

West Chester Area School District Board Meeting Highlights
Meeting Held Monday, July 27, 2020
Summary of Action Taken:

The West Chester Area School Board held its monthly meeting on Monday, July 27, 2020 via ZOOM meeting. The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance led by board president Chris McCune.

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

1. **Approval of Resolution Regarding Racial Equity** – The board formally adopted a Resolution Regarding Racial Equity to affirm its commitment to stand united in support of racial equity. The statement can be found on the [equity mission](#) section of the board website.
2. **Approval of the Resolution regarding School District’s Emergency Declaration, PA School Code Section 520.1, and Policy Waiver** – The board approved the Resolution regarding School District’s Emergency Declaration, PA School Code Section 520.1, and Policy Waiver. This resolution extends the resolutions approved in March 2020 regarding the Covid pandemic and provides direction for the superintendent to waive any policies necessary during the emergency declaration.
3. **Approval of West Chester Area School District Emergency Instructional Proposed Calendar and Schedule for SY 2020-21** - The board approved the district’s emergency instructional proposed calendar and schedule for SY 2020-21. In order to count the 900 and 990 hours and 180 days of instruction this year, this resolution is required by state law if the school board needs to use remote learning, or a hybrid remote learning for student instruction.
4. **Approval of refunding for all or a portion of the General Obligation Bonds, Series AA of 2010 and Series 2015** – The board approved to Authorize the District’s Financing Team to Proceed with Preparation of a Parameters Resolution for refunding all or a portion of the General Obligation Bonds, Series AA of 2010 and Series A of 2015. Refinancing these bonds has the potential to save approximately \$500,000 in interest payments.
5. **Approval of Resolution Authorizing Parameters for the Refunding of Bonds** – The board approved the resolution authorizing parameter for the refunding of bonds.
6. **Approval of Administrator Salaries and Merit Pay Bonuses** - The board approved administrator salaries for 2020-2021 and merit pay performance bonuses for the 2019-2020 school year per the Act 93 Agreement.
7. **Approval of administrative positions** - The board approved the hiring of the following administrator positions:
 - Ms. Julianne Pecorella: Interim Principal at Westtown Thornbury ES until a replacement is found.

- 8. Approval of Teacher on Assignment** - The board approved the hiring of the following teacher on assignment positions:
- Jacqueline Pavlo: Assistant Principal at Fugett MS, effective 7/13/20
 - Deborah Whitmire: Supervisor of Elementary ELA, effective 7/2/20
- 9. In addition to its regularly scheduled personnel report action items, the board approved the following retirements:**
- Charles Anderson, 2nd Shift Custodian at Henderson HS, effective 8/30/20. 23 Years of Service.
 - David Young, Head Custodian at Spellman Education Center, effective 12/31/20. 34 Years of Service.
 - Marta Paxson, Grade 1 Teacher at East Bradford ES, effective 9/30/20. 27 Years of Service.
- 10. The Board approved the following policies for a first reading, they will appear on the July agenda for a second reading:**
- Revised Policy 016 Electronic Communication
 - New Administrative Guideline 204AG3 – Attendance Guidelines West Chester Cyber Program
 - Revised Policy 218 Student Discipline
 - Revised Policy 227 Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia
 - Revised Policy 237 Use of Personal Technology/Electronic Devices
 - Revised Policy 815.2 Communications with Students
 - Revised Policy 816 Use of Livestream Video on School District Property
- 11. The Board approved the following policies 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, August 24, 2020 - 7:00 pm