

TO: STAFF/MEDIA

RE: FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2016 BOARD MEETINGS

FROM: CARRIE FREIE, BOARD SECRETARY

The Wellsville-Middletown R-1 Board of Education met in regular session February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 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 January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 regular and executive meetings were approved then reviewed financial statements, and voted to pay all bills.

Letter of resignation was read and approved from Josh Dawson, PE/Health Teacher, High School Boys Basketball and Baseball Coaches.

Linda Raguse gave the Annual Business/FACS Vocational Reports and Samantha Bohr gave the Annual Ag Vocation Report.

Mrs. Tiffany Gosseen, Elementary Principal reported: Current Kindergarten-sixth grade enrollment is 209. There are 32 PreK students. January attendance: 95.88%

Tutoring will begin February 16 for some students in grades 4-8.

PTO is funding a presentation by the Australian Kaleidoscope for elementary students on March 18. Students really enjoyed the Ukrainian Kaleidoscope a couple years ago. Also, PTO is paying for mileage for elementary field trips. This saves between \$5-12 for each student! Thanks, PTO!!

At the March 7<sup>th</sup> Professional Development day, teachers of students whom participate in the Grade-Level Assessments or End-of Course Assessments will receive mandatory training about the assessment platform and on-line tools.

Mrs. Gosseen reported that the 6<sup>th</sup> grade is participating in a MO DOT and MO Conservation contest to design a trash can. They are working on this on Thursday evenings in hopes of being the first place winner and receiving \$200.

There will not be a McTeacher's Night this year due to scheduling conflicts at McDonalds.

Upcoming Events:

- Monday, February 9—3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Midterm
  - Nutrition starts (courtesy of University Extension Office)
- Thursday, February 11—Gosseen to Columbia MO for MO-SEE
- Wednesday, February 17—Donuts for Dad (PreK)
- Tuesday, March 1 or 8—McTeacher Night
- Wednesday, March 2-3—Gentle Smiles Dental Program

Mr. Sehlke, High School Principal, reported

- I. Enrollment: 156 (*JH-54, HS-102*)
- II. January Attendance Rate: 94.65%
- III. 90/90 Attendance: 85.3%
- IV. February/March Calendars Attached
- V. January Students of the Month
  - a. HS- Erika Allison, Cameron Huff
  - b. JH- Lucy Schnitker, Larry Sargent
- VI. Active Shooter/Intruder Drill Review presented February 11<sup>th</sup>

Mr. Sehlke reported that Senior Night would be on Friday February 12<sup>th</sup> after the girl's game.

February 26<sup>th</sup> will be the FFA Appreciation Breakfast from 6 a.m. – 8 a.m.

The Boys basketball team was seeded first in District play.

Mr. Sehlke is still receiving surveys on the Active Shooter Drill, there will be safety committee meeting next month to discuss results.

Mr. Nasir reported :

**Finance:** Tax checks have been coming in from our 4 county treasurers' offices. I spent the afternoon with Howard Neeley on Jan. 26, going over the budget program for next year. If we can continue to be as frugal as possible and watch every dollar that we expend, we should continue to improve our fiscal health.

This past Tuesday Carrie and I participated in a conference call interview with Standard & Poor's Rating Services regarding the school's credit rating. Brad Wegman and Tom Pisarkiewicz from LJ Hart also sat in on this conference call. As you may recall, last year we were downgraded to "A- with negative outlook" status based on our fiscal condition. Both of the S & P people seemed to respond favorably to our answers to their questions with regards to our financial outlook. We should know in a couple of weeks if our rating is upgraded.

#### **Facilities and Grounds updates:**

Jeff Bunch and Danny Arens now have all the outdoor lights working properly. The site inspector for MUSIC (our liability ins. Carrier) will be here on Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> so Jeff, our custodial crew and Berry have all been busy making sure that everything in our building and grounds is ship-shape. Experience tells me that no matter how well prepared we are, the inspector will find something to note for improvement!

#### **Transportation:**

Berry and I attended the annual Mo. State Highway Patrol's school bus safety seminar. This is where they tell us about the many things they look for during their bus fleet inspections and what the common sources of failure are. Sometimes they'll have a certain area that they pay special attention to. Our bus fleet is scheduled for its annual inspection on February 23. Berry has been keeping busy getting the busses ready.

#### **Misc.**

Jay Houghton has sponsored a bill in the General Assembly (HB 1416) to require schools to start their school year no sooner than Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. Personally, I believe that this should be strictly left up to local school boards and their communities to make this decision. The State and the Feds already control too much of what a school district does. I encourage you all to keep in contact with our local legislators.

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 Feb. 1: HS = 147.42, Elem. = 191.57, Total = **338.99**

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

Mr. Nasir discussed the survey results that he received for the four day school week. He also reported on the results from the Annual MUSIC Insurance Inspection.

Current Business:

- Voted to accept the 2016-17 Preliminary School Calendar with the following change; April 3rd will be a makeup day instead of April 14th and ADA numbers will be reviewed before a decision is made on Summer School.
- Caren Blau and Georgia Scarbrough will be the new board members.

- The board reviewed the Hildebrand Scholarship candidates and voted per paper. Candidate #4 received the majority of the votes.
- Accepted the OPAA Contract for the 2016-17 school year.
- Motion to revise Board Policy 4710 by adopting Option 1. Motion died.
- Voted to leave Board Policy 4710 as is, Option 2
- Approved Jonathan VanHorn as a substitute

Board Comments:

Clinetta Weinrich commented that the community was very impressed with the singing of the National Anthem by the Honors Choir at Homecoming.

The board would like to see an evaluation of the four day week per the financing stand point.

Executive Session.

- Discussed personnel and discipline issues
- Voted to rehire Darin Sehlke as High School Principal
- Voted to rehire Tiffany Gosseen as Elementary Principal
- Discussed teacher evaluations
- Voted to offer a contract to Katlyn Thull as Elementary Music Teacher for the 2016-17 school year.
- Voted to offer a contract to Garrett Haslag as PE/Health Teacher, Jr. High Boys Basketball and Baseball Coaches.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 p.m.