

**West Chester Area School District Board Meeting Highlights**  
**Meeting Held Monday, February 24, 2020**  
**Summary of Action Taken:**

The West Chester Area School Board held its monthly meeting on Monday, February 24, 2020 at the Spellman Education Center. The meeting began with a pledge of allegiance led by Ryan Turse and Lila Winkelman of East Bradford Elementary School.

The school board heard reports from High School Board Representatives for 2019-20: Amber Hawkins, East High School and Vijay Anne, Henderson High School.

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

- 1. Approval of annual agreement with Sweet, Stevens, Katz and Williams** – The board approved an agreement with Sweet, Stevens, Katz and Williams for fees, costs, and expenses for representation of the West Chester Area School District for 2020-21.
- 2. Approval of 2020-21 E-Rate Bids** - The board approved the E-Rate Category 2 equipment from the following vendors:

E-Plus Technologies Palo Alto Firewalls and related materials	\$315,124.00
CDWG Aruba/HPE Wireless Access Points	\$ 42,624.34
CDWG Aruba/HPE Network LAN Switches	\$ 67,907.86
Optiv Security Dell/EMC Data Center Switches	\$130,555.31
- 3. Approval of the Resolution calling for Charter School Funding Reform** – The board approved a resolution in support of charter school funding reform. The governor's proposed reform would do the following:
  - a. Change the cyber charter school tuition from \$13,100 (WCASD) to \$9,500.
  - b. Establish a tiered tuition formula for special needs children from a one-size fits all to a calculation that would change the current WCASD tuition rate of \$31,100 to approximately \$19,650 for most special needs children attending a charter school.
  - c. WCASD currently spends \$7.7 million for charter school tuition for 482 students. If legislation passes, WACSD will save approximately \$2.3 million in tuition payments.
  - d. Hold charter schools more accountable for academic success
- 4. In addition to its regularly scheduled personnel report action items, the board approved the following:**

**Retirements:**  
Brian Adger, Head Custodian at Fern Hill ES, 35 Years of Service.  
Mary Daniels, ELD Teacher at Hillsdale ES, 32 Years of Service.  
Beth Ann Johnson, Special Education Teacher at Penn Wood ES, 20 Years of service.  
Suzan Ogram, Library Assistant at Rustin HS, 22 Years of Service.  
Christine Roberts, Librarian at Hillsdale ES, 27 Years of Service.  
Rene Rodriguez, Grade 4 Teacher at Westtown Thornbury ES, 29 Years of Service.  
Catherine Scott, Paraprofessional at Fern Hill ES, 15 Years of Service.
- 5. The board approved the following revised policies for a first reading; they will appear on next month's agenda for final approval:**

Revised Policy 220 – Student Expression/Distribution and Posting of Materials

New Administrative Guideline 220AG1 – Guidelines - Student Expression/Distribution and Posting of Materials  
Revised Policy 913 – Nonschool Organizations/Groups/Individuals  
Revised Administrative Guideline 913AG1 – Guidelines - Nonschool Organizations/Groups/Individuals  
Revised Policy 913.2 Distribution or Posting by Nonschool Organizations, Groups, or Individuals (formerly known as Flyer Distribution)

**6. The board approved the following policies for a second reading; they are now active:**

918AG1 – Title I Parent and Family Engagement Guidelines  
918AG2 – Title I Parent and Family Engagement School-Parent and Family Compacts

For more information about the West Chester Area School District Board meetings, please visit the School Board Webpage.

**The next meeting is on Monday, March 23, 2020 - 7:00 pm  
at the Spellman Education Center**