

West Chester Area School District Board Meeting Highlights
Meeting Held Monday, October 28, 2019
Summary of Action Taken:

The West Chester Area School Board held its monthly meeting on Monday, October 28, 2019 at the Spellman Education Center. The meeting began with a pledge of allegiance led by T.J. McDermott of Westtown-Thornbury Elementary School. The school board heard reports from High School Board Representatives for 2019-20: Amber Hawkins, East High School; Vijay Anne, Henderson High School; and Brent Long, Rustin High School.

The American Heart Association recognized the district and its Health/PE teachers with an award for raising more than \$119,000.

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

- 1. Approval of the 2020-21 school calendar, First Reading** - The board approved the first draft of the 2020-21 school calendar. The first day of school for students will be Monday August 31, 2020. The first day for teachers will be Monday August 24, 2020. The last day of school for students will be Thursday June 10, 2021, while the last day for teachers will be Friday June 11, 2021.
- 2. Approval of four new high school courses for the 202-21 school year** - The board approved the following new courses to be place in the course planning guide for the 2020-21 school year:
 - a. Family Consumer Science – Child Development
 - b. The Cold War – Field Studies – This is a dual enrollment course offered for high school and college credit.
 - c. Studio Production and Scoring for Film and Television – This is a dual enrollment course offered for high school and college credit.
 - d. Social Media Marketing
- 3. Approval of Building Budget Allocations for the 2020-21 School Year** - The board approved per pupil allocations for the upcoming school year. Elementary allocations are \$134.20 per student, Middle School \$142, and High School \$192 per student.
- 4. Approval of a retaining wall installation at the Henderson North Athletic Campus – Field #2** - The board approved the construction of this retaining wall for Field #2 at the Henderson North Athletic Campus.
- 5. Approval of the capital projects and capital reserve list to be completed in 2020-21 school year** - The board approved the major projects in the amount of approximately \$2.9 million, to be completed prior to the start of the 2020-21 school year.
- 6. Approval of a proposal for legal services** - The board approved the law firm of Unruh, Turner, Burke, and Frees as the solicitor for the school district for a five-year term.
- 7. Approval of Board Goals for the 2019-20 school year** – The board approved its annual goals in the categories of Student Achievement, Board Engagement, Accountability, Innovation, Equity, and Fiscal Responsibility. These goals will be posted on the district website at <https://www.wcasd.net/Domain/52>

8. In addition to its regularly scheduled personnel report action items, the board approved the following:

- **Approval of a job description for a Behavior Support Specialist.** – The board approved a job description for a new position necessary to address student behavior needs in certain classrooms.
- **The board approved Beth Hayes** as the digital communications specialist.
- **The board approved the following retirements:**
 - **Eugene Holland**, 2nd Shift Custodian at East Bradford ES, effective 12/31/19, 18 years of service.
 - **Lori Monaghan** – Grade 3 at Westtown-Thornbury, effective 10/28/19, 28 years of service.
 - **Patricia Mummert**, Paraprofessional at Penn Wood ES, effective 12/31/19, 15 years of service.
 - **Shelley Ricci**, Library assistant at East Bradford/Exton, effective 2/20/20, 18 years of service.
 - **Susan Shapot**, Technology Support Specialist at Spellman Education Center, effective 12/2/19, 22 years of service.
 - **Jo Anne Yarnall**, Manager of Transportation at Spellman Education Center, effective 1/3/20, 19 years of service.

9. The board approved the following policy for a first reading, and will appear on next month's consent agenda for a second reading:

Policy 333 – Professional Development – This policy was revised to include language changes with regard to the Human Resources Department tracking the state and federal required trainings for staff.

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The next meeting is on Monday, November 25, 2019 - 7:00 pm at the Spellman Education Center