

## **YOUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**March 7, 2012**

The Workshop Meeting of the Yough Board of Education was called to order at 7:30 P.M., on Wednesday, March 7, 2012, in the Yough Senior High Large Group Instruction Room by President, Ken Bach, with the Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Flag.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken with the following members present: Allen, Bach, Bisko, Boucher, Harvey, Knor, Leghart, Nogy, and Spudy. Also present were Superintendent, Dr. Janet Sardon; Senior High School Principal, Earl Thompson; Intermediate/Middle School Principal, Anthony DeMaro; Elementary Principal, Keith Reidmiller; Elementary Assistant Principal, Jennifer Pappasergi; Director of Special Education, Dawn Hildenbrand; Business Manager, Michael Wrobleski; Athletic Director, Thomas Evans; Solicitor, Gary Matta; the Press and visitors.

### **CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:**

None

### **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: (Regular Meeting)**

Mitch Casterwiler  
Josh Gillott  
Lynne Gillott

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

#### **I. Congratulations! (Regular Meeting)**

- A. Congratulations to Gabrielle Bricker, Jamie Pergola, Kayla Zaken, Dakota Cochran, Jessica Mencer, Marissa Kostryzcki, Riley Jupin, Ricky Trice, Reese Boucher, Katlyn McCurdy and Melissa Bingey who were selected as Rotary students for the month of February.
- B. Congratulations to Breanna Gromicko, senior clarinet player, who was chosen by audition for the PMEA All-State Concert Band in Lancaster, PA. She is the first Yough Band student in 30 years to be selected for the All-State Band. She plans to major in music education, and will attend either the Shenandoah Conservatory or James Madison University. (Brief clarinet presentation.)

- C. Congratulations to the following students who were selected by the Westmoreland County Firemen's Association as winners in the annual Fire Prevention calendar contest:

Sophia Maroney – First Place – Mendon, Grade 4  
Dylan Booth, Second Place – H.W. Good, Grade 4  
Jacqui Prinkey, Third Place – H.W. Good, Grade 4  
Danielle Davidson, Fifth Place – West Newton, Grade 4  
Nicole Duncan, Fourth Place – YIMS, Grade, Grade 5

Our students are five of the ten possible winners chosen by the firemen. Their work will be published in a calendar to be distributed to schools, offices and fire companies in Westmoreland County. Students will be recognized at a ceremony on Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at the Youngwood Firehall.

- D. On February 7, 2012, Frazier hosted a Love of Letters Competition. There were 96 participants in the competition. Students were divided up between primary and intermediate levels. Aiden Aird, 2<sup>nd</sup> grader from H.W. Good, was the winner of the primary division of the Love of Letters Competition.
- E. Congratulations to Cody Charles, Teddy Charletta, Tom Sever and Chris Williams, wrestlers who qualified for the SW Regionals at Johnstown on March 2-3, 2012.
- F. Congratulations to Tiffany Nestor, Gino Ciarimboli, and Maddy Cook, swimmers who qualified for the WPIALS on March 1-2, 2012.
- G. Congratulations to Nikki Kroll who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the WPIAL Individual Rifle Tournament. Also, Nikki finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the States in the Individual Rifle competition.
- H. On February 17, 2012, YIMS hosted the annual spelling bee during 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th periods for grades 5-8. There were 185 students who participated in the event. After 8 rounds, the final 3 students to win this year's spelling bee were:
- Reese Boucher- 7th Grade- 1st Place  
Olivia Cook- 7th Grade- 2nd Place  
T.J. Chopp –5th Grade- 3rd Place

The 1st place winner, Reese Boucher, will go on to attend the regional spelling bee, held at Children's Hospital, Pittsburgh, PA, on March 17,

2012. Reese received a 1st Place medal, \$50.00 gift card, and one free semester of an online world language course of his choice.

**II. INFORMATION:**

None

**III. PRESENTATIONS:**

Presentation by Joel Kunkle, Herbein & Company, Auditors, regarding 2010-11 annual audit.

**BUDGET & FINANCE**

1. (12-3-BP-1) Approve the Board Minutes  
(Section 3, Attachment #1)
2. (12-3-F-1) Approve the Treasurer's Report/Investment Summary. (Will be handed out at the March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.)
3. (12-3-F-2) Approve the budgetary transfers, as presented. (Will be handed out at the March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.)
4. (12-3-F-2) Award the Yough School District transportation contract to \_\_\_\_\_ for the years \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Executive Sessions were held on the following dates:

Thursday, February 23, 2012, after the meeting – Personnel & Litigation

Monday, March 5, 2012 – Personnel & Litigation

Wednesday, March 7, 2012, before the meeting – Personnel & Litigation

1. (12-3-BP-2) Approve new Policy #010 – Conflict of Interest/Anti-Influence, second reading. (Section 4, Attachment #1)
2. (12-3-BP-3) Approve new Policy #354 – Pre-Employment Drug Testing , second reading. (Section 4, Attachment #2)
3. (12-3-BP-4) Approve changes to Policy #006 – Local Board Procedures –

Meetings, first reading. (Section 4, Attachment #3)

**PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES**

1. (12-3-PE-1) Approve the additions to the Substitute Teacher list.  
(Section 5, Attachment #1)

**CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES:**

None

**ATHLETIC/ACTIVITY**

1. (12-3-ACT-1) Approve the extra remuneration for the extended wrestling season for Jeremy Zufall and Mark Cornelius.
2. (12-3-ACT-2) Approve James Vargo, Jr., as a volunteer baseball coach.

**DISTRICT OPERATIONS:**

None

**BOARD REPORTS:**

**WIU#7 and WIU#7 Legislative Council** – Linda Leghart

**CWCTC Joint Operating Committee** – Karl Spudy (Alternate-Chris Boucher)

Peterson Event Center – Thursday through Friday, Robotics competition.

**PSBA Representative** – Ruth Bisko

**YEA REPORT:** - Union Representation

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion by Knor, seconded by Nogy to reconsider the continuation of the child rearing leave request of Magge Cales until the end of the 2011-12 school year, contingent upon completion of all paperwork. Allen, yes; Bisko, no; Boucher, yes; Harvey, yes; Knor, yes; Leghart, yes; Nogy, yes; Spudy, yes; Bach, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Knor, seconded by Spudy to employ Melissa Manns as a long term substitute elementary teacher for the remainder of the 2011-12 school term for Magge Cales. Allen, yes; Bisko, yes; Boucher, yes; Harvey, abstained; Knor, yes; Leghart, yes; Nogy, yes; Spudy, yes; Bach, yes. Motion carried.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

None

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Leghart, seconded by Boucher to adjourn at 8:37 P.M. All present voting aye, motion carried.

President \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

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- I. The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Middle School Science Fair was held on Thursday, March 1, 2012 with the following winners:

Grade 5/6 –

First Place: Rachel Ozegovich *“Is My Brain Awake?”*

Second Place: Adaline Bradish *“Look What I Started”*

Third Place: Paytn Szymkiewicz *“The Effects of Light in Prisms”*

Honorable mentions: Nolan Franks *“Effect of Liquids on Metals”*

Raymond Baker *“Pitching Mechanics”*

Aubrie Mance *“Battle of the Worms”*

Grade 7/8 -

First Place: Reese Boucher *“Old Ski vs. New Ski”*

Second Place: Alex Nagy and Nathaniel Roebuck *“Can the Rhythm Change the Beat?”*

Third Place: Dylan Grindle *“Natural Gas and Our Water”*

Honorable mentions:

Alexis Matey *“Can an Adult Pass an 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Test?”*

Kyle Harper *“Don’t Wash Your Coins in This”*

Jacob Bender *“Do Different Types of Water Affect Plant Growth?”*

**II. INFORMATION:**

None

**III. PRESENTATIONS:**

- A. Presentation by Joel Kunkle, Herbein & Company, Auditors, regarding 2010-11 annual audit.

**BUDGET & FINANCE**

Motion by Allen, seconded by Boucher to approve all the items listed below. Allen, yes; Bisko, absent; Boucher, yes; Harvey, yes; Knor, yes; Leghart, yes; Nagy, absent; Spudy, yes; Bach, yes. Motion carried.

1. (12-3-BP-1) Approve the Board Minutes
2. (12-3-F-1) Approve the Treasurer’s Report/Investment Summary.
3. (12-3-F-2) Approve the general bills for payment in the amount of \$1,064,493.84, cafeteria bills in the amount of \$92,398.43, and payroll in the amount of \$930,957.02, for a total disbursement of \$2,087,849.29.



4. (12-3-F-3) Approve the budgetary transfers, as presented.
5. (12-3-F-4) Award the Yough School District transportation contract to STA for a term of five years with two additional option years upon execution of a written agreement.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

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Wednesday, March 14, 2012, before the meeting – Personnel & Litigation

Motion by Leghart, seconded by Allen to approve all the items listed below. Allen, yes; Bisko, absent; Boucher, yes; Harvey, yes; Knor, yes; Leghart, yes; Nogy, absent; Spudy, yes; Bach, yes. Motion carried.

1. (12-3-BP-2) Approve new Policy #010 – Conflict of Interest/Anti-Influence, second reading.
2. (12-3-BP-3) Approve new Policy #354 – Pre-Employment Drug Testing , second reading.
3. (12-3-BP-4) Approve changes to Policy #006 – Local Board Procedures – Meetings, first reading.

### **PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES**

Motion by Knor, seconded by Allen to approve all the items listed below. Allen, yes; Bisko, absent; Boucher, yes; Harvey, yes; Knor, yes; Leghart, yes; Nogy, absent; Spudy, yes; Bach, yes. Motion carried.

1. (12-3-PE-1) Approve the additions to the Substitute Teacher list.

### **CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES:**

Motion by Allen, seconded by Boucher to approve all the items listed below. Allen, yes; Bisko, absent; Boucher, yes; Harvey, yes; Knor, yes; Leghart, yes; Nogy, absent; Spudy, yes; Bach, yes. Motion carried.

1. (12-3-CE-1) Employ Ryan Clem as a part time sweeper at a rate of \$10.11/hr., four hours per day, 180 days.

## **ATHLETIC/ACTIVITY**

Motion by Harvey, seconded by Knor to approve all the items listed below. Allen, yes; Bisko, absent; Boucher, yes; Harvey, yes; Knor, yes; Leghart, yes; Nagy, absent; Spudy, yes; Bach, yes. Motion carried.

1. (12-3-ACT-1) Approve the extra remuneration for the extended wrestling season for Jeremy Zufall and Mark Cornelius.
2. (12-3-ACT-2) Approve James Vargo, Jr., as a volunteer baseball coach.

## **DISTRICT OPERATIONS:**

Motion by Harvey, seconded by Leghart to approve all the items listed below. Allen, yes; Bisko, absent; Boucher, yes; Harvey, yes; Knor, yes; Leghart, yes; Nagy, absent; Spudy, yes; Bach, yes. Motion carried.

1. (12-3-O-1) Approve the contract between Westmoreland County Student Assistance Program and the Yough School District for the 2012-2013 school year.
2. (12-3-O-2) Approve the Westmoreland Intermediate Unit as our provider for Internet Services over the next 3 years at a cost of \$1,250/month. This service will include 50 Mbps Bandwidth, Burstable to 100 Mbps.

## **BOARD REPORTS:**

**WIU#7 and WIU#7 Legislative Council** – Linda Leghart – received information – PA Department of Education Programs – RTII/Positive Schoolwide Behavior Support.

**CWCTC Joint Operating Committee** – Karl Spudy (Alternate-Chris Boucher)  
Meeting next week, Peterson Event Center – 1<sup>st</sup> Robot – 137 teams, 18<sup>th</sup> Place

**PSBA Representative** – Ruth Bisko

No Report

**YEA REPORT:** - Union Representation

No Report

**OLD BUSINESS:**

April 11<sup>th</sup> – Chevron coming to the meeting – Gas/oil leases to district.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

No Report

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Knor, seconded by Allen to adjourn at 7:59 P.M. All present voting aye, motion carried.

President \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_