

**West Chester Area School District Board Meeting Highlights**  
**Meeting Held Monday, January 25, 2021**  
**Summary of Action Taken:**

The West Chester Area School Board held its monthly meeting on Monday, January 25, 2021 virtually. The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance led by Riley Powers and Kevin Tellez-Herrera of Hillsdale Elementary School.

The school board heard reports from High School Board Representatives: Alice Tran, East High School; Colleen Kinhead, Henderson High School; and Davis Patel, Rustin High School.

January is School Board recognition month. In appreciation for the board's service to the district, middle and high schools donated a small token of appreciation. In addition, each board member received a piece of framed artwork created by our elementary school art students.

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

- 1. Approval of Technology Projects for the 21-22 School Year.** - The board approved technology projects in the amount of \$3.4 million as part of the annual replacement cycle for technology equipment.
- 2. Approval of roof top units for HVAC at East Goshen Elementary School** – The board approved a project to replace roof top units at East Goshen Elementary School over the auditorium. This project was previously budgeted, but delayed due to other circumstances.
- 3. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement between the school district and Chester County Health Department:** The board approved and MOA with the Chester County Health Department to participate in antigen testing for Covid-19 at its schools.
- 4. Approval of the motion to deny the charter school application submitted by the Skills for Life Charter School:** The board denied a charter school application submitted by Skills for Life Charter school. The board authorized the solicitor to write an adjudication outlining the reasons for denial, based on testimony heard at the December 7 hearing, as well as an administrative review of documents submitted by the Charter applicant.
- 5. In addition to its regularly scheduled personnel report action items, the board approved the following administrative changes:**
  - Dr. Stephen Brown was approved as Principal at East HS with a start date of 3/1/2021. Dr. Brown currently serves as Assistant Principal at East HS.
  - Dr. Christine Eagles was approved as Assistant Principal at Rustin HS with a start date of 2/1/2021. Dr. Eagles currently serves as Supervisor of Equity, ELD, and World Languages at Spellman.
  - Dr. Kevin Fagan was approved as the Principal for Greystone ES with a start date of 3/1/2021. Dr. Fagan currently serves as Principal at East HS.
  - Dr. Philip Matilla was approved as Assistant Principal at Peirce MS with a start date of 1/11/2021. Dr. Matilla currently serves as Assistant Principal at Fugett MS.

- Dr. Richard Mitchell was approved as Assistant Principal at Fugett MS with a start date of 1/11/2021. Dr. Mitchell currently serves as Supervisor of English/Language Arts at Spellman.
- Ms. Jacqueline Pavlo was approved as Assistant Principal at Fugett MS with a start date of 1/26/2021. Ms. Pavlo currently serves as Teacher on Assignment- at Fugett MS and previously served as a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Exton ES.

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

- Joan Devlin, Certified School Nurse at East HS, effective 1/25/21 with 14 years of service.
- Harry Pitts, Custodian at Rustin HS, effective 6/30/21 with 8 years of service.
- Kevin Stewart, Custodian at Rustin HS, effective 7/9/21 with 15 years of service.

**7. The Board approved the following policies/administrative guidelines for a first reading, they will appear on next month's consent agenda for second reading approval:**

- Revised Policy 113.1-Discipline of Students with Disabilities
- Revised Policy 113.2-Behavior Intervention
- Revised Policy 113.4-Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information

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**The next meeting is on Monday, February 22, 2021 - 7:00 pm**