

**Tuesday, December 5, 2023
Regular Meeting
Minutes**

The West Mifflin Area School District Regular Board Meeting was held in the West Mifflin Borough Building Council Chambers, 1020 Lebanon Road, West Mifflin, PA. Meeting began at 7:18 p.m.

1. OPENING EXERCISES

A. Roll Call

Members Present: Matthew Blazeovich, Kevin Squires, Judith Ahern, Mark Donahoe, Gina Englert, Joseph Gajdos, Janelle Kopay, and Mark Yuhas

Officials Present: Jeffrey Soles, Jeffrey Solomon, Edward Wehrer, Mark Zidek and Russell Lucas

2. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Student Board Representative Report - None
- B. U.S. Steel / Clara Barton Video

3. ADDENDUM

None

4. HEARING OF CITIZENS

A. Public Comment

In Order to speak at this time, the following must be met:

- Must be a West Mifflin, Whitaker, or Duquesne Resident
- Matter must have been discussed through the proper education channels
- Direct comments to the Board President and/or Superintendent
- Remarks limited to three (3) minutes per person
 - None

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

None

6. BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

A. Board of Directors

Board action to approve/ratify items under Board of Directors, as listed/presented.*

1. Appointment of Kevin Squires as the PSBA representative and Gina Englert as the PSBA alternate representative for the ensuing year.
2. Appointment of Gina Englert as the SHASDA representative and Joseph Gajdos as the SHASDA alternate representative for the ensuing year.
3. Appointment of Mark Donahoe as the Steel Center representative and Gina Englert as the Steel Center alternate representative for the ensuing year.

It was moved by Donahoe, seconded by Ahern to approve Section 6A, Items 1-3.

Roll Call: Ahern, Donahoe, Englert, Gajdos, Kopay, Yuhas, Squires, and Blazeovich voted "Aye". MOTION CARRIED

7. DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND OPERATIONS' REPORT

A. Finance

Board action to approve/ratify items under Finance, as listed/presented.*

1. Authorization to pay usual, customary, and reasonable expenses, during the month of December 2023, such payments to be presented to the Board at its January 2024 meeting for ratification.
2. Authorization for the Solicitor's office to settle the tax appeal docketed at BV-21-542 at an assessed value amount of \$5,200,000 for 2020, \$5,200,000 for 2021, \$4,000,500 for 2022 and \$4,261,200 for 2023.
3. Authorization for the Solicitor's office to settle the tax appeal docketed at BV-20-582 at an assessed value amount of \$2,478,300 for 2020, \$2,515,600 for 2021, \$2,000,000 for 2022 and \$2,000,000 for 2023.

It was moved by Donahoe, seconded by Squires to approve Section 7A, Items 1-3.

Roll Call: Ahern, Donahoe, Englert, Gajdos, Kopay, Yuhas, Squires and Blazeovich voted "Aye".
MOTION CARRIED

B. Contracting/Purchasing

Board action to approve/ratify items under Purchasing/Contracting, as listed/presented.*

1. Resolution #2023-07 to approve Service Order Agreement and E-rate Letter of Agency with Allegheny Intermediate Unit 3 for Regional Wide Area Network Services and Internet Access Service, at an estimated annual net cost of \$5,394.00, as presented.
2. Quote from Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13 for Microsoft Defender for Endpoint for Students software from December 2023 through May 2024 at a cost of \$18,600.00.
3. Proposal from AMCA Systems for TaxTrack software that satisfies the requirements of the Affordable Care Act at a cost of \$2,950.00, as presented.

It was moved by Donahoe, seconded by Ahern to approve Section 7B, Items 1-3.

Roll Call: Ahern, Donahoe, Englert, Gajdos, Kopay, Yuhas, Squires and Blazeovich voted "Aye".
MOTION CARRIED

8. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Board Action to approve/ratify items under District Operations, as listed/presented.*

- A. Creation of the Tobacco Resistance Unit (TRU) Club at the Middle School for the 2023-2024 school year and approval of Mrs. Stacy Galiyas and Mr. Steve Larkin as the unpaid co-sponsors for the club.

It was moved by Englert, seconded by Gajdos to approve Section 8, Item A.

Roll Call: Ahern, Donahoe, Englert, Gajdos, Kopay, Yuhas, Squires and Blazeovich voted "Aye". MOTION CARRIED

9. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS

Board Action to approve/ratify Superintendent’s Reports, as listed/presented.*

A. Student Activities

ID	Staff/Bldg	Activity/Location	#Students	Grade(s)	Date
1284602	Chelsea Joyce/HS	CBI/Carnegie Science Center	20	9-12	12/13/23
1285329	Thomas Weir/HS	AFJROTC Curriculum in Action Trip/San Antonio, TX	30	9-12	4/3/24 – 4/7/24
*1286610	Jeffrey Kesser/HS	Steel Valley Christmas Parade/Homestead	120	9-12	12/2/23
1289427	Deana Wallace/HS	STARS Holiday Party/South Allegheny HS	15	9-12	12/14/23

B. Student Fundraising Activities

Club	Sponsor	Fundraiser	Use of Funds	Date(s)
HS Sr Class	Kristen Bonacci	Door Decorating Contest	Donation to Murphy Family	12/6/23 – 12/22/23

C. Buildings and Grounds

ID	Location	Date(s)/Time	Purpose/Applicant	Amount Paid
275	HS Pool	January 10, 17, 24, 31 (5:00 PM – 6:30 PM)	Swim Lessons/WM Pool & Aquatics (Laura Dolton)	n/a

D. Conferences

ID	Name/Building	Conference/Location	Date/#Days	Cost	Sub
1283298	Amanda Monzak/CB	South Hills Area Gifted Consortium/Upper St. Clair	1/10/24 1 day	\$0	Yes
1284012	Randy Porter/Admin	PASBO Annual Conference/Hershey	3/5/24 – 3/8/24 4 days	\$1,159	No
1284080	Edward Wehrer/Admin	PASBO Annual Conference/Hershey	3/5/24 – 3/8/24 4 days	\$1,113	No
1289407	Corinne Householder/MS	AIU Secondary Science Institute (Year 2)/AIU- Waterfront	1/18/24, 2/22/24, 3/7/24 3 days	\$0	Yes

It was moved by Gajdos, seconded by Donahoe to approve Section 9, Item A-D.

Roll Call: Ahern, Donahoe, Englert, Gajdos, Kopay, Yuhas, Squires and Blazeovich voted “Aye”.
MOTION CARRIED

10. PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

Board action to approve/ratify items under Professional Personnel, as listed.*

A. Leaves of Absence

- 1) Employee #2932, unpaid leave beginning Wednesday, January 17, 2024, through Wednesday, April 3, 2024. This is an extension of a previously approved leave.

It was moved by Gajdos, seconded by Donahoe to approve Section 10, Item A.

Roll Call: Ahern, Donahoe, Englert, Gajdos, Kopay, Yuhas, Squires and Blazeovich voted “Aye”.
MOTION CARRIED

11. NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

Board action to approve/ratify items under Non-Certified Personnel, as listed.*

A. Leaves of Absence

- 1) Employee #3740, unpaid leave of absence beginning Tuesday, January 16, 2024 through Friday, May 3, 2024
- 2) *Employee #3617, unpaid days on Thursday, November 16, 2023, and Tuesday, November 28, 2023
- 3) *Employee #3709, unpaid days on Monday, October 23, 2023; Monday, October 30, 2023; and Friday, November 17, 2023

B. Hires/Transfers

- 1) *Brenda Harmening, transfer from Class I Custodian at the Middle School to the posted position of Class I Custodian at the Middle School (Kitchen and Dining Area) on the 6:00 AM to 2:00 PM shift, effective Tuesday, November 28, 2023. Ms. Harmening was the senior qualified bidder for the position.
- 2) *Caleb Miller, Full-time Class I Custodian at the High School/Stadium, variable shift, effective Tuesday, November 21, 2023
- 3) Mary Pesta, Full-time Secretary at the Middle School, effective date to be determined. All paperwork and clearances needed to be hired have been received.

It was moved by Gajdos, seconded by Ahern to approve Section 11, Item A-B.

Roll Call: Ahern, Donahoe, Englert, Gajdos, Kopay, Yuhas, Squires and Blazeovich voted "Aye".
MOTION CARRIED

12. ATHLETIC PERSONNEL

Board action to approve/ratify items under Athletic Personnel, as listed.*

A. Hires

- 1) *John Fulmore, High School Indoor Track Coach, effective Friday, November 17, 2023

It was moved by Gajdos, seconded by Squires to approve Section 12, Item A.

Roll Call: Ahern, Donahoe, Englert, Gajdos, Kopay, Yuhas, Squires and Blazeovich voted "Aye".
MOTION CARRIED

13. BOARD PRESIDENT'S CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Blazeovich had no correspondence at this time.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION DISCUSSION

Mr. Blazeovich reported that there were Executive Sessions held to discuss legal and personnel matters.

15. BOARD REPORTS

A. Committees

Mr. Blazeovich reported that committees have not been set yet.

B. Steel Center

Mr. Donahoe will give a report in January.

16. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Lucas had no report for public session.

17. OLD BUSINESS

None

18. NEW BUSINESS

None

19. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.



Meg Arbasak
Board Secretary

**WEST MIFFLIN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION #2023-07**

Resolution to Approve Service Order Agreement and E-rate Letter of Agency with Allegheny Intermediate Unit for Regional Wide Area Network Services and Internet Access Service

WHEREAS Allegheny Intermediate Unit 3 (Allegheny IU) with participating school districts and career and technology centers that are served by Allegheny IU have established a regional wide area network (“RWAN”) to interconnect with one another via lit fiber wide area network services and to receive cost-effective Internet access service via the RWAN; and

WHEREAS, the existing contracts for RWAN and Internet access services with the commercial third-party vendor expire on June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Allegheny IU through the RWAN Committee for Oversight and Governance (“RWAN COG”) conducted a competitive procurement to rebid these services; and


WHEREAS, Crown Castle Fiber was chosen as offering the most cost-effective service with the requisite technical capability to provide services that will best meet the current and future needs of the Districts and CTCs during the initial contract term and any voluntary extension terms for service beginning July 1, 2024.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. West Mifflin Area School District agrees and authorizes Allegheny IU to purchase lit fiber wide area network and Internet access services from Crown Castle Fiber on behalf of this organization and agrees to pay for services in accordance with the terms of the Service Order.
2. West Mifflin Area School District approves the execution of the Service Order and E-rate Letter of Agency by an authorized representative, to be in effect initially through June 30, 2029 for lit fiber wide area network service and the Letter of Agency, and through June 20, 2027 for Internet access service.
3. West Mifflin Area School District approves the extension of the initial term of this Service Order in accordance with the voluntary extension options set forth in the Crown Castle Fiber’s master agreements that provide for up to five years of extensions for the lit fiber wide area network service and up to seven years of extensions for Internet access service, without requiring separate and/or additional board action.

Approved this 5th day of December, 2023.


Matthew Blazeovich
Board President


Meg Abbasak
Board Secretary

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Reorganization / Regular Meeting
Board of School Directors
West Mifflin Area School District

Name	Address	Organization Representing (If Any)
Barb Gregory	666 DeBaldo Dr.	
Bob & Paul Kienel	Timothy Dr	
Jessica Fry	Kentucky Blue Dr.	
Kathy Fry	Kentucky, Blue Dr.	
Jerry & Deb Kostelak	106 Samuel Dr	
Joey Sapp	2125 Pa Ave	
Becky Gussak	1500 Maryland Ave	
Quinn Gussak	1500 Maryland Ave	
Greg Rogay	629 De Baldo	
Maren Speck	500 South Magnolia Drive	
Julia Hilliard	500 S. Masolia Dr	
John Kopacz		
Therese Selleny	110 Main Entrance Dr	
Alfred Tedesco	212 NIMITZ DR	
A.J. Tedesco	1603 UNION ST	