

**PHYSICAL PLANTS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 25, 2013; FOLLOWING SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
WARREN COUNTY CAREER CENTER, LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ms. Donna Zariczny, Committee Chair  
Ms. Mary Anne Paris, Committee Member

Mr. Tom Knapp, Committee Member  
Dr. Norbert Kennerknecht, Director

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Arthur Stewart, Board President  
Mr. John Grant, Board Member  
Mr. Jack Werner, Board Member  
Ms. Amy Stewart, Acting Superintendent  
Mr. Gary Weber, Director  
Mr. Jim Miller, Administrator  
Mr. Brian Collopy, Administrator  
Ms. Sue Turner, Administrator  
Ms. Ann Ryan, Principal  
Ms. MaryAnn Mead, Principal  
Mr. Chris Jankowski, Aramark Food Service  
Mr. Josh Cotton, *Times Observer*

Mr. Michael Zamborik, Board Member  
Mr. Paul Yourchisin, Board Member  
Ms. Ruth Huck, Board Secretary  
Mr. Jim Grosch, Director  
Ms. Patty Hawley-Horner, Director  
Mr. Mike Kiehl, Administrator  
Mr. Matt Jones, Administrator  
Ms. Ruth Nelson, Principal  
Ms. Rhonda Decker, Principal  
Ms. Ann Buerkle, Principal  
Ms. Melissa McLean, Recording Secretary  
Members of the Public

**1. Opening Activities**

**1.1 Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 7:43 p.m. by Committee Chairperson Ms. Donna Zariczny.

**1.2 Public Comment**

Kim Angove	Parent	Ms. Angove spoke regarding the current RES & SGES 5 <sup>th</sup> graders, and their location for next year. She commented that there are several things built into the transition that children look forward to, and urged the Board to make a decision regarding their location for next year sooner rather than later.
Betsy Sobkowski		Ms. Sobkowski spoke regarding the student populations at AVES & SES and questioned why the Board was not looking at consolidating those schools. She commented that a decision seemed premature and urged the Board to look at the enrollment in all of the schools, and for all of the grades.
Justin Norris	WAEK Teacher & Future Parent	Mr. Norris commented that he is both a teacher at WAEK, and the parent of a student who will be starting kindergarten next year. If next year's class sizes can remain comparable to this year's,

		then he supports the move to the SSEL C students to WAEC. He likes the idea of an “elementary community.”
Nicole Peterson	Parent	Ms. Chapman spoke about her and her son’s experiences when WAEC was built and students were transferred there. She feels that now the school is overcrowded and that historically the Central Attendance Area seems to be the “past of least resistance” for transfers, consolidation, etc. She urged the Board to consider the education of the children.
Donna Capello		Ms. Cappello addressed the Board regard their decision to hire PSBA to conduct the Superintendent search. She questioned if PSAB would provide the District a refund and/or discount on services as they helped to hire Mr. Hufnagel, and he didn’t remain long. She would like a guarantee that the next Superintendent is going to stay.
Sarah Cummings		Ms. Cummings stated that at WAEC and EMHS there is no place for the kids to put their belongings. She also commented on the changes to the Special Education program and her fear that we will be segregating kids when we’ve tried so hard to mainstream them. Ms. Cummings also spoke about the half empty buses and the state and federal funding that we get to offset that. She feels that we should be trying to get a “homegrown” Superintendent so that we don’t have to outsource.
Laura Demers	Parent	Ms. Demers spoke regarding her recent experience with transferring her son to WAEC. Her son transferred at the start of second semester and she was “very impressed” with the transition into the building. The faculty and staff took time to answer all their questions, show her son around and make sure that the whole family was comfortable. She appreciates the access to technology and the abundance of opportunities available to her son. Ms. Demers thanked the Board for their foresight and for providing a resourceful education for youngsters in Warren County. She has another child that is looking forward to attending Kindergarten at WAEC in the fall of 2014

## 2. Old Business

None

## 3. New Business

### 3.1 PlanCon D – PDE Approval for the Eisenhower K-12 Additions and Alterations (PDE #3640; WCSD #1002 & #1203)

#### Discussion:

PlanCon D approval for the Eisenhower K-12 Additions and Alterations project was recently received from the Pennsylvania Department of Education. As per the instructions that accompanied the approvals, "This document [the approval letter] and any appended materials should be entered into the minutes of the next Board meeting." Administration is expecting PlanCon E, F & G approvals from PDE in the near future. Permission was granted to enter E, F & G into the Board minutes if they come prior to the next meeting.

#### Action:

Forward item to next Board meeting and place on consent agenda.

#### Motion:

That the Board of School Directors acknowledges the receipt of PlanCon D approval from the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the project known as the Eisenhower K-12 Additions/Alterations (PDE #3640, WCSD #1002 & #1203) and enters them into the minutes.

### 3.2 South Street Elementary Learning Center Closure

#### Discussion:

This item was originally on the CIT agenda (Item 3.2) and was moved to the PP&F agenda with the consent of both Chairpersons. Ms. Ann Buerkle, Principal at South Street Early Learning Center, and Ms. Ruth Nelson, Principal at Warren Area Elementary Center, along with several members of the administration presented a PowerPoint demonstration detailing the educational and social advantages to moving the Central Attendance Area's Kindergarteners and First Graders (currently at SSEL) to WAEC beginning with the 2013-14 school year.

#### Action:

This item will be presented to the Board on the Consent Agenda with a motion that will cover all legal parameters.

#### Motion:

No recommended motion was presented at this time.

## 4. Informational Items

### 4.1 Project Reports / Updates

#### Discussion:

#### **EMHS Renovation & Additions (K-12) (WCSD #1002 & #1203):**

- A pre-construction meeting was held on Thursday, February 21, 2013.
- Administration is awaiting PlanCon G approval from PDE to enter into the contracts.
- The new WTW architect for the project is Jeffrey Krill.

**BWMS Renovation (WCSD #1103):**

- Work is progressing throughout the building and especially on the second floor.
- A slideshow of progress pictures was presented.
- The new WTW architect for the project is Jeffrey Krill.

**SAMHS Additions & Alterations (K-12) (WCSD #1204):**

- Project is progressing and permit applications will be submitted shortly.

**4.2 Work Order Reports**

**4.3 Utilities Reports**

**5. Other**

None

**6. Closing Activities**

**6.1 Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on March 25, 2013; following CIT; at the Warren County Career Center.

**6.2 Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.