

- Girl - Linsey Moldovan
- 11th Grade:
- Boy - Carson Gilarno
- Girl - Rachel Decesaris
- 10th Grade:
- Boy - Danny Jones
- Girl - Raven Olson
- 9th Grade:
- Boy - Casey Collins
- Girl - Jalynn Falk
- Freedom Area Middle School H.O.P.E. and Student of the Month Awards for January 2017 was presented by Principal Ryan Smith:
 - H.O.P.E. Award (Theme – “Engaging and Creative”)
 - Lisa Finch, 7th/8th Grade Reading Teacher
 - Student of the Month Awards (Theme – “A Joy to Have in Class”)
 - 8th Grade:
 - Boy - Gianni Gagliardi
 - Girl - Christina Wrhen
 - 7th Grade:
 - Boy - Tie: Joseph Hartle and Christopher Hartley
 - Girl - Jessica Majors
 - 6th Grade:
 - Boy - Vincenzo Fiorenza
 - Girl - Finley Paxton
 - 5th Grade:
 - Boy - Tie: Anthony Battaglia and Wyatt Boyer
 - Girl - Libby Coe

Other:

- February 2017 Board Meetings to be held on February 7 (Committee) and February 14 (Regular)

Use of School Facilities Schedule (According to Policy) (Enclosure)

PUBLIC/COMMUNITY RELATIONS:

Vice President Petcovic reviewed Board Policy 903: Public Participation in Board Meetings, saying members of the public must preface their comments with their name, address, and group affiliation (if appropriate). All comments should be addressed to the Presiding Officer, be relevant to business that is before the Board and observe required timelines (Prior Formal Request – 10 Minutes, Informal Request – 5 Minutes). Comments should not be personally directed, abusive, or obscene.

No public comments were made.

MINUTES:

Motion by Gilarno, seconded by Pail, to approve the December 8, 2016 (Reorganization/Regular) Board Meetings Minutes.

Roll Call Yea Votes – Colorito, Greene, Gilarno, Inman, Rocco, Petcovic, Pail, and
Vote Leindecker. Motion carried – 8 Yeas

ENCLOSURES:

- A. Use of School Facilities Schedule (According to Policy)
(Communications- Item C.)
- B. Free-Reduced Lunch Report as of January 9, 2017 – District at 47.83%
- C. January 2017 Budget Transfers (Finance, Item G.)
- D. Bid Specifications for Security Cameras (Operations, Item G.)
Information:
- E. Cyber/Charter School Enrollment as of December 14, 2016 – Current
Projected Annual Cost for 2016-2017 School Year \$786,029.86;
30 Cyber/Charter Students, 38 Brick and Mortar Students – Total No. of
Students - 68

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Dr. Fuller, Superintendent, provided the following information:

The 2017 Polar Plunge for Special Olympics of Beaver County took place on January 7th even though there was a zero wind chill factor. Participants plunged into the icy water of the Beaver River. This is the FASD’s 4th Polar Plunge with 37 participants raising \$6,700 for the Special Olympics. \$90,000 is the event total over the years, 18 plunged of which 8 were first time plungers. Highest individual amount of money raised was \$501 by Linda Eldridge. A Roving Trophy is passed between the schools with the elementary school maintaining the trophy. Great day for a great cause.

Motion to approve the following Superintendent’s items was made by Rocco, seconded by Gilarno, and unanimously approved through consent agenda:

- CA:1 Acceptance of the Grant from the Beaver County Educational Trust for the Annual Story Walk (Administrative Report):
- Kim Smith, Elementary Title One Specialist – Project Proposal “Story Walk 2017 – Blast Off to Reading” is an Approved Project, Amount \$1,000
- CA:2 Attendance for the following at the REMS-TA Center’s Developing Emergency Operations Plans Course, January 25, BVIU, Cost Mileage:
- 1. Jeffrey Fuller, Superintendent
 - 2. Ryan Smith, Middle School Principal
 - 3. Steven Mott, High School Assistant Principal
 - 4. Tom Liberty, High School Resource Officer

5. Dave Matthews, Middle School Security Monitor

CA:3 Settlement Agreement dated January 10, 2017 (Signatures Required)

Roll Call Yea Votes – Colorito, Greene, Gilarno, Inman, Rocco, Petcovic, Pail, and
Vote Leindecker. Motion carried – 8 Yeas

Property Tax Elimination: Dr. Fuller, Superintendent, provided an overview of the “Implications of Property Tax Elimination” sighting in part a disparity in education funding, elimination of Act 26 of 2016 (the New Funding Formula), six counties would get most of the money, some residents will continue to pay significant amounts of school property tax, delinquent taxpayers would be off the hook, and district cash flow problems are some of the problems that would occur as a result of this action. **A copy of the report is attached to the minutes in the minute book.** Dr. Fuller urged both the Board and public attending to contact their Senator to express their point of view on property tax elimination.

Business Manager Noriene Plate provided an example of five households in the district, demonstrating the result to individual households in the district if property taxes would be eliminated. Plate said that eliminating property taxes would create a net increase to each household, an average of \$1,100 additional and noted that all increases in taxes would leave Beaver County.

LEGISLATION:

Board Member Julie Leindecker said that her report has already been provided by the Superintendent and Business Manager.

FINANCE:

Motion to approve the following Finance items was made by Gilarno, seconded by Colorito, and unanimously approved through consent agenda: **(Copies of items CA:1 – CA:7 are attached to the minutes in the minute book)**

- CA:1 Bills in the amount of \$242,495.31 (Second Check Run for December 2016)
- CA:2 Bills in the amount of \$484,418.80 (First Check Run for January 2017)
- CA:3 Capital Projects Second Check Run for December 2016 in the amount of \$494.17
- CA:4 Capital Projects First Check Run for January 2017 in the amount of \$7,325.00
- CA:5 January 2017 Budget Transfers (Enclosure)
- CA:6 Cafeteria Report for December 2016
- CA:7 Treasurer’s Report for December 2016

	<u>December 2016</u>
Wesbanko - Money Market	\$ 4,829,209.86
Wesbanko - Payroll	\$ 1,860.15
Wesbanko- General Checking Account	\$ 174,745.28
PA Treasury Invest General Fund	\$ 697,586.86
PSDLAF – Regular Account	\$ 0.00
PSDLAF Max - General Fund	\$ 861,062.32

PSDLAF Term – General Fund	\$	0.00
Wesbanko/Western Alliance General Fund – CD’s	\$	5,235,000.00
CIT bank/First Internet BK of IND		
PA Treasury-Invest Capital Projects	\$	1,190,870.89
PSDLAF Max – Capital Projects	\$	31,034.24
Wesbanko – Student Activity Account	\$	53,171.65
Wesbanko Bodkin Scholarship - CD	\$	192,615.24
Wesbanko Bodkin Scholarship	\$	26,627.79
PSDLAF MAX – 2014 Construction Fund	\$	0.00
PSDLAF – 2014 Construction Fund	\$	8,534.41
Wesbanko - Capital Projects Checking	\$	327,491.07
Wesbanko - Capital Projects – CD	\$	202,113.90

CA:8 Actuarial proposals from Hawley Consulting Group, saving an average of \$5,300 per year for (5) five years:

2016-2017 -	\$3,000
2017-2019 -	\$4,000
2019-2021 -	\$4,000

CA:9 Released Time, According to Contract, for Noriene Plate, Business Manager, to attend the Commonwealth Budget Overview, February 9, Mars, Cost Registration Fee and Mileage

Roll Call Yea Votes – Gilarno, Greene, Inman, Rocco, Colorito, Petcovic, Pail, and
Vote Leindecker. Motion carried – 8 Yeas

NOTE: Tax Exoneration request for property located at 903 6th Avenue, Freedom, for Tax Years 2014 and 2015 was declined. No action needed.

EDUCATION:

Motion to approve the following Education items was made by Pail, seconded by Greene, and approved through consent agenda according to Act 48.

CA:1 Approve Released Time According to Act 48:

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

1. Gifted:
 - a. Sara Miller, K-8 Gifted Coordinator, Gifted Boot Camp–Day 2, April 18, AIU, Cost Mileage
2. Special Education:
 - a. Joe Testa, School Psychologist, Psychological Counseling as a Related Service, February 10, PaTTAN – Pittsburgh, Cost Mileage
 - b. Renae Bogdan, Elementary Speech/Language Teacher, Tools for Skeptical Thinking: Evaluating Science in Speech, February 13, PaTTAN - Pittsburgh, Cost Mileage
3. Other:
 - a. Bonnie Adams, School Nurse, “School Nurses: Best, Current Practices for School Medical Emergencies” Seminar, March 20, Coraopolis, Cost Registration Fee and Mileage
 - b. High School Social Studies Teachers, Holocaust Training, February 2, BVIU, Cost

Substitute, Registration Fee and Mileage

STUDENTS AND STAFF TRAVEL:

1. Gifted:
 - a. Sara Miller, K-8 Gifted Coordinator, Thermo Fisher K'Nex STEM Challenge, March 30, Penn State-Beaver, No Cost to District, Will Use School Van
 2. Special Education:
 - a. Carnegie Science Center, January 31, No Cost to District (Transportation costs paid by Beaver County Job Training):
 - i. Jessika Fontaine, High School Life Skills Teacher
 - ii. Gretchen Meyer, Middle School Special Education Teacher
 - b. Jessika Fontaine, High School Life Skills Teacher, No Cost to District, Will Use School Van:
 - i. Eat and Park, February 3, Monaca
 - ii. Giant Eagle, February 9, Baden
 3. Other:
 - a. Craig Bohon, High School Spanish Club Sponsor, Ice Skating at PPG Place and Dinner, February 3 (After School), Pittsburgh (No Cost to District)
 - b. Amanda Krampy, High School Guidance Office Secretary, BCCTC – Half Day Visit, February 7, No Cost to District
 - c. Keith Kovalic, High School Music Teacher/Band Director, PMEA District 5 Band, February 9-10, Butler Intermediate High School, Cost Substitute, Registration Fees and Lodging (One Night, Kovalic Only)
 - d. Beth Majors, High School Business/Technology Teacher, State DECA Career Development Competition, February 21-24, Hershey, Cost Substitute, Registration Fees, Lodging and Meals, Will Use School Van
 - e. Ellen Hill, High School Job Coach, and Members of the High School Staff, College Visits to Multiple Schools for Tenth Grade Students, March 3, Cost Substitute and Transportation
 - f. Peru Trip, April 13-21, Lima and Cuzco, Peru, South America, Cost Substitute:
 - i. Ruthanne Gudzan, High School Spanish Teacher
 - ii. Aaron Fitzpatrick, High School English Teacher
- CA:2 \$10,000 Establishment Grant through PaTTAN (Administrative report by Misty Slavic, 12-8-16)
- CA:3 Acceptance and Distribution of an Educational Support Mini-Grant from the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees – Beaver County Chapter, in the amount of \$50 to Emily Mather, K-6 Instructional Coach, for supplies needed to support the K-2 Guided Reading Curriculum
- CA:4 Resignation of Amanda Hayhurst, Middle School Instructional Aide, effective December 21, 2016
- CA:5 Resignation of Linda Haffner as Title I After-School Tutor, effective January 19, will substitute if needed
- CA:6 Maternity Leave for Colleen Tyler, Third Grade Teacher, beginning December 19, 2016 thru January 11, 2017, followed by FMLA, According to Policy, beginning January 12, 2017 through February 23, 2017
- CA:7 The following as Instructional Aides, 5.75 hours per day, (5) five days per week, at \$11.60 per hour:

1. Timothy Weick, retroactive to January 3, 2017 (Pending receipt of Act 126 Training and New Employee Drug Screening)
 2. Kathleen Crago (Clearances on File)
 3. Ashley Reba (Clearances on File)
- CA:8 Elizabeth Porter as Personal Student Aide, 6.5 hours per day, (5) five days per week, at \$11.60 per hour, retroactive to January 3, 2017 (Pending receipt of Act 168 Disclosures, Act 126 Training and New Employee Drug Screening)
- CA:9 Sherry Perry, Fifth Grade Teacher, as Title I After-School Tutor for the 2016-2017 School Year, (1) one hour per day, (2) two to (3) three hours per week, \$31.00 per hour, effective January 23, 2017 (Funded by Title I)
- CA:10 Change in School Psychologist position from (10) ten-month employee to (12) twelve-month employee, effective July 1, 2017, annual salary of \$69,000 beginning with 2017-2018 School Year

Roll Call Yea Votes – Gilarno, Inman, Rocco, Colorito, Petcovic, Pail, Greene, and
Vote Leindecker. Motion carried – 8 Yeas

OPERATIONS:

Motion to approve the following Operations items was made by Gilarno, seconded by Rocco, and unanimously approved through consent agenda:

- CA:1 Robert Cain as High School Security Monitor, 5.75 hours per day, (5) five days per week at \$11.60 per hour, retroactive to December 16, 2016 (Clearances on File)
- CA:2 The following as new bus drivers (Clearances on File):
1. Mark Redmond
 2. Harold Masters
- CA:3 Resignation of Aaron Hansen, part-time custodian, effective January 3, 2017
- CA:4 Resignation of Annette Chesnoski, part-time Administrative Assistant to the Director of Buildings and Grounds, effective January 6, 2017
- CA:5 Change in Special Education Secretary position from part-time to full-time, effective February 1, 2017, annual salary of \$24,000 through June 30, 2018
- CA:6 Bid Specifications for Security Cameras (Separate Bid and Specifications to be issued for Underground Conduit and Fiber Access) (Enclosure) Note: Bids to include various options.

Roll Call Yea Votes – Gilarno, Inman, Rocco, Colorito, Petcovic, Pail, Leindecker, and
Vote Greene. Motion carried – 8 Yeas

Gary Mortimer, Buildings and Grounds Director, gave the following monthly report:

Monthly Summary:

- Conway School: The pneumatic compressor system which controls the heating and ventilation system failed. A new motor and belt with some fabrication was purchased and installed. The newer compressor head was repurposed from Big Knob's pneumatic system, serviced and installed.

- The switch gear for the Middle School generator was replaced over Christmas break. The system was programmed, cycled, and tested to operate a weekly non load test every Tuesday morning.
- Repairs to the Hydronic heating system in the ceiling of the men's field restroom of the Elementary School was completed. A copper supply line from the boiler system was leaking glycol due to never being soldered upon installation. Once the repair and cleanup was completed, additional glycol was added via a pump into the system.
- On December 27, working with New Sewickley water department, action was taken from Decembers 7th meeting regarding the water tests. New Sewickley water department injected chlorine at Thorn Street into the district's water lines feeding our buildings. We worked with the department to flush and treat all the building's water lines. Tests of the water and the chlorine levels were taken and documented to insure a complete flush of our system. Additional line flushing was completed by Mr. Mortimer along with the testing of free and total chlorine at several sites on December 29th.
- High School kitchen boiler system was shut down during break. The header piping was reworked to extend the usable life of the system.
- General repairs to plumbing, heating and roofing continue.

ATHLETICS/EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

Motion to approve the following Athletics/Extra-Curricular items was made by Greene, seconded by Rocco, and unanimously approved through consent agenda:

- CA:1 Barbara Martz as High School Youth Ambassador Facilitator, to participate in Youth Ambassador Meetings for the remainder of the 2016-2017 School Year, Stipend of \$360 is Grant Funded through Beaver County Rehabilitation Center (Clearances on File)
- CA:2 Released Time, According to Policy, for Jim Covert, Head Wrestling Coach, Wrestling Staff and Team, to attend Bedford Wrestling Tournament, January 27-28, Bedford, PA, No Cost to District (Boosters will pay for Lodging and Meals), Will Use School Vans
- CA:3 Creation of Junior High Football and Cheerleading Programs

Roll Call Yea Votes – Gilarno, Inman, Rocco, Colorito, Petcovic, Pail, Leindecker, and
Vote Greene. Motion carried – 8 Yeas

NOTE: Ernest J. Graham, Principal-in-Charge from ELA Sport provided an overview of the business followed by discussion of his most recent proposal to conduct a feasibility study to review district property for placement of a regulation size Track. Additional information on configuration of a track in the current location was provided. Graham stated that although the student athletes will be able to qualify on the track and have meets, regulation meets will not be possible because the current track is only 325 meters.

Following discussion, Mr. Graham has agreed to provide the following:

Motion by Rocco, seconded by Colorito, to provide the FASD with an additional proposal for the track to include review of the Big Knob school property but not to include the area between the

Middle School and High School that is undermined, pending solicitor review. Cost not to exceed \$5,000.

Roll Call Yea Votes – Gilarno, Inman, Rocco, Colorito, and Petcovic.
Vote No Votes – Pail, Leindecker, and Green. Motion carried – 5 Yeas

POLICY:

Motion to approve the following Revised Board Policies was made by Rocco, seconded by Colorito, and unanimously approved through consent agenda:

1. Policy No. 251 – Homeless Students
2. Policy No. 255 – Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care
3. Policy No. 606 – Tax Collection
4. Policy No. 610 – Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation
5. Policy No. 611 – Purchases Budgeted

Roll Call Yea Votes – Colorito, Pail, Rocco, Greene, Inman, Petcovic, Gilarno, and
Vote Leindecker. Motion carried – 8 Yeas

Adjourn Motion by Greene, seconded by Leindecker, to adjourn. All members voting Yea.
8 Yeas. Adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Submitted by:

Lorraine Rocco, Board Secretary