

TO: STAFF/MEDIA

RE: SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2015 BOARD MEETINGS

FROM: CARRIE FREIE, BOARD SECRETARY

The Wellsville-Middletown R-1 Board of Education met in regular session September 10<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 August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 regular and executive meetings and the August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 special meeting were approved then reviewed financial statements, and voted to pay all bills.

Thank you note was read from Jessie Fischer and the Back to School Fair Committee.

Steve Etcher, Economic Development Committee reported on what is going on in the Montgomery County area and what our District can do to help promote Economic Development in our area.

Becky Hoyt, Librarian, gave the annual library report.

Julie Day, Elementary Counselor, reported on the annual Elementary guidance report.

Ryan Blaue, Jr. High/High School Counselor, reported on the annual Jr. High/High School guidance report.

Mrs. Tiffany Gosseen, Elementary Principal reported:  
Current Kindergarten-sixth grade enrollment is 202. There are 31 PreK students.

The PTO Family Fun Night is scheduled for October 2 from 6:30-8:00. Chili and hot dogs will be served. Teachers and HS extra-curricular groups are planning activities for the children. Tickets for the 50 cent drawing and the grand prizes will be available and the live auction will start at 8:00. She thanked the PTO, teachers, parents, and patrons for supporting the Family Fun Night.

Grandparents' Day has been scheduled for September 11. Grandparents of our Tigers will get to participate in a Morning Meeting and enjoy a picnic lunch.

She discussed the 2015 MAP Grade-Level Assessment conference comparison. She has shared this with her teachers via email and it will be discussed at the next staff meeting. She listed percent of students scoring proficient/advanced from WMR1, area schools, and the state average. Our performance in Math was comparable to state and area performances. We will look at areas of improvement in ELA, including evaluating text complexity and adding more writing in all areas.

KOMU will send a camera man to WMR1 on Sept. 30 to record our Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes saying the Pledge of Allegiance for their feature "The Daily Pledge."

Elementary reading levels were discussed Mrs. Gosseen will bring reading levels for each grade next month.

#### Upcoming dates

- Sept. 8-11—Book Fair
- Sept. 11—Grandparents Day
- Sept. 14—Teacher PD—CPI training
- Sept. 15—Gosseen to Missouri Supporting Educator Evaluation
- Sept. 22—End of 1st quarter mid-term
- Sept. 22—PTO meeting at 6:30
- Sept. 27-29—Gosseen to MO-CASE Annual Conference

Mr. Sehlke, High School Principal, reported

- I. Enrollment: 7<sup>th</sup> 35, 8<sup>th</sup> 19, Freshman 44, Sophomore 20, Junior 22, Senior 19
  - a. TOTALS: JH 54, HS 105, JH/HS- 159 (up 9 from end of May 2015)
- II. Attendance Rate: 96.93%
- III. Attendance Competition Attached
- IV. September/October Calendars Attached
- V. ACT Breakdown Attached
- VI. EOC/MAP Breakdown Attached
- VII. Lockdown/Evacuation Drill Attached
- VIII. Weekly lesson plans are being submitted
- IX. Student Engagement will be indicator evaluated for JH/HS
- X. Faculty Reports

Mr. Sehlke discussed ACT scores and EOC Scores.

Mr. Nasir reported :

Nothing substantially new with school finance. With the “After Board of Equalization” figures we received from Montgomery and Audrain County, we sent our tax rate info to the State Auditor’s office to await their review of our tax rates. If assessment information changes throughout the year, they will apply an automatic adjustment to our tax rates. We continue to hold the line on expenditures until we see how funds will come in. In particular we have not seen any of the small schools grants (the \$10M and \$5M funds), though we don’t expect that money until October. The auditors were here today and the audit went well. There were two findings: 1) We did not spend all the PD money that was allocated to be spent and 2) we did not get the audit report published 30 days after getting the audit report.

After the first few weeks of school, the custodial schedule seems to be working well. To date I have received no complaints or concerns from staff with regards to custodial issues.

Jeff has done a good job of keeping things running for us. We do have some pieces of equipment that by all appearances are on their last legs. I’m just hoping they run long enough to see us through the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year. In particular we have needs in the kitchen (food warmer, walk-in freezer, oven and stove), elementary gym heat pumps (two of 4 are no longer functioning), main boiler replacement as we’ve talked about in the past. This on top of our transportation needs (bus replacement) may require some strategic planning on the part of the school’s administration and Board. Now that we have a more stable financial outlook, development of a feasible medium to long-term strategic plan is much more doable.

Based on some feedback from our most recent “School Intruder Drill” I have been in contact with the company that installed our HS gym’s sound system to give us a quote on a better intercom system. A number of classes had trouble hearing the alerts, or couldn’t hear them at all.

No major bus issues. We’ve had a few small exhaust leaks, some minor electrical repairs (turn signals and horns) and other normal maintenance. The bus routes are pretty well set now.

Early on during the first week of the school year we’ve had a few internet drop outs. Steve worked with Alsat and CIPA Filter to figure out what was going on. It’s neither regular nor consistent and seldom lasts more than a couple of minutes. Alan from Alsat says even though we have more than tripled our bandwidth from last year, we are, in his words, “pegging the meter” at 20 meg during the school day. This means our teachers and students are using the capability that we’re paying for.

The Dept. of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) reviewed the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) that we sponsored at the Grace Lutheran Church. It was a glowing report for the most part, though we did get dinged for not

having one 'CN' (Child Nutrition) label for one food item. It didn't cost any funding but the group does have to write up a corrective action plan to address this.

A "Thank You" goes out to the WMR1 Class of 2005. We received a donation from them in the amount of \$87.00 to purchase a book or books for the Library. I have asked Mrs. Hoyt to pick out a suitable book (or books) and we'll put commemorative labels in them noting the donation.

Of the 3 tables (and then some) of old dishes and cups the school had, all but two boxes of drinking glasses and coffee cups have been disposed of. I plan to take the remainder to a flea-market store in Perry some weekend soon, to get what I can for them. The Coke cooler is still in my office. My current plan is to raffle or auction it off at a school fundraiser. I'm thinking the proceeds could be evenly split between the HS and Elem. Schools.

So far the new 4-day school week has not generated any significant problems or complaints. I have heard no complaints from parents and only a few concerns from teachers about being able to fit their curriculum into a 4 day schedule instead of a 5 day one.

The Young Farmers will be running without an advisor at this time until we can find another advisor.

Mr. Nasir presented a Professional Development Schedule for the 2015-16 school year as submitted by Sabrina O'Heron. MAP EOC scores were discussed.

Mr. Nasir contacted the District Attorney and the District is not required to hold another tax rate hearing since the State has changed our rates to \$4.4928.

#### Current Business:

- Voted to seek snow removal bids
- Set tuition rate for the 2015-16 school year at \$9,809.
- Approved bus routes for the 2015-16 school year.
- Voted to accept the 2014-15 Preliminary ASBR.
- Adopted the Model Compliance Plan made available by DESE.
- Mike Henderson stated that the District should be ready for possible legislation to establish start dates for Missouri schools.

#### Executive Session:

- Advanced Teacher on Salary Schedule for continued education.
- Hired Amber Hahn as Paraprofessional.
- Discussed Staff Salary Recommendation.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.