

TO: STAFF/MEDIA

RE: MARCH 10TH, 2016 BOARD MEETINGS

FROM: CARRIE FREIE, BOARD SECRETARY

The Wellsville-Middletown R-1 Board of Education met in regular session March 10th, 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 and the minutes of the February 11th, 2016 regular and executive meetings were approved. The board then moved into closed executive session to review a student discipline issue. The board returned to regular open session, reporting no action taken and then reviewed financial statements, and voted to pay all bills.

Mrs. Tiffany Gosseen, Elementary Principal reported: Current Kindergarten-sixth grade enrollment is 197. There are 31 Pre-K students. January attendance: 94.62%

Big Smiles Dental Program was here last Thursday and Friday. They will return to see the last 14 kids at a later date.

Spring Picture Day is March 16th. Again this year, all students' portraits will be taken. Proofs will be sent home afterward with order forms. The school will receive a commission check for any packages ordered.

Mrs. Gosseen presented data according to the i-Ready program. It shows how many students are performing more than one grade level below, within one grade level, and at or above grade level at the midpoint of the school year. The program provides diagnostic information for grouping students based on shared weaknesses. There are resources available as part of the program. Teachers have analyzed the data available and made a plan to address necessary areas.

On Thursday, I am going to Hermann with four elementary teachers to hear a presentation about setting up a Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) in our elementary school. The idea would be to provide small group intervention in the area of literacy to ALL the students in our school. This would help to close achievement gaps and give us more flexibility to group students based on most critical need.

Upcoming Dates:

March 11—End 3rd quarter
March 15—K-1 Spring Concert at 7:00
March 16—Spring Pictures
March 19—Australian Kaleidoscope
March 22—4th grade to Capitol
March 23—SPRING BREAK!!

Mr. Sehlke, High School Principal, reported

- I. Enrollment: 149
- II. February Attendance Rate: 94.16%
- III. 90/90 Attendance: 83.83%
- IV. March/April Calendars Attached
- V. Attending the MIAAA Conference (4/9-12)
- VI. Attending the MASSP Conference (3/21-22)?
- VII. Jordan's Place (Effects of Heroin Seminar) Friday, March 11th
- VIII. Congratulations to the Varsity Boys' Basketball Team for winning the Class 1, District 11 tournament
- IX. Congratulations to Jacob Ussery (unanimous 1st team), Seth Oliver and Adam Maylee (2nd team) EMO All-Conference Honors and being selected to the Class 1, District 11 All District Team (and Casey Johnson)
- X. Congratulations to the Softball team for receiving Academic All State Honors and to Emily Guyton, Morgan Canterbury and Erika Allison for receiving individual Academic All State Honors
- XI. Academic All-Conference for basketball and cheer will come out on April 19th

- XII. February Students of the Month
 - a. Sadie Gosseen and Jacob Hollensteiner
 - b. Heather Van Horn and Jesse Cash
- XIII. Free summer school options for HS credit recovery

The Board would like to congratulate the Softball team for receiving State honors and wish the Quiz Bowl good luck on their Conference Meet.

Mr. Nasir reported:

Finance: We received the Standard & Poor's credit rating report. The credit profile has been improved from A- with a "negative" outlook to A- with a "Stable" outlook. If the school continues the process of strengthening its fiscal condition, as is mine and the Board's stated intention, the 'A-' rating will go up.

As of this writing, we are 2/3 of the way through the fiscal year. The school has spent less than 2/3 of its projected budgeted expenditures by 8.89%. During the same time the school has collected more than 2/3 of its projected revenue by 4.46%. Neither revenues nor expenses are very linear throughout the year but I think these figures indicate that the school is on the right track.

With regards to next year's budget, it looks like state funding for WMR1 as a 'Hold-Harmless' school has a very good chance of remaining stable. At this point I still don't have a figure from MEUHP on health insurance. There are two other insurance vendors that have contacted me in the past few weeks. As soon as I get solid numbers from MEUHP I will have detailed discussions with available vendors to discuss our options and what looks like the best long-range fit for our school. Health insurance will take a bigger slice of our budget this coming year due to the ACA requirement that the school cover any employee that "regularly" works 30 hours or more per week. MEUHP is to release figures to us on March 11. On March 16 I will be attending the annual budget development workshop at the MASA building in Jeff City. This is when I usually get good information on Prop. C, Classroom Trust Fund, State Railroad and Utilities (SRRU) and State Adequacy Target (SAT) figures, all of which go into the budget calculations.

Facilities and Grounds updates:

Steve has sent 3 of the surveillance cameras for warranty repair/replacement. No word yet as to when they'll be returned. Fred Hagemier was able to get all of the school's current public address speakers working. Apparently when the heating/AC system was installed in the HS/Jr. Hi in the summer of 2006 a number of the wires were damaged and/or mis-wired when they were reconnected. I've asked him to get the school a price on the installation of a speaker in the band room.

On Thursday, (3/3/16) the school and much of Wellsville suffered a total power outage...twice. At this point in time I'm unaware of any damage or loss suffered by the school in terms of equipment or other property. I would like to commend our entire staff, especially the cooks and bus drivers for their flexibility and efforts they made to get our students here to school and fed, safely and on time.

Transportation:

Berry made it through his first state inspection of the school's bus fleet. This year we had 4 busses that had "defects", though none were bad enough to put any bus out of service. Two of the defects magically fixed themselves...they were a stop light on bus 8 and an emergency exit buzzer on bus 12. The other two defects were; an exhaust hanger on bus 5. The break was a bright silver color, indicating that it had just recently occurred. The other defect was a broken break line bracket. All 4 busses were re-inspected and have been passed by the State Highway Patrol unit that does the inspections.

Bus 12 was in the shop this month for a front end fluid leak and bus 4 will be going in to have a slow oil leak thoroughly diagnosed and repaired.

Misc.

The CSIP review committee has been meeting on Thursdays after school on a regular basis. The committee is committed to writing a plan that will be practical, useful and that has staff, student and community buy-in. The

committee is approaching the writing stage on the initial area of focus, student achievement. As drafts are developed the committee will be sharing them with the district's stakeholders.

On the legislative front there are a number of bills that may, at some point, have an effect on our school and our area. There is a proposal to turn large sections of Interstate 70 into a toll road and to privatize the toll taking operation. Bills to set a Sept. 1st start date for schools are still floating around. The concern is they may be "attached" to another bill that looks more likely to pass. With regards to the state budget, with any luck our Hold Harmless status may save us from some of the detrimental effects of the attempts to manipulate the state school funding formula. It appears to me that the General Assembly is trying to put a funding process in place that can be touted as "fully funding" schools while holding flat or cutting the actual amount of dollars they allocate to schools. 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 March 1: HS = 145.87, Elem. = 190.94, Total = **336.81**

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

Mr. Nasir reported on the recent Fire Inspection. He also noted that the buses with minor issues that did not pass the initial bus inspection have now passed. He also reported on the recent Lockdown and the procedures that the District used to ensure that all children were safe.

Current Business:

- Added Amber Hawn to the substitute list
- Mr. Nasir discussed the 2016-17 Preliminary Budget

Board Comments:

Christine DeTienne commented that she would like to see costs to send kids to the Vo-Tech School for the 2016-17 school year added into the budget. Mr. Nasir will be checking into transportation costs.

The Athletic Booster Club will hold its Trivia Night on April 9th.

Executive Session.

- Hired Earl Burton as Assistant Volunteer Baseball Coach
- Voted to offer a contract to Steven Scott Marshal as PE/Health Teacher and Baseball Coach.
- Offered Tenured contracts to Jonathan Deering and Katrina Catterton
- Hired the following tenured/non-tenured teachers: Kayla Algieri, Ryan Blaue, Samantha Bohr, Becky Brush, Julie Day, Jane Edwards, Kayla Groshong, Melissa Guzy, Kitty Hallock, Michael Hallock, Tonya Harris, Becky Hoyt, Jennifer Huff, Joyce Luebke, Larry Madsen, Amanda McKnight, Sarah Murdock, Shari Niemeyer, Sabrina O'Heron, Linda Raguse, Molly Ripperger, Vickie Robinson, John Slovensky, Sherri Slovensky, Jenny Spiers, Tracy VanHorn, Stephanie Walton, and Andrea Wilkinson.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.