

TO: STAFF/MEDIA

RE: AUGUST 6TH AND AUGUST 13TH, 2015 BOARD MEETINGS

FROM: CARRIE FREIE, BOARD SECRETARY

The Wellsville-Middletown R-1 Board of Education met in regular session August 6th, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Rutherford. The Pledge was led by Mr. Nasir. The board approved the agenda as amended; the minutes of the June 29th, 2015 special and July 9th, 2015 regular and executive meetings, were approved then reviewed financial statements, and voted to pay all bills.

Letters of resignation were read from Michelle Purdy and Pam Davis

Mrs. Tiffany Gosseen, Elementary Principal reported: The hallways and classrooms look great! Thank you to the summer custodial/maintenance crew for their hard work making our schools fresh and inviting.

Grade - level MAP scores have been made final. Parents will be notified when Individual Score Reports are available.

I intend to compare our MAP achievement with state averages to see how we fared on the new testing platform. DESE has announced their intention to use the same testing platform. At this time, we are planning additional keyboarding and computer instruction to help our students become better prepared to test online.

Mr. Sehlke, High School Principal, handed out EMO passes to all board members. He has copies of the August and September Activity Calendars. He handed out EOC comparisons and discussed the results. FFA National Convention Chaperones will be Steve Fort and Becky Hoyt.

Mr. Nasir reported :

He received quotes from OPAA! for two meal options for the Back to School Dinner on August 26th. The board approved OPPA to cater the Back to School Dinner for \$1,275.00

Our school's medium to long term financial picture is starting to look better. We have begun receiving additional state funding formula money based on our hold-harmless status. Also, the new levy rate is tentatively predicted to increase our overall revenues by close to \$193,000.00. And we still haven't begun to receive our per ADA portion of the two small schools grants. Even with all of this good financial news we are continuing to hold the line on expenses tightly because we won't see most of this money until January and as you all well know, we need to rebuild our operating reserves.

With a few hot and dry-ish days the school grounds are starting to look a little less like a swamp and more like a school. Our mower has had problems getting into the east end of the track due to standing water. Hopefully this coming week, with a little less rain he'll be able to get back there.

The custodians have just about gotten all the floors done. They will be working on scrubbing the bathrooms in the coming week. The building is starting to look like it'll be ready for school. As I informed you earlier, Mr. Sehlke was able to pick up some nice lockers from Lindenwood University for our boy's and girl's locker rooms and the ag workshop. We were able to get these at no charge. Thanks to Mrs. O'Heron's husband who told us about them and to Coach Dawson, Coach O'Heron and our maintenance/custodial crew for getting them installed. A bunch of kids from the Reach Church came out and helped Dennis and Clinetta Weinrich spread some mulch around the school and work on some of the school's decorative plants. We had 6 cubic yards of the mulch donated. It sure looks nice.

Mr. Nasir received a quote from GGResinous Flooring to install epoxy type floors in the HS bathrooms. Their estimate was \$3,300 to epoxy the bathroom floors in the high school bathrooms. Mr. Nasir has asked Jeff Bunch to look into the cost of bathroom stalls and toilet fixtures.

Buses are ready to go. This past week we received the certificate from DESE for the Exemplary School Bus Maintenance Award, indicating a 90% or better performance on the annual state inspections. Considering the age of our fleet this is quite an accomplishment, Congratulations Tyler.

Our wireless internet access (Alsat) is working well. I'll be interested to see how it performs with school in session. Also Kingdom Technologies has finished installing the wireless access points within the school building. Steve is still tracking down some operational bugs but for the most part it's working well. We received 20 free flat screen computer monitors from the hospital in Mexico. We'll be using those to get rid of our last few crt (tv style) monitors and have a few spares.

The Montgomery Literacy Council conducted their annual Back to School Fair at our school on August 5th, from 2:00pm to 6:00pm.

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) wrapped up today. It was much more successful than we had hoped for. Kudo's to Mrs. Weinrich and the crew she put together to operate this. Also, a big thank-you goes to Grace Lutheran Church for the use of their new facility. We may have final figures by board meeting time.

During next week's registration I plan to put a "Everything's a dime" sign on the table with the remaining cups, glasses and other items from the kitchen. Hopefully we can get rid of the rest of those items without having to throw them away.

I didn't get any offers on ebay for the Coke cooler so I'm thinking of maybe making it an auction item at one of our fundraisers, such as the PTO or Booster Clubs.

The advent of the 4-day school week is right around the corner. I'm sure there will be some unanticipated details to work out as the year progresses, but so far, I've been hearing a lot of optimistic comments from people in the community.

Current Business:

- Voted to reschedule the tax rate hearing for August 13th, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Library.
- Voted to approve MACC Dual Credit Contract.
- Conflict of Interest Policy is up to date and will be renewed until 2016.
- Accepted Jessica Spoonster's contract as Speech Pathologist for \$1,800/month.
- Tabled the sub list to executive session.
- Increased substitute teacher pay to \$85/day, long-term pay at \$110/day and \$10/hour for hourly employees with the exception of the nurse and bus drivers. Substitute Nurse pay will be 90% of base pay and Substitute Bus Drivers will be full pay.
- No Young Farmers Advisor as of meeting time. Mr. Nasir will continue to make calls and will talk to the Young Farmers group about all options.
- Voted to accept the Athletic Emergency Action Plan.
- The School Board requested school e-mail accounts in order to get away from using personal accounts for liability reasons.
- Clinetta shared information that she learned at school board training.
- Economic Development will be on the September Board Agenda.

Executive Session:

- Approve sub list as amended.
- Voted to hire Rebecca Caldwell as Pre School Aide, Brian Hammond as Elementary Aide and Rachel Weekley as High School Aide.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

The Wellsville-Middletown R-1 Board of Education met in special session August 13th, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Rutherford. The Pledge was led by Mr. Nasir. The board approved the agenda as amended; Tax Rate information was presented and discussed. Voted to set the district tax rate for 2015-16 at 3.9915. (Operating 3.9915 and Debt Service 0.4800). These figures are subject to change as they are based on the current "Before Board of Equalization."

Current Business:

Voted to approve the 2015-16 contract with Children's Therapy and Early Education School.

Executive Session:

Hired Carolyn Bethel as Aide for the 2015-16 school year.

Added Kristin Windmann to the sub list.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.