

TO: STAFF/MEDIA

RE: APRIL 14th, 2016 BOARD MEETINGS

FROM: CARRIE FREIE, BOARD SECRETARY

The Wellsville-Middletown R-1 Board of Education held a reorganizational meeting on April 14th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Rutherford. The board approved the agenda. Caren Blaue and Georgia Scarbrough took Oath of Office. Christine Rutherford was elected President and Christine DeTienne was elected Vice-President.

The Wellsville-Middletown R-1 Board of Education met in regular session April 14th, 2016 at 7:32 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Rutherford. The Pledge was led by Mr. Nasir. The board approved the agenda and the minutes of the March 10th, 2016 regular and executive meetings were approved as amended. The board reviewed financial statements, transferred funds and voted to pay all bills.

Invitations for Junior/Senior Prom and a Retirement Reception for Shirley Harby, Yvonne Lehnen and Ruth Nation were read and a thank you note from Darin Sehlke & Family for the flowers sent for his Grandfather's funeral.

Mrs. Tiffany Gosseen, Elementary Principal reported: Current Kindergarten-sixth grade enrollment is 204. There are 31 Pre-K students. March attendance: 94.44%

MAP testing for grades 3-6 will take place April 19-22 and May 5-6. We panicked last month when we discovered most of our computers wouldn't support the testing platform, but Mr. Fort has since solved the situation. Teachers are hurriedly trying to schedule time in the lab to let students access the on-line tools for practice before the real thing.

Grade-level and End-of-Course testing for the Missouri Assessment Program for students in grades 3-12 will occur April 19-May 12. On April 11, teachers responsible for administering the test received state mandated training.

The last few weeks of school will be busy as elementary classes take annual field trips. Fourth and 5th grade have already enjoyed the farm tour, and 4th grade visited the state capital last month. On April 14, 1st grade will visit Big Joel's Safari Park, on April 27, Kindergarten will travel to the zoo, on April 28, 2nd grade will go to the Gateway Arch, on April 29, 5th grade will visit the state penitentiary and Highway Patrol Museum in Jefferson City. In May, 3rd grade will go to Hannibal and tour the Mark Twain Cave on the 3rd and 6th grade will spend the 4th at the Science Center. Our preschoolers are going to enjoy a picnic in the park on May 11th.

The 6th grade science fair is Thursday, April 14 from 7:00-8:00. The students have been working hard on science projects, reports, and display boards.

The Scholastic Spring Book Fair is April 26-29.

Students at WMR1 Elementary raised over \$1000 for the American Heart Association during Jump Rope for Heart. Nice job, Tigers and Coach O!

Mr. Sehlke, High School Principal, reported

- I. Enrollment: 150
- II. February Attendance Rate: 92.37%
- III. 90/90 Attendance: 80.67%
- IV. April/May Calendars Attached
- V. Congratulations to our basketball/cheer academic all conference students
- VI. March Students of the Month- H.S. Jacob Ussery & Mikayla Davis and Jr. High Jared Brinegar and Rachelle Turner

VII. Grandview School District is again offering a free virtual summer school program for grades 6-12. The program runs May 16th through July 22nd. Students may only enroll in one course. Mr. Blaue and I will be publicizing this to all students

Mr. Nasir reported :

Finance: Revenues continue to come in close to our originally budgeted levels. Prop C (1% sales tax) money is up some, total tax collections are a little down, but we hope to see more of the late and delinquent taxes before the end of the year. It looks like funding should hold fairly steady for us in the upcoming school year. The only wrinkle I see at this point is HB1898 and SB783, similar bills designed to potentially give telephone companies a tax break that may affect our State Railroad and Utilities tax revenue...especially if other utilities get the same type of break.

Facilities and Grounds updates:

Our camera system is down again. Steve and I are wrangling with Wired Technologies and CTS to find out why and what needs to be done to fix this on a permanent basis. Spring has sprung and grass is growing like crazy so the mowing season is now upon us as is the advent of the air-conditioning season. The Chem-Aqua rep and Jeff have gotten the chemical's ready for the filling the cooling tower. Jeff is also working on chasing down and elusive leak in the roof over Mrs. Algier's classroom.

Transportation:

All the busses are up and running fine. Our biggest problem is (as always) a lack of sub bus drivers.

Misc.

I went to the MASA conference this past week end. Aside from the legal updates and legislative updates I went to and got some information on how to employ Positive Coaching strategies in the classroom. I'll be sharing that with our two building principals. I also took part in the DESE finance session and got some figures to help fine tune next year's budget. I attended the Small Schools Committee to discuss issues specific to small schools. We plan to develop a small schools legislative liaison committee to meet with members of the General Assembly to keep them informed of the challenges that small schools face. I attended a refresher session on school documentation. This focuses mostly on the importance of documentation with concerns to student discipline issues. We do a pretty good job with that. I sat in on a session on proficiency based learning, as interesting as it was, I'm not sure our school would be able to utilize it in the fashion as presented. The final session that I attended was a presentation by the Missouri State Auditor's office on school district data security. I have shared this information with Steve Fort and we're moving toward trying to meet their recommendations.

As always, there seems to be a couple of bills in the General Assembly that will have various effects on our schools. Lately the bills for setting school start dates have not been pushed. However there is a bill that among other things, removes the required number of days of attendance and just stipulates the number of hours...which we already meet. Depending on what else gets hung on this bill, this would be a good thing for us.

I'd like to mention that Bart Korman has reached out to a number of the superintendents in his district to keep us informed and ask our opinions. I really appreciate that from a local state rep! As always, I'd invite you as board members to contact our district's reps any time you have a question or concern about what they're doing.

State Rep: Bart Korman: 573-751-2689

State Senator: Jeanie Riddle: 573-751-2757

Fed. House Rep: Blaine Leutkemeyer: 202-225-2956

Fed. Senators: Roy Blount: 202-224-5721

Claire McCaskill: 202-224-6154

Current ADA as of March 1: HS = 144.61, Elem. = 190.44, Total = **335.05**

Previous ADA: Sept. 1 = 347.34, Oct. 1 = 342.91, Nov. 1 = 342.14, Dec. 1 = 341.04, Jan. 1 = 340.47 Feb. 1 = 338.99,

Mar. 1 = 336.81

Current Business:

- Approved the 2016-17 School Calendar
- Authorized bids for banking services
- Voted to certify the 2015-16 graduating classes pending all graduation requirements are met according to the Wellsville-Middletown R-1 standards.
- Voted to table the approval of health insurance until further notice
- Voted to add Charles Harmon to the substitute list pending all requirements have been met.
- Mr. Nasir discussed the 2016-17 budget briefly, there will be more discussion at the special board meeting TBD.

It was noted that the Science Fair was really cute and that all the students did an excellent job.

Good Luck wishes to Mr. Deering and the Quiz Bowl team for this upcoming weekend.

Executive Session.

- Hired Trenton Pummill, Katie Lee and Jennifer Sommers as Elementary Teachers for the 2016-17 School Year.
- Approved the Extra Duty Schedule as presented including the following changes: Tiffany Gosseen, Special Ed Director \$5,000, Jennifer Huff, 10 Extended Days and increase the Academic Bowl Stipend to \$700.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.