

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

The West Chester Area School Board held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 via ZOOM meeting. Mr. McCune, Board President called the meeting to order. The meeting began with a pledge of allegiance led by Foram Shah and Riley Bender from Peirce Middle School.

The school board heard the final reports from High School Board Representatives for 2019-20: Amber Hawkins-East High School (presented by Dr. Sokolowski), Vijay Anne-Henderson, High School and Brent Long-Rustin High School. The high school students were thanked for their service this year, presented with a certificate of appreciation, and were wished well as they continue their educational journey.

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

- 1. Approval of the final budget** – The board approved the final budget in the amount of \$269.8 million for 2020-21. There is no millage rate tax increase in Chester County and a 2.5% increase in Delaware County. The Act 1 tax increase is based on the Chester County tax rate, which covers seven of the eight municipalities in the district. Because of a complicated tax formula, some years Delaware County is higher, and some years it is lower than the Chester County millage rate.
- 2. Approval of Contract for Rustin High School Roof Replacement-Phase 1** – The board approved to award a contract to Metal Alliance for Roof Replacement Phase 1 at Rustin High School in the amount of \$1,195,962 for the base bid and \$185,000 for Addendum 1.
- 3. Approval of addendums to the 2019-20 school bus transportation contracts with On the Go Kids and George Krapf Jr. & Sons**– The board approved addendums to the school bus transportation contracts with On the Go Kids and Georg Krapf Jr. & Sons. The payment covers between 63.5% and 65.7% of fixed costs for the last quarter of the year. This enables the bus contractors to maintain essential staff to prepare buses for the fall.
- 4. Approval of a Flexible Instructional Day plan.** The board approved a Flexible Instructional Day Plan to be submitted to the PA Department of Education. The plan allows the district to use up to five online days in lieu of snow days for the 2020-21 school year.
- 5. Approval of final calendar for the 2019-20 school year.** The board approved a revised calendar for the 2019-20 school year indicating 168 student days, and 191 staff days. This calendar must be submitted to the Department of Education along with the waiver request for students to attend less than the mandated 180 days.
- 6. In addition to its regularly scheduled personnel report action items, the board approved the following retirements:**
 - Roxanne Adams, Grade 1 at Penn Wood ES, effective 6/8/20. 18 Years of Service.

- Monica Conner, 1.0 Attendance Secretary at Henderson HS, effective 6/5/20. 12 Years of Service.
- Elizabeth Kaliner, 1.0 Library Assistant at Henderson HS, effective 6/30/20. 14 Years of Service.
- Francesca Abbonizio, 1.0 Paraprofessional at Henderson HS, effective 6/5/20. 23 Years of Service.

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**The next meeting is on Monday, June 22, 2020 - 7:00 pm
at the Spellman Education Center (if shutdown has been lifted)**