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“Quality Education for Quality Children”

OPEN SESSION

Thursday, March 17, 2016

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Woodbridge Board of Education

Woodbridge Early Childhood Education Center

400 Governors Avenue

Greenwood, DE 19950

6:00 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER/OPEN SESSION

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

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

First: Mr. McCarron

Second: Mr. Barr

Vote: 4-0

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

Board Members Absent: Mr. Breeding

Administrators Present: Mr. Chasanov, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chase, Mrs. Morrioni, Mr. Manges

Others Present: Mrs. Colegrove (recording secretary)

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Student Board Hearing – Student #16-1 – **Postponed**

B. Student Board Hearing – Student #16-2

- Student #16-2 was discussed.

C. Mary Bailey Scholarships – Review of Student Applications

D. Personnel

- Personnel Memo was discussed.

3. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

A. Motion to move into Open Session at 7:13 p.m.

First: Mr. Barr

Second: Mr. McCarron

Vote: 4-0

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

Board Members Absent: Mr. Breeding

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

Ms. Tunstall, Mr. Chase, Mrs. Morrioni, 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 with the following changes:

- Section 2A Postponed to a later date.
- Move Section 2C to 14A.
- Section 13L moved to 13J.
- Section 13 J & K moved to 15 B & C

First: Mr. McCarron

Second: Mr. Gilefski

Vote: 4-0

5. PRESENTATIONS /RECOGNITIONS

A. Senior Project Presentation – Virtual Field Trips – Kristen McLain

- Ms. McLain explained the importance of field trips to bridge the gap between education and experience.
- She chose this subject because she has always been interested in how children learn from going on field trips.

B. Woodbridge Early Childhood Education Center School Improvement Team

- The WECEC SIT consists of Mrs. Mazingo, Ms. Friedel, Ms. Diamond, Mrs. Moore, Ms. Hyland, Ms. Mitchell, and Mr. Lehman.
- Mrs. Mazingo shared the approaches to learning in the pre-k years to prepare the students for kindergarten. These approaches encompass how children learn through play with an emphasis on social and emotional development, creative expression, physical development and health and the core subjects of language and literacy, mathematics, science and social studies.
- Ms. Friedel stated that students start kindergarten at different levels. Some students already recognize letters and numbers and some can even read, while others do not. The centers used in the kindergarten classroom allow teachers to help students at all levels simultaneously. Creative play is also used in the kindergarten classroom.
- Ms. Diamond shared that the first grade year is a year of transition. In first grade the students work in small groups where phonics is a major emphasis. They work with partners and learn problem solving skills. The math curriculum is in modules going from addition and subtraction of numbers to 10 to place value, comparison, and addition and subtraction to 100. The science curriculum is completed through kits encompassing weather, solids and liquids, embryology, and plants. Maps, globes and schedules are used for social studies curriculum.
- Mrs. Moore shared that by second grade students are reading and learning how to stay on task. Phonics and vocabulary are a large focus. The math curriculum builds on the first grade curriculum with addition and subtraction of high numbers, measurement, counting and place value to mention a few. Science provides hands on activities to help build teamwork and expressing ideas. The subjects range from insects, life cycles, building bridges, and soils. Social studies provide activities to understand connections to self and communities through historical documentation.
- Ms. Hyland shared the many umbrella services provided for the students at WECEC including, but not limited to attendance groups, grief counseling, social skills groups, Student of the Month Coordination, School supplies and coats.
- Ms. Mitchell shared the improvement shown from the beginning of the year to current by students in behavior academics.

6. REVIEW OF MINUTES

A. February 18, 2016 Executive Session

- No changes

B. February 18, 2016 Open Session

- No changes

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. February 2016 Budgetary Report – Mr. Chasanov

- Tax collection is at 100% of expected collection
- Cost Center shows that with 2/3 of the year past the budget is less than 2/3 spent with salaries at 60%
- The utility line is a concern so we are keeping an eye on it.
- All accounts are in good standing.

B. Mary Bailey Scholarship Account – Mr. Chasanov

- Mr. Chasanov stated the Mary Bailey Scholarship has been in existence for about 30 years.
- The funds have been managed by Mellon Bank of Pittsburgh.
- Mellon Bank has controlled the amount awarded each year and the recipients.
- With changes in the laws of private companies they now can turn the money (5%) over to us each year and we can control the amount awarded and the recipients.
- Mr. Chasanov made the recommendation to the Board that the Mary Bailey Scholarship fund be placed with the Delaware Community Foundation as they manage six other scholarships for the District.

C. 2016-2017 Calendar – Mr. Cameron

- Mr. Cameron presented the proposed calendar for the 2016-2017 school year.
- Some important dates:
 - First day of school for teachers is August 23.
 - First day of school for students grades 1-6, 9 and kindergarten A is August 29.
 - First day of school for students grades 7-8 and 10-12 is August 30.
 - First day of school for kindergarten B is August 31.
 - Providing there are no snow days to make up – the last day of school for students PK-11 is June 9.
 - Graduation is set for June 4.
 - Last teacher day is set for June 15 – half day.

D. Code of Conduct Policy #801 – First Reading – Mr. Cameron

- Mr. Cameron thanked Ms. Tunstall for her work in the revisions being presented.
- Student debts will be accumulative and the policy is being expanded to allow student debts to keep students from being eligible to play sports or participate in extra-curricular activities.
- Students who must go to their cars during school hours must be escorted by a building administrator or designee.
- Student use of earbuds or headphones is strictly prohibited in classrooms and hallways, but will be allowed to be used during lunch.
- Page 35 is a state mandate change from sexual contact to sexual misconduct.

E. Promotion and Retention Policy # 900 – First Reading

- With the growth from a 3 building district to a 4 building district, Policy 901 wasn't split when we configured but as we continue to refine things from the configuration we realized that a split needed to occur between WECEC and PWES in regards to grading.
- Page 2 shows a change for Phillis Wheatley stating students must pass 75% of all classes, at least 3 of their 4 core subjects need to be passed, with ELA and Math being 2 of the 3.

F. School Choice – Mr. Cameron

- Mr. Cameron presented 18 students for school choice:
 - 2 for the current school year and 16 for the 2016-2017 school year

8. BUILDING REPORTS

A. Woodbridge High School – Mr. Adams

- Altia Anderson was honored as the Gatorade Player of the Year in Girls Basketball. The girls team won their first tournament game ever this year and played a great game against Caravel. Altia will play her final high school game in the Blue Gold game this Saturday at 1:30 at the University of Delaware. Mr. Perry is the head coach for the Gold team.
- Altia has also been chosen as representative at the Delaware African-American Hall of Fame ceremony.
- The boys basketball team also won their first round game but lost to eventual State Champion Sanford in the second round.
- Dom Pierce is a state champion in wrestling.
- Hunter McKillip, Liz Brown and Emily Adams are being honored this Friday at the University of Delaware for displaying and representing positivity. Chase Marvil will be a presenter as he won last year.
- Chase has been invited to the Jefferson Awards ceremony in Wilmington on April 18.
- Sara Davis and Hailey Penuel will be honored on April 18 at the annual Department of Education ceremony at Dover Downs.
- The Spanish National Honor Society inducted 19 students this evening. Our last Honor Roll breakfast honored 255 students who made the Honor Roll.
- All 11th grade student will be taking the SAT on April 12 with a make-up day of April 26.
- Senior projects will be presented on Monday, April 25.
- Team Extreme from Impact World will do an assembly tomorrow afternoon during the last period of the day.
- The MCJROTC program will hold their awards ceremony on Wednesday, April 20 at 5:30 p.m.

B. Woodbridge Early Childhood Education Center – Ms. Mitchell

- March 4 was our Read Across America Day. 38 guest readers from our community, some of our parents and staff participated.
- We held 5 nights of kindergarten registration this year. 93 of the applications are complete. 33 still need some additional paperwork. Of these registrations, 7 are school choice students.
- We are planning on adding another summer date in June or July for registrations.
- April 8 is Grandparents Day for the kindergarten class. Since this is such a hit with the student and grandparents we may be including other grade levels this year.
- April 14 is Honor Roll Assembly Day. Kindergarten from 12:15 – 1:00; Grade 1 from 1:45 – 2:30; and Grade 2 from 2:45 – 3:30.
- On April 19th we are taking the entire school to see the high school production of The Little Mermaid

C. Phillis Wheatley Elementary School – Dr. Leach

- March 2 was Read Across America Day. Our students loved escorting readers to their classrooms and we appreciate all those who came to share their love of reading with our students.
- Our Odyssey of the Mind team participated in their first competition on March 12. They placed 6th out of 13 teams and were able to learn a lot from the experience. Mrs. Durkee is the coach for the team.
- We held an assembly yesterday from Impact World with the focus on kindness. The group consisted of Polynesian drummers and dancers and the message was using the power of our words for good.
- College and Career Day is scheduled for March 23.
- Honor Roll Assemblies are being held on April 15 starting at 1:20 in the gymnasium.

D. Woodbridge Middle School

- No report.

9. STUDENT REPORT – Chase Marvil

- Seniors are working on fine tuning their Senior Projects for presentation day.
- We are busy applying for our scholarships.
- Spring sports are starting.
- Mr. Chase reported that Chase received a message yesterday stating that he had been chosen as a 2016 national Teenager of the Year.
- Mr. Adams also reported that Chase was featured in Delaware Today as 'people under 20 years in the state to watch'.

10. BOARD REPORT

Mr. Gilefski

- We held our first DSBA meeting with our new Executive Director, Dr. J. Marinucci. We are looking forward to working with him as he tries to reach out to districts that have not joined or have left the Association.
- I attended the Manufacturing Program visit with Sen. Carper. He spoke for a bit and then spent the rest of his time talking with the students.

Mr. Rudy

- Dr. J. Marinucci attended the Legislative Senate Education Committee meeting involving senate bill 161. This bill will allow the State to mandate that all school districts start school years after Labor Day. Our concern is that this is another imposition from the state.
- We encourage you to please contact Senator Pettyjohn and ask him to vote against this bill.

Mr. Barr

- No report.

Mr. McCarron

- Attended the WECEC and PWES Read Across America Days and enjoyed them both.
- Reminded everyone about the PWES Conservation Club Talent Show being held on March 23.

11. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. 2016-2017 Music/Art Teaching Position

- Mr. Chasanov first shared that the Superintendents are against senate bill 161 as well. He encouraged everyone to contact any legislator.
- Mr. Chasanov explained that when Woodbridge went to a 4 school district tough choices had to be made. One of those choices was to have a shared art teacher and music teacher between WECEC and PWES. When this decision was made the plan was also in place to have a full time music teacher and art teacher at each of the schools as soon as it was financially possible. We are happy to be able to tell you that we will be hiring an additional art teacher and music teacher for the coming school year.
- Mr. Chasanov also shared that the State Board of Education released the graduation rates and dropout rates for the state by district. Woodbridge has a graduation rate of 81.6% which is good. Our dropout rate in 2013 was 5.9%. for 2015 our dropout rate was 2.1% A great improvement.

B. Professional Development Day March 24, 2016 – No School for Students

C. Spring Break March 25 – April 1, 2016

D. WHS Spring Musical Production – “The Little Mermaid” – April 15 – 17, 2016 and April 22 – 24, 2016

12. PUBLIC COMMENTARY

- Mrs. Tatman shared her concerns about the problem her daughter is having at the middle school.
- Mr. Chasanov assured her that the Code of Conduct is followed in all of these situations. He also directed her to contact the building administrators or Mr. Cameron and himself.

- Mrs. Willey shared her concerns about the problems the middle school is having as well concerning her daughter.
- Mr. Chasanov assured her as well that steps are being taken to take care of these situations and to keep our students safe. He also reminded her that the Guidance staff was available anytime for her daughter, if the need is there.
- Mr. Hiller shared that he is the father of a school choice kindergarten student. He asked if the district has a resource officer.
- Mr. Chasanov informed him that the District has a school resource officer, a contractual agreement with the Bridgeville Police Department and a very good relationship with the Greenwood Police Department.

13. AGENDA ACTION

- A. Motion to approve February 18, 2016 Executive Session Minutes as presented:
 First: Mr. Gilefski Second: Mr. McCarron Vote: 4-0
- B. Motion to approve February 18, 2016 Open Session Minutes as presented:
 First: Mr. Gilefski Second: Mr. McCarron Vote: 4-0
- C. Motion to approve February 2016 Budgetary Report as presented:
 First: Mr. Gilefski Second: Mr. McCarron Vote: 4-0
- D. Motion to approve Mary Bailey Scholarship Account as presented:
 First: Mr. McCarron Second: Mr. Gilefski Vote: 4-0
- E. Motion to approve 2016-2017 Calendar as presented:
 First: Mr. McCarron Second: Mr. Gilefski Vote: 4-0
- F. Motion to approve code of Conduct – Policy #801 – First Reading as presented:
 First: Mr. Gilefski Second: Mr. McCarron Vote: 4-0
- G. Motion to approve Promotion and Retention – Policy #900 – First Reading as presented:
 First: Mr. Gilefski Second: Mr. McCarron Vote: 4-0
- H. Motion to approve School Choice Memo as presented:
 Accept the following School Choice Applications for the **2015-2016** school year:
Phillis Wheatley Elementary School:
 Student 1 – Katielmarie Colon-Mojica, Fourth Grade
Woodbridge High School:
 Student 2 – Paola Acosta Pina, Eleventh Grade
 Accept the following School Choice Applications for the **2016-2017** school year:
Woodbridge Early Childhood Education Center:
 Student 3 – Ethan Hiller, Kindergarten
 Student 4 – Jordan Pusey, Kindergarten
 Student 5 – Dory Szymanski, Kindergarten
 Student 6 – Colt Adkins, Second Grade
Phillis Wheatley Elementary School:
 Student 7 – Rylie Cathcart, Third Grade
 Student 8 – Griffin Kvilhaug, Third Grade
 Student 9 – Emery Messick, Third Grade
 Student 10 – Jackson Ward, Third Grade
Woodbridge Middle School:
 Student 11 – Madison Taylor, Sixth Grade
 Student 12 – Vito Amoroso, Sixth Grade
 Student 13 – Eliza Thomas, Sixth Grade
Woodbridge High School:
 Student 14 – Gerald Walker III, Ninth Grade
 Student 15 – Darius Houchens, Ninth Grade

Added after agenda posted:

Woodbridge Early Childhood Education Center:

Student 16 – David Everton, Kindergarten (2016-2017)

Student 17 – Gracy Hudson, First Grade (2016-2017)

Woodbridge Middle School:

Student 18 – Samuel Wright, Sixth Grade (2016-2017)

First: Mr. Gilefski

Second: Mr. McCarron

Vote: 4-0

- I. Motion to approve recommendation of Student Board Hearing – Student # 16-1 as presented in executive session:
POSTPONED

- J. Motion to approve Personnel Memo as presented:

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

Woodbridge Early Childhood Education Center

Naomi Lambden	Part-Time Daycare Provider Effective: February 25, 2016
Tina Vanderhoff	Part-Time Daycare Provider Effective: February 22, 2016
Marivel Ortiz	Part-Time Daycare Provider Effective: March 18, 2016

Recommend approving the following **transfers**:

Sharon Wink	From: Art Teacher at WECEC/PWES To: Art Teacher at WECEC Effective: 2016-2017 School Year
Brian Zedalis	From: Music Teacher at WECEC/PWES To: Music Teacher at WECEC Effective: 2016-2017 School year
Antonio Armwood	From: Evening Custodian at PWES To: Daytime Custodian at WECEC Effective: TBD
Michael Brummel	From: Evening Custodian at WMS To: Evening Custodian at PWES Effective: TBD
Tina Morrioni	From: WMS Acting Principal To: WMS Principal Effective: Effective Immediately through June 30, 2018

Recommend approving the following **FMLA**:

Woodbridge Early Childhood Education Center

Sandy Truitt (2nd Grade) Intermittent Dates

Woodbridge High School

Lisa Melson (Cafeteria)	Effective: February 16, 2016 Approximate End Date: March 10, 2016
Col. James Herrera (MCJROTC)	Effective: February 22, 2016 Approximate End Date: March 7, 2016
Portia Green (Spec Ed)	Effective: February 18, 2016 End Date: March 8, 2016 Effective: April 8, 2016 End Date: End of School Year

SCOPE

James Willey (Military Leave)	Effective: April 18, 2016 End Date: End of School Year
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Recommend approving the following **long term substitutes**:

Woodbridge High School

Megan Carmean

For: Portia Green

Effective Date: April 8, 2016

End Date: End of School Year

Eugene Stone

For: Anthony Burton

Effective Date: April 4, 2016

End Date: End of School Year

SCOPE

Julius Mullen

Effective: March 3, 2016

End Date: End of School Year

Recommend approving the following **coaches** for the 2015-2016 spring season:

Woodbridge High School

Steve Garner

Assistant Golf Coach

Katie Tomeski

Assistant Track Coach

Recommend approving the following **retirements** (to include the \$50.00 incentive for each Woodbridge year of service)

SCOPE

Mitzie Diogo (Paraprofessional) Effective: September 1, 2016

Recommend approving the following **resignations**:

Woodbridge Middle School

Carmen Doheny EPER's

Spanish Club Advisor

Co-Interpreter

Effective: March 9, 2016

Woodbridge High School

Angela McBroom

Part-time Cafeteria Worker

Effective: March 22, 2016

Jennifer Llewellyn

Special Education Teacher

Effective: April 15, 2016

SCOPE

Eston Ennis

Paraprofessional

Effective: End of School Year

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

Woodbridge High School

Emilio Perry

Spring Track Assistant Coach

Recommend approving the following **terminations**:

District Office

Donald Spalin (due to disability) Effective: March 27, 2016

First: Mr. Gilefski

Second: Mr. McCarron

Vote: 4-0

K. Motion to move into Executive Session at 9:22 p.m.:

First: Mr. Barr

Second: Mr. McCarron

Vote: 4-0

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Mary Bailey Scholarships – Review of student applications

- Mary Bailey Scholarship applications were reviewed.

15. OPEN SESSION

A. Motion to reconvene Open Session at 9:57 p.m.

First: Mr. McCarron

Second: Mr. Gilefski

Vote: 4-0

B. Motion to approve recommendation of alternative placement for Student # 16-2 to SCOPE Program through the end of the first semester of the 2016-2017 school year:

First: Mr. McCarron

Second: Mr. Barr

Vote: 4-0

- C. Motion to approve Mary Bailey Applications as discussed in executive session:
First: Mr. McCarron Second: Mr. Gilefski Vote: 4-0

16. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Motion to Adjourn at 9:58 p.m.
First: Mr. Gilefski Second: Mr. Barr Vote: 4-0



Nina Colegrove (Recording Secretary)



Heath B. Chasanov (Executive Secretary)

Board Minutes Approved: 4.21.16

Board Minutes Posted: 4.27.16