

TO: STAFF/MEDIA

RE: JANUARY 14TH, 2016 BOARD MEETINGS

FROM: CARRIE FREIE, BOARD SECRETARY

The Wellsville-Middletown R-1 Board of Education met in regular session January 14th, 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 December 10th, 2015 regular and executive meetings were approved then reviewed financial statements, and voted to pay all bills.

Letter of retirement was read and approved from Yvonne Lehnen, Elementary Teacher.

Mrs. Tiffany Gosseen, Elementary Principal reported: Current Kindergarten-sixth grade enrollment is 200. There are 33 PreK students. December attendance: 95.21%

There was a lot of activity at the elementary during the final weeks of 2015. PTO again paid for a trip to Mexico Cinema 3 for all students in kindergarten through 6th grade. Students enjoyed watching "Minions" and munching on popcorn during the afternoon. Thank you cooks for preparing the sack lunches for our kiddos that day. I didn't give them very much notice but they took on the extra work with smiles on their faces! The annual Christmas Dinner was enjoyed by our students. Our PTO donated the money for decorations and the teachers, led by Mrs. Spiers, Mrs. Robinson, Ms. Walton, and Mrs. Slovensky, transformed the gym into a gingerbread/peppermint wonderland! The teachers, cooks, and custodians work together to serve the meal and make the event special for our kiddos! Finally, we enjoyed the first annual "Elementary Variety Show" on the last day of school in 2015. Several talented students performed various Christmas songs solo and in groups for the rest of the kiddos in the school.

Looking forward to January, teachers finished writing their Student Learning Objectives for the second semester. I will meet with them during the next two weeks to review/revise plans as necessary.

Students will complete the second benchmark assessment in Reading and Math using the i-Ready software. Teachers will use the information from this and the first round of benchmarks to plan whole- and small-group interventions. After analyzing for growth, this information will be shared with each teacher.

Coach O'Heron is again encouraging students to get healthy and raise money for the American Heart Association through Jump Rope for Heart. The students at WMR1 have raised **over \$3000** in the past two years. On January 26, a representative from the AHA will be at school to kick off the event.

Second quarter will end on the 12th. Students will be recognized for honor roll and attendance.

Mrs. Gosseen reported on the Annual Special Education Report. See attached.

Mr. Sehlke, High School Principal, reported

- I. Enrollment: 156 (*JH-54, HS-102*)
- II. November Attendance Rate: 96.20%
- III. 90/90 Attendance: 86.5%
- IV. Ineligible List/Honor Role- January 15th
- V. January/February Calendars Attached
- VI. December Students of the Month
 - a. HS- Hannah Slovensky, Jacob Huff
 - b. JH- Erin Johnson, Clayton Ebers
- VII. Active Shooter/Intruder Drill set for Monday, February 8th
- VIII. All JH/HS teachers have turned in a SLO to be used in teacher evaluations
 - a. Meeting with them individually to discuss
- IX. 2nd round of general observations will be completed by 1/14

Mr. Sehlke reported on the Annual Safety report, please see attached. He will be looking into the cost of some safety equipment for the classroom doors and improving the phone and intercom system.

Mr. Nasir reported :

Finance: AS of this writing we have not received any tax revenue from any of our 4 counties. However, by board meeting time this may change. I have begun working on putting together next year's budget. I have been in contact with Dr. Neeley to help revise our current program to get it ready for next year's numbers. We will be meeting on Tues. Jan 26th.

Facilities and Grounds updates:

During the 1st week of Christmas break we had a water main leak in the tunnel under Jane Edwards' room. Fortunately Jeff found it quickly and got the water turned off so we don't think we lost much. The plumber was out that afternoon and got it repaired. A water main leak is never good news...but the good news about this one is 1) classes weren't in session and 2) it didn't happen over a weekend when no one would have been around to catch it. Danny Arens and Jeff are still working on some out-door lighting issues. The LED fixtures by the elementary doors have started 'strobing', looks like a DJ booth after dark. And they're trying to find a better fixture for the east side of the Ag shop.

As of this writing 4 of our security cameras have stopped working. Steve is attempting to work with the vendor Wired Technologies to get them up and running.

Transportation:

Barry Cullum began work for the District at 6:00am, January 4, 2016. As of this writing he is still in the process of determining the condition and maintenance needs of our busses and learning where everything is at in the bus barn. As of today, all 10 busses are operational.

Misc.

We have ordered a new floor buffer. The motor on the old one caught fire. The cost of a new motor is almost as much as a new machine. We have also ordered a new food warmer for the cafeteria. The brittle wiring underneath the old one is becoming a fire hazard. After we see how our tax dollars come in, I will want to look seriously at replacing one of our boilers.

The Mo. General Assembly is back in session and some items that may be on their agenda include setting a standard starting date for school districts. Sept. 1 is the date that I've heard. And of course adequate funding for schools and the transfer issue are still out there. I haven't heard any noise about hold-harmless or small-schools grants. 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 Jan. 1: HS = 148.52, Elem. = 191.95, Total = **340.47**

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

Mr. Nasir is working with USI on gathering information for a health insurance bid. Other area schools are members of USI.

Mr. Nasir and Mr. Sehlke toured the Vo-Tech school this past week.

Mr. Nasir held a CSIP meeting January 14th. There were five people present, work as begun on a vision/mission statement.

A survey has been sent out with hopes of receiving information regarding the current four day school week. The Board requested this information in order to see how everyone views the four day week.

Current Business:

- The board discussed the possibility of only one candidate filing and options on filling the second position if there are no other candidates that sign up. Discussed the procedures of an election and write-in candidates. Currently one candidate, Caren Blaue, has filed for intentions to run for the Board of Education.
- Voted to add the Early Retirement Policy 4710 to the Board policies.
- The estimated amount for Montgomery taxes for collection in January is \$880,439.25. After monies have come in from all counties there will then be discussion on the budget.

Executive Session.

- Voted to hire Shauna Wisdom as Paraprofessional for \$10.90/hour.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.