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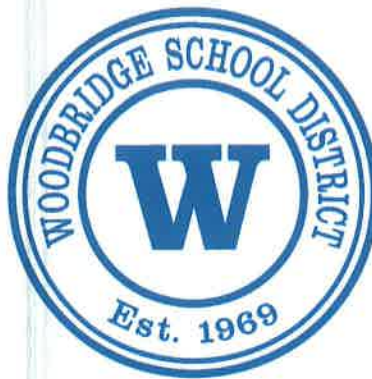
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“Quality Education for Quality Children”

OPEN SESSION

Wednesday, April 22, 2015

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Woodbridge Board of Education

Phillis Wheatley Elementary School

48 Church Street

Bridgeville, Delaware 19933

6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER/OPEN SESSION

Mr. Breeding called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Mr. Breeding, Mr. Rudy, Mr. Gilefski, Mr. Barr, Mr. McCarron

Administrators Present: Mr. Chasanov, Mr. Cameron

Others Present: Mrs. Colegrove (Recording Secretary)

A. Motion to move into Executive Session at 6:00 p.m.

First: Mr. McCarron

Second: Mr. Barr

Vote: 5-0

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Personnel

Personnel memo was discussed.

3. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

A. Motion to move into Open Session at 7:05 p.m.

First: Mr. Rudy

Second: Mr. Barr

Vote: 5-0

Board Members Present: Mr. Rudy, Mr. Gilefski, Mr. Barr, Mr. McCarron

Administrators Present: Mr. Chasanov, Mr. Cameron, Dr. Hall, Dr. M. Marinucci,

Mr. Adams, Mr. Chase, Mrs. Brown, Dr. Leach, Mr. Lehman, Ms. Mitchell

Others Present: Mrs. Colegrove (Recording Secretary)

B. Invocation

C. Pledge of Allegiance

4. AGENDA/ADOPTION

- A. Mr. Chasanov recommended the Agenda be approved with Item G - WSD Board Policy #1400 being moved to Item A with the order of Agenda Action remaining unchanged.

First: Mr. Rudy

Second: Mr. Barr

Vote: 5-0

5. PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

- A. WSD Board Policy #1400 – Operation During Times of Crises – First Reading – Mr. Cameron
- Mr. Cameron explained the necessity of changing from specifics to more generalization in this policy. The specifics are listed in the Emergency Procedures Guide.
 - The language is antiquated and is now updated.
- B. Community Transition Grant – Mr. Nichols of Nemours, Mrs. Huskey – District Wellness Champion
- Mr. Nichols and Mrs. Huskey reported on the success of the Community Transition Grant.
 - The grant provided funding to districts to strengthen wellness policies, improve community and parental involvement, and strengthen the school-wide wellness plans.
 - 90% of teachers reported improved engagement with students who are usually challenging to engage following Energizers (short burst of activity).
 - Mr. Nichols and Mrs. Huskey also explained the wellness policy should be re-evaluated yearly and changes made as needed.
- C. Phillis Wheatley School Improvement Team Presentation – Mrs. Brown, Dr. Leach, Mrs. Anthenelli, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Burrell, Mrs. Kerrick, Mrs. Propes
- Goal One: Achieve outcomes for students via college and career ready mindsets, investments, practices, and programs.
 - PWES has met this goal by posting staff credentials, providing Common Core aligned curriculum, holding College Wear Day, College and Career Day, door decorating contests, and Social Skills and Self-Regulation Group.
 - Goal Two: Achieve measurable outcomes for students via a culture of data-driven decision making.
 - The students are assessed through the DIBELS program, STAR Reading/Math, Scholastic Math (SMI), Amplify Benchmark, and Smarter Balance (SBAC).
 - Goal Three: Achieve goals and objectives concerning educator effectiveness.
 - All new teachers must complete the three year mentoring program. The Principals and Specialists have regularly scheduled walkthroughs and the District Specialists help coach the teachers with the new curriculum.
 - Goal Four: Dramatically accelerate achievement and improve outcomes for all students.
 - This goal is reached through the following:
 - Collaboration through 90 minute weekly PLC meetings to analyze student data, implement RTI's and daily instructional planning.
 - Engaging families through Open House, Curriculum Night, Math Homework Helper, Raider Night and Wonders Reading Showcase Night.
 - The yearly attendance goal is 95%. PWES yearly attendance average is 95.9%
 - Mr. Gilefski complimented Mrs. Brown, Dr. Leach and staff for an excellent job maintaining a high attendance average.
 - Mrs. Brown thanked the Board, Mr. Chasanov, and Mr. Cameron for the support given to the staff and students.
 - Mr. Chasanov thanked the staff and administration of PWES for holding a successful first College and Career Day.

- D. District Strategic Plan 2014-2019 – Mr. Chasanov
- The strategic plan is a five (5) year plan that sets the tone for the School Improvement Plans (SIT).
 - The mission statement remains unchanged.
 - The vision has been changed to “Every student will graduate with the opportunity to pursue post-secondary education and/or enter the career field of their choice”.
 - Goal One (1) deals with academics. Goal Two (2) deals with social/emotion/physical needs. Goal Three (3) deals with the facilities.
 - The Plan will be reviewed annually and we will report on whether goals have been met.
- E. WSD Board Policy Section # 801 – Code of Conduct – School Uniform/Dress Code Enforcement – Second Reading
- The changes made to the policy were recommended at the first reading.
- F. WSD Board Policy Section # 800 – Student Rights and Responsibilities – Second Reading
- The changes made to the policy were recommended at the first reading.
- G. WSD Board Policy Section # 705 – Grading Policy – First Reading – Mr. Chasanov
- Mr. Chasanov explained the need to change the grading system to a 10 point system.
 - This will help align grading systems with colleges.
 - It will help in increasing motivation for students.
 - Mr. Gilefski agreed that the 10 point grading system is a good change.
- H. WSD Board Policy #1500 – Miscellaneous – First Reading – Mr. Cameron
- Mr. Cameron explained the changes include clean-up in language.
 - Mr. Chasanov explained some items were added due to stipulations in grant funding.

6. REVIEW OF MINUTES

- A. March 18, 2015 - Executive Session
- No changes
- B. March 18, 2015 - Open Session
- No changes
- C. March 31, 2015 – Special Board Meeting
- No changes

7. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- A. March 2015 Budgetary Report – Mr. Chasanov
- As of February tax collection is 99.8% of budgeted amount. We will go over 100% by fiscal year end.
 - We have spent 75 % of the budget being 73% into the year and our salary line is at 72%.
 - No budget lines are over budget.
 - All accounts are in good shape.
- B. 2014-2015 School Calendar Update – Mr. Chasanov
- The State Board approved two (2) days to be forgiven for staff and seniors.
 - The staff missed five (5) days so three (3) days must be added. This will make the last day for staff a half day on June 18, 2015.

- Pre-K – 11th Grade will be attending through Wednesday, June 10, 2015.
- The end of the year events involving the senior class will not be changed. Three (3) days prior to graduation (May 26, 27, and 28, 2015) will be filled with graduation activities and classroom activities.

C. School Choice – Mr. Cameron

- Mr. Cameron presented 27 students for school choice.
- Two (2) of the applications are for the current school year.
- 25 applications are for the 2015-2016 school year. Twelve of these are current students. Fifteen are new students.
- The 25 consist of:
 - 14 - Woodbridge Early Childhood Center
 - 2 - Phillis Wheatley Elementary School
 - 4 - Woodbridge Middle School
 - 5 - Woodbridge High School

8. BUILDING REPORTS

A. Phillis Wheatley Elementary School – Dr. Leach

- Our shoe drive ended with 700 pairs of shoes collected.
- Thank you to those who were readers for 'Read the Most Day'.
- The math portion of the SBAC will begin soon.
- Parent conferences were held on March 19 with 100 parents attending.
- Our first College and Career Day was held on March 31. Students enjoyed hearing from the presenters.
- This Friday our professional development day will focus on math work with Mrs. Duncan and reading work with Mrs. Propes and Mrs. Leib. A follow-up Compassionate Schools training will also be held with Mrs. Joseph and Mrs. Baker.

B. Woodbridge Middle School – Mrs. Morrioni

- Congratulations to Mr. Pepper for being selected as the 2015-2016 Middle School Teacher of the Year.
- The Middle School marching band had an outstanding performance at Saturday's Bridgeville Little League parade. They will be performing again on May 2nd when they march in the Delmarva Volunteer Fireman's parade in Millsboro.
- Mr. Lewis and many of our chorus students were part of the Sussex County Junior Honors Choir. The concert was held on April 1. Thanks to Mr. Lewis for his hard work and dedication to our students and the Arts.
- Third marking period Honor Roll breakfast was held this morning with 108 students attending!
- Curriculum Night is tomorrow evening from 5:30 – 7:30.
- A huge thank you goes out to Mrs. Thornton, our PBS Chair. She has done an incredible job of reviving our program. She's added teacher members that meet monthly. She has also created a student team that meets monthly. She has spent a great deal of time working on this program and we are reaping the benefits from her hard work!

C. Woodbridge High School – Mr. Adams

- "Grease" was highly successful during its six performance run thanks to the hard work of Jolene Workman and Danielle Jones.

- The WHS Animal Science program was awarded with the Delaware Soil Conservation district award for Sussex County this morning in Dover.
- The MCJROTC held their awards ceremony last evening. Many guest presenters attended from local military organizations.
- The FFA held their annual banquet on April 1.
- Senior Projects are being presented this Friday beginning at 8:30 a.m.
- On April 27, two of our students; Jedidiah Chung and Terrance Knox will be honored at the State Superintendent Scholars dinner at Dover Downs.
- The first annual WHS talent show will be held on Friday, May 1 at the WMS auditorium beginning at 6:00 p.m.
- The prom is scheduled for Saturday, May 2. The Grand March is to begin at 6:00 p.m. in the lobby. The dance will be held from 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.
- A blood drive is being held on Wednesday, May 6, in the auditorium.
- On Friday, May 8 we will receive a visit from the Delaware Advisory Council on Career and Technical Education. The purpose of the visit is to look at our programs and speak with our teachers.
- Our WHS Spring Musical Concert will be held on Thursday, May 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium.
- Pre-school graduation will be on Friday, May 16 at 9:00 a.m. in the auditorium.

D. Woodbridge Early Childhood Education Center – Ms. Mitchell

- We raised \$1,683.22 for the American Heart Association through our 'Jump Rope for Heart'.
- Our 2015-2016 WECEC Teacher of the Year is Jenna White. Congratulations to her!
- Beginning April 28 and running for four (4) consecutive weeks is our after school clubs. Activities will include art, making movies on iPads and iRead, and physical activities.
- The second grade is going to the DC Zoo on April 23.
- The first grade is going to see the movie Monkey Kingdom on May 1.
- We are holding our Book Fair next week – buy one, get one half off.
- Our professional development day this Friday will be spent with the teachers preparing math kits for next year in the a.m. session and small group instruction in the p.m. session.

9. **STUDENT REPORT**

- There is no student report.
- The Board wishes our student representative, Jordan Clark, a happy birthday!

10. **BOARD REPORT**

Mr. Breeding

- Mr. Breeding thanked everyone for the great job being done!

11. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- Teacher Appreciation Week May 4-8, 2015
- School Principal Day – May 1, 2015
- National School Nurse Day May 6, 2015
- School Board Election – May 12, 2015 – Polls open at from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at WECEC and WMS

12. **PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

- There was no public commentary

Phillis Wheatley Elementary School

Student 17 - LeSahn Ross, Third Grade

Student 18 - Madison Smith, Third Grade

Woodbridge Middle School

Student 19 - Daniel Cardenas, Sixth Grade

Student 20 - Nicholas Donovan, Sixth Grade

Student 21 - Amanda Platia, Sixth Grade

Student 22 - Kiersyn White, Sixth Grade

Woodbridge High School

Student 23 - Hailee Bennett, Ninth Grade*

Student 24 - McKinley Chillas, Ninth Grade

Student 25 - Amelia Griffith, Ninth Grade

Student 26 – Benjamin Syester, Ninth Grade*

Student 27 – Justin Thomas, Ninth Grade*

First: Mr. Gilefski

Second: Mr. Rudy

Vote: 5-0

K. Motion to approve Personnel Memo as presented:

Recommend approving the employment of the following:

Woodbridge High School

Robin Andrus

School Psychologist

Effective: August 24, 2015

Recommend approving the following EPER positions for the 2015-2016 school year:

Woodbridge Middle School

Dane Sears

Athletic Director

Woodbridge High School

Darwin Manges

Athletic Director

Recommend approving the following transfers:

District Office

Evelyne Adams

From: Woodbridge High School PASE Para

To: District Office Clerk

Effective: July 6, 2015

Recommend approving the following resignations:

Woodbridge High School

Melinda Landry

School Psychologist

Effective: June 30, 2015

Recommend approving the following FMLA:

Woodbridge High School

Connie Bean (maternity leave) Approximate Start Date: May 5, 2015

Approximate End Date: October 12, 2015

Recommend approving the following long term substitutes:

Woodbridge High School

Brenda Harding (for Connie Bean) Approximate Start Date: May 5, 2015

End Date: June 10, 2015

SCOPE

Alice Murphy

Part-time LTS (for Preston Grace)

Start Date: April 23, 2015

End Date: June 10, 2015

Emily Mitchell

Part-time LTS (for Preston Grace)

Start Date: April 23, 2015

End Date: June 10, 2015

Recommend approving the rescinding of the following retirement request:

District Office

Bonnie Workman

Food Services Supervisor

First: Mr. McCarron

Second: Mr. Gilefski

Vote: 5-0

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION (If Necessary)

15. ACTION (If Necessary)

16. ADJOURNMENT

A. Motion to Adjourn at 9:26 p.m.

First: Mr. McCarron

Second: Mr. Barr

Vote: 5-0



Nina Colegrove (Recording Secretary)



Heath B. Chasanov (Executive Secretary)

Board Minutes Approved: 5-6-15

Board Minutes Posted: 5-8-15