

West Chester Area School District Board Meeting Highlights
Meeting Held Monday, November 23, 2020
Summary of Action Taken:

The West Chester Area School Board held its monthly meeting on Monday, November 23, 2020 virtually. The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance led by John Holland and Victoria D'Ulisse of Stetson Middle School. The school board heard reports from High School Board Representatives: Alice Tran, East High School; Colleen Kinkead, Henderson High School; and Davis Patel, Rustin High School.

Victoria Kim, junior at West Chester East HS was recognized by her coach Todd Lorback as the PIAA 3A Golf State Champion.

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

- 1. Approval of the 2021-22 school calendar, First Reading** – The board approved the first draft of the 2021-22 school calendar. The first day of school for students will be Monday August 30, 2021. The first day for teachers will be Monday August 23, 2021. The last day of school for students will be Tuesday, June 14, 2022, while the last day for teachers will be Thursday, June 16, 2022. There are four (4) snow days built into the 2021-22 calendar.
- 2. Approval of two new course Proposals: Race and Ethnicity in America I and Race and Ethnicity in America II** – The board approved two new courses to be offered in fall, 2021.
- 3. Approval of Attestation Mandate Ensuring Implementation of Mitigating Efforts for school districts to deliver either in-person (hybrid) instruction, or all remote instruction to students when a community is deemed to be in “substantial” transmission of Covid-19.** -The board approved a resolution as mandated by the Pa Department of Education to indicate that it will be operating in remote instruction from November 30 until December 11. This will be followed by hybrid instruction on Monday December 14.
- 4. In addition to its regularly scheduled personnel report action items, the board approved the following retirements:**

Susan Braid, Math Teacher at Stetson MS, effective last day of the 2020-2021 school year with 18 years of service.
Beth Valitski, .2 Cyber Program Art/.3 Art/.5 Gifted Resource Teacher at Peirce MS, effective 1/25/21 with 13 years of service.
Melissa Webber, Business Teacher at Henderson HS, effective 1/8/2021 with 16 years of service.
- 5. The Board approved the following policies/administrative guidelines for a first reading, they will appear on the October agenda for a second reading:**
 - a. Revised Administrative Guideline 918AG2 Title I Parent and Family Engagement School-Parent and Family Compacts

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The next meeting is on Monday, DECEMBER 7, 2020 - 7:00 pm (This is the annual school board reorganization meeting)