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**OPEN SESSION**

**Wednesday, February 18, 2015**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**Woodbridge Board of Education**

**Phillis Wheatley Elementary School**

**48 Church Street**

**Bridgeville, DE 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, Dr. J. Marinucci,

Others Present: Mr. Manges (Dean of Students), Mrs. Colegrove (Recording Secretary)

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

First: Mr. Gilefski

Second: Mr. Rudy

Vote: 5-0

**2. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A. Student Hearing # 7-15

B. Personnel

Personnel memo was discussed.

C. Dr. J. Marinucci thanked the Board for the opportunity to build the new high school and to talk to them about his retirement.

The Board went into recess at 6:51.

**3. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION**

A. Motion to move into Open Session at 7:00 p.m.

First: Mr. Rudy

Second: Mr. Barr

Vote: 5-01

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

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

Mr. Adams, Mrs. Morroni, Mrs. Brown, Dr. Leach, Ms. Mitchell, Mrs. Colegrove (Recording Secretary)

B. Invocation

C. Pledge of Allegiance

**4. AGENDA/ADOPTION**

A. Mr. Chasanov recommended the deletion of Item 5G – WSD Board Policy Section 1300 – First Reading and the corresponding Action Item 13E as there are no changes being made to this policy.

First: Mr. McCarron

Second: Mr. Gilefski

Vote: 5-0

**5. PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS**

A. Construction Update – Dr. J. Marinucci

- Dr. Marinucci reported the pole barn construction was on hold until we are sure it is something that can be afforded.
- There are still some Fire Marshall issues being finalized.
- The remaining contingency is \$13,879.00.

B. Math and Science Update – Mrs. Duncan, Ms. Ketterman, Ms. O’Neal

- Mrs. Duncan reported that the high school is changing their math curriculum and the teachers are looking forward to the change.
- Woodbridge Middle School is piloting the Springboard program.
- Secondary teachers have been trained in Smarter Balance testing.
- Devon Noble, PWES teacher is serving on the Dream Team for Learn Zillion.
- Mrs. Duncan stated that she is working on a new Math help website linking videos with the current curriculum to the district website.
- The Smarter Balance test will take place on March 10 for grades 3 – 8 and for the high school in April.
- Ms. Ketterman reported that the District has adopted Next Gen Science Program (NGSS) and that we are in year 2 of a 3 year transition. This new program will help students to become critical consumers.
- The reasons for the change to NGSS are:
  - 1) Delaware has too few students entering STEM fields of study at all levels. NGSS stimulate and build interest in STEM.
  - 2) Changes in science and in the understanding of how students learn have occurred over the past few decades.
  - 3) There have been many advances in the fields of science and science education. A Framework for K-12 Science Education compiled this research and laid the foundation for the development of the NGSS.
  - 4) NGSS has a strong emphasis on Science and Engineering Practices which is lacking in the current standards.
- Ms. O’Neal reported on the SGI (Small Group Instruction) classes and the changing curriculum.
- Grades 6 – 12 SGI classes are on a rotational model building foundational skills.
- The curriculum is aligned to the new Science curriculum.
- Performance tasks are being done at the end of each unit in preparation for the Smarter Balance test.

- C. WSD Board Policy – Section 700 – Second Reading
  - There were no changes.
- D. WSD Board Policy Section 800 – Responding to Teen Dating Violence and Sexual Assault Policy – Second Reading
  - Mr. Cameron reiterated that no changes were being made to Section 800 except for the addition of the ‘Responding to Teen Dating Violence and Sexual Assault Policy’ which is state mandated.
- E. WSD Board Policy Section 1100 – Second Reading
  - There were no changes.
- F. WSD Board Policy Section 1200 – First Reading
  - Mr. Chasanov went over the changes to the policy.
  - Mr. Rudy questioned the use of charter busses to travel over state lines.
  - Mr. Chasanov stated that he would get clarification on this.
- G. WSD Board Policy Section 1300 – First Reading
  - This item was deleted under Agenda Adoption (Item 4).

## **6. REVIEW OF MINUTES**

- A. February 4, 2015 - Executive Session
  - No changes
- B. February 4, 2015 - Open Session
  - No changes

## **7. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

- A. January Budgetary Report
  - Mr. Chasanov reported that we are at 97% of our tax collection.
  - We have spent 57% of the budget being 58% into the year and our savings line is at 57%.
  - Technology set-aside has been dispersed and will be removed from the report in future.
  - Internal Accounts:
    - WECEC – funds are in good shape
    - PWES – Large amount dispersed due to a 4<sup>th</sup> grade Washington D.C. field trip.
    - WMS – Had one (1) negative account due to a bad check, but has been taken care of.
    - WHS – the class of 2014 account has been cleared.
- B. Financial Position Report
  - Mr. Chasanov explained that the Financial Position report must be submitted every quarter.
  - This Position report is as of December 31.
- C. School Calendar 2015-2016
  - Mr. Cameron reviewed the calendar for the 2015-2016 school year.
  - The committee consisted of a teacher and administrator from each building, Dr. M. Marinucci, Mr. Gilefski (Board Representative), two (2) WEA Representatives, and Mr. Cameron.
  - He pointed out that April 26 is a state mandated day that schools must be closed to students for the election primary.

#### D. School Choice

- Mr. Cameron presented four (4) students for the 2015-2016 school year.
- Two (2) students are current; two (2) students are new.
- Three (3) students will be attending Woodbridge Middle School.
- One (1) student will be attending Woodbridge High School.

### 8. BUILDING REPORTS

#### A. Woodbridge High School – Mr. Adams

- Mr. Adams reported that the high school is working on the scheduling process with 75% of students having made their course selections for next year. Two scheduling nights have already been held with a third scheduled for February 25 at Woodbridge Middle School.
- The high school held their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Night of Games. Those who attended had a great time!
- Junior, Justin Minton placed fifth in the regional marksmanship Competition for the MCJROTC and 17<sup>th</sup> overall.
- Juniors Chase Marvil and Rachel Driscoll asked permission to complete a project for TheInspringProject.com and have created a positive display in our main lobby.
- The Delaware Retired Administrative Personnel group presented a Certificate of Accomplishment to our teacher, Josh Dickson for a bridge project he completed with his special education students using quadratics.
- Teachers James Weiler and Chris Havrilla recently presented information at the most recent Common Ground gathering in Dover. Chris has also been asked to be on a state committee reviewing NGSS.
- A College and Career Fair is being held at the high school on Friday, February 20 beginning at 1:30.
- We would like to recognize five (5) students who have been awarded their Official FFA jackets:
  - Junior: Makayla Johnson
  - Sophomores: Alyssa Boyce and Honorio Torres
  - Freshman: Tanner Hollis and Mikah James

#### B. Woodbridge Early Childhood Education Center – Ms. Mitchell

- Ms. Mitchell reported that WECEC have begun using Scholastic Math Inventory. All classes have gone into the old DCAS lab and tested. This data is being utilized to create the RTI groups at each grade level.
- Professional Development was held this past Friday. Our teachers spent the day training the new Wonders reading curriculum from McGraw Hill that is aligned with common core. Our teachers are excited to begin to use this program next week.
- Our Book Fair Family night has been changed from Thursday, February 19 to next Tuesday, February 24 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Students will also be visiting the book fair during their Related Arts scheduled library class.
- We held our Red Raider Night last Thursday. The teachers shared phenomenal ideas and strategies to our families of students identified as ‘at risk’. We fed families, gave away turkeys and had door prizes. Parents also received bags with fun learning activities they could do with their children.
- Kindergarten screening and registration scheduling has begun.
- Parent Teacher conferences are scheduled for Thursday, February 26 from 4:00 – 7:30 p.m.

- Oh, the Places you'll go when you read! Monday, March 2, 2015 is NEA's Read Across America Day and this year, the book is the Seuss classic, "Oh, The Places You'll Go". We are looking for guest readers, so please call the school and let us schedule you for a time you would be available!

**C. Phillis Wheatley Elementary School – Dr. Leach**

- Dr. Leach reported that the talent show which was held on January 30 raised \$2,200 with the proceeds going to Nemours/A.I. DuPont Hospital for Children Palliative Care Program.
- An AR Assembly was held on February 6 to recognize our students and their reading.
- Honor Assemblies were held February 12 to recognize our student accomplishments.
- Read the Most from Coast to Coast Day is February 27. We are looking for guest readers. Please call Mrs. James to schedule a time.
- New reading curriculum professional development was held February 13. Wonders training was led by Dr. Hall, Mrs. Propes and Mrs. Leib.
- The Conservation Club is sponsoring a shoe drive. We have bins set up in the lobby for donations. Orphanages purchase the shoes and give them to families/children who cannot afford them. The money made is used to purchase water chlorinators for communities around the world that don't have access to safe water.
- We are holding a College and Career Day on March 31!

**D. Woodbridge Middle School – Mrs. Morrioni**

- Our Wellness Committee sponsored a dollar dinner and health fair in January. We had 25 families in attendance.
- We've had an extremely successful Winter Sports season. Our cheerleaders took 1<sup>st</sup> place at their cheer competition in the beginning of February.
- Our wrestling team had a winning season finishing with 7 wins and just 2 losses. The following students placed at the Wrestling Classic:
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Place: Brock Keeler and Josh Benedict
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Place: Kemon Massey
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Tae'Shawn Ford Jackson, Corey Hastings, Enrique Ramos
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Jerome Cannon and Trey Hatfield
- Both our Girls and Boys basketball teams won this past Monday at the Capital Classic in Dover:
  - Sportsmanship Awards: Alyssa Burhop and Ricky Kane
  - All Tournament Award: Troy Haynes, Richard Massey, Makyla Serpa and Kierra Sampson
  - MVP: Tykeya Nelson and Jamon Kane
- We are holding our Winter Sports Banquet tomorrow evening.
- Our PBS and Friends of Rachel Club have been busy planning many positive activities for our students including 'Kindness Week'
- Our teachers are continuing to do a great job with parent contacts. Between December and January our staff made 1448 parent contacts!
- Mr. Lewis and the drama students will present 'A Haunting We Will Go' this coming Friday and Saturday nights (February 20 and 21) at 7:00 p.m.
- Our Book Fair will be held the week of March 16<sup>th</sup>.

## 9. STUDENT REPORT – Ms. Clark

- The Theatre Group is holding the musical “Grease” beginning March 20.
- Spring sports start in 11 days!
- We are coming to the close of the Senior Project timeline with our abstracts being turned in.
- Graduation is in 101 days!!!!
- The Junior class is working on the prom.

## 10. **BOARD REPORT**

### Mr. Barr

- Mr. Barr thanked our Superintendent for introducing a possible new pathway that will give our students a step-up upon graduation.
- He also shared that there will be another JROTC/Heritage Shores shooting competition.
- He complimented the middle school basketball teams
- Mr. Barr also stated that he very much enjoyed the professional development day which was held on February 13.

### Mr. Gilefski

- The DSBA met last Wednesday with a presentation by the Rodell Foundation which was enlightening.
- Mr. Gilefski stated that the President of the NSBA was also in attendance. She is from New York State and has over 400 school districts ranging from very populated districts in New York City and a district in the Adirondacks with 30 students.
- He also thanked the high school for holding more than one (1) blood drive each year.
- He complimented the middle school for the ‘Kindness’ week and teaching children this value.
- Mr. Gilefski also stated that he believes the DSBA should assist any Delaware School District (including Christina) with legal expenses, on a dollar for dollar matching basis up to \$20,000.00, incurred in challenging the presumed authority of the Governor to close, take over, convert to Charter status or in any way reconstitute any regular public school in Delaware. No legislative body ever gave the President or the Governor of Delaware that authority and no amount of inferring, legal slight-of-hand, or regulation writing by the legal lackeys of the President or Governor can make up for that absence of authority.

### Mr. McCarron

- Mr. McCarron enjoyed the high school Game Night!
- He was able to attend some of the professional development and was glad to see how excited the teachers were with the new reading program.

### Mr. Rudy

- Mr. Rudy reported the legislature is still in recess through mid-March.

### Mr. Breeding

- Mr. Breeding thanked everyone involved in making the new district website! He also thanked Mr. Chasanov for making it happen.
- He stated that he visited each building on Tuesday and was happy to see that every parking lot and sidewalk was cleared. He thanked the custodians/maintenance staff for doing a great job.



K. Motion to approve School Choice Memo as presented:

First: Mr. McCarron

Second: Mr. Gilefski

Vote: 5-0

L. Motion to approve recommendation to expel Student # 7-15 without educational services:

First: Mr. Barr

Second: Mr. Gilefski

Vote: 5-0

M. Motion to approve Personnel Memo as presented:

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 8:54 p.m.

First: Mr. Barr

Second: Mr. McCarron

Vote: 5-0



Nina Colegrove (Recording Secretary)



Heath B. Chasanov (Executive Secretary)

Board Minutes Approved: 3.4.15

Board Minutes Posted: 3.9.15