

MINUTES
BUSINESS MEETING OF THE
BALDWIN-WHITEHALL BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
BALDWIN-WHITEHALL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Wednesday, April 10, 2019

The Baldwin-Whitehall Board of School Directors met on Wednesday, April 10, 2019, at 7:30 p.m. at the Central Administration Office for their Business Meeting.

THE FOLLOWING BOARD MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Mr. Robert Achtzehn
Ms. Karen Brown
Dr. Anthony DiCesaro
Mr. Peter D. Giglione
Mr. Dan Knezevich
Mr. Gerald Pantone
Ms. Janice Tarson
Mrs. Louise Wolf

Mr. David Solenday was not present.

Administrators in Attendance:

Superintendent Dr. Randal Lutz, Business Manager Mark Cherpak, and Solicitor Lisa Colautti

Student Board Representatives Present:

Nathan Hobson, Alexis Kennard, and Cassandra Pantelis

1.0 Call to Order

Dr. Anthony DiCesaro, Board First Vice President, called the meeting to order.

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

3.0 Roll Call

Theanita Hampsay, Board Secretary, called the roll.

4.0 Baldwin-Whitehall School District Statement of the Mission

Mr. Achtzehn 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

Nathan Hobson spoke about “Senior Handprint Day” at Baldwin High School.

6.0 Resident Comments on Action Items Only

6.1 Name and address should be clearly stated.

No resident comments.

7.0 Presentation

7.1 Steel Center for Career and Technical Education - Mr. Kevin Rice

Mr. Kevin Rice spoke about the success of the Baldwin-Whitehall School District students at Steel Center for Career and Technical Education. He thanked the Board for their continued support.

Students:

Staci Griffith
Harry DePetro

7.2 2019-2020 Proposed Budget - Millage and Revenue - Mr. Mark Cherpak

Mr. Mark Cherpak presented the Board with millage and revenue information related to the 2019-2020 Proposed Budget as attached.

Mr. Knezevich spoke about increasing taxes to the maximum versus the index.

Mr. Achtzehn spoke about comparison data with other school districts.

Mrs. Wolf spoke about the timeline for the budget in May.

Ms. Brown spoke about the details of the costs of Special Education services and the cost of hiring new teachers.

Dr. Lutz spoke about the increasing Kindergarten enrollment and the need for social/emotional support.

8.0 Superintendent's Report

8.1 Dr. Randal Lutz

Dr. Lutz spoke about furniture purchases in the Athletic hallway, the middle school library, Paynter Elementary School library, and Think Tank spaces.

8.2 Monetizing Physical Assets

Dr. Lutz spoke about alternative revenue streams.

Mr. Giglione asked if there would be a restriction on how to use the money from monetizing/advertising opportunities. He spoke about naming rights.

Mr. Achtzehn spoke about the District's purchasing power.

Mrs. Wolf spoke about alumni donations.

Dr. Lutz said that anything pertaining to naming rights would be approved by the Board.

Ms. Colautti said that naming rights are done by way of a written agreement.

Ms. Brown said that she supports finding additional revenue streams.

Mr. Giglione said that he also supports finding additional revenue streams.

Ms. Tarson asked about additional staff needed to perform these advertising/monetizing tasks.

8.3 Public Relations - Media Experts Guide 2019-2020

No discussion.

8.4 Harrison Middle School Auditorium

Dr. Lutz spoke about the change orders regarding this project in detail. He spoke about the timing of the Board approving these change orders.

Mr. Giglione spoke about the costs of the project and the timing.

Mr. Knezevich spoke about LED lighting and cost savings.

Mr. Achtzehn spoke about the change in the timeline of completion by adding approving the change orders.

Mrs. Wolf spoke about the funding for this project.

Motion by Mr. Knezevich, Seconded by Ms. Tarson, to approve the construction change orders for the J. E. Harrison Middle School Project.

Mrs. Wolf said she needed some more time to work through the details.

Mr. Giglione spoke about the timing of the Board’s approval for this project.

Ms. Brown spoke about leftover money from the ongoing construction projects.

Dr. Lutz said that he can get the Board some more information.

Motion by Mrs. Wolf, Seconded by Mr. Achtzehn to table the motion on the floor. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 1. The motion Carried. 7-1.

Robert Achtzehn	Yes
Karen Brown	Yes
Dr. Anthony DiCesaro	Yes
Peter Giglione	Yes
Dan Knezevich	No
Gerald Pantone	Yes
Janice Tarson	Yes
Louise Wolf	Yes

Baldwin High School Stadium Score Board

Mr. Pantone spoke about the District’s satisfaction with the current score board. Mr. Pantone spoke about funding for the track and field replacement project.

Baldwin High School Marquee - Front of School

Dr. Lutz said that the District is looking to obtain bids for both the stadium score board as well as the marquee in front of the high school.

9.0 Discussion

9.1 Approval - Construction Change Orders (over \$15,000) - Capital Improvements to the J. E. Harrison Middle School (4179)

Recommendation: Resolved, that the Board of School Directors approve the construction change orders, over \$15,000, for capital improvements to the J. E. Harrison Middle School (4179) as attached.

No action was taken on this item this evening.

10.0 Individual Action Items - Non-Personnel**10.1 Policy 916 Booster Clubs - 3rd Reading**

Recommendation: The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the revisions to Policy 916 Booster Groups as attached.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Dan Knezevich**) Moved, Member (**Janice Tarson**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the revisions to Policy 916 Booster Groups as attached'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **(8)** Nay: **(0)**. The motion (**Carried**). **(8) - (0)**

Robert Achtzehn	Yes
Karen Brown	Yes
Dr. Anthony DiCesaro	Yes
Peter Giglione	Yes
Dan Knezevich	Yes
Gerald Pantone	Yes
Janice Tarson	Yes
Louise Wolf	Yes

11.0 Unfinished Business**11.1 Unfinished Business - Board**

Mrs. Wolf spoke about sponsorships and the contract for the costs and consulting fees. She said she would like the revenue versus the cost.

12.0 New Business**12.1 New Business - Board**

No discussion.

13.0 Solicitor Report**13.1 Solicitor Report**

No discussion.

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

Melissa Wood, 5241 Holiday Drive, spoke about Kindergarten registration, and she spoke about the naming rights and bidding, Phase 3 of the construction project, and the playground at Whitehall Elementary School.

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

Dr. Lutz spoke about how the District currently handles Kindergarten registration, naming rights and the bidding process, and prioritizing Phase 3 of the construction project.

15.2 Items for Board Information

As attached.

16.0 Board President Remarks**16.1 Board First Vice President, Dr. Anthony DiCesaro**


Dr. DiCesaro thanked Mr. Cherpak for the budget information. He spoke about the high school's production of Mame.

17.0 Adjournment

17.1 On motion by Mr. Pantone, which was seconded by Ms. Brown and duly carried by unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Recognized Visitors

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



Theanita Hampsay
Board Secretary

