

West Chester Area School District Board Meeting Highlights
Meeting Held January 23, 2023
Summary of Action Taken:

The West Chester Area School Board held its monthly meeting on January 23, 2023 at the Spellman Education Center. Mrs. Tiernan, Board President called the meeting to order and Aiden Cuter and Brooklyn Cassidy of Penn Wood Elementary School led the public in the pledge of allegiance. The board heard reports from high school Board Representatives.

January is School Board recognition month. To show the district's appreciation of their service, high school art students created a piece of artwork for each board member.

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

1. Approval for the Resolution:

- (1) accepting and approving the medical leave and irrevocable retirement from the District of Robert Sokolowski as set forth in the Separation and Release Agreement;
- (2) approving Kalia Reynolds as Substitute Superintendent effective January 24, 2023 and Acting Superintendent effective January 1, 2024 as set forth in the Addendum to Reynolds' Employment Agreement;
- (3) authorizing the amendment of the organization plan of the District and development of a plan to reorganize the duties previously performed by the Assistant Superintendent;
- (4) directing the solicitation of resumes and proposals for individuals qualified to search for a Superintendent of Schools; and
- (5) authorizing the Solicitor and special labor and employment counsel to take necessary actions.

2. Approval of 2023-24 Curriculum Proposals - The board approved the 2023-24 Curriculum Proposals in the amount of \$1,320,800.

3. Approval of the following MOUs -

- WCAEA for summer work pay rate
- WCAESPA for addition of new Group 1C salary chart for Registered Behavior Technician
- Supervisory, Technology & Confidential Employees retirement benefits clarification

4. Approval of job description and additional Network Coordinator Position - The board approved the job description and additional Network Coordinator Position in the Technology Department

5. Approval of Bid Award for Internet Services - The board approved the Bid Award to ChescoNet for Internet Services effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026 at an annual cost of \$38,000.

6. Approval of Final Payment to Jay R. Reynolds, East Goshen Elementary School Project– The Board approved the Final Payment of \$86,317 to Jay R. Reynolds, East Goshen Elementary School Project.

- 7. Approval of Krapf Bus Contract**– The Board approved the third addendum to School Bus Transportation Contract with Krapf Bus company for 2022-23 as well as a 5-year contract beginning on July 1, 2023.
- 8. Approval of On The Go Kids Bus Contract** – The Board approved the third addendum to School Bus Transportation Contract with On The Go Kids for 2022-23 and 5-year contract beginning on July 1, 2023.
- 9. Approval of School Resource Officer Agreements** – The Board approved contracts with Westtown-East Goshen Regional PD, West Goshen PD, and West Chester PD. There will now be a School Resource Officer (SRO) in each of our high schools.
- 10. The board approved the following retirements:**
- Mary Burgoyne, Real Estate Tax/Operations Supervisor, effective 7/14/23. 35 years of service.
 - Mary Condon, Speech/Language Pathologist at Starkweather ES, effective 6/30/23. 20 years of service.
 - Vincent Corbitt, 2nd Shift Custodian at Hillsdale ES, effective 3/31/23. 4 years of service.
 - William Corcoran, Health/Physical Education Teacher at Stetson MS, effective the last day of the 2022-2023 school year. 25 years of service.
 - Barbara Kaniuka, Paraprofessional at Penn Wood ES, effective the last day of the 2022-2023 school year. 19 years of service.
 - Ana Lassen, ELL Paraprofessional at Glen Acres ES, effective 3/15/23. 20 years of service.
- 11. The Board approved the following policies/administrative guidelines for a first reading. They will appear on the February Board Meeting agenda for a second reading:**
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| Approval of Revisions to Policy 251 Students Experiencing Homelessness, Foster Care and Other Educational Instability (formerly known as Homeless Students) |
| Approval of Revisions to Policy 217 Graduation Requirements |

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The next meeting is on Monday, February 27, 2023 - 7:00 pm