MEETING
September 27, 2011**

The September 2011 Legislative Meeting of the Wilkinsburg School District Board of Directors was called to order by the President, Karen Payne at 7:15 p.m., in the Administration Building, 718 Wallace Avenue, with the Pledge of Allegiance. The following board members were in attendance: Jean Dexheimer, Carole Lee, Raymond Griffith, Nanet Hamlin-Black, and Donora Craighead, LaTonya Washington, and Barbara Thompson. Jerome Garrett was absent from the meeting. Archie D. Perrin, Superintendent, Bruce Dakan, Director of Business Affairs and the Solicitor Matthew Hoffman, of the firm Tucker Arensberg, P.C., were also present.

INVITATION TO PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one requested to address the board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Barbara Thompson, seconded by Carole Lee to approve the minutes from the August 23, 2011 Legislative meeting.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND SCHOOL IMAGE COMMITTEE

Carol Lee, Nanet Hamlin-Black, Co-Chairs
No Report

EASTERN AREA SPECIAL SCHOOLS JOINT COMMITTEE

Barbara Thompson, Chairperson
No Report next meeting October 27, 2011

FINANCE, OPERATIONS AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 13, 2011- 5:30 pm

In attendance: Karen Payne, Chair, Jerome Garrett, Board Vice President, Bruce Dakan, Business Manager, and Mr. James Richard, Board Treasurer.

Business Department Agenda: 5:40 pm

The committee reviewed and discussed the items listed on the business agenda and recommended that the items be approved, pending any questions from the Board.

Mr. Richard left at this time

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Personnel Department Agenda: 6:20 pm

In attendance: Karen Payne, Chair, Jerome Garrett, Board Vice President, and Bruce Dakan, Business Manager.

The committee reviewed and discussed the items on the personnel agenda. The committee recommended that the items be approved, pending any questions from the Board.

*****All members should keep in mind that there may be additions or deletions to the Personnel Agenda.

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The meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting date will be held on October 11, 2011, at 5:30 p.m.

All Board Members are invited to attend.

Submitted by Karen E. Payne, Chair

LEGISLATIVE
Legislative Report
September 27, 2011
Raymond Griffith, PSBA Liaison

As of this date both chambers of the General Assembly are returning to Harrisburg and Capitol observers expect:

1. A new push for public funding of private school tuition vouchers; also expected is charter school expansion and new rules for teacher evaluation.
2. Privatization of state liquor stores – no one knows how much revenue this will generate or what it will be spent on.
3. It's considered likely that some taxation will be imposed on Marcellus Shale gas extraction, but little if any revenue is expected to be made available for education.

Last week the Obama administration said it would waive the requirements of No Child Left Behind including the 2014 deadline for all students to be proficient in mathematics and literacy. In exchange for this flexibility, the administration will require states to require college and career-ready standards and create teacher evaluation guidelines that include student performance.

A federal appellate court has ruled that schools do not have to grant noncustodial parents access to their children or their records.

Food for thought: According to a recent study, American public schools with low poverty levels outscored all other developed countries on an international exam. (PISA)

POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
Barbara Thompson, Chair
No Report

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

Board Curriculum Committee
SEPTEMBER 22, 2011 6:00 PM

In attendance: Karen Payne, Chair
Ray Griffith, Board Member
Jerome Garrett, Vice President Board
Archie Perrin, Superintendent
Velma Parker, Attendance Officer
Terri Ayres, Middle School Principal
Aaron Johnson, High School Principal
Dr. Dan Morrow, Evaluator/Consultant for District
Dr. Patte Grey, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

The first hour or so of the meeting focused on updates on the Cyber Program.

Those in attendance were given an update as to where the program was at this point and where we will be going as time moves on. A very healthy discussion was held and some very good points were noted and will be followed up on. The Committee will meet again in January to see how things are progressing. This will give time for the program to be in operation for a while and then discuss future plans.

The next hour was given to Dr. Patte Grey for updates and a review of the updates for the E-Strategic Plan that is to be submitted on or before September 30.

Dr. Grey had hand-outs ready to review. She went over all of the updates and gave a very good review of what had already been accomplished, what timelines were coming up and all of the new updates for the upcoming years. She told us that with a little polishing we would be prepared to submit the updates and be on schedule. She will distribute the updates to the Board Members who were not in attendance at the meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Karen Payne, Curriculum Chair

FORBES ROAD CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER

Jerome Garrett, Chair
No Report

OTHER BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Board President, Karen E. Payne, reported out the board regarding the Joint Tax Committee.

Board member Barbara Thompson reported out to the board regarding the Holiday Parade meeting that was held on September 1, 2011, and informed the board that the next scheduled Holiday Parade meeting will be held on October 6, 2011 at 5:30 pm in the boardroom at 718 Wallace Avenue.

SUPERINTENDENT'S DEPARTMENT REPORT

Legislative Session – September 27, 2011

Action Items:

Motion was made by Barbara Thompson, seconded by Nanet Hamlin-Black, to approve the agreement between the Wilkinsburg School District and Group Week of Hope. The Group Week of Hope will use the high school facilities to house volunteers for seven weeks from June 18, 2012 thru August 2, 2012. The volunteers will staff local social service organization programs within the Wilkinsburg Borough community, providing up to 14,000 hours of volunteer labor. Attachment Supt. 1

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Nanet Hamlin-Black, seconded by Carole Lee, to approve the agreement between the Wilkinsburg School District and EduLink Inc. This contract is for a web based Act 48 Credit Keeper Software. This agreement is an annual license of \$2,900 for software that tracks and manages Act 48 hours. Attachment Supt. #2

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Barbara Thompson, seconded by Carole Lee, to approve the Academic Standards & Assessment MidPoint Review and the Professional Educational report of the eStrategic Plan for October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2014.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

BUSINESS OFFICE AGENDA

Legislative Meeting – September 27, 2011

Action Items:

Motion was made by Jean Dexheimer, seconded by Raymond Griffith, to ratify and confirm the August 2011 General Fund payments of \$3,211,119.96 for payroll, benefits, and other operational expenses. – Attachment Bus. #1

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The following reports as of August 31, 2011 will be made a matter of record in the minutes:

Treasurer’s Report	Attachment Bus. #2
EIT/EMST Report	Attachment Bus. #3
Current R.E. Collections Report	Attachment Bus. #4
Delinquent R.E. Collections Report	Attachment Bus. #5
Deed Transfer Tax Report	Attachment Bus. #6
Monthly Statement of Expenditures and Revenues	Attachment Bus. #7
Student Activity Report – Secondary	Attachment Bus. #8
Student Activity Report – Elementary	Attachment Bus. #9

Motion was made by Barbara Thompson, seconded by Nanet Hamlin-Black to approve a resolution #2011-1 amending the Earned Income Tax resolution in compliance with Act 32 of 2008, as reviewed by the District Solicitor. –Attachment Bus. #10

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Jean Dexheimer, seconded by Barbara Thompson, to approve an agreement with Hess Corporation, as recommended by the AIU natural gas consortium, to reduce the cost of natural gas for the time period of September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2015, and authorizes the Director of Business Affairs to execute all required documents, as per the attached. –Attachment Bus. #11

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY:

As COMCAST has purchased NBC, the FCC has required that low cost internet service be offered to certain qualified citizens. As Wilkinsburg School District is a Provision 2 district for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), then all qualify, subject to other application requirements. – Attachment Bus.

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PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT REPORT

Motion was made by Nanet Hamlin-Black seconded by Carole Lee to ratify and confirm the following appointments, leaves of absence and resignations, and retirements:

Personnel Report

		APPOINTMENTS		
NAME	Budget	POSITION	SALARY	EFFECTIVE DATE
George Williams	Y	Football Ticket Taker	\$250.00	2011-2012 year
Sharon Littlejohn	Y	Football Gate Worker	\$250.00	2011-2012 year
Ruben Coleman	Y	Football Game Manager	\$200.00	2011-2012 year
Robert Yates	Y	Football Videographer	\$440.00	2011-2012 year
Jason Minor	Y	Football PA Announcer	\$200.00	2011-2012 year
Nicole Kinsel	Y	Volleyball Statistician	\$125.00	2011-2012 year
Scott Taylor	Y	Volleyball Clock Operator	\$125.00	2011-2012 year
Melissa Andrews	Y	Yearbook	\$2,077.00	2010-2011 year
Carla Corna	Y	Associate Teacher/High School	\$100.00/day	09-09-2011
Richetta Randolph	Y	Associate Teacher/High School	\$100.00/day	08-07-2011
Courtney Conte	Y	Special Education Teacher High School	\$42,270.00/year	08-22-2011
Ralph Brandon	Y	Equipment Manager	\$1,490.00	2011-2012 year
Alma Lucas	Y	Associate Teacher/Turner Elementary	\$100.00/day	
PAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE				
Marie Moore	Y	Custodian/High School	\$35,526.40/year	07-27-2011-TBD Pending Verification
UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE				
Babara Lech	Y	Pre-K Teacher/Turner Elementary	\$55,420.00/year	09-27-2011-10-12-2011
RESIGNATIONS				
Amy Platt	Y	Associate Teacher/High School	\$100.00/day	08-29-2011
Carmon Pomaibo	Y	Associate Teacher/High School	\$100.00/day	09-09-2011
William Driver	Y	Technology Coach/High School	\$42,170.00/year	10-07-2011

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Nanet Hamlin-Black, seconded by Carole Lee to ratify and confirm the tenure for the following teachers:

ITEM B. The following teachers have achieved tenure, based upon satisfactory evaluation and approval of the Superintendent.

Name	Seniority Date	Tenure Date
William Bevan	09-02-2008	09-02-2011

JOB OPENINGS

Head Custodian	Johnston Elementary
Homebound Instructor (s)	All Buildings
Homebound Instructor (s) Special Education	All Buildings

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion was made by Nanet Hamlin-Black, seconded by Donora Craighead to excuse Jerome Garrett from the September 27, 2011 Legislative Meeting.

Motion carried by unanimous vote

Board member Jean Dexheimer, requested a Charter School Enrollment Report.

STAFF REPORTS

No Report

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

See File.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Nanet Hamlin-Black, seconded by Donora Craighead to adjourn.

Motion carried by unanimous vote

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:

Andrea L. Williams

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School Board Secretary