

West Chester Area School District Board Meeting Highlights
Meeting Held Tuesday, April 23, 2019
Summary of Action Taken:

The West Chester Area School Board held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at the Spellman Education Center. The meeting began with a pledge of allegiance led by Ayan Chatterjee and Lily Glushakow of Mary C. Howse Elementary School. The Board also heard reports from high school students, Amber Hawkins (EHS), Camille Parkinson (HHS), and Grace Ibach (RHS).

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

1. **Approval of the CCIU Budget** - The board approved the 2019-20 CCIU Core Budget in the amount of \$27,930,942.
2. **Approval of the CCIU Occupational Education Budget**-The Board approved the 2019-20 CCIU Occupational Education Budget in the amount of \$29,995,043
3. **Approval of preliminary final budget** – The Board approved a resolution to adopt proposed final budget for 2019-20. The budget calls for and \$8.9 million increase over the current budget or about 3.5 percent increase over the current budget. The following areas are the largest increases:
 - \$1.9 million increase in pension expenses(6.1 %increase)
 - \$1.3 million increase in tuitions and services for special education students (7.1 % increase)
 - \$4 million increase in salary and benefits for 1400 employees (3.2%)
 - \$1 million set aside for expenses associated with the new, Greystone Elementary School to open in 2021.

The budget includes a 2.2 percent tax increase for Chester County (about \$89 per average household) and a 1.5 percent increase for Delaware County (about \$69 per average household).

4. **Approval of Contract Award to build 3 modular classrooms as Peirce MS** – The Board approved the contract Award to Willscot in the amount of \$447,757.22
5. **Approval of Contract Award for renovations and updates to Starkweather ES HVAC System** – The Board approved the contract Award to Five Star Mechanical in the amount of \$448,900 and Alternative #1 of \$7,000.
6. **Approval of a School Start Time Study** – The Board approved a time line for a study of school start times with a final report anticipated by March 2020.
7. **In addition to its regularly scheduled personnel report action items, the board approved the following retirements:**

Kathleen Brown , 1.0 Instructional Assistant at Hillsdale ES, effective 9/30/19, 13 years of service.
Patricia Erbe , 1.0 Social Studies Teacher at Peirce MS, effective 6/17/19, 20 years of service.
Patricia Fox , 1.0 Instructional Assistant at Hillsdale ES, effective 6/30/19, 10 years of service.
Lori Fratinardo , 1.0 Instructional Assistant at Peirce MS, effective 6/30/19, 11 years of service.
Penny Gerrard , 1.0 Instructional Assistant at East Goshen ES, effective 6/14/19, 13 years of service.
John Kusic , 1.0 Health & Physical Education Teacher at Peirce MS, effective 6/17/19, 34 years of service.
John McConnell , 1.0 Health & Physical Education Teacher at Starkweather ES, effective 6/30/19, 30 years of service.
Lisa Pappo , 1.0 Math Teacher at Henderson HS, effective 6/17/19, 21 years of service.

Jeffrey Pearsall , 1.0 Guidance Counselor at Penn Wood ES, effective 6/17/19, 34 years of service.
Julianne Pecorella , 1.0 Principal at Hillsdale ES, effective 8/2/19, 10 years of service.
Janice Rudisill , 1.0 Special Education Liaison at Spellman Education Center, effective 6/17/19, 30 years of service.
Karl Sivek , 1.0 Science Teacher at East HS, effective 6/17/19, 26 years of service.

8. **Dr. Shaw, Board Personnel Chair, Announced during her report** that board approved the five-year contract of the superintendent during a special meeting held on April 15.
9. **The Board approved the following policies for a first reading, they will appear on the May agenda for a second reading.**
- Revised Board Policy 307 Student Teachers/Interns
 - New Administrative Guideline 307AG1 Student Teaches/Interns Guidelines
 - New Board Policy 225 – Student Debt
 - Revised Board Policy 815.3 – Lending Technology Equipment

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The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 - 7:00 pm at the Spellman Education Center