

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

**Wednesday, September 5, 2018**

The Baldwin-Whitehall Board of School Directors met on Wednesday, September 5, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. at the Central Administration Office for their Agenda Meeting. There were Executive Sessions at 6:30 p.m. and during the Agenda Meeting at 7:35 p.m.

THE FOLLOWING BOARD MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Mr. Robert Achtzehn via speakerphone  
Ms. Karen Brown  
Dr. Anthony DiCesaro  
Mr. Dan Knezevich  
Mr. Gerald Pantone  
Mr. David Solenday  
Ms. Janice Tarson  
Mrs. Louise Wolf

**Administrators in Attendance:**

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

**Student Board Representatives present:**

Avery Greenaway, Nikol Muslimovic, Cassandra Pantelis, and Connor Woods

**1.0 Call to Order**

Mr. David Solenday, 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. Knezevich 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.

*Mr. Solenday called an Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. to discuss legal issues.*

*The Agenda Meeting resumed at 8:10 p.m.*

**5.0 Discussion - Other**

**5.1 Appointment of School Board Director**

Applicants:

Peter D. Giglione  
Fred Vella

No discussion.

**6.0 Resident Comments on Action Items Only**

**6.1 Name and address should be clearly stated.**

No resident comments.

**7.0 Action Items**

**7.1 Appointment of School Board Director**

Applicants:

Peter D. Giglione  
Fred Vella

**Motion by Ms. Brown, Seconded by Dr. DiCesaro, to appoint Peter Giglione as School Board Director. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 2 Nay: 7. The motion Carried. 8-0.**

No discussion.

|                             |            |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| <b>Robert Achtzehn</b>      | <b>Yes</b> |
| <b>Karen Brown</b>          | <b>Yes</b> |
| <b>Dr. Anthony DiCesaro</b> | <b>Yes</b> |
| <b>Dan Knezevich</b>        | <b>Yes</b> |
| <b>Gerald Pantone</b>       | <b>Yes</b> |

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| David Solenday | Yes |
| Janice Tarson  | Yes |
| Louise Wolf    | Yes |

**Mr. Achtzehn voted via speakerphone.**

The Honorable David J. Barton administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Giglione.

Mr. Giglione took his seat at the Board table.

Mr. Giglione's signed Oath of Office will be attached to the Board Minutes.

## **8.0 Student Board Representative Comments**

### **8.1 Avery Greenaway, Nathan Hobson, Alexis Kennard, Nikol Muslimovic, Cassandra Pantelis, and Connor Woods**

Avery Greenaway said that the Student Board Representatives will be bringing more elementary and middle school news to the Board. She also spoke about the new high school start time, the new student lab schedule, and the Rachel's Challenge program.

## **9.0 Superintendent Report**

### **9.1 Dr. Randal A. Lutz**

Dr. Lutz spoke about starting a Student Board Representative Ambassador Program. He said that enrollment is up this year at 4380 students. Dr. Lutz spoke about Back to School routines, Chromebook distribution, the Rachel's Challenge program, Transportation updates, Food Service participation, the new high school start time, District communication (calendar, annual report, IN Community Magazine), high heat and humidity conditions this week, and current building conditions in regards to mold.

## **10.0 Board President Remarks**

### **10.1 Mr. David Solenday, Board President**

Mr. Solenday thanked Dr. DiCesaro for running the meeting last month. He thanked Mr. Giglione and Mr. Vella for applying for the vacant board seat and welcomed Mr. Giglione.

## **11.0 Education and Instruction**

### **11.1 2018 -2019 Curriculum Hours**

**Recommendation:** The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent Denise Sedlacek, and Director of Curriculum Andrea Huffman recommend that the Board approve the attached 2018-2019 Summer Curriculum Hours at the negotiated rate of \$31.00 per hour.

No discussion.

### **11.2 Agreement - The Watson Institute, The Education Center - South**

**Recommendation:** The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent Denise Sedlacek, and Supervisor of Pupil Services Marissa Gallagher recommend that the Board approve the agreement between the Baldwin-Whitehall School District and The Watson Institute for a student to be enrolled in The Education Center - South for the 2018-2019 school year at a cost of \$47,146 according to the attached agreement.

No discussion.

### **11.3 Agreement - Goodwill of Southwestern Pennsylvania**

**Recommendation:** The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent Denise Sedlacek, and Supervisor of Pupil Services Marissa Gallagher recommend that the Board approve the Transition Services Agreement between the Baldwin-Whitehall School District and Goodwill of Southwestern Pennsylvania for a student to be enrolled in the Transition Works! program from August 27, 2018 through June 7, 2019 according to the attached agreement.

No discussion.

### **11.4 Agreement - Wesley Family Services**

**Recommendation:** The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent Denise Sedlacek, and Supervisor of Pupil Services Marissa Gallagher recommend that the Board approve the agreement between the Baldwin-Whitehall School District and Wesley Family Services for site-based education services from August 27, 2018 through June 4, 2019 according to the attached agreement.

No discussion.

### **11.5 Out-of-State Conference -DPLIS (Digital Promise League of Innovative Schools) - Fall Meeting**

**Recommendation:** The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent Denise Sedlacek recommend that the Board approve the following Out of State Conference:

DPLIS (Digital Promise League of Innovative Schools) - Fall Meeting

Park City, Utah  
October 10-12, 2018  
Attendees: Randy Lutz, Janeen Peretin  
Cost: \$1,600 (\$800 each), approximately

No discussion.

### **11.6 Out-of-State Conference - iNACOL Symposium 2018**

**Recommendation:** The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent Denise Sedlacek recommend that the Board approve the following Out of State Conference:

iNACOL Symposium 2018  
Nashville, Tennessee  
October 21-24, 2018  
Attendee: Janeen Peretin  
Cost: No cost to the district (Funded by a Grable Foundation Scholarship.

Representing the Pittsburgh region and speaking on a panel about the District and our work regarding personalized learning.)

No discussion.

### **11.7 Student Participation - Baldwin High School - Boys' Basketball**

**Recommendation:** The Superintendent, High School Principal Dr. Walter Graves, and Assistant Principal/Athletic Coordinator John Saras recommend that the Board approve the following Student Participation:

BHS Boys Basketball Snowball Christmas Tournament  
Oakland, MD  
December 28-29, 2018  
Sponsors: Eugene Wilson  
Students: Boys Basketball (To be Determined)

No discussion.

## **12.0 Business and Finance**

### **12.1 Agreement - Kennywood School Picnic - June 15, 2019**

**Recommendation:** The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the Agreement between the Baldwin-Whitehall School District and Kennywood for the District school picnic to be held on Saturday, June 15, 2019.

No discussion.

### **13.0 Unfinished Business**

#### **13.1 Board Goals 2018-2019**

Ms. Tarson spoke about community involvement in school activities and sporting events.

Dr. Lutz said that he will take a look at engaging residents and inviting them to these types of events.

Ms. Brown spoke about Board Goals and the Superintendent's Goals and asked for Board feedback.

#### **13.2 Unfinished Business - Board**

Mr. Pantone spoke about the new start time at the high school and new state requirements for reporting data and having enough manpower to complete the reports.

Mr. Cherpak said there are methods within Skyward to pull the reports and he will evaluate how the staff will handle the new mandates once he has received restructuring details from the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Mrs. Wolf spoke about District grass cutting at Harrison Middle School's track.

Dr. Lutz said that Administration will address the need for weed control at the track. He said that the District does have a grass cutting agreement in place for the rest of this season and will be obtaining quotes for next year as well. He said that there are two Memorandums of Understanding regarding this subject that Administration will be bringing to the Board for approval.

### **14.0 New Business**

#### **14.1 2019 PSBA Officer Elections**

Governing Board (vote one candidate each seat)

President Elect - Eric Wolfgang  
Vice President - Art Levinowitz

PSBA Insurance Trust (vote for up to 3 individuals):

William S. LaCoff

Dr. Richard Frerichs  
Nathan Mains

Mr. Pantone recommended that the Board elect all five of the above-listed candidates.

**14.2 Policy 221 Dress and Grooming - 1st Reading**

No discussion.

**14.3 New Business - Board**

Mr. Pantone spoke about Chromebook distribution, the good condition of the high school grounds, the Factory Kids program at Paynter Elementary School, and energy usage studies.

Dr. Lutz spoke about energy usage study programs.

Ms. Tarson spoke about construction equipment in the Whitehall Elementary School parking lot.

Dr. Lutz said that utility lines are being replaced in the neighborhood and he had given approval for the contractor to store supplies and equipment while being monitored closely by the District's Facilities Department.

**15.0 Solicitor Report**

**15.1 Solicitor Report**

No report.

**16.0 Resident Comments**

**16.1 Name and address should be clearly stated.**

Todd Plunkett, 663 Blossom Drive, spoke about the calendar of meetings and when the public will get to meet the new Director of Safety and Security.

**17.0 Matters of Information - Superintendent**

**17.1 Dr. Randal A. Lutz**

Dr. Lutz said that during the months of October through March, there will be one meeting per month and this will occur on the first Wednesday of the month. He said that the Director of Safety and Security, William Coddington, will be present at the next meeting.

### **17.2 Items for Board Information**

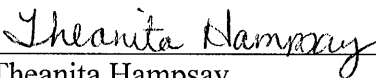
Dr. Lutz spoke about the attached information items for the Board.

### **18.0 Adjournment**

**18.1 On motion by Ms. Brown, which was seconded by Dr. DiCesaro, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.**

Recognized Visitors

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

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Theanita Hampsay  
Board Secretary



