

TO: STAFF/MEDIA

RE: NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2015 BOARD MEETINGS

FROM: CARRIE FREIE, BOARD SECRETARY

The Wellsville-Middletown R-1 Board of Education met in regular session November 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 regular and executive meetings were approved then reviewed financial statements, and voted to pay all bills.

Mr. Nasir, President Rutherford and Clinetta Weinrich reported on their trip to the MARE conference.

Letter of retirement was read and approved from Shirley Harby, Kindergarten Teacher.

Parents present commented on concerns regarding the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade staffing.

Mrs. Tiffany Gosseen, Elementary Principal reported: Current Kindergarten-sixth grade enrollment is 200. There are 34 PreK students.

Thank you to JoAnn Zerr who donated the cinnamon rolls for our Veteran's Day celebration!

PTO Family Movie Night is November 6. The movie is "Inside Out." PTO provides soda and popcorn to students and their families. Admission is a canned or boxed food item and each additional item earns a chance to win the movie.

Sixty-three students in grade 3-6 are on the Honor Roll or Principal's Honor Roll for the first quarter. This represents just over 30% of the students in these grades.

Veteran's Day is November 11. The elementary is organizing the annual assembly honoring our veterans.

Keith Mueller from Consolidated Electric will discuss electricity safety with students in 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade on Tuesday, November 10. The students enjoy this presentation.

At the October staff meeting, the results of the 2015 APR were shared with the staff. Copies of the Missouri Grade-Level Expectations for science were distributed. At subsequent staff meetings, we will plan how to better address the science standards across ELA.

The monthly PTO meeting was held at the school on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. PTO is planning to send the 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes to see Mary Poppins at Presser Hall in December. Students in K-6 are going to go to Mexico Cinema 3 to watch a movie in December like we did last year. Club's Choice items will be delivered later this month.

Mr. Sehlke, High School Principal, reported

- I. Enrollment: 160
- II. October Attendance Rate: 95.21%
- III. 90/90 Attendance: 85.83%
- IV. November/December Calendars Attached
  - a. No JVG basketball season due to low numbers
  - b. A lot of changes to the schedule
- V. September Students of the Month
  - a. HS- Isaac Ussery and Charlee Cassidy
  - b. JH- Grant Davis and Mercedes Goff
- VI. Parent Teacher Conferences
  - a. Low Numbers even after multiple reminders
- VII. Great Central Shakeout
  - a. Held on October 15<sup>th</sup>

- b. This year instead of doing the drill we played a recording over the intercom that the CES emailed to schools
    - i. The recording told instructions on what students should do in case of an earthquake
    - ii. Teachers discussed with students afterwards
- VIII. Girls Cross Country team qualified for State (and Seth Oliver)
- IX. 9 SB/XC athletes received EMO Academic All Conference (lettered in sport and cumulative 3.5)

Mr. Nasir reported :

**Finance:** The good news is we have been determined to be eligible for both Small Schools Grants which will add approximately \$163,000.00 to our revenues. We received 1/3 of this money (\$54,341.00) for July, Aug., Sept. and Oct. with this month's transmittals. For the rest of the year this will add a little over \$13,500.00 to our monthly transmittal. The combination of this Small Schools money, the Hold Harmless money and our continuing efforts to keep a tight rein and close eye on expenditures has helped us avoid the need to borrow money in spite of our low level of reserves. As tax revenues start to arrive in Dec., January and some in February, I expect to see substantial growth in our cash reserves.

**Facilities and Grounds updates:**

As of this writing there have been no substantial issues with school facilities and grounds. We had to have 2 of our security cameras replaced and we've had some loads of gravel delivered to both the bus loop and the student parking lot. Jeff and his custodial crew have been doing a good job of keeping the building clean. Now that basketball season is upon us this will become a bigger job.

**Transportation:**

The transition of going from 6 bus routes to 5 has gone very smoothly. This is entirely due to the hard work and collaborative efforts of Michelle Stroup and our bus drivers. At this point in time I don't believe that any route's overall time has increased by more than 10 minutes, and most routes have increased by only a few minutes. All ten busses are currently running properly and are current on their routine maintenance schedule. Aren's Automotive has helped us with oil changes, tire replacements and, on bus 4, a new alternator. Tyler Walton also came in on a weekend to change oil and filters in 4 busses for us. After running advertisements in a number of local papers for two weeks. I received one application for the bus mechanic's position and one application to be a bus driver. I did receive a number of phone calls requesting information and/or applications but none of these calls generated any applications or follow up interest.

**MARE** (Mo. Assoc. of Rural Ed.): I attended the annual MARE conference on Oct. 25 – 27. The sessions I attended included:

- a) Tips on tracking employee hours for the ACA (Obamacare)
- b) School Finance (see handout in packet)
- c) Assessment (MSIP 5 ) updates
- d) Student growth in the evaluation process
- e) Facilities Saving Strategies
- f) Legislative Update
- g) Accommodating Trans-gender students

Current ADA as of Nov. 1: HS = 149.01, Elem. = 193.13, Total = **342.14**

Mr. Nasir discussed the MUSIC insurance coverage and reported on outsourcing substitute teachers.

Current Business:

- Snow Removal bid was awarded to Brinegar's Service Station for \$85/hour per vehicle.
- Approved the 2014-15 Financial Audit as presented.
- Approved board policies and regulations 0320, 2230, 2710, 2850, 3160, 4120, 4630, 6116, and 6320.

- Approved Board Policy 2115.
- Christine DeTienne presented a report of the Wellsville-Middletown R-1 Athletic Booster Club.
- Voted to set board filing dates. Filing will open Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 8 a.m. and close Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 4 p.m. in the Central Office only on school days.
- Approved the Special Services contract with Montgomery County R-II for \$10,545 and transportation costs. The contract will end if the student ceases to reside in the District or a 30 day notification from either party. The contract amount will be prorated for days passed.
- There will be a Special Board Meeting held on Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 at 7 p.m. in the High School Conference Room regarding 5<sup>th</sup> grade staffing.
- Bus Mechanic Position was tabled to executive session.

The Board would like a survey completed by the staff regarding the four-day week and their thoughts on it. The Board would like to thank the parents for coming to the meeting and speaking their opinions.

#### Executive Session

- Discussed personnel

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.