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“Quality Education for Quality Children”

OPEN SESSION

Thursday, January 21, 2016
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Woodbridge Board of Education
Phillis Wheatley Elementary School
48 Church Street
Bridgeville, DE 19933
6:00 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER/OPEN SESSION

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

A. Motion to move Into Executive Session at 6:01 p.m.
First: Mr. Rudy Second: Mr. McCarron Vote: 5-0

Board Members Present: Mr. Breeding, Mr. Rudy, Mr. Gilefski, Mr. Barr, Mr. McCarron
Administrators Present: Mr. Chasanov, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chase
Others Present: Mrs. Colegrove (recording secretary)

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Personnel
• Personnel Memo was discussed.

3. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

A. Motion to move into Open Session at 7:14 p.m.
First: Mr. Barr Second: Mr. McCarron Vote: 5-0

Board Members Present: Mr. Breeding, Mr. Rudy, Mr. Gilefski, Mr. Barr, Mr. McCarron
Administrators Present: Mr. Chasanov, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Crisci, Dr. Hall, Dr. Marinucci,
Mr. Adams, Mr. Chase, Mrs. Morroni, Mrs. Brown, Dr. Leach, Mr. Lehman, Ms. Mitchell
Others Present: Mrs. Colegrove (recording secretary)

B. Invocation
C. Pledge of Allegiance

4. AGENDA/ADOPTION

A. Motion to accept Agenda as presented:
First: Mr. McCarron Second: Mr. Barr Vote: 5-0

5. PRESENTATIONS /RECOGNITIONS

A. Compassionate Schools – Dr. Marinucci, Mrs. Morroni, Ms. O’Neal

- ACE Study (Adverse Childhood Experiences) show that about 51% of Delaware children under 18 have experienced at least one adverse childhood experience and 23% of those have already had two or more.
- The study also shows that these students are two and one half times more likely to fail a grade, score lower on standardized achievement tests, have more receptive or expressive language difficulties, are suspended or expelled more often and, are designated to special education more frequently.
- The six principles of Compassionate Schools are:
 - Always empower, never disempower
 - Provide unconditional positive regard
 - Maintain high expectations
 - Check assumptions. Observe. Question
 - Be a relationship coach
 - Provide guided opportunities for helpful participation
- Woodbridge Middle School has formed a Compassionate Schools Team and has received training. They are continuing with more professional development and staff and student care.

B. Woodbridge High School Construction Update – Mr. Crisci

- Outstanding Work:
 - Camp Raider railing – ordered and waiting for install
 - Worth – waiting on filters for heating water system feed tank
 - Nickle – waiting on vestibule heater and hallway clock
 - Northeast – bleacher/backboard interlock safety device
 - Service glass – spandrel glass rep to verify installed color
- Closeout and Final Payments:
 - Union Wholesale – complete and sending final invoices
 - Worth, Nickle, Northeast, Service Glass, and Gillis Gilkerson are still working on punch list items
- Warranty Items:
 - Nickle – parking lot light controls
 - Worth – Glycol leak monthly chemical testing and treatment
- Pole Barn:
 - Two contractors have given proposals and a third party is currently working on developing theirs.
 - Once all proposals are received we will put a package together and make a recommendation to the Board in the February meeting.
 - Available funds: \$99,008.72.

6. REVIEW OF MINUTES

A. December 17, 2015 Executive Session

- No changes

B. December 17, 2015 Open Session

- No changes

7. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

A. December 2015 Budgetary Report – Mr. Chasanov

- Tax collection is at 95.59% of expected collection
- Cost Center shows that with 50% of the year past the budget is at 49% with salaries at 45.9%
- Cafeteria funds are still waiting for federal reimbursement for both November and December
- All accounts are in good standing.

B. School Choice – Mr. Cameron

- Mr. Cameron presented 23 students for school choice:
 - 2 are for the 2015-2016 school year – students moved out of the district
 - 21 are for the 2016-2017 school year – 10 current students and 11 new students

8. **BUILDING REPORTS**

A. Phillis Wheatley Elementary School – Dr. Leach

- Our fence sitter groups have been running smoothly since the beginning of the month. These student groups were chosen based on assessment scores. Mrs. Duncan has been instructing these student groups in math and I have been instructing them in ELA.
- We welcome our new staff members: Megan Van Meter, Chasity Gilbert and Tom Bull.
- Second marking period honor roll assembly will be held on February 5th at 1:30.
- We are planning our after school clubs for February. The clubs will run on Wednesdays, along with WECEC clubs.
- We are also planning our Raider After School Coaching program. Ms. Brodie will be coordinating this program. She did a fantastic job last year and we are looking forward to her new ideas this year. Teachers will be recommending student for this program.
- We received the feedback on our Comprehensive Success Review (CSR). Overall it was a positive report with some recommendations that our teachers, staff and our school improvement team will look at to improve our school even more.
- As always, thank you for your continued support.

B. Woodbridge Middle School – Mrs. Morroni

- Both our boys and girls basketball teams are currently undefeated. Each has just three games left this season.
- Our wrestling team has struggled a little more, but they are building talent on the team and did win last night against Seaford.
- We're holding our winter sports pep rally tomorrow afternoon.
- Our students began their interim Amplify ELA assessments and they will take math in a couple of weeks.
- Our AR ice cream party for those students meeting their AR goal for the second marking period will be held on Tuesday at 9:45 in the cafeteria. Our honor roll breakfast will be held next Thursday, January 28 at 8:30 in the cafeteria.
- Our book fair is being held next week. Mrs. Collison has arranged a schedule allowing each student to visit the book fair at least twice during the week.
- Our Community in Schools position has been filled by Stacey Clark. She will begin next Monday.
- Our professional development held this Tuesday was very successful. We reviewed the feedback from our CSR visit and conversations were facilitated by members of the FOCUS team.
- We also submitted the first draft of the FOCUS plan to the State this past Tuesday. It remains a work in progress and we look forward to their feedback during the first week of February.

C. Woodbridge High School – Mr. Adams

- Our scheduling process is moving right along. Our counselors will visit WMS on Monday to meet with teachers regarding making recommendation for incoming 9th grade students.
- The Course Selection Handbook has been revised, reviewed and revamped. It is going to the printers shortly and will be in student's hands as we meet with them beginning in two weeks and for the CTE Scheduling Night we will hold for incoming 9th grade students on February 17.
- Parent conferences are being held on February 3 from 12:00 – 7:30.
- We will also be holding a Financial Aid night for all interested parents and students at 6:00 the same evening.
- The Guidance department is very busy helping students with scholarship applications and assisting with essays, as is some of our English department.

- The next Senior Seminar is on February 24 and it is all about the FAFSA and Scholarship opportunities. Mr. Daws is currently going class to class to advertise scholarship opportunities.
- The final drafts of senior projects are in and seniors are busy completing their products and their presentations.
- We have begun the second semester with a completely revamped RTI process. 9th grade literacy is tied to the Civics curriculum, 10th grade is tied to the Science curriculum as a review for the DCAS Science end of course test, and 11th grade is fully into working through SAT preparation with the KHAN Academy program. SAT preparation is now even more important with the state now having the SAT being the accountability tool for high schools – which we feel is a great move!
- Our basketball teams are on a roll. Boys are currently on an 8 game winning streak. Their next game is tomorrow night vs. Caesar Rodney. The girls are putting their 6 game winning streak on the line tonight vs. Howard in Wilmington.

D. Woodbridge Early Childhood Education Center – Ms. Mitchell

- We are holding our Curriculum Night on the 28th from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. We will be showcasing reading, math, science, and social studies with presentations, centers, and activities.
- Our Kindergarten All-Stars are travelling to Midway Movies on the 29th to see "Norm of the North". This trip celebrates the hard work and great choices our kindergarteners have made so far this year.
- February 1st – 2nd marking period reports cards will be sent home.
- February 1st – 5th is National School Counselor Week – please thank them and let them know how much they are appreciated.
- February 3rd – Professional Development – Parent Conferences from 12:00 – 7:30.
- February 4th – Honor roll assemblies will be held as follows:
 - Kindergarten – 12:15 – 1:00
 - 2nd Grade – 1:45 – 2:30
 - 1st Grade – 2:45 – 3:30
- Ms. Mitchell also shared a letter from a parent thanking the staff for the wonderful job they did in handling the bomb threat scare the previous week.

9. **STUDENT REPORT** – Chase Marvil

- Mr. Marvil stated the Senior Project presentations are forthcoming and the students are working hard on them.
- He also presented the request for graduation to be held outdoors this year.
- Mr. Chasanov stated that he will meet with Mr. Marvil next week to discuss the issue.

10. **BOARD REPORT**

Mr. Gilefski

- The DSBA is interviewing three candidates for the Executive Director position next Wednesday.

Mr. Rudy

- The Legislature is in session but there are no new issues concerning education.

Mr. Barr

- Lifeguards are needed at Heritage Shores and other local area pools. He asked the students present to let Col. Herrera know if there is any interest.

Mr. McCarron

- Mr. McCarron thanked the parents and students for coming out to show support.

Mr. Breeding

- Attended the DIAA Board meeting. There are new rules coming out regarding academic eligibility and transfer eligibility.

11. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. May 19, 2016 Board meeting will be held at Woodbridge Middle School
- B. Parent Conferences – Wednesday, February 3, 2016, 12:00 – 7:30 p.m. – No school for students
- C. President's Day – Monday, February 15, 2016 – Schools Closed
- D. Mrs. Morroni is the new acting principal of the Middle School with Mrs. Madden assisting her. We wish Ms. Tunstall the best of luck in trying to get answers with what she is dealing with.
- E. Mr. Chasanov stated that the district will not make a decision concerning school closings until we actually see some snowflakes falling.
- F. Mr. Chasanov assured parents and students that every one of the bomb threats received will be taken seriously. The first contact made in these situations is to the police and we let them handle it.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTARY

- Mr. Breeding instructed the audience that each person would be given three minutes.
- Mrs. Johnson (JROTC Booster President) congratulated the marksmanship team on their qualifying to go to regionals. This is the first time in WHS history! She also spoke in support of CWO Todd and Col. Herrera.
- Ms. Middleton stated that the students and parents feel the ROTC program is being jeopardized because of the longevity of the unresolved situation.
- Ms. Bishop stated that Col. Herrera and CWO Todd have done so much for the program and they are both needed to get the program back on track.
- Mr. Smith (2014 Graduate) shared how CWO Todd was a great mentor to him and he is a great instructor.
- Ms. Breeding (mother of sophomore and senior) has noticed a disinterest growing in the program with the substitute being there. She stated that CWO Todd motivated the students and did a great job with the Marksmanship Team. Students used to talk about the program with excitement and now they don't even want to wear their uniforms.
- Mr. Williamson (ROTC substitute) stated that he feels the program is suffering and for the sake of the program the Board should reinstate CWO Todd. He shared that since Col. Herrera and Sgt. Todd took the program over they have taken it from 60 members to 90.
- Mr. Deya (student) shared that with CWO Todd's absence the Leadership Program is only half. He stated the program cannot be whole without CWO Todd there to motivate. He hopes the Board will reconsider bringing him back to teach us how to be better leaders.
- Mr. Cannon (student) stated that the Drill Team used to have 15 members, now only 6 are showing up. Col. Herrera is doing the best he can, but we need CWO Todd to motivate us. We need 9 members to be able to compete. He also stated that most homeroom classes consist of 25 students. The ROTC homeroom has over 70 students and CWO Todd gets the homeroom settled and taken care of without disturbing anyone and without missing the morning announcements.
- Ms. Wells (student) stated that she is not involved in the ROTC program but that she feels CWO Todd is a good teacher and that he's always helpful to all students, not just ROTC students.
- Mr. Carr stated that CWO Todd sounds like a great guy. He asked if there was any information that could be shared.
- Mr. Breeding stated that this is a personnel issue and cannot be discussed. He further stated that he appreciated the correspondence received from the Booster Club and assured that as soon as action can be taken in this situation it will be done, but a process must be followed.
- Mr. Barr stated that Col. Herrera and CWO Todd have turned the program around, but we have to wait. Keep your chins up!

13. AGENDA ACTION

- A. Motion to approve December 17, 2015 Executive Session Minutes as presented:
First: Mr. McCarron Second: Mr. Rudy Vote: 5-0
- B. Motion to approve December 17, 2015 Open Session Minutes as presented:
First: Mr. McCarron Second: Mr. Rudy Vote: 5-0
- C. Motion to approve December 2015 Budgetary Report as presented:
First: Mr. Rudy Second: Mr. Gilefski Vote: 5-0
- D. Motion to approve School Choice Memo as presented:

Accept the following School Choice Applications for the **2015-2016** school year:

Woodbridge High School:

Student 1 - Jacob Baker, Tenth Grade

Student 2 - Jessalyn Baker, Twelfth Grade

Accept the following School Choice Applications for the **2016-2017** school year:

Woodbridge Early Childhood Education Center:

Student 3 - Chase Willin, First Grade

Student 4 - Jack Willin, Third Grade

Student 5 - Payton Read, Third Grade

Student 6 - Abigail VanVorst, Third Grade

Phillis Wheatley Elementary School:

Student 7 - Taylor Young, Third Grade

Student 8 - Ethan Holland, Third Grade

Student 9 - Madison McFarland, Third Grade

Student 10 - Zy'Aire Banks, Third Grade

Student 11 - Ella Marvil, Third Grade

Student 12 - AnnahBella Crisci, Third Grade

Woodbridge Middle School:

Student 13 - Alyssa Carpenter, Sixth Grade

Student 14 - Brenden Hutzulak, Sixth Grade

Student 15 - Brodie Diamond, Sixth Grade

Student 16 - Holly Calloway, Sixth Grade

Student 17 - Jenna Shoultes, Eighth Grade

Woodbridge High School:

Student 18 - Emily Hurlock, Ninth Grade

Student 19 - Mollie Ekholm, Tenth Grade

Student 20 - Emilie Ekholm, Eleventh Grade

Added after posting:

Woodbridge Early Childhood Education Center:

Student 21 – Jenna Chambers, First Grade (2016-2017)

Student 22 – Colby Chambers, First Grade (2016-2017)

Woodbridge Middle School:

Student 23 – Jaden Alston, Eighth Grade (2016-2017)

First: Mr. Gilefski Second: Mr. McCarron Vote: 5-0

- E. Motion to approve Personnel Memo as presented:

Recommend approving the **employment** of the following:

Woodbridge Early Childhood Education Center

Beverly Hitch

Part-Time Daycare Provider
Effective: January 11, 2016

Recommend approving the **temporary employment** of the following:

Phillis Wheatley Elementary School

Chasity Gilbert

Paraprofessional

Effective: January 20, 2016 – June 30, 2016

Recommend approving the following **transfers**:

Phillis Wheatley Elementary School

Megan Van Meter

From: Paraprofessional

To: Temporary Special Education Teacher

Effective: January 20, 2016 – June 30, 2016

Woodbridge High School

Kent Chase

From: Assistant Principal

To: Principal

Effective: July 1, 2016

SCOPE

Elizabeth Cahill (SCOPE Secretary)

From: Senior Secretary

To: Financial Secretary

Effective: January 25, 2016

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

Woodbridge Middle School

Jessica Torres (Vocational)

Assistant Track Coach

Mark Marek (Art)

Volunteer Assistant Track Coach

Brandon Bailey (Spec Ed)

Volunteer Assistant Track Coach

Brandi Lees (Math)

Volunteer Assistant Track Coach

Alex Towers (Spec Ed)

Head Softball Coach

Kasey Thompson (Math)

Assistant Softball Coach

Woodbridge High School

Portia Green (Special Education)

Asst. JV Girls Basketball Coach

Marshall Downes (IT)

Head Golf Coach

Eston Ennis (SCOPE Para)

Head Baseball Coach

Sean McGuigan (MS-SE/ELA)

Head Lacrosse Coach

Matthew Moyer (HS Temp Phys Ed)

Assistant Lacrosse Coach

Recommend approving the following **long term substitutes**:

Phillis Wheatley Elementary School

Tom Bull

For: Helen Hammond

Start Date: January 15, 2016

Approximate End Date: April 16, 2016

Recommend approving the following **retirements**:

Woodbridge Early Childhood Education Center

Vanessa Holmes

Part-time Foodservice Worker

Effective: March 1, 2016

Recommend approving the following **resignations**:

Woodbridge Early Childhood Education Center

Alexis Willis

Part-Time Daycare Provider

Effective: January 7, 2016

Woodbridge High School

Robin Andrus

Psychologist

Effective: January 22, 2016

Recommend approving the following **terminations**:

Woodbridge Early Childhood Education Center

Kim Short (Custodian)

Due to Long Term Disability
Effective: February 14, 2016

Recommend **rescinding** the following **terminations**:

SCOPE

Robert Zachry (Math Teacher)

Effective: January 22, 2016

Recommend **rescinding** the following **EPER/Coaches**:

Woodbridge High School

Robin Andrus (Psychologist)

IST Member (for second part of year)

First: Mr. Gilefski

Second: Mr. McCarron

Vote: 5-0

14. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** (Not Necessary)

15. **OPEN SESSION** (Not Necessary)

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

A. Motion to Adjourn at 8:46 p.m.

First: Mr. Rudy

Second: Mr. Gilefski

Vote: 5-0



Nina Colegrove (Recording Secretary)



Heath B. Chasanov (Executive Secretary)

Board Minutes Approved: 2.18.16

Board Minutes Posted: 2.19.16