

WEST BRANCH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR SESSION OCTOBER 24, 2022

Members Present: Chad Diviney, Christina Brown, Jeremiah Dobo, James Emigh, Norman Parks, Robert Seprish, Melvin Smeal, Donald Yontosh

Members Absent: Jessica Maines

Other:

Media Present: Mikayla Heiss, The Progress

Administration Present: Michelle Dutrow, Brandy O'Hare, Mark Mitchell, Angela Michaels, Angela Lucas, Branden Evans, Erick Johnston, David Williamson Tiffany English

Others Present: Francine Endler, Tina Bickel, Jude Porter, Jennifer Porter, Aubree Good, Finley O'Hare, Aaron Tiracorda

OPENING EXERCISES

President Chad Diviney called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m. All present were asked to stand and pledge allegiance to the American Flag.

STUDENT REPORTS/RECOGNITION – Middle School Gifted Students

Aubree Good (Grade 8) and Finley O'Hare (Grade 6) showcased their Math and ELA skills through a Disney themed mini-golf design. The students shared a model of one of the nine holes titled "Main Street USA". The model features a geometric design and the girls are working on advertising and creating a slogan.

Jude Porter's feature was a superhero he designed utilizing a 3D pen. In addition to Jude's superhero a model house (Hagrid's Hut from Harry Potter) was also passed around. Both were excellent examples of what can be created with this technology.

Mrs. Bickel spoke of upcoming projects for the gifted program. These include a gingerbread house competition, virtual tours utilizing VR headsets, and children's books written in foreign languages. Mrs. Dutrow spoke to the wonderful things Mrs. Bickel is doing with the gifted program.

MINUTES

Mr. Donald Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the meeting minutes from September 26, 2022, and October 4, 2022. Mrs. Christina Brown seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Brandy O'Hare, High School Principal:

- Act 13 and Beyond Course
- Teacher Observations
- Veteran's Day Breakfast Preparation
- October In-Service
- Emergency Drills

Mark Mitchell, Middle School Principal:

- PTO Update
- Grade Level Meetings
- Upcoming Events

Angela Michaels, Elementary Principal:

- Red Ribbon Week
- Empower the Bystander Program
- Positive School Climate
- Possible Expansion of School-Based Services

Angela Lucas, Special Education Supervisor:

- Annual Gifted Update Webinar
- IDEA-B Fiscal Training
- Safe Trick or Treat
- Walk-Through Observations

Branden Evans, Technology Coordinator

- District Display Boards
- Auditorium Project
- Financial Software Migration

Erick Johnston, Business Manager:

- Audit Update
- PA Act 57 of 2022 Resolution
- Per Capita Tax Exonerations

David Williamson, Athletic Director:

- Attendance Comparison
- Athletic Updates

Michelle Dutrow on behalf of David Catherman, Supervisor of Building and Grounds:

- Greenhouse Project
- Pad for Dumpster at the Stadium
- Winterizing Property
- Architect Update

Tiffany English, Food Service Director:

- Homecoming Reception and Dance
- Team Meals for Away Games
- Veteran's Breakfast
- National School Lunch Week
- Holiday Meals

CIU: (Jessica Maines) Meeting Date is October 27, 2022.

CCCTC: (Jeremiah Dobo)

- New Nurse/Health Occupations Instructor
- Need for an English teacher
- Repaving Project

PSBA: (Chad Diviney) No report this month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. Dutrow introduced Dr. Endler of the Central Intermediate Unit 10 and commended Dr. Endler on her efforts as Executive Director of the CIU 10. Dr. Endler provided an overview of the CIU 10 which included the types of schools the unit serves and how the unit is funded. She also noted that the CIU 10 provides services for a wide range of learners, from the very young to adults. Dr. Endler shared the new logo of the CIU 10, which was designed by students at CPI and spoke about their current quest for a forever home. Mr. Diviney asked if a location had been chosen. Dr. Endler confirmed that they are looking into several different options.

PERSONNEL

- K. Goss Resignation Mr. Donald Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the resignation of Kelley Goss, School Psychologist, effective November 18, 2022. Mr. Melvin Smeal seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0.
- Volunteers Mr. Donald Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve Shayna Bertothy to the volunteer list. All paperwork has been received. Mrs. Christina Brown seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

EDUCATION

- College Ed. Students Subs Mr. Donald Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve Isaiah Lutz and Ruth Betts as college education student substitutes. Mr. Melvin Smeal seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0. Mr. Smeal asked for clarification on this type of substitute. Mrs. O'Hare provided the details of the program.
- Field Trips Mr. Donald Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the following field trips:
- Chief Science Officers (CSO) Program field trip to Central Intermediate Unit 10 in State College, PA on October 18, 2022, for CSO Leadership Training. Cost to the District: transportation (van); Cost to the Student: none. (Funding – HS Budget). (Information Only: 5 students will be attending; Chaperone is Crystal Gay.)
- 4th – 6th grade students to attend Empower the Bystander field trip to Central Intermediate Unit 10 in State College, PA, on November 4, 2022. Cost to the District: none. Cost to the Student: none. (Information Only: 8 students will be attending; Chaperone is Paula McGonigal.)
- Chief Science Officers (CSO) Program field trip to Central Intermediate Unit 10 in State College, PA on November 16, 2022, for the CSO Fall Cabinet Meeting. Cost to the District: transportation (van); Cost to the Student: none. (Funding – HS Budget). (Information Only: 5 students will be attending; Chaperone is Crystal Gay.)
- Junior High Reading Team field trip to the Bellwood-Antis School District on November 17 2022. Cost to the District: transportation; Cost to the Student: none. (Funding – MS Budget). (Information Only: 10 students will be attending; Chaperones are Tina Bickel and Jennifer Porter.)

Chief Science Officers (CSO) Program field trip to Central Intermediate Unit 10 in State College, PA on January 31, 2023, for the CSO Winter/Spring Cabinet Meeting. (Rain Date of February 1, 2023) Cost to the District: transportation (van); Cost to the Student: none. (Funding – HS Budget). (Information Only: 5 students will be attending; Chaperone is Crystal Gay.)

Chief Science Officers (CSO) Program field trip to Central Intermediate Unit 10 in State College, PA on April 19, 2023, for the CSO End of Year Meeting/Program. Cost to the District: transportation (van); Cost to the Student: none. (Funding – HS Budget). (Information Only: 5 students will be attending; Chaperone is Crystal Gay.)

Mr. Robert Seprish seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

TRANSPORTATION & ATHLETICS

Head JH Girls
Basketball
Coach

Mr. Donald Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve Madison Otto as the Head Junior High Girls Basketball Coach. Mr. Melvin Smeal seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

Asst JH Girls
Basketball
Coach

Mr. Donald Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve Terry Smeal III as the Assistant Junior High Girls Basketball Coach. Mrs. Christina Brown seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

G. Yingling
Resignation

Mr. Donald Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the resignation of George Yingling, Junior High Head Wrestling Coach, effective October 20, 2022. Mrs. Christina Brown seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0. Mrs. Brown asked about a replacement to which Mr. Williamson indicated he is working through the process.

Winter
Volunteers

Mr. Donald Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the following winter athletic volunteers, all paperwork has been received:

- Boys Basketball: Chad Koleno, Preston Mitchell, Dave Catanzaro
- Wrestling: Steve Sudik, Gary Yingling
- Girls Basketball: Terry Smeal, Jr.

Mr. Melvin seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

FINANCE AND PURCHASE

Disbursements Mrs. Christina Brown, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the following disbursements:

\$ 66,983.39	Cafeteria Fund Bills Dated 10/25/22	Checks 4631 through 4637
\$ 11,741.59	Visa 9/30/22 Invoice	
\$ 5,955.00	Capital Maintenance Bills Dated 9/27/22	Check 47
\$ 654,083.94	General Account (9/20/22-10/25/22)	Checks 57428 through 5759
\$ 738,763.92	Grand Total	

Mr. Robert Seprish seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Donald Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the Treasurer's Report for September 2022. Mrs. Christina Brown seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

Activity Acct.

Mr. Donald Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the Activity Account for September 2022. Mrs. Christina Brown seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

eRate Funding

Mr. Melvin Smeal, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve Van Strein Consulting, L.L.C. for the 2023-2024 eRate Funding year at a rate of \$3,000. Mr. Donald Yontosh seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

PA Act 57 of 2022

Mrs. Christina Brown, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve a resolution authorizing the waiver of additional charges for the late payment of real estate taxes in certain circumstances in compliance with PA Act 57 of 2022. Mr. Norman Parks seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

Exonerations

Mr. Melvin, in the form of a motion, recommended to approve the following per capita exonerations:

Township	Number of Exonerations:
Cooper	
Graham	
Morris	
Karthus	2
West Keating	

Mr. Norman Parks seconded the motion, and it was carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Donald Yontosh, in the form of a motion, recommended to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Mrs. Christina Brown seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 8-0-0.

Respectively Submitted,



Stacey Guenot
Secretary to the Board of Education

