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**OPEN SESSION**

Wednesday, November 18, 2015  
**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 6:00 p.m.

First: Mr. Gilefski

Second: Mr. Barr

Vote: 5-0

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

Administrators Present: Mr. Chasanov

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 7:00 p.m.

First: Mr. Barr

Second: Mr. Rudy

Vote: 5-0

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

Administrators Present: Mr. Chasanov, Mr. Crisci, Dr. Hall, Mr. Adams, Mr. Chase,

Mrs. Morroni, Mrs. Brown, Dr. Leach, Mr. Lehman

Others Present: Mrs. Colegrove (recording secretary)

B. Invocation

C. Pledge of Allegiance

**4. AGENDA/ADOPTION**

A. Motion to amend the agenda by deleting Item 5B:

First: Mr. Rudy

Second: Mr. Gilefski

Vote: 5-0

## 5. PRESENTATIONS /RECOGNITIONS

- A. Woodbridge High School AG Issues Student Team Presentation – Mrs. Breeding
- The Ag Issues Team consists of the following students:  
Beth Manlove, Jessalyn Baker, Tanner Hollis, Evan Hunt, Honorio Torres, Jaycie Kerrick, and Lexi Harned
  - The Ag Issues Forum consists of the following requirements:
    - A minimum of five public forums
    - A ten page portfolio
    - The students must choose an issue topic of local, state or national level.
    - They must hold a maximum of 15 minute presentation with a minimum of seven minutes allowed for questions.
    - The students chose 'Funding of Farm Land Preservation' as their topic.
  - The Board commended the students on their presentation and their knowledge of the topic they chose.
- B. Communities in Schools
- Presentation was postponed to a later date.
- C. Scope Presentation – Mr. Connors, Mrs. Keeler, Ms. Tucker-Hare
- Mr. Connors reported the budget to be in good shape with \$300,000 left in the local line.
  - To date, 205 transition visits have been made, 373 individual counseling sessions have been held by SCOPE's counselors, and 155 counseling sessions have been held by interns.
  - Total enrollment for both sites is at 82.
  - Concerns were shared that with the closing of Western Sussex Academy there are students being referred to SCOPE that should be placed in other facilities where more in depth treatment would be available.
  - Mrs. Keeler shared that with the large foster family population in the district it is difficult to get all of the necessary information on students until they are enrolled in the program which has proven to be a challenge.
- D. Smarter Balanced Presentation – Dr. Hall
- Dr. Hall shared that the district math scores are 10% below the state average and the reading scores are 19% below the state average.
  - Lessons learned from the first Smarter Balanced Assessment:
    - Increase student opportunities to read from different sources and then write to compare, analyze, summarize between those sources
    - Increase student comprehension skills when reading from informational texts and literary texts
    - Increase student opportunities to problem solve all possible solutions and express reasoning and understanding of the "why" to solutions
    - Increase student opportunities to show perseverance through their work
  - Implementations to improve achievement in ELA
    - Wonders Reading Program for grades K-5
    - Amplify – ELA screening assessment that mirrors SBAC
    - Continued intervention support during regular reading/ELA time with specific focus on content gap areas
    - K-5 English Language Learner that is directly related to the regular K-5 reading program and Exploring ELL curriculum for grades 6-12
    - Adjusting pacing in the grades 6-12 ELA curriculum
  - Implementations to improve achievement in Math
    - Eureka Math curriculum for grades K-5
    - Big Ideas curriculum or grades 6-12
    - Math screening assessment that mirrors SBAC
    - Continued intervention support during regular Math time

- Continued professional development to assist teachers in closing the gaps is being done through Common Ground Program, Academic Vocabulary Instructional Strategies, increased study of data and how to use it to guide instruction, and Differentiation Instructional Strategies.
- E. Woodbridge High School Construction Project Update – Mr. Crisci
- Mr. Crisci reported the district is awaiting punch list verification and payment from several contractors.
  - Warranty items are being addressed.
  - Two contractors are currently working on creating proposals for a pole barn.

## **6. REVIEW OF MINUTES**

- A. October 21, 2015 Executive Session
- No changes
- B. October 21, 2015 Open Session
- No changes
- C. November 3, 2015 Board Retreat Executive Session
- No changes
- D. November 3, 2015 Board Retreat Open Session
- No changes

## **7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- A. October 2015 Budgetary Activity – Mr. Chasanov
- Tax collection is at 76% of budgeted amount collected.
  - Cost center shows that with 33% of the year completed, the salary line is at 30%.
  - Set-aside, internal, and cafeteria accounts are all in good standing.
  - The final budget will be brought to the Board at the December 17 meeting.
- B. Unit Count Waiver Request – Mr. Chasanov
- Mr. Chasanov reported the requirement by Delaware Code to use 98% of our units in the building in which they are earned.
  - The only two buildings not at 98% are Phillis Wheatley Elementary and Woodbridge High School.
- C. Class Size Waiver Request – Mr. Chasanov
- Mr. Chasanov reported the requirement of Delaware code that all kindergarten through third grade classes not exceed 22 students.
  - The waiver request is for one first grade class, two second grade classes, and two third grade classes
- D. School Choice – Mr. Chasanov
- Mr. Chasanov presented one (1) middle school student for school choice that is currently a student that has moved out of the district.

## **8. BUILDING REPORTS**

- A. Woodbridge High School – Mr. Chase
- First thing, our football team has made it to the playoffs and will play DMA this Saturday at 7:30 in Wilmington!
  - Senator Pettyjohn was our second Principal for a Day on November 13. He will be returning on December 3 to present Tributes to some of the people in our school.
  - The next Senior Seminar is being held on Monday, November 23 at 9:30.
  - Our Annual Winter Concert is being held on Thursday, December 3 at 7:00.

- The Key Club is hosting a Blood Drive on Tuesday, December 8.
  - The Drama Production of "It's a Wonderful Life" is being held December 17 through 20 with some school shows included.
  - Altia Anderson was featured as the News Journal Athlete of the Week this week after her signing ceremony to attend Marquette University on a Division 1 Basketball Scholarship!
  - Brady Keeler had an official signing with Newberry College to play field hockey!
  - Winter sports practices have begun.
- B. Woodbridge Early Childhood Education Center – Mr. Lehman
- We had 275 people in attendance for our Fall Parade on Friday, October 30.
  - The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade had a visit from Eddie the Eagle, compliments of the Greenwood Police Department.
  - Raider Night was held on November 4 with 117 people in attendance.
  - Our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade did an excellent job performing in the Veterans Day concert on November 10.
  - We had 67% of our parents participate in parent teacher conferences on November 10 and 12.
  - Our Thanksgiving Feast was held today with almost 1100 people fed.
  - Honor Roll Assemblies are being held on November 19 and November 23.
  - The Early Raider Childcare Program is holding a Quarter Auction on December 3.
  - Friday, December 4 is PBS Date Night for Parents from 4:00 – 8:00.
  - The WHS Select Ensemble Winter performance is being held in our gymnasium on Friday, December 11.
  - Santa's Workshop is being held the week of December 13 with an evening for parents on December 16.
- C. Phillis Wheatley Elementary School – Dr. Leach
- We had four students spend Veterans Day at Texas Roadhouse and Applebee's handing out letters and visiting with veterans. Mary Carey, Joseph Robinson, Hannah Schmidt, and Melanie Felipe-Ramirez did an outstanding job.
  - Lowes has completed the Heroes Project work which included a basketball hoop near the playground, upgrades to the staff lounge, and upgrades to the outside areas where they added mulch and a picnic table. This project was led by Louie Citro who is also the parent of our 4<sup>th</sup> grader Jillian Citro. We thank him and Lowes for the wonderful work they have done!
  - We had over 300 families attend our parent teacher conferences.
  - Our Thanksgiving Feast was held yesterday and we served 303 parents! We want to thank Penny Lloyd and her crew for making this delicious meal! We would also like to thank our maintenance staff, servers (including Mr. Cameron, Mr. McCarron, Dr. Carson, and Mr. Andrew).
  - Our Comprehensive School Review took place today. Members of DASL and Dr. Hall's team interviewed staff, students and parents. We are looking forward to getting the feedback from this review so we can make our school even better. A big thank you goes out to our School Improvement Team, especially Tracy Propes, for helping us prepare for our review. Through Mrs. Brown's leadership, we have been able to accomplish so much during our year.
  - Students are working to reach the goal of doing 250,000 Acts of Kindness. This was started with our counselor, Mrs. Sears, in conjunction with our other schools. Students made/decorated notecards with positive messages on them and they were randomly taped to student lockers.
  - Honor Roll Assemblies are being held on the 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - Raider night will be held on December 3. We will be providing support in reading and math with the help of Mrs. Propes and Mrs. Duncan.
- D. Woodbridge Middle School – Mrs. Morroni
- Our National Junior Honor Society welcomed 22 new students into the organization on October 30. The formal induction ceremony will be held in May.
  - The Conservation Club challenged the students and staff to sponsor at least 600 red tulips for tobacco and alcohol awareness. Thank you to the Board and District Office for donations

towards the cause. We exceeded the goal and have planted 645 red tulips. As a reward to the students Mr. Tomeski and I dressed as tulips for the day on November 6.

- The fall sports pep rally was held on November 6 with all students in attendance. The winter and spring pep rallies will be attended by students who can 'buy' their way in with Raider Pride Bucks.
- The fall sports banquet is being held on November 19.
- Our Thanksgiving Feast is being held tomorrow. Based upon the returned RSVPs we are expecting a sizable turnout of parents.
- The Middle School Drama Club is presenting "Middle School Madness" this Friday and Saturday.
- Our Friends of Rachel Club are challenging their peers by holding a collection for donated new socks, hats, gloves/mittens, scarves, and blankets to be distributed to those in need within the Woodbridge School community. They launched 'Mission Possible' on November 13 to celebrate World Kindness Day and to challenge the school community to reach the goal of 100,000 acts of kindness by the end of the school year.
- We held our two evenings of parent conferences. A big thank you goes out to Mrs. Doheny and Ms. Bryan for helping with interpreting for our Hispanic families while having their own conferences.
- Our Honor Roll breakfast will be held on November 24.
- We would like to thank the Bridgeville Fire Company for holding award recognition on Sunday, November 29 for our winners.
- Thanks to the generosity of DSEA and WEA, we are excited to once again bring the Raider Pride Mural Project back to the school. Mr. Donato will be returning to complete the project with this year's 6<sup>th</sup> graders and any students new to WMS since last October.
- Our Focus team will be meeting on December 9 to review the results of the CSR report.

#### **9. STUDENT REPORT – Chase Marvil**

- Emily Adams and I have formed a club called Raving Raiders! So far we have 127 students involved. We are going to have a student section at all winter home games to build school spirit and show support for our winter sports teams. We have had tee shirts made.
- We will be traveling to the playoff game this weekend!

#### **10. BOARD REPORT**

Mr. Gilefski

- The DSBA is in the process of looking for a new Executive Director.

Mr. Rudy

- A shout-out goes out to Mr. DiSabatino who was the Phillis Wheatley Principal for a Day.
- This is Education Support Professionals Week.

Mr. Barr

- I worked with the four Phillis Wheatley students on Veterans Day. I was very proud of the way they interacted with the Veterans.
- On November 27 Heritage Shores will be hosting a military father/daughter dance.

Mr. McCarron

- At the encouragement of Mr. Barr I attended the MCJROTC Birthday Celebration and was very impressed to see all 82 cadets together.
- I have attended the Middle School FOCUS meetings and want to commend Ms. Tunstall, Mrs. Morroni, Dr. Hall and everyone for how hard they are working on this.

Mr. Breeding

- Please go back to your staff and give them our thanks for the great job they do.
- Enjoy your Thanksgiving and be safe.



I. Motion to approve Personnel Memo as presented:

Recommend approving temporary employment of the following:

Woodbridge High School

Matt Moyer

Temporary Health/Physical Education Teacher  
Start Date: November 12, 2015

SCOPE

Austin Perry

Temporary Paraprofessional  
Start Date: November 16, 2015

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

Woodbridge Middle School

Mark Razzano (PE/Health)

Head Baseball Coach

Dane Sears (Grade 7 Science)

Assistant Baseball Coach

Andrew Lamberton (Spec Ed)

Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach

Ray Sockriter (Grade 6 ELA)

Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach

Preston Grace (SCOPE Para)

Head Boys Basketball Coach

Richana Massey

Head Girls Basketball Coach

Alana Frisby

Assistant Girls Basketball Coach

John Mosley

Volunteer Assistant Girls Basketball Coach

Shauntae Ford (WMS Para)

Head Winter Cheerleading Coach

Ashonay Dixon

Assistant Winder Cheerleading Coach

Jay Young (Grade 7 Math/Spec Ed)

Head Girls Soccer Coach

Andrew Szymanski

Assistant Girls Soccer Coach

Shauntae Ford (WMS Para)

Head Track Coach

Alex Towers (Spec Ed)

Head Wrestling Coach

Joey Busby

Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach

Garrett Johnson (Chief Custodian)

Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach

Carmen Doheny (Spanish)

Volunteer Assistant Girls Basketball Coach

Julius Mullen

Assistant Boys Basketball Coach

Riley Parker

Assistant Wrestling Coach

Woodbridge High School

John Mosley

Head JV Boys Basketball Coach

Kyan Andrews

Assistant JV Boys Basketball Coach

Troy Haynes

Volunteer Assistant Boys Basketball Coach

Matthew Moyer (Health)

Head JV Girls Basketball Coach

James 'Jed' Bell (Spec Ed)

Assistant Varsity Girls Basketball Coach

Matt Davis

Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach

Cameron Fitzgerald

Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach

Ryelan Pavlik

Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach

Randy Moore

Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach

Lewis Day

Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach

Charles Fountain (Custodian)

Volunteer Assistant Girls Basketball Coach

Recommend approving the following long term substitutes:

Woodbridge High School

Kim Ray

For: Lori Dickson

Approximate Start Date: November 20, 2015

Approximate End Date: February 12, 2016

Recommend approving the following transfers:

Woodbridge Early Childhood Education Center

Penny Pritchett

From: Ten (10) Month Office Paraprofessional

To: Twelve Month Secretary

Effective Date: January 4, 2016

Phillis Wheatley Elementary School  
Paula Steele

From: Office Clerk at Woodbridge Middle School  
And Summer Floater  
To: Office Clerk at Phillis Wheatley Elementary  
Effective Date: November 30, 2015

First: Mr. McCarron

Second: Mr. Barr

Vote: 5-0

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

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

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

A. Motion to Adjourn at 9:06 p.m.

First: Mr. McCarron

Second: Mr. Gilefski

Vote: 5-0



Nina Colegrove (Recording Secretary)



Heath B. Chasanov (Executive Secretary)

Board Minutes Approved: 12.17.15

Board Minutes Posted: 12.18.15