

## **YOUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**June 13, 2012**

The Workshop/Regular Meeting of the Yough Board of Education was called to order at 7:30 P.M., on Wednesday, June 13, 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, and Spudy. Excused was Nogy. Also present were Superintendent, Dr. Janet Sardon; Senior High School Principal, Earl Thompson; Assistant Senior High School Principal, Daniel Wilkins; Intermediate/Middle School Principal, Anthony DeMaro; Elementary Assistant Principal, Jenifer Pappasergi; Director of Special Education, Dawn Hildenbrand; Business Manager, Michael Wroblewski; Transportation, Custodial/Maintenance Supervisor, Robert Vought; Athletic Director, Thomas Evans; Solicitor, Gary Matta; the Press and visitors.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only):**

Lori Luppold – Student discipline.

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

Josh Gillott  
Lynne Gillott

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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

- A. Congratulations to Amanda Trayers, Josh Radford, Grace Seanor, Nicolette Tartler, Abby Messner, Andrew Oden, Joe Miller, and Josh Yencik who were selected as Rotary students for the month of May.
- B. Congratulations to Sallie Pollacci for receiving an *Impact Grant* from the WIUF (Westmoreland Intermediate Unit Fund) in the amount of \$750 for her proposal, "*The Corner Emporium*".
- C. Congratulations to the 150 graduates of the Class of 2012, graduation was held on Friday, June 8, 2012, in the stadium. The Board of Education extends congratulations and the wish for success and happiness to all the

graduates. Congratulations to Scott Babilya, Valedictorian, and Holly Stokes, Salutatorian.

D. Congratulations to the following members of the Class of 2012 for winning the following academic awards and scholarships:

**Valedictorian/Keytex Scholarship**

Scott Babilya

**Salutatorian**

Holly Stokes

**Janice Olbrish Garlock Scholarship**

Tessa Conville

**Frank Sanns Memorial Award given by**

**Society of Manufacturing Engineers Award**

Madelyn Cook

**Leaders of Tomorrow Award**

**Congressman Murphy's Office**

Kennedy Stants

**J.K.'s County Market Scholarships**

**Academic** – Emma Zirkle

**Military** – Elizabeth Merlino

**Jessica Bigi Award for the Arts**

Stephanie Lynch

**Challenge Program Awards**

**Academic**

- Emily Parchuke

**Community Service**

- Michael Woodward

**Attendance**

- Dylan Sperlak

**Most Improved**

- Patti Keefer

**Westinghouse-Waltz Mill Site Renaissance Award**

Madelyn Cook

Ben Sweeney

**Westmoreland County Community College**

**Presidential Scholarships**

Kevin Bobich

**Trustee's Meritorious Scholarships**

Kayla Markle

Kyra Heltebran

Kaitlyn Lux

Adam DeMarchi

Kayla Vanyo

Veda Farmer

Alexandra Wackenhuth

Cody Stepinsky

**West Newton Lion's Club**

**Academic Four Year** – Caley Blankenbuehler

**Academic Two Year** – Cody Stepinsky

**West Newton Women's Club Students of the Month**

Caley Blankenbuehler

Elizabeth Merlino

Gabrielle Bricker

Alyssa Nightman

Tessa Conville

Emily Parchuke

Madelyn Cook

Holly Stokes

Breanna Gromicko

Emma Zirkle

**CWCTC Awards**

**American Automotive Service Providers of Pennsylvania**

Jonathan Thomas – Automotive Technology

**CWCTC Education Association**

Kevin Bobich – Culinary Arts

**American Red Cross**

Veda Farmer – Health Occupations Technology

**Student of the Month**

Kevin Bobich – Culinary Arts

Ian Swank – Construction Trades

**Outstanding Senior by Program**

Johnathan Thomas – Automotive Technology

Veda Farmer – Health Occupations Technology

Kevin Bobich – Culinary Arts

**United States Marine Awards**

**Athletic Achievement** - Jay Miller  
- Nikki Kroll

**Academic**

- Ryan Turin

**Semper Fidelis Award for Musical Excellence** – Kevin Bobich

**U.S. Air Force Science/Math**

**Science** – Mark Steiner

**Math** – Jamie Pergola

**Air Force Award** – Kyle Rehm

**U.S. Navy Awards**

**Scholastic Leadership** – Derek Leonard

**Inspirational Leadership** – Alexandra Yannacci

**Athletic** – Taylor Stoken

**Full Naval ROTC Scholarship** – Elizabeth Merlino

**United States Army Reserve Scholar Athlete Award**

Michael Hartos

Morgan Komarny

**Penn State Nittany Lion's Westmoreland County**

Scott Babilya

Madelyn Cook

**Comcast Leaders & Achievers Award**

Gina Huss

**James E. Casey National Merit Award**

Emily Parchuke

**First Catholic Slovak Union Scholarship Award**

Breanna Gromicko

**Best Buy Scholarship Award**

Jamie Pergola

**Yough Educational Association Scholarship**

Caley Blankenbuehler

**H.W. Good Teaching Scholarship**

Breanna Gromicko

Morgan Komarny

**Dr. William D. Minick Memorial Scholarship**

Jay Miller

**Excellence in Physics**

Scott Babilya

Holly Stokes

Madelyn Cook

Caley Blankenbuehler

**Distinction in AP Chemistry**

Scott Babilya

Holly Stokes

**Excellence in AP Chemistry**

Lauren Abbott

Tessa Conville

Breanna Gromicko

Nikki Kroll

Derek Leonard

Elizabeth Merlino

Ben Sweeney

Ashley Winzek

**Alan C. Smith Math Award**

Scott Babilya

**Denny Gaal Math Award**

Holly Stokes

**English Awards**

Scott Babilya

Alyssa Nightman

Jared Williams

**Patricia Merdian-Hufford English Award**

Emily Parchuke

**Senior Class Officers**

**President** – Ben Sweeney

**Vice President** – Mark Steiner

**Treasurer** – Holly Stokes

**Secretary** – Devon Wtorkiewicz

**French Achievement Award**

Lea Houseman

**Outstanding Senior Artists Award**

Gina Huss	Nevana Duzyk
Heather Houseman	Taylor Cosalter
Mike Hartos	Breanna Gromicko
Maddy Cook	Nick Eisel
Emma Zirkle	Madison McGrew
Mark Steiner	Haley Lengel
Emily Parchuke	Stephanie Rosensteel
Gabby Bricker	

**WPIAL Scholar/Athlete Award**

Ben Sweeney  
Elizabeth Merlino

**Judge Driscoll Scholar/Athlete**

Scott Babilya  
Madelyn Cook

**Mid Mon Valley Hall of Fame**

Michael Hartos  
Shyanne Sanders

**Industrial Arts Excellence Award**

Greg Sleith  
Ben Sweeney

**Westmoreland Cultural Trust**

**Music** – Breanna Gromicko  
**Theatre** – Gina Huss  
**Visual Art** – Gabrielle Bricker

**Jazz Band Awards**

Lauren Abbott	Jamie Pergola
Tessa Conville	Michael Woodard
Veda Farmer	Kevin Bobich
Ashley Winzek	Scott Babilya
Caley Blankenbuehler	Michael Swearman
Breanna Gromicko	

**Band Awards**

**John Philip Sousa** – Breanna Gromicko  
**Louis Armstrong Jazz Award** – Scott Babilya  
**National Marching Band Award** – Veda Farmer  
**Band Director's Award** – Breanna Gromicko  
**PMEA All-State Musician Recognition** – Breanna Gromicko

**Outstanding Choral Members**

Samantha Burchell	Alexandra Yannacci
Gabrielle Bricker	Richard Paul
Emma Zirkle	Jessica Regula
Kayla Markle	

**Outstanding Musician – Choral**

Bridgette Barclay

**Constance T. Rockwell Scholarship for the Theater Arts**

Gabrielle Bricker

**Performing Arts Award**

**Cast Members**

Lauren Abbott	Caley Blankenbuehler
Samantha Burchell	Brittany Cardella
Nevana Duzyk	James Glisan
Gina Huss	Emily Parchuke
Mark Steiner	Emma Zirkle

**Stage Crew**

Tyler Keating	Ian Swank
Jonathan Thomas	Brett VanDyke

**Orchestra**

Breanna Gromicko

**National Honor Society Officers**

**President** – Scott Babilya  
**Vice President** – Ben Sweeney  
**Treasurer** – Caley Blankenbuehler  
**Recording Secretary** – Madelyn Cook  
**Corresponding Secretary** – Emily Parchuke  
**Historian** – Elizabeth Merlino

**NHS Outstanding Service Award**

Jamie Pergola

**Smithton Food Bank**

Mark Steiner	Ben Sweeney
Jamie Pergola	Adam DeMarchi
Scott Babilya	Elizabeth Merlino
Kevin Bobich	Nikki Kroll
Jared Williams	

**CAP/SADD Award**

**President** – Gabrielle Bricker

**Student Council Officers**

**President** – Gina Huss

**Vice President** – Alexandra Wackenhuth

**Secretary** – Alexandra Yannacci

**Treasurer** – Jared Williams

**School Board Representative** – Mitchell Casterwiler

**Yough Spirit Award**

Morgan Komarny  
Ben Sweeney

- E. Congratulations to the High School softball team for making the playoffs, and advancing to the second round of the WPIAL Tournament.
- F. Congratulations to the Middle School softball team who went undefeated with a record of 13-0.
- G. Congratulations to the Middle School track team for winning a section championship.
- H. Congratulations to Roman Viecegli, a student at Yough Senior High School, for advancing to the WPIAL Track Championships at Baldwin High School.

**II. INFORMATION:**

None

**III. PRESENTATIONS:**

Five Year Plan – End-of-Year Presentation – Dr. Janet Sardon (Section 2, Attachment #1)

## **BUDGET & FINANCE**

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

1. (12-6-BP-1) Approve the Board Minutes.
2. (12-6-F-1) Approve the Treasurer's Report/Investment Summary.
3. (12-6-F-2) Approve the bills for payment in the amount of \$1,909,674.49, cafeteria bills in the amount of \$79,473.42, and payroll in the amount of \$933,861.13, for a total disbursement of \$2,923,009.04.
4. (12-6-F-3) Approve the budgetary transfers, as presented.
5. (12-6-F-4) Approve the Budget for 2012-13 which reflects revenues and fund balance equal to expenditures of \$28,898,542 with the millage set at 73.6 on Real Estate, which is an increase of -0- mills. The secretary of the Yough School Board shall proceed with any advertisement and other legal requirements that may be necessary to give said taxes full force and effect.
6. (12-6-F-5) Adopt the homestead and farmstead exclusion real estate tax assessment reductions that are authorized for the school year beginning July 1, 2012, under the provisions of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act (part of Act 50 of 1998) and the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006).
7. (12-6-F-6) Adopt the resolution authorizing the collection and payment of school real property taxes in three installments.
8. (12-6-F-7) Award bids for Gasoline and Diesel Fuel for the 2012-2013 school year to the following vendors whom the Westmoreland Intermediate Unit Joint Purchasing Consortium for Fuel has identified as the lowest responsible bidders meeting or equaling specifications: Ports Petroleum for Diesel Fuel at a fixed rate of \$3.0755 per gallon.
9. (12-6-F-8) Adopt the WIU#7 policies and procedures under the federal requirements of 34 CFR PART 3001. The IU-adopted policies and procedures are implemented to fulfill the requirements of 22 PA Code Chapter 14 and the regulatory requirements under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act-Part B.

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Executive Sessions were held on the following dates:

Wednesday, June 13, 2012, before the meeting – Personnel & Litigation

Motion by Allen, seconded by Spudy to approve the item listed below. Allen, yes; Bisko, no; Boucher, yes; Harvey, yes; Knor, no; Leghart, yes; Nogy, absent; Spudy, no; Bach, yes. Motion carried.

1. (12-6-BP-2) Approve the Board Committee's recommendation on Student Discipline 1112-ADJ-HS-1.

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

2. (12-6-BP-3) Approve the additions to Policy #137 – Home Education, at second reading.
3. (12-6-BP-4) Approve the update to Policy #815 – Acceptable Use of Technology, at second reading.
4. (12-6-BP-5) Approve the update to Policy #121 – Field Trips, at first reading.
5. (12-6-BP-6) Approve Policy #916 – School Volunteers, at first reading.

## **PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES**

Motion by Boucher, seconded by Spudy to approve all the items listed below. Allen, yes; Bisko, yes; Boucher, yes; Harvey, yes(Abstained #4); Knor, yes; Leghart, yes; Nogy, absent; Spudy, yes; Bach, yes. Motion carried.

1. (12-6-PE-1) Employ Jill Thiessen as a Emotional Support Teacher effective the beginning of the 2012-13 school year, on Step 3 – Bachelors salary of \$42,600.00, and benefits as per the contract in effect, pending pre-employment drug screening.
2. (12-6-PE-2) Employ Emily Colligan as a World Language teacher effective the beginning of the 2012-13 school year, on Step 1 – Bachelors salary of \$41,448.00, and benefits as per the contract in effect, pending pre-

employment drug screening.

3. (12-6-PE-3) Employ Stephanie Lawrence as an Elementary Teacher effective the beginning of the 2012-13 school year, on Step 1 – Masters salary of \$42,469.00, and benefits as per the contract in effect, pending pre-employment drug screening.
4. (12-6-PE-4) Employ Melissa Manns as an Elementary Teacher effective the beginning of the 2012-13 school year, on Step 3 – Bachelors salary of \$42,600.00, and benefits as per the contract in effect, pending pre-employment drug screening.
5. (12-6-PE-5) Recall Andrea Steinmiller as a teacher in the Yough School District effective the start of the 2012-13 school year.
6. (12-6-PE-6) Approve that the following teachers receive tenure:  
  
Carly Gaab  
Tricia Fretts  
Elizabeth Braman
7. (12-6-PE-7) Extension of FMLA of Gina Coppula from October 1, 2012 to sometime between October 4-11, 2012.
8. (12-6-PE-8) Approve Anna Gula as a long term substitute for Regina Carpenter, Middle School teacher, from January 11, 2012 to the end of the 2011-12 school year.
9. (12-6-PE-9) Approve Dr. Janet Sardon's participation in the Pennsylvania Education Policy Fellowship Program for the 2012-13 school year at a cost of \$2,950.
10. (12-6-PE-10) Overnight conference request of Dawn Hildenbrand, Director of Special Education to attend the 2012 Special Education Leadership Academy – Achieving Balance, July 23-26, 2012, in Bedford, PA, cost of \$735.46 to be paid out of the Special Education budget.
11. (12-6-PE-11) Approve the following names be added to our substitute teacher list:

Elizabeth Pasquale  
Kimberly Snyder  
Emily Kubler



### **CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES:**

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

1. (12-6-CE-1) To renew the contracts with Jason Denner and Rachelle Pletcher, Technology Assistants, for three years July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2015, as per the updated agreement.
2. (12-6-CE-2) To renew the contract with Deborah Wojciechowski, Federal Programs/Grants Coordinator, for three years July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2015, as per the updated agreement.
3. (12-6-CE-3) Approve the overnight conference request of Lisa Trayter, Transportation, Custodial/Maintenance Secretary to attend the Academy of School Operation, July 26-27, 2012, at Penn State, at a cost of \$474.00.
4. (12-6-CE-4) Approve the FMLA of Lenaire McGough starting April 26, 2012.

### **ATHLETIC/ACTIVITY**

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

1. (12-6-ACT-1) Remunerate Lucas Cannizzaro, and David Barnhart, \$175/each for the extended softball season.
2. (12-6-ACT-2) Remunerate Tony Luciow, and Jeff Betlan, \$175/each for the extended track season.
3. (12-6-ACT-3) Employ the following coach for the 2012-13 school year:

Amanda Bashioum – Assistant Volleyball Coach

### **DISTRICT OPERATIONS:**

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

1. (12-6-O-1) Award the installation of fiber optic cables, etc. to PPT Phones in the amount of \$28,898.00.
2. (12-6-O-2) Approve the administrative salary increases effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. All salary increases are based off of evaluation tool as referenced in Act 93 Agreement.

**BOARD REPORTS:**

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

No Report

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

Next Wednesday meeting.

**PSBA Representative** – Ruth Bisko

No Report

**YEA REPORT:** - Union Representation

No Report

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

None

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:**

1. Scott Ponitz – Added motion – Boy Scout Troop, Lower soccer field, Structure over team benches.

Motion by Knor, seconded by Spudy to allow Scott Ponitz to construct a structure over the team benches at the lower soccer fields pending approval of sketches and insurance company. Allen, yes; Bisko, yes; Boucher, yes; Harvey, yes; Knor, yes; Leghart, yes; Nogy, absent; Spudy, yes; Bach, yes. Motion carried.

2. Mark Malarski – High School Softball
3. Tracey Hampshire – Student Discipline
4. Dan Moore – Bullying
5. Rob Karlowski – Student Discipline

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Allen, seconded by Leghart to adjourn at 8:45 P.M. All present voting aye, motion carried.

President \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_