

West Chester Area School District Board Meeting Highlights
Meeting Held April 24, 2023
Summary of Action Taken:

The West Chester Area School Board held its monthly meeting on April 24, 2023 at the Spellman Education Center. Before calling the meeting to order, Board President Tiernan called the meeting to order and Salae Garland and Ara Osimokun of Starkweather Elementary School led the public in the pledge of allegiance. The board heard reports from high school Board Representatives.

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

- 1. Approval of final revised 2022-23 School Calendar** – The board approved the final 2022-23 calendar. The last student day and final teacher day is June 13, 2023.
- 2. Approval of Resolution to Adopt Proposed Final Budget for 2023-24:** The Board approved a resolution to adopt the proposed final budget for 2023-24 Fiscal year. The 2023-24 proposed budget increased from the 2022-23 budget by \$5.16 million (1.7%). The largest increases were in staffing and employee benefits expenses of \$6.9 million, new staff of \$1.9 million, retirement costs of \$841,000, professional services of \$340,000, utilities and leases of \$510,000, transportation services of \$701,000, heating fuel/maintenance/and office supplies of \$203,000, and instructional/book supplies of \$174,000. The increases were offset by decreases in professional services, tuitions, debt service and transfer to Capital Funds totaling \$6.41 million. The 2023-24 proposed budget revenues increased by \$7.055 million (2.7%) over the 2022-23 budget revenues.
- 3. Approval of CCIU Core Budget:** The board approved the 2023-24 CCIU Core Budget in the amount of \$34,720,570.
- 4. Approval of CCIU Occupational Education Budget:** The board approved the amount of \$31,574,393.
- 5. Approval of BoardDocs Management System:** The Board approved the BoardDocs Pro Plus Management System with a recurring annual cost of \$18,000.
- 6. The board approved the following retirements:**
 - Pamela Bastings, 1.0 French Teacher at Rustin HS and Cyber Program, effective 6/30/23. 33 years of service.
 - Beth Ann Berstecher, 1.0 Speech/Language Therapist at Glen Acres ES, effective 6/30/23. 20 years of service.
 - Inez Burg, 1.0 Certified School Nurse at Penn Wood ES, effective 6/30/23. 20 years of service.
 - James Byrd, 1.0 Physics Teacher at Rustin HS, effectively 4/5/24. 21 years of service.
 - Janice Byrne, Grade 5 Teacher at East Bradford ES, effective the last day of the 2022-2023 school year. 29 years of service.
 - Dr. Crystal Dowdell, Assistant Principal at Henderson HS, effective 8/18/23. 22 years of service.
 - Donna Foley, 1.0 School Counselor at East HS, effective the last day of the 2022-2023 school year. 22 years of service.

- Lesley Gordon-Guidera, 1.0 Staff Nurse at District, effective 6/9/23. 12 years of service.
- James Morrison, 1.0 Music Teacher at Starkweather ES, effective the end of the 2022-2023 school year. 38 years of service.
- Margaret Nawn, 1.0 Caseworker at Fern Hill ES/Exton ES, effective 9/22/23. 15 years of service.
- Julie Robertson, 1.0 Math Teacher at East HS, effective the last day of the 2022-2023 school year. 24 years of service.
- Padgett Smith, 1.0 K-2 Life Skills Support Teacher at East Bradford ES, effective 10/6/23. 22 years of service.
- Tammy Taylor, 1.0 Librarian at Exton ES, effective 1/12/24. 24 years of service.
- Joanne Trombley, 1.0 Technology Education Teacher at Fugett MS, effective the last day of the 2022-2023 school year. 28 years of service.

7. The Board approved the following policies/administrative guidelines for a first reading. They will appear on the April Board Meeting agenda for a second reading:

Revised Policy 113.1: Discipline of Students with Disabilities
Revised Policy 216: Student Records
Revised Policy 218: Student Discipline
New Administrative Guideline 830AG1: Electronic Data Storage Guidelines
Revised Policy 006.3: Broadcasting Board Meetings
Revised Policy 009: Policy Development

8. The Board approved the following policies/administrative guidelines for a second reading. They are now active.

Revised Policy 251: Students Experiencing Homelessness, Foster Care or other Educational Instability
Revised Policy 830 Electronic Data Storage (formerly known as Breach of Computerized Personal Information)
Revised Policy 003: Functions
Revised Policy 004: Membership
Revised Policy 005: Organization
New Administrative Guideline: 005AG1 Board Organization Guidelines

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The next meeting is on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 - 7:00 pm