

**MINUTES**  
**AGENDA MEETING OF THE BALDWIN-WHITEHALL BOARD OF SCHOOL**  
**DIRECTORS**  
**BALDWIN-WHITEHALL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Wednesday, June 7, 2017**

The Baldwin-Whitehall Board of School Directors met on Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at the Central Administration Office for their Agenda Meeting. There was an Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss personnel.

THE FOLLOWING BOARD MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Ms. Karen Brown  
Mr. Dan Knezevich  
Mrs. Tracy Macek  
Mr. Louis Rainaldi, Jr.  
Mr. Elliot Rambo  
Mr. Martin Schmotzer  
Mr. David Solenday  
Ms. Janice Tarson

Dr. Anthony DiCesaro was not present.

**Administrators in Attendance:**

Dr. Randal Lutz, Ms. Denise Sedlacek, Mr. Mark Cherpak, and Solicitor, Ms. Lisa Colautti.

**Student Board Representatives present:**

Nicholas Pantelis, Michael Kahwash, Corina Pittman, and Nathan Hobson.

**1.0 Call to Order**

Ms. Karen Brown, Board President

**2.0 Pledge of Allegiance**

**3.0 Roll Call**

Theanita Hampsay, Board Secretary, called the roll.

**4.0 Mission Statement of School District**

Mr. Solenday read the Mission Statement.

The Baldwin-Whitehall School District is committed to the promotion of excellence through a system of traditional values, a quality educational program, and a world of opportunities.

## **5.0 Student Board Representative Comments**

Corina Pittman and Nathan Hobson thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as Student Board Representatives for the 2016-2017 school year. Nick Pantelis thanked the Board and wished everyone good luck in the future.

(Item 7.1 Superintendent Report and 8.1 Board President Remarks moved on the agenda to before item 6.1 Facilities Feasibility Study – Greer Hayden & Andreas Dometakis – HHSDR.)

## **7.0 Superintendent Report**

### **7.1 Dr. Randal A. Lutz**

Dr. Lutz spoke about the many end of the school year happenings around the District and the opportunity to see the many student successes in a variety of different ways.

## **8.0 Board President Remarks**

### **8.1 Ms. Karen Brown, Board President**

Ms. Brown thanked the staff and everyone that took part in the successful 2017 Commencement ceremony.

## **6.0 Presentation**

### **6.1 Facilities Feasibility Study - Greer Hayden & Andreas Dometakis - HHSDR**

Mr. Greer Hayden spoke about the Baldwin-Whitehall School District Facilities Feasibility Study that was recently done by HHSDR. He explained that each District building has been evaluated and each building has the need for improvements. He gave each Board Member a draft report of the findings. Mr. Hayden summarized the capital improvements needed by building.

Mr. Knezevich asked if the Wallace Building was evaluated. Mr. Hayden said that the Wallace Building was not included in this report.

Mrs. Macek asked if there was a report on energy savings projections. Mr. Hayden said that he will get the Board that information. Mrs. Macek asked if there is a repair priority list. Mr. Hayden said that they will establish a prioritization list and give it to the Board. Mrs. Macek asked if solar panels would be considered. Mr. Hayden said HHSDR did

evaluate solar panels at a career center in the North Hills and the numbers did not prove to work out.

Mr. Rambo thanked Mr. Hayden for the study. He looks forward to the prioritized list. He also asked Dr. Lutz how the past ABM presentation factors into this feasibility study.

Dr. Lutz said that the ABM study tied the energy aspect into the improvements that were needed throughout the District. He said that the ABM and HHSDR studies were very similar in their findings, but the HHSDR looked at everything District-wide that was in need of repair, not just the energy savings aspects. Dr. Lutz said that now they are looking at repairs needed, cost of repairs, and then ultimately the priority of the repair as well as affordability.

Mr. Schmotzer thanked Mr. Hayden for the presentation. He spoke about the Veterans' plaques on the wall outside of the auditorium and asked if they were put back on the wall after the high school renovations were completed.

Mr. Solenday said that the Veterans' plaques are still on the wall in the auditorium.

Mr. Knezevich spoke about water damage in the weight room at the stadium. Mr. Hayden said that damage was not part of the current Facilities Feasibility Study and that this issue was discussed prior with the Mr. Svirbel.

Dr. Lutz said that there were some internal repairs done with the water problem in the weight room floor, but there is still a roofing issue that is creating a water problem as well.

Ms. Brown asked when the prioritization list would be ready for the Board.

Mr. Greer said that the prioritization list may be ready in August. He said there is still work to do cleaning up and adding things to the report.

Dr. Lutz spoke about how the buildings are being used and the space utilized and how Administration may need to look at new building configurations for the future.

## **9.0 Education and Instruction**

### **9.1 Pittsburgh Business Times Honor Roll Rankings - Ms. Denise Sedlacek**

Ms. Sedlacek spoke about the Pittsburgh Business Times Honor Roll report. This report is attached to the agenda. She said that the District is doing well and has grown. She looks forward to more growth in the future.

Mr. Rambo said that the District has turned around the Science scores, which is very encouraging.

Mrs. Macek spoke about the per pupil expenditure in comparison with other Districts. She said that getting the scores that the District received is remarkable despite being at the bottom of the per pupil spending list.

Mr. Rambo said the teachers are doing a great job, and the District is running efficiently.

Mr. Schmotzer asked what percentage of the budget is for salaries and benefits. Mr. Cherpak said that salaries and benefits are roughly 65-70% of the budget. Mr. Schmotzer said that our District strives to do the best that it can. He said our District's costs are much higher than some other school districts due to various programs.

Mrs. Macek spoke about the per pupil expenditure. She said that she does not suggest spending more money, but she said that the Districts with the higher rankings do spend more money per pupil than the Baldwin-Whitehall School District does.

Mr. Rambo spoke about per pupil spending. He said that he is pleased that the District has affordable taxes and still has good schools.

Mr. Schmotzer said that it is difficult to compare school districts because of differences in demographics.

Mrs. Macek said that the Baldwin-Whitehall School District does not spend the average of what other school districts spend per pupil.

Ms. Brown said that this presentation was very impressive. She said that the District is moving in the right direction and with just a little more money could be doing better.

## **9.2 Innovations in Science - Ms. Debbie Reynolds**

Ms. Debbie Reynolds spoke about her recent work with NASA and other science programs, as well as what she has been doing at Harrison Middle School. The NASA report is attached to the agenda. She spoke about how she plans to bring these educational opportunities and experiences to the District. She presented a short video of her participation in various space activities and programs. She also spoke about her plans to expand the flight simulator program at Harrison Middle School.

Mr. Rainaldi said that he is pleased to see the wonderful things that Ms. Reynolds is doing.

Mrs. Macek thanked Ms. Reynolds for her energy and hard work for the students.

### **9.3 Drug and Alcohol Task Force**

Ms. Sedlacek spoke about the need to create a Drug and Alcohol Task Force Administrative Committee. She said that she plans to work with social workers, administrators, and teachers to plan events for the students.

Dr. Lutz said that the members will be recruited during the summer months, and once the names are finalized the Board can vote.

### **9.4 Proposed Curriculum Hours 2017-2018**

**Recommendation:** The Administration recommends that the Board approve the attached Proposed Curriculum Hours for 2017-2018 at the negotiated rate once all of the mandated DSAP hours are fulfilled.

Ms. Brown said that she would like to see more of the purpose and detail of what is being written.

Ms. Sedlacek said that there is currently a document on the 3<sup>rd</sup> page in the example provided to the Board that explains the purpose and exact plan for what is being written.

### **9.5 Purchase - Science Textbooks/Materials**

**Recommendation:** The Administration recommends that the Board approve the purchase of Science Textbooks and Materials Grades 6-12 according to the attached cost proposals and quotes at a total cost of \$305,098.63.

No discussion.

### **9.6 Software Licensing Renewal - 2017**

**Recommendation:** The Administration recommends that the Board approve the attached software licensing purchases not to exceed \$209,300.00.

No discussion.

### **9.7 Purchase Approval - Technology Department**

**Recommendation:** The Administration recommends that the Board approve the following purchases for Information and Instructional Technology from Communications Consulting, Inc., 120 Mt. Pleasant Road, Warrendale, PA 15086:

1. Harrison Middle School Wireless not to exceed \$37,000
2. District - Firewall/Filter not to exceed \$33,000

No discussion.

### **9.8 Agreement - Wellington Strategies, LLC**

**Recommendation:** The Administration recommends that the Board approve the Agreement between the Baldwin-Whitehall School District and Wellington Strategies, LLC, 1828 Winchester Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15241, to provide business and planning services to the District according to the attached agreement.

Ms. Sedlacek said that Mr. Joe Kuklis from Wellington Strategies, LLC is a Baldwin High School graduate. Ms. Sedlacek said that the first grant to be written is the League of Innovative School Grant and they hope to recoup the amount paid in this very first grant.

Mr. Rambo asked if the District looked at any other companies for price comparison.

Ms. Sedlacek said that she has worked with grant companies in the past and these companies typically take a percentage up to 30 percent. She said that this is a unique opportunity because Mr. Kuklis is a Baldwin graduate and has a personal interest in the District.

Mr. Rambo said that he would like to see comparison pricing explored.

Ms. Sedlacek said that Wellington will identify all grant sources that are available. She said that Mr. Kuklis has professional experience in the field which would benefit the District.

Mr. Rambo said that this is a professional service and does not require a bid. Ms. Colautti confirmed that no bid is needed for this professional service and it is under the cost threshold.

Dr. Lutz said that Mr. Kuklis brings a lot of experience and is a lobbyist in Washington, D.C. and his services are a little different than most grant writing companies.

Mr. Rambo asked how long the agreement would be in effect. Ms. Sedlacek said that it is a one-year contract with a 30-day separation clause.

Mr. Schmotzer asked who Mr. Kuklis is a lobbyist with.

Mrs. Macek asked for more information about the consulting firm.

Dr. Lutz said that he was recently inducted into the Baldwin-Whitehall Educational Hall of Fame.

Ms. Sedlacek explained that items 9.9 through 9.18 are standard agreements.

Mr. Rambo asked for fiscal notes comparing previous years' fees be listed for each agreement when relevant.

### **9.9 School-Based Probation Agreement - Allegheny County Juvenile Court**

**Recommendation:** The Administration recommends that the Board approve the School-Based Probation Agreement between the Baldwin-Whitehall School District and Allegheny County Juvenile Court for the 2017-2018 school year according to the attached agreement.

No discussion.

### **9.10 Agreement - Bayada Home Health Care, Inc.**

**Recommendation:** The Administration recommends that the Board approve the Agreement between the Baldwin-Whitehall School District and BAYADA Home Health Care, Inc. to provide in-school nursing care for a student according to the attached agreement effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

No discussion.

### **9.11 Agreement - Bayada Home Health Care, Inc. - RN/LPN Substitutes**

**Recommendation:** The Administration recommends that the Board approve the Agreement between the Baldwin-Whitehall School District and Bayada Home Health Care, Inc. to provide basic nursing services on a substitute bases according to the attached agreement effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

No discussion.

### **9.12 Agreements - PACE School Extended School Year Program 2017**

**Recommendation:** The Administration recommends that the Board approve the attached Tuition/Enrollment Agreements between the Baldwin-Whitehall School District and Pace School for two students to attend the Extended School Year Program from July 5, 2017 through August 3, 2017 at a cost of \$2,500.00 per student.

No discussion.

**9.13 Healthcare Services Contract - Interim Healthcare**

**Recommendation:** The Administration recommends that the Board approve the Health Care Services Contract between the Baldwin-Whitehall School District and Interim Healthcare Services, Inc. for a student for personal care nursing services beginning June 2017 and ending August 2018 at a cost of \$42.00 per hour according to the attached contract.

No discussion.

**9.14 Agreement - 2017 Pennsylvania Youth Survey (PAYS)**

**Recommendation:** The Administration recommends that the Board approve the attached 2017 Pennsylvania Youth Survey (PAYS) Agreement.

No discussion.

**9.15 Agreement - The Meadows Psychiatric Center**

**Recommendation:** The Administration recommends that the Board approve the Agreement between the Baldwin-Whitehall School District and The Meadows Psychiatric Center for student educational services at a rate of \$65.00 per day for the 2017-2018 and/or 2018-2019 school year.

No discussion.

**9.16 Affiliation Agreement - Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania**

**Recommendation:** The Administration recommends that the Board approve the Affiliation Agreement between the Baldwin-Whitehall School District and Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania for Student Teaching according to the attached agreement effective June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2022.

No discussion.

**9.17 Memorandums of Understanding - Local Law Enforcement Agencies**

Act 104 (HB101) was passed in November 2010. The Act placed new requirements on each school entity. One of the requirements is to verify that each school has a biennially updated and reexecuted Memorandum of Understanding with local law enforcement and filed such memorandum with the PA Department of Education.

**Recommendation:** The Administration recommends that the Board approve the attached Memorandums of Understanding between the Baldwin-Whitehall School District and the



following Local Law Enforcement Agencies: Baldwin Borough Police Department, Baldwin Township Police Department, Whitehall Borough Police Department.

No discussion.

### **9.18 Student Participation - Baldwin High School 2018 Spring Band Trip**

**Recommendation:** The Administration recommends that the Board approve the following Student Participation:

February 16-19, 2018

BHS – 2018 Spring Band Trip

New York City, NY

Students: T.B.D. – Members of Baldwin Highlander Marching Band

Sponsor: Greg Steele

Mr. Schmotzer spoke about Whitehall Community Day and how the band did not participate this year.

Dr. Lutz said that band participation in Whitehall Community Day is difficult because the event date has been changed to early June when there is prom and the seniors have finished school. He said that taking just the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grade band students is difficult.

Mr. Schmotzer said that the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grade band students should have still participated in the community event since the band was listed on the flyer and that this should be coordinated better for next year.

## **10.0 Business and Finance**

Mr. Cherpak discussed items 10.2 through 10.23. Then, went back and discussed item 10.1.

### **10.2 2017-2018 Steel Center for Career and Technical Education Budgets (Administrative, Operating, and Workforce Development) and the Southeast Area Special School (Mon Valley School) Administrative Budget.**

**Recommendation:** Resolved, that the Board of School Directors approve the Steel Center for Career and Technical Education Administrative Budget for the 2017-2018 school year. The proposed budget is \$219,339.00; the Baldwin-Whitehall School District share is \$30,090.00.

Resolved, that the Board approve the Steel Center for Career and Technical Education Operating Budgets. The proposed budget 2017-2018 is \$5,750,877.00. The Workforce Development Proposed Budget for the 2017-2018 school year is \$143,350.00. Resolved, that the Board of School Directors approve the Southeast Area Special School (Mon Valley

School) Administrative Budget. The proposed budget for 2017-2018 is \$202,839.00; the Baldwin-Whitehall School District share is \$18,227.00.

No discussion.

### **10.3 Award of Bid - Harrison Middle School Partial Re-Roofing**

**Recommendation:** The Administration recommends that the Board award the following contract for Roofing Construction, at the Harrison Middle School to S & N Industries, LLC, Slippery Rock, PA, they being the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$104,994.00. FURTHER, the Board President and Secretary are authorized to sign all necessary documents.

No discussion.

### **10.4 Award of Bid - McAnnulty Elementary School Partial Re-Roofing**

**Recommendation:** The Administration recommends that the Board award the following contract for Roofing Construction, at the McAnnulty Elementary School to S & N Industries, LLC, Slippery Rock, PA, they being the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$104,296.00.

FURTHER, the Board President and Secretary are authorized to sign all necessary documents.

Mr. Rambo asked if S & N Industries, LLC has ever been used by the District.

Mr. Schmotzer wanted to know the square footage involved in the roofs. Mr. Cherpak said that he will get that information for the Board. Mr. Schmotzer asked if a request for proposal was used for the roof materials. Mr. Cherpak said yes. Mr. Schmotzer asked for a copy of the request for proposal that shows the square footage for each roof.

Mrs. Macek asked why HHSDR was responsible for the bidding. Mr. Cherpak said that this is the first piece of the feasibility study. She asked if there was a cost associated with putting the bid out. Dr. Lutz said that the cost is 7.5% of the bid. Mr. Cherpak said that this includes analyzing the roof, writing the specifications, and putting the bid out.

Mr. Schmotzer said that there is nobody in the school district who is qualified to prepare these bids.

### **10.5 Award of Bid - Baldwin High School Gymnasium Floor Resurfacing**

**Recommendation:** The Administration recommends that the Board award the bid for the resurfacing of the Baldwin High School Gymnasium floor to Sports Floors Inc., 5401 Fifth Avenue, P.O. Box R, Koppel, PA 16136, they being the lowest responsible bidder, at a cost of \$33,307.

Mr. Knezevich asked if Sports Floors Inc. has been used before. Mr. Cherpak said that S & S was used to resurface the Harrison Middle School gymnasium.

Ms. Tarson asked if this was only the main gymnasium at the high school. Mr. Cherpak said it is only the main gymnasium at the high school.

#### **10.6 Award of Bid - Security Services**

**Recommendation:** The Administration recommends that the Board approve a three-year contract with St. Moritz Security Services Inc., 4600 Clairton Boulevard, Pittsburgh, PA 15236 as the security provider for the Baldwin-Whitehall School District, they being the lowest responsible bidder.

Mr. Cherpak explained that the District wrote the specifications internally and put this out to bid.

Mr. Rambo asked if Allied had bid on this. Mr. Cherpak said that Allied missed the deadline.

#### **10.7 Transportation Agreements - Baldwin Library, Baldwin Borough, Whitehall Library, Whitehall Borough, Jewish Family & Children's Services, & South Hills Interfaith Movement (SHIM)**

**Recommendation:** The Administration recommends that the Board approve the attached Transportation Agreements between the Baldwin-Whitehall School District and Baldwin Library, Baldwin Borough, Whitehall Library, Whitehall Borough, Jewish Family and Children's Services (JFCS), and South Hills Interfaith Movement (SHIM) effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

No discussion.

#### **10.8 Transportation Agreement - Brentwood Borough School District**

**Recommendation:** The Administration recommends that the Board approve the attached Agreement between the Baldwin-Whitehall School District and the Brentwood Borough School District to transport 2016-2017 extended school year students according to the attached agreement.

No discussion.

### **10.9 Renewal - Comprehensive Insurance Coverage and Workers' Compensation Insurance**

**Recommendation:** The Administration recommends that the Board approve the renewal of the Baldwin-Whitehall School District's comprehensive insurance coverage for the 2017-2018 fiscal year through our broker, Henderson Brothers, 920 Fort Duquesne Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15222 with the Utica Insurance Company at a cost of \$262,702. This is a reduction of \$19,898 or 7.0% as compared to 2016-2017.

The Administration also recommends that the Board accept the renewal of the Baldwin-Whitehall School District's worker's compensation insurance coverage for the 2017-2018 fiscal year through our broker, Henderson Brothers, 920 Fort Duquesne Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15222 with Brickstreet (formerly Highmark) at a cost of \$248,078. This is a reduction of \$73,405 or 22.8% as compared to 2016-2017.

Mrs. Macek said that Administration has been working very hard with Henderson Brothers to get the modification rate down, saving the District money on insurance premiums.

### **10.10 Lease Agreement - South Hills Interfaith Movement (SHIM)**

**Recommendation:** The Administration recommends that the Board approve the Lease Agreement between the Baldwin-Whitehall School District and South Hills Interfaith Movement (SHIM) to lease space at the Wallace Building effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020 according to the attached agreement.

Mr. Rambo asked where this space was located in the Wallace Building. Mr. Cherpak said it is the space previously occupied by the facilities office. Mr. Rambo asked if this lease would be replacing the magistrate office.

Dr. Lutz said that Easter Seals will be now be utilizing Baldwin High School which will bring in additional revenue.

Ms. Brown said that this lease will provide more revenue to the District.

Dr. Lutz said that the District will incur additional costs to make some accommodations for Easter Seals at the high school.

Mr. Schmotzer asked that Mr. Cherpak revise the SHIM Lease Agreement to reflect the total yearly rent.

### **10.11 Contractual Agreement - Prints Charming Photography**

**Recommendation:** The Administration recommends that the Board approve the Contractual Agreement between the Baldwin-Whitehall School District and Prints Charming Photography, 526 East Bruceton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15236 effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2022.

Ms. Tarson asked if there was any cost to the District associated with this agreement. Dr. Lutz said there is no cost to the District.

#### **10.12 Agreement - Atria Senior Living**

**Recommendation:** The Administration recommends that the Board approve the attached Emergency Temporary Housing Mutual Aid Agreement between the Baldwin-Whitehall School District and Atria Senior Living, 1300 Clairton Boulevard, Pittsburgh, PA 15236, according to the attached agreement.

Mr. Schmotzer asked Dr. Lutz to explain this agreement. Dr. Lutz explained the agreement and said that this agreement has been in place for years and he is bringing it to the Board for approval.

#### **10.13 Agreement - E-Funds for Schools**

**Recommendation:** The Administration recommends that the Board approve the Agreement between the Baldwin-Whitehall School District and Magic-Wrighter, Inc. (E-Funds for Schools) to process payments for the school lunch program under payment program option #1 - No Cost to the School, according to the attached agreement.

Mr. Schmotzer spoke about the lunch program and the importance of students to eat breakfast and lunch. He spoke about Dan Miller's involvement in passing a bill to eliminate lunch shaming. Mr. Schmotzer encouraged someone to continue the Student Lunch Account Fund. Mrs. Macek said that she would be willing to take over the Student Lunch Account Fund. Mr. Schmtzer said that he would like the fund to continue, but in the event that it doesn't raise enough money to cover the costs, any money owed to the Food Service account be paid by the District.

#### **10.14 Disposal - Outdated Computer Equipment**

**Recommendation:** The Administration recommends that the Board authorize the District to dispose of outdated computer equipment through JVS Environmental.

No discussion.

#### **10.15 Brentwood Borough Request**

**Recommendation:** The Administration recommends that the Board approve the request from Brentwood Borough to utilize the north (student) parking lot at Baldwin High School for the 4th of July celebration.

No discussion.

#### **10.16 Donation - Light Brothers**

**Recommendation:** Resolved, that the Board of School Directors accept a donation from Light Brothers, 4724 Clairton Boulevard, Pittsburgh, PA 15236, of Do The Right Thing T-Shirts with a retail value of \$1,432.50 used to recognize students at School Board Meetings from November 2014 through May 2017.

No discussion.

#### **10.17 Donations - Technology Fund**

**Recommendation:** Resolved, that the Board of School Directors accept the following donations to the Technology Fund in the amount of \$330.35:

Westinghouse Electric Company LLC - \$200.00  
Chipotle Mexican Grill - \$130.35

No discussion.

#### **10.18 Donations - Whitehall Elementary School Recess Initiative Fund**

**Recommendation:** Resolved, that the Board of School Directors accept the following donations to the Whitehall Elementary School Recess Initiative Fund in amount of \$7,000.00:

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Watson (National Christian Foundation) - \$6,000.00  
Tammy Turner-Locy - \$860.00  
Cathy Salay - \$25.00  
Richard and Daneen Peremba - \$40.00  
Cheryl Tracy - \$75.00

Mr. Knezevich spoke about the generous donation from Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Watson. Dr. Lutz explained that the Watsons were personal friends of Ms. Rosenwald. Ms. Brown asked how much has been raised for this fund. Mr. Cherpak said that there is about \$15,000 in the fund and \$5,000 in the committed fund balance.

#### **10.19 Donations - MK63444 Fund (Student Lunch Account)**

**Recommendation:** Resolved, that the Board of School Directors accept the following donations to the MK63444 Fund (Student Lunch Account) in the amount of \$350.00:

Jay Costa for State Senate - \$250.00

Committee to Elect Jim Brewster - \$100.00

Mr. Schmotzer said that this brings the total for the Fund to \$7150.00, which will cover the costs for the 2016-2017 school year. He said that he appreciates Mr. Costa and Mr. Brewster's contributions.

**10.20 Receipt and Expenditure Account Transactions - 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 - Part 1**

**Recommendation:** The Administration recommends that the Board authorize the District to receive and deposit in the respective District bank accounts and/or investment accounts, all the receipts for previous, current and/or succeeding months during any month that the Board does not convene.

No discussion.

**10.21 Receipt and Expenditure Account Transactions - 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 - Part 2**

**Recommendation:** The Administration recommends that the Board authorize the District to make disbursements and expenditures in the General Fund, Cafeteria Fund, Payroll Accounts and Capital Projects Fund for similar period expenses, all of which are encompassed in the approved Operating Budgets for the respective years.

No discussion.

**10.22 Receipt and Expenditure Account Transactions - 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 - Part 3**

**Recommendation:** The Administration recommends that the Board authorize the District that said receipts and disbursements for previous, current and/or succeeding months during any month that the Board does not convene be ratified and approved at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

No discussion.

**10.23 Award of Bid - Transportation Vehicles**

Mr. Cherpak explained that Administration does not have an awardee yet but will have the information as soon as possible for the Board. He explained this will be added to the agenda for approval next week.

### **10.1 Baldwin-Whitehall School District 2017-2018 Operating Budget**

**Recommendation:** 2017-2018 Operating Budget Recommendation The Administration recommends that the Board approve the 2017-2018 Operating Budget of \$66,140,996 with revenue provided from earned income taxes, deed transfer taxes, realty transfer taxes, occupation privilege taxes, and a school tax on real estate to be levied and assessed at the rate of 20.37 mills, as outlined in the accompanying resolution.

1. The current tax rate for 2016-2017 is assessed at the rate of 19.25 mills.
2. The tax rate for 2017-2018 is assessed at the rate of 20.37 mills.
3. There is a millage increase of 1.12 for 2017-2018.

Mr. Cherpak explained the attachments to this item, which are also attached to the minutes.

Ms. Brown said that the District's expenses are outweighing the revenue. She said that the Board has three choices to help balance the budget. They can use the fund balance, make cuts, or raise taxes. Ms. Brown asked if the Board was willing to entertain any cuts. The Board was not willing to entertain any cuts.

Mr. Schmotzer spoke about the preliminary budget projections and how he motioned to raise taxes to 1.12 mills last month and the Board voted it down. Mr. Schmotzer asked why the millage was at 1.12. Mr. Cherpak said that it is 1.12 mills because that is maximum that the District can go. Mr. Schmotzer said that he also motioned to raise the millage to 0.63 and that was also voted down. He said that the Board had rejected the 1.12 millage increase and he asked why Administration is proposing it now.

Dr. Lutz spoke about the proposed final budget and how Administration arrived at some of the variations in millage rates during the process up until tonight's meeting. Dr. Lutz explained that the State and Local revenue numbers are just estimates.

Mrs. Macek said that at the last meeting the Board asked for the cuts from Administration and looked at ways to get closer to balancing the budget. Mrs. Macek asked Administration to update the Fund Balance. She also asked that Administration show the Board what the budget would look like with a 1.0 mill increase. Mrs. Macek spoke about the list of potential cuts that were asked for specifically by the Board in order to consider all options.

Dr. Lutz said that making some of the types of potential cuts would make Baldwin-Whitehall School District look much different.



Mrs. Macek spoke about the Administration's list of potential cuts.

Mrs. Macek said that she feels comfortable with raising taxes but she is not comfortable with raising them to 1.12 mills. She spoke about using the fund balance instead of raising taxes as an option.

Mr. Rambo said that he is against any cuts or raising taxes and said that the fund balance can be used. Mr. Rambo spoke about the local revenue variance. He also spoke about debt service, Moody's rating, and bond refunding.

Ms. Tarson spoke about the fund balance and the capital improvements that need to be done District wide. She also spoke about the millage rate increase of 1.0 versus 1.12 and how the difference would only amount to around \$12.00 per month per \$100,000 per homeowner.

Mr. Knezevich said that he is not in favor of raising taxes, but there is no other choice.

Ms. Brown said that the Board has been waiting for schedules and staffing to be finalized and she is not in favor of making any cuts or taking from the fund balance. She said that she would like to see a 1.12 and 1.0 mill increase comparison and how each affect the fund balance.

Mr. Schmotzer spoke about the fund balance from prior years.

### **11.0 Unfinished Business**

Mr. Schmotzer spoke about Special Olympics and the student lunch account fund. He also gave an update on resident Mr. Barchfeld's legal issues.

### **11.2 PSBA 2017 Delegate Assembly - October 20, 2017**

Dr. Lutz explained that the Board either must appoint delegates or decide not to select any delegates.

### **12.0 New Business**

No discussion.

### **13.0 Solicitor Report**

No report.

**14.0 Resident Comments****14.1 Name and address should be clearly stated.**

John Evosevic, 5239 Fieldcrest Drive, spoke about millage rates and how the school board has a lot of power.

Mike Bilbie, 1528 Prospect Road, spoke about Ms. Kim Koch and her dedication, creativity and passion for teaching as well as her work on many projects and programs, including The Melting Pot after-school program.

**15.0 Matters of Information - Superintendent****15.1 Dr. Randal A. Lutz**

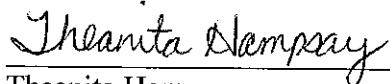
Dr. Lutz spoke about his recent participation in a Superintendent's Forum at West Mifflin. He spoke about the importance of advocacy in school districts.

**16.0 Adjournment**

**16.1 On motion by Mrs. Macek, which was seconded by Ms. Brown, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 10:39 p.m.**

Recognized Visitors

See "Visitors List" attached to record set of minutes.



Theanita Hampsay  
Board Secretary

