

**West Chester Area School District Board Meeting Highlights**  
**Meeting Held Monday, February 25, 2019**  
**Summary of Action Taken:**

The West Chester Area School Board held its monthly meeting on Monday, February 25, 2019 at the Spellman Education Center. The meeting began with a pledge of allegiance led by Priscilla Powers and Akanksh Sharma of Peirce Middle School). The Board also heard reports from high school students, Amber Hawkins (EHS), Miriam Saadeh (HHS), and Grace Ibach (RHS). The Board also recognized Ms. Jenni Southmeade, Instructional Technology Coordinator, for receiving Technology Innovator of the Year Award at the Pennsylvania Educational Technology Expo and Conference.

In addition to its regularly scheduled business, the Board approved the following actions:

1. **Approval of a contract with Sandra Bradley.** The Board approved a contract with Sandra Bradley for interpretation services for families that do not speak English.
2. **Approval of a lease of the Melton Center** - The board approved a two year lease extension, effective July 1, 2019, for the use of 13,000 square feet in the Melton Center in order to house the Achieve, Progress and Transition (APT), alternative education program.
3. **Approval of the technology projects for the 2019-20 school year** – The Board approved technology projects in the amount of \$4,035,336 for the 2019-20 school year.
4. **Approval of Resolution to Authorize the District Solicitor to File with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission a Petition to Intervene in a Formal Safety Complaint Against Sunoco/Energy Transfer Partners** – The Board authorized the District Solicitor to file a complaint with the Public Utility Commission (PUC) to intervene with legal matters being brought before the PUC on the topic of the unsafe operation of the Sunoco Pipeline. The complaint will provide the school district the opportunity to provide testimony in legal matters before the PUC.
5. **In addition to its regularly scheduled personnel report action items, the board approved the following retirements:**
  - **Sellena Berardi**, Secretary at Facilities & Operations, effective 7/12/19, 23 years of service.
  - **Lee Boyer, Sr.**, Custodian at East HS, effective 6/30/19, 29 years of service.
  - **Joanne D’Antonio**, Secretary to the Assistant Principal at Stetson MS, effective 5/1/19, 19 years of service.
  - **Josephine Gittings**, Secretary to the Principal at Exton ES, effective 6/30/19, 23 years of service.
  - **Virginia Manley**, Special Education Teacher at Henderson HS, effective last day of 2018-2019 school year, 16 years of service.
  - **Eva Marshall**, Secretary to Assistant Principal at Henderson HS, effective 6/28/19, 17 years of service.
  - **Dr. Deborah Sahijwani**, .5 Gifted Teacher at Henderson HS/.5 Careers at District, effective last day of 2018-2019 school year, 21 years of service.
6. **The Board approved the following policies for a first reading. They will appear for a second reading approval in March.**
  - Board Policy 918 – Title I Parent and Family Engagement
  - Revised Administrative Guideline 918AG1 – Title I Parent and Family Engagement Guidelines
  - New Administrative Guideline 918AG2 – Title I Parent and Family Engagement School-Parent and Family Compacts

- Revisions and Name Change to Board Policy 103 – Nondiscrimination/Discriminatory Harassment-School and Classroom Practices (formerly known as Nondiscrimination in School and Classroom Practices) 2019
- Revisions and Name Change to Administrative Guideline 103AG1 – Report Form for Complaints of Nondiscrimination/Discriminatory Harassment-School and Classroom Practices (formerly known as Discrimination and Harassment Complaint Form)
- Revised Board Policy 222 – Tobacco/Nicotine (formerly known as Tobacco)
- Revised Board Policy 247 – Hazing
- Revised Board Policy 249 – Bullying/Cyberbullying
- Revisions and Name Change - Board Policy 104 Nondiscrimination/Discriminatory Harassment-Employment Practices (formerly known as Nondiscrimination in Employment Practices),
- Revisions and Name Change - Administrative Guideline 104AG1 Report Form for Complaints of Discrimination/ Discriminatory Harassment - Employment Practices (formerly known as Report Form for Nondiscrimination in Employment Practices)
- Revisions and Name Change - Board Policy 323 Tobacco/Nicotine (formerly known as Tobacco)

**7. The Board approved the following policies for a second reading. They are now in effect.**

- Revised Board Policy 103.1 Nondiscrimination - Qualified Students with Disabilities
- Revised Board Policy 103.1 AG 1 Nondiscrimination - Qualified Students with Disabilities Guidelines
- New Board Policy 103.1 AG2 Report Form for Complaints of Discrimination - Qualified Students with Disabilities

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**The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 25, 2019 - 7:00 pm at the Spellman Education Center**