

West Chester Area School District Board Meeting Highlights
Meeting Held Wednesday, May 25, 2022
Summary of Action Taken:

The West Chester Area School Board held its monthly meeting on Monday, May 25, 2022 in the Spellman Education Center. Mrs. Tiernan, Board President called the meeting to order and Kayla Holman and Michael Corso of the Fern Hill Elementary School led the public in the pledge of allegiance.

The school board heard reports from high school Board Representatives: Eleana Rudderow-East High School, William Porter-Henderson High School and C.J. McCune for Madison D'Ambro-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 2022-23 Final Budget Resolution-** The Board approve the Final Budget Resolution in the amount of \$296,971,916 with a real estate tax levy of 22.4364 mills for Chester County and 9.9343 mills for Delaware County. The homestead/farmstead tax reduction of \$174.80 was also approved. The budget included a 1.7% tax increase for Chester County residents (\$70) and a 4.4% increase for Delaware County (\$208). Key increases include:
 - Salary and benefits is the largest component of the budget which rose \$6.6 million or a 4.7% increase.
 - Funding \$5.0 million in increased construction costs associated with Glen Acres Elementary renovations.
 - More than \$3.3 million in increased state-mandated pension expenses and charter school tuitions.
- 2. Approval of Textbooks** – The Board approved the following textbooks: Illustrative Mathematics K-8 Math, Big Ideas Learning – Algebra 1 & 2, The Practice of Statistics, and HMH United States History Grades 7 & 8 Social Studies.
- 3. Approval of Dr. Reggie Candio Specialist Contract** – The Board approved Dr. Reggie Candio contract to be used as needed to complete evaluations that cannot be conducted by district school psychologists.
- 4. Approval of Food Service Equipment Purchases** – The Board approved food service equipment replacement/renovation including equipment purchases in the amount of \$491,972.14 for 2022-23.
- 5. The Board also approved the following administrative appointments:**
 - Kara Bailey from English teacher at Peirce MS to Supervisor of Secondary Language Arts at SEC, effective 7/1/22
 - Michael Fierras, Supervisor of Special Education, Rustin Feeder Pattern, at SEC, effective TBD.
 - Laura Menzel from Biology Teacher at Rustin HS to Assistant Principal at Rustin HS, effective TBD.

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

- Dennis Brown, Principal at East Goshen ES, effective 9/9/22. 20 years of service.
- Helen Cashman, Paraprofessional at East Bradford ES, effective 6/10/22. 18 years of service.
- Dr. Tammi Florio, Director of Teaching and Learning at Spellman Education Center, effective 9/6/22. 20 years of service.
- Margaret Friese, Paraprofessional at Glen Acres ES, effective 6/10/22. 18 years of service.
- Dr. Paul Joyce, Supervisor of Science, Technology Education, Family Consumer Sciences and Health/Physical Education, effective 9/6/22. 30 years of service.
- Cheryl Strunack, Secretary to the Director of Pupil Services, effective 9/6/22. 21 years of service.

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The next monthly board meeting is on Monday, June 27, 2022 - 7:00 pm