

West Chester Area School District Board Meeting Highlights
Meeting Held Wednesday, May 26, 2021
Summary of Action Taken:

The West Chester Area School Board held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at the Spellman Education Center. Mr. McCune, Board President called the meeting to order. The meeting began with a pledge of allegiance led by Manuella Paschoalino and Kush Patel from Starkweather Elementary School.

The school board heard final reports from High School Board Representatives: Alice Tran, East High School; Colleen Kinkead, Henderson High School; and Davis Patel, 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 \$279,476,796 with a real estate tax levy of 22.0604 mills in Chester County and 9.5164 mills in Delaware County. The homestead/farmstead tax reduction of \$145.20 was also approved. The budget includes a 1.8% tax increase for Chester County residents (\$76), and a .4% increase for Delaware County residents (\$19). Key increases include:
 - a. \$2.3 million increase in state-mandated pension expenses, a 6.5 percent increase over the current year’s budget.
 - b. \$724,000 increase in tuitions and services for special education students, a 4.7 percent increase over the current year.
 - c. \$656,000 increase in transportation expenses for both public and non-public students, 3.9 percent increase over the current year.
 - d. \$3.1 million staffing increase for the opening of the Greystone Elementary School.

2. **Approval of Food Service Equipment Purchases for the 2021-22 Year**– The board approved food service equipment replacement/renovation plan including equipment purchases in the amount of \$211,219.00.

3. **Approval of 2020-2021 Contracts for General Fund Maintenance Projects** -The board approved the following projects:

Location:	Project:	Awarded to:	Amount:	Proposal # if applicable
Henderson High School	Pedestrian Crosswalk Controls	Charles Higgins and Sons	\$102,800.00	
East Bradford Elementary	Folding Door Replacement	Degler-Whiting, Inc	\$38,950.00	COSTARS #014-147
Peirce Middle School and Stetson Middle School	Walk-in Coolers Roof Replacement	Garland/DBS Inc.	\$60,244.00	25-PA-210274

Location:	Project:	Awarded to:	Amount:	Proposal # if applicable
Peirce Middle School	Walk-in Coolers Condensers Replacement	HB McClure	\$36,334.00	COSTARS #008-363
Stetson Middle School	Walk-in Coolers Condensers Replacement	HB McClure	\$23,086.00	COSTARS #008-363
East Goshen Elementary	Paving Replacement	DiRocco Bros., Inc.	\$161,210.00	
Facilities and Operations Center	Paving Replacement	DiRocco Bros., Inc.	\$130,800.00	

- 4. Approval of 2021-2022 Contracts for General Fund Maintenance Projects.** The board approved the following projects:

Location:	Project:	Awarded to:	Amount:	Proposal # if applicable
Exton Elementary	Sloped Shingles Roof Replacement	Garland/DBS	\$371,913.61	25-PA-210274
Peirce Middle School	Paving Replacement	DiRocco Bros., Inc.	\$30,800.00	
Rustin High School	Loading Dock Concrete Paving Replacement	Ocean Construction, LLC.	\$51,100.00	
East High School	Synthetic Track Surface Replacement	Keystone Sports Construction	\$302,271.90	COSTARS #14-195

- 5. In addition to its regularly scheduled personnel report action items, the board approved the following retirements:**

Donna Aron, Secretary to the Director of Technology, effective 6/30/21. 20 years of service.

Joyce Baggaley, 1.0 Special Education Teacher at Westtown-Thornbury ES, effective 6/1/21. 16 years of service.

David Clark, .8 Gifted Resource Teacher/.2 Capstone Teacher at Rustin HS, effective last day of the 2020-2021 school year. 25 years of service.

Susan Davis, 1.0 Paraprofessional at East Bradford ES, effective 6/11/21. 9 years of service.

Rosemary Decker, Social Studies at Stetson MS, effective 8/26/21. 23 years of service.

Denise Skalski, Grade 1 Teacher at Mary C. Howse ES, effective last day of the 2020-2021 school year. 13 years of service.

Heather Thomas, 1.0 Network Engineer at Spellman Education Center, effective 7/13/21. 25 years of service.

Charles Woelfel, Carpenter #2 at Warehouse, effective 7/1/21. 33 years of service.

- 6. The Board also approved the following administrative appointment:**

Jennifer Southmayd –Principal at Fern Hill ES

- 7. The Board approved the following policies/administrative guidelines for a first reading, they will appear on the June Board Meeting Agenda for a second reading:**

Revised Board Policy 001 – Name and Classification
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8. The Board approved the following policies/administrative guidelines for a second reading, they are now active:

Revised Board Policy 247 – Hazing

Revised Board Policy 249 – Bullying/Cyberbullying

New Administrative Guideline 247AG1 – Hazing/Retaliation Report Form
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New Administrative Guideline 249AG1 – Bullying/Cyberbullying/ Retaliation Report Form

Revised Board Policy 314, Physical Examination
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New Board Policy 317.1, Educator Misconduct

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The next meeting is on Monday, June 28, 2021 - 7:00 pm