

West Chester Area School District Board Meeting Highlights
Meeting Held Monday, June 22, 2020
Summary of Action Taken:

The West Chester Area School Board held its monthly meeting on Monday, June 22, 2020 via ZOOM meeting. The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance led by board president Chris McCune. Mr. McCune asked for a moment of silence to start the meeting, in recognition of Dr. Charles Cognato, Stetson Middle School Principal, who died suddenly earlier this month.

Dr. Scanlon presented information about the task force to open schools in the fall. The first meeting is Wednesday July 1. He also presented information about the district's work with equity since 2004. A link to equity information was provided <https://www.wcasd.net/Domain/6196>

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

1. **Approval of the Final Redistricting Plan for 2021-22**– The board approved the final redistricting plan for 2021-22. The report has been posted on the [redistricting webpage](#).
2. **Approval of the Preliminary Health and Safety Plan for the Summer Pilot Program** – The board approved a health and safety plan for the extended year summer program. This allows the district to operate a pilot program for special needs children for “in-person” summer school.
3. **Approval of the Athletic Departments Resocialization of Sports Recommendation Plan per PIAA Guidelines**– The board approved a plan for sports programs per PIAA guidelines. This allows the district to operate individual summer workouts for fall athletes with social distancing requirements in place.
4. **Approval of a Homestead Exemption for homeowners.** The board approved a Homestead exemption resolution, which will use gambling revenues from the state to reduce qualifying homestead property taxes by approximately \$143.
5. **Approval of two administrative positions** -The board approved the hiring of the following administrator positions:
 - a. **Ms. Mary Kay Puchalla** – Acting Principal for Stetson Middle School to fill in for the vacated position by Dr. Charles Cognato, who died suddenly earlier this month.
 - b. **Ms. Ashley Melanson** – Instructional Technology Coordinator – Ashley will fill the spot vacated by Ms. Jenni Southmayd, who is leaving to take an administrative position in another district.
6. **In addition to its regularly scheduled personnel report action items, the board approved the following retirements:**
 - a. **Dr. Ellen Gacomis**, Principal at Penn Wood ES, effective 9/3/20. 44 Years of Service.
 - b. **Patricia Iaboni**, Reading Specialist at Starkweather ES, effective 6/30/20. 17 Years of Service.

- c. **Eileen Kukoda**, 1.0 Paraprofessional at Hillsdale ES, effective 6/5/20. 12 Years of Service.
 - d. **Linda Thomas**, 0.2 Business Teacher at East HS, effective 6/30/20. 20.5 Years of Service.
- 7. The Board approved the following policies for a first reading, they will appear on the July agenda for a second reading:**
- Revised Policy 200 Enrollment of Students
 - Revised Policy 204 Attendance
 - Revised Policy 208 Withdrawal from School
 - Revised Policy 209 Health Examinations/Screenings
 - Revised Policy 233 Suspension and Expulsion

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**The next meeting is on Monday, July 27, 2020 - 7:00 pm
at the Spellman Education Center (if shutdown has been lifted)**