

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**March 18, 2025**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Dr. Barry England, Austin McMonagle, Patricia Kensinger, Adam Hileman, Benjamin Postles, Jimmy Grager, Joseph Detwiler, Louis Brenneman, and Dr. Carlee Ranalli

Members Absent: None (Lisa Murgas)

Others Present: Jennifer Metzler, Jennifer Frederick, Carrie Loose, Megan Russler Connor(Altoona Mirror).

Executive Session was held from 7:00-7:09 for negotiation purposes.

1. Policy Preview - First Read

805.3 - School Police Officer Firearms Policy

2. K-12 Guidance Plan Preview

The K-12 Guidance Plan will be on preview.

3. AEDY Agreement with Hollidaysburg School District

The Board will be asked to approve the AEDY Agreement with Hollidaysburg School District, as presented.

4. IU8 General Operating Budget and Ballot for 2025-26

The Board will be asked to approve the IU8 General Operating Budget and complete Ballot for 2025-26.

5. 2025-26 School Calendar

The proposed 2025-26 School Calendar was shared with Board members and will be presented for approval this month.

6. In-Shore Technology Agreement

The Board will be asked to approve the In-Shore Technology Agreement, as presented.

7. Penn State Dual Credit Agreement

The Board will be asked to approve the Penn State Dual Credit Agreement, as presented.

8. Retirement - Christine Ebersole - School Nurse

The Board will be asked to approve Christine Ebersole's retirement as School Nurse, with regret.

9. Resignation - Chanelle Meadows - Art Teacher

The Board will be asked to approve Chanelle Meadow's resignation as art teacher at the end of the school year.

10. Ratification - Days without Pay - Meadows

The Board will be asked to approve Chanelle Meadow's days without pay as presented.

11. Field Trip Requests

The Board will be asked to approve the following field trip requests:

T. Horton	4/2/2025	Take 13 students to Forrest Hills High School for the IU8 Reading Competition, at a cost of \$438.05 (trans, reg & sub)
C. Brown/ H. Long	5/5/2025	Take 36 third grade students to Canal Basin Park in Hollidaysburg for a tour of the park, at no cost to the district.
E. Veckov/ T. Totillo/A. Rhodes/ J. Elvey	5/6/2025	Take 57 kindergarten and first grade students to Martinsburg Memorial Park and Pleasant View Farms, in Martinsburg at no cost to the district.
C. Ebersole	4/15/2025	Take 9 careers in health students to Conemaugh Nason Hospital for a tour of the facility, at no cost to the district.
T. McCall/ J. Kensinger	5/7/2025	Take 35 2nd grade students to Lake Tobias in Halifax, PA, at no cost to the district.
J. Gingerich/ M. Karaninos	5/5/2025	Take 41 sixth grade students to Gettysburg, at no cost to the district.
M. Karabinos	4/1/2025	Take 16 students to Forest Hills Jr/Sr High School for the IU8 Reading Competition, at a cost of \$249.68 (trans, reg, and sub).
S. Long	TBD 2025	Take 10 law class students to Mount Aloysius College to tour their crime/forensic lab and try to solve a crime, at a cost of \$251.04 (trans & sub).
S. Long	TBD 2025	Take 6 elementary gifted students to the Penn State Planetarium, at a cost of \$272.52 (trans & sub).
C. Loose / J. Mock	April/May 2025	Take 32 junior and senior high students to the Williamsburg Senior Center to play board games with the senior citizens and go to Biddle's for lunch, at no cost to the district.
C. Loose	3/20/2025	Take 43 sixth grade students to the GACTC for an introductory tour, at a cost of \$179.85 (transportation).
C. Loose	Spring 2025 TBD	Take 44 WHS sophomores to Mount Aloysius College for campus tour, at no cost to the district.
C. Loose	Spring 2025 TBD	Take 18 WHS juniors to Allegany College of Maryland for campus tour, at no cost to the district.
C. Loose	4/24/2025	Take 39 WHS sophomores to the Altoona Convention Center for the Rotary/BASICS Career Fair, at a cost of \$277.09 (trans and sub).

12. Resignation - Junior High Assistant Baseball Coach - Dale McCall

The Board will be asked to approve Dale McCall's resignation as Jr. High Assistant Baseball Coach, effective immediately.

13. Appointment - Assistant Varsity Softball Coach - Deb Fay

The Board will be asked to appoint Deb Fay as Assistant Varsity Softball Coach for the 2024-25 school year, at a stipend of \$1,954 Step 1, effective immediately.

14. Appointment - Varsity Softball Volunteer - Ashley Brubaker

The Board will be asked to appoint Ashley Brubaker as Varsity Softball Volunteer for the 2024-25 school year.

15. Appointment - Varsity Softball Volunteer – Camryn Miller (Bookhammer)

The Board will be asked to appoint Camryn Miller(Bookhammer) as Varsity Softball Volunteer for the 2024-25 school year.

16. Appointment - Varsity Softball Volunteer – Kara Lansberry

The Board will be asked to appoint Kara Lansberry as Varsity Softball Volunteer for the 2024-25 school year.

17. Appointment - Assistant Junior High Baseball Coach - Josh Corl

The Board will be asked to appoint Josh Corl as Assistant Junior High Baseball Coach for the 2024-25 school year at a stipend of \$1,303 Step 1, effective immediately.

18. Appointment - Junior High Baseball Volunteer - Mark Hoover

The Board will be asked to appoint Mark Hoover as Junior High Baseball Volunteer for the 2024-25 school year.

19. Appointment - Junior High Baseball Volunteer – Caymen Hughes

The Board will be asked to appoint Caymen Hughes as Junior High Baseball Volunteer for the 2024-25 school year.

20. Appointment - Junior High Head Softball Coach - Dave Fay

The Board will be asked to appoint Dave Fay as Junior High Head Softball Coach for the 2024-25 school year at a stipend of \$1,475 Step 1, effective immediately.

21. Appointment - Junior High Assistant Softball Coach – Deb Dick

The Board will be asked to appoint Deb Dick as Junior High Assistant Softball Coach for the 2024-25 school year at a stipend of \$1,264 Step 1, effective immediately.

22. Use of Facilities

- a) Jimmy Grager requests permission on behalf of the Football Boosters to use the football field for future football conditioning sessions and 7 vs 7's, when available.
- b) Diane England and Janet Lee request permission on behalf of The Women's Civic Club to use the practice field on Saturday, April 19, 2025 at 2:00pm for the annual Community Easter Egg Hunt.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:34p.m.

Board Secretary