

May 14, 2018

The combined work session/board meeting of the Berwick Area School Board was held on Monday, May 14, 2018, in the Line Street Administrative Office. The meeting was called to order at 7:17 p.m. by President, Mrs. Susy Wiegand.

**PRESENT:** Mrs. Susy Wiegand, Mr. Donald Butz, Mr. Larry Clausen, Mr. Keith Hess, Mrs. Maryann Kovalewski, Mr. Daniel McGann, Mrs. Christy Monico  
Mr. Jon Morell, Mrs. Sandra Slavick (via phone)

**ABSENT:** None

Also **PRESENT:** Mr. Wayne Brookhart, Ms. Renee Gomez, Attorney Greico, Mr. Steven Christian, Mr. Robert Croop, Mr. Benton Culver, Ms. Wendy Lupashunski, Mr. Gregory Michael, Mr. Randy Peters, Mr. Christopher Rivera, Mr. David Robbins, Mrs. Amy Melchiorre-Sharkey, Mr. Frank Sheptock, Ms. Jill Shipman, Ms. Lori Frey, Susan Schwartz, students, tax payers

**Lord's Prayer**

**Flag Salute**

**Recognitions:**

- **Todd Gunther/Matthew Shrader – Students from AP Seminar, Bloomsburg Fair STEM Competition, Hayes Physics Competition, High School Competitions, MathCounts Club, National History Day, Pa. Junior Academy of Science, Scholastic Scrimmage(Quiz Bowl)**

**Presentation:**

- **Coding Club – Randy Peters**

**Reading of the Minutes:**

On motion of Donald Butz, seconded by Maryann Kovalewski, we dispense with the reading of the minutes of the two previous meetings on April 9, 2018 and April 23, 2018, as everyone had received copies prior to the meeting. Motion carried. All members voting "Aye". "Nay" - None and no abstentions.

**Business Manager's Report**

**Financial Report; Treasurer's report:** Approval

On motion of Daniel McGann, seconded by Larry Clausen, we approve the financial report and the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried. All members voting "Aye". "Nay" - None and no abstentions.

**Budgetary Transfers:** Approval Pages 29-35

On motion of Larry Clausen, seconded by Donald Butz, we accept the budgetary transfers as presented. Motion carried. All members voting “Aye”. “Nay” - None and no abstentions.

**Presentation of Bills:** Approval

On motion of Keith Hess, seconded by Donald Butz, we pay the bills as listed.

Question: Christy Monico - We pay Odyssey of the Mind out of the athletic budget?

Answer: Renee Gomez - It is considered as part of the out-of-season athletics.

Question: Christy Monico - So, it is not scholastics?

Answer: Renee Gomez - No. I am not sure how it came about several years ago. It has always been listed under the out-of-season athletics. It runs a fine line in regards to the student activity accounts.

Question: Christy Monico - We are paying a bill for custodial fees for \$290.50. What is that for?  
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Answer: Renee Gomez - This is in regards to Girls' Volleyball and Bloomsburg University (BU). BU hosted an event here and they donated 50 percent of the proceeds. Instead of charging the facility fee, the volleyball team would then cover the custodial fee. We did need to have someone on site to manage the event and clean up after the event. That is why the out-of-season athletic account is paying the school district general fund back for the amount of the custodial fee.

Question: Christy Monico - Page 11, we are paying the architects \$63,711.30?

Answer: Renee Gomez - That was for several projects. It is for their services at Nescopeck, Salem Gateway Project, softball concessions, Crispin Wall and demolition at Orange Street. It's a combination of projects.

Question: Christy Monico - Did we get the final draft for Nescopeck? Is that in that cost?

Answer: Wayne Brookhart - It will be in my superintendent report. He has and will be taking it to the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

Question: Christy Monico - Is that in that cost?

Answer: Wayne Brookhart - I don't know how it was broken down.

Answer: Renee Gomez - I would have to go back and see how it was exactly broken down. I don't believe that particular piece to the final design is what we are paying for. I do believe it is for the items leading up to that.

ROLL CALL VOTE: “Ayes” – Jon Morell, Keith Hess, Maryann Kovalewski, Donald Butz, Larry Clausen, Sandra Slavick, Daniel McGann, Christy Monico, Susy Wiegand

“Nays” – None

“Abstaining” – None

Motion carried.

**Business** – Renee Gomez

- Later on we will discuss more about PlanCon part J. That is an agenda item.
- The district auditors have chosen the four booster clubs that will be audited during this season. They wanted to give the clubs enough time in preparation to prepare their documents. They have 1 ½ months to prepare. The four clubs that were chosen were

Girls' Soccer, 12<sup>th</sup> Man Booster Club, BAMA and Swing Choir. I will be sending out official notification to those groups tomorrow.

### **Superintendent's Report – Wayne Brookhart**

- Graduation will be held on June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Varsity Gym. Board members are asked to arrive at 6:30 p.m. or a little earlier to do a picture.
- Our request for Act 80 days has been approved by the State. June 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> will be spent on Professional Development Activities for teachers. There will be no school for students on June 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>. June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> will be half days.
- Mr. Leinbach of AEM is nearing completion of options for Nescopeck. It appears that the most logical economic option will be the one in the feasibility study that was completed recently. We have been concerned and curious of what the cost would be, that was 9.3. At least at this point, any demolition and construction on the same site would bring the cost up and not take it down. There will be a more formal and official report that we will take to the Buildings and Grounds Committee within the next two weeks or so.
- Congratulations to all of our Spring Sport Athletes. Some are still in the process. In particular the Boy's Track and Field Team, which won the WVC Division II Title. It is believed to be our first Boys' Track and Field title in at least 35 years. Congratulations to both the Boys and Girls Track Team and Coach Calarco. They had a great season.  
 Comment: Frank Sheptock - Districts are currently going on. Payden Montana just set a new discus record for the district. There are at least 12 medal winners so far. Softball is 4<sup>th</sup> in the district so far. Baseball is currently 3<sup>rd</sup> in the district seeding. Boys' Volleyball Team did extremely well. They are in the 3<sup>rd</sup> seed. Coach Warner has done a great job with the team.  
 Comment-Wayne Brookhart - That was a program that we were going to discontinue because of the lack of interest and participation and now they are going to the State Tournament.
- Congratulations to the team guided by Mrs. Corrado for winning the High School Economics PA Challenge in the region and thank you to First Keystone Community Bank for their continued support of the program. The team finished first. We will invite Mrs. Corrado to the June meeting.
- Senate Bill 2 continues to be discussed in Harrisburg. The Bill would divert taxpayer money into accounts, which could be used to pay private school tuition. It would divert money from the public schools especially those that are lower performing. It opens the door to changes that will not help us.
- Bills are being prepared or introduced which would eliminate property taxes and charge sales and earned income tax rates. There are at least two proposals currently being publicized.
- Mrs. Kupsy is continuing to lead meetings designed to present a comprehensive plan to maximize school safety, which will include a committee structure.
- Our SOAR Program continues to be a source of pride for the district. Jodi Walp leads the program and we will invite them here to a meeting.
- Mr. Croop continues to lead us through the Career Technical Education implementation process. There is an associated item on your agenda which is required for compliance with CTE regulations and Act 339.

- We have once again been asked to post or submit a proposal to host the State Odyssey of the Mind (OM) competition. We hosted it two consecutive years about 3-4 years ago. They like this location; the one down side is hotel space. The fact that they reached out to us was a good sign and if we feel it is possible then we can move through with it. I will talk to Mr. Keith Seely (the advisor) and will get back to you in June. We don't charge the OM but it does benefit anyone who does concessions here.

#### **Public Comment on Agenda Items**

- None

#### **General:**

#### **Approve Items G-1 through G-5 With One Motion**

- G-1 Approval to accept a grant in the amount of \$500 from the Berwick Health and Wellness Fund of the Central Susquehanna Community Foundation. The funds will be used for uniforms for the Students Overcome and Achieve through Running (SOAR) program.**
- G-2 Approval of the agreement with AEM Architects, Inc. to serve as Architect-of-Record. (enc.)**
- G-3 Approval of the resolution to name Susy Wiegand and Renee Gomez as authorized representatives for online access to FNB Bank.**
- G-4 Approval of the attached list of tax refunds for school year 2017-2018. (enc.)**
- G-5 Approval to accept \$2,500 from the Central Susquehanna Community Foundation for a Therapy Dog for the 2018-19 school year.**

On a motion of Larry Clausen, seconded by Keith Hess, we approve Items G-1 through G-5 with one motion. Motion carried. All members voting "Aye." "Nay"- none and Susy Wiegand absenting from G-3.

#### **Academic Affairs:**

- AA-1 Acknowledgement of holding the June 8, 2018 graduation ceremonies at 7:00 p.m. in the Varsity Gymnasium at the Middle School.**

**AA-1 was acknowledged by the Board.**

#### **Approve Items AA-2 through AA-6 With One Motion**

- AA-2 Approval to accept a non-resident student on a tuition basis for the 2018-2019 school year. (enc.)**

- AA-3 Approval of the tentative list of graduates for the 2017-2018 school year. This includes all possible graduates. Some of the students may not yet meet graduation requirements. (enc.)**
- AA-4 Approval of the District’s Summer School Programs. The programs will be funded by the students. There will be no cost to the district.**
- AA-5 Approval of the formation of three individual Occupational Advisory Committees to strengthen the career and technical education programs by making recommendations for program improvement and providing technical assistance to assure the most up-to-date curriculum content and appropriate applications of technology.**
- AA-6 Approval of the District Special Education Plan.**

On a motion of Jon Morell, seconded by Daniel McGann, we approve Items AA-2 through AA-6 with one motion.

Comment: Wayne Brookhart - AA-6 The Strategic Plan is due in November, but the special education portion needs to be done six months earlier. We do have it for you to review it in full. Mrs. Slavick did review it.

Question: Susy Wiegand - AA-5 Is this going to be business owners from town?

Answer: Wayne Brookhart – Yes, a lot of them are. We also have Board members on it also.

Answer: Robert Croop - Everyone that we invited is from town. We will see who responds.

Motion carried. All members voting “Aye.” “Nay”- none and no abstentions.

### **Extra Curricular:**

#### **Approve Items EC-1 through EC-2 With One Motion**

**EC-1 Approval of the following fund raising requests for the 2017-2018 school term: (enc.)**

<b>WBE Student Council</b>	<b>St. Jude’s Math-A-Thon</b>	<b>May 15-22, 2018</b>
<b>Ski Club</b>	<b>Krispy Kreme Donuts</b>	<b>May 15-25, 2018</b>
<b>Girls’ Basketball</b>	<b>Youth Summer Camp/Basketball</b>	<b>June 13-15, 2018</b>
<b>HS Track and Field</b>	<b>Awards Banquet</b>	<b>June 6, 2018</b>
<b>Band Boosters</b>	<b>Pocono Nascar Race Stand</b>	<b>June 1-3, 2018</b>

**EC-2 Approval of the Berwick Senior High School Activity Account Report and Awards Account Report from January 1, 2018-March 31, 2018. (enc.)**

On a motion of Larry Clausen, seconded by Jon Morell, we approve Items EC-1 through EC-2 with one motion. Motion carried. All members voting “Aye.” “Nay”- none and Maryann Kovalewski absenting from EC-1.

**Transportation:**

**Approve Items T-1 through T-3 With One Motion**

**T-1 Approval of the following as van drivers for Fishing Creek Transportation for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school term.**

**Deborah Waldron**

**Annette Sandri**

**T-2 Approval of Jonathan Smith as school bus driver for Fishing Creek Transportation for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school term.**

**T-3 Approval of Kropettino Dante as van driver for Mr. John Gallagher for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school term, pending receipt of Act 151.**

On a motion of Maryann Kovalewski, seconded by Jon Morell, we approve Items T-1 through T-3 with one motion. Motion carried. All members voting “Aye.” “Nay”- none and no abstentions.

**Buildings and Grounds:**

**BG-1 Approval to submit PlanCon J to the Pennsylvania Department of Education. (enc.) (ROLL CALL)**

On a motion of Daniel McGann, seconded by Maryann Kovalewski, we submit PlanCon J to the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Comment: Renee Gomez- You have received the final auditors report as well as the final PlanCon J document. The total expense was \$23,692,824.

Comment: Wayne Brookhart - When it is submitted, this leads to your reimbursement through PlanCon.

Comment: Daniel McGann - We will get about 11% back.

ROLL CALL VOTE: “Ayes” – Keith Hess, Maryann Kovalewski, Donald Butz, Larry Clausen, Sandra Slavick, Daniel McGann, Christy Monico, Jon Morell, Susy Wiegand

“Nays” – None

“Abstaining” – None

Motion carried.

**BG-2 Acknowledgement and approve the final sale of the 14<sup>th</sup> Street Elementary Building in the amount of \$150,000.**

On a motion of Christy Monico, seconded by Larry Clausen, we acknowledge and approve the final sale of the 14<sup>th</sup> Street Elementary Building in the amount of \$150,000. Motion carried. All members voting “Aye.” “Nay”- none and no abstentions.

**Personnel:****Approve Items P-1 through P-7 With One Motion**

**P-1 Approval to add the following to the substitute teacher list for the 2017-2018 school year. Compensation will be at the rate of \$12.10 per hour.**

**Jaclyn Packer  
Heather Jones**

**Lauren Douglass  
Elizabeth Tanribilir**

**P-2 Approval to hire the following part-time workers for the summer maintenance help program. Compensation will be \$8.00 per hour.**

**Mariah Lynn and Kyle Pierce, effective May 21, 2018  
Madeline Lanning, effective June 25, 2018**

**Ralph J. Norce IV, Kenneth Marshman, Evan Klinger and Elizabeth Plyler  
effective June 25, 2018 (pending receipt of all necessary clearances)**

**P-3 Approval of the position change of Kim Groshek from part-time paraeducator to part-time secretary, effective May 21, 2018.**

**P-4 Approval to hire Mitchell Martin as part-time lifeguard, *pending receipt of appropriate paperwork*. Compensation will be at the rate of \$8.00 per hour.**

**P-5 Approval for employee #2014 to take Family Medical Leave (FMLA) from May 8, 2018 through July 31, 2018. (enc.)**

**P-6 Approval for employee #776 to take unpaid days from April 30<sup>th</sup> through May 2, 2018. (enc.)**

**P-7 Approval of the following as volunteer coaches for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year:**

**Rachel Gaizick (JH Soccer)**

**Nicoll Oliver (Girls Volleyball)**

**\*Ryan Burt (JH Football) *pending receipt of necessary paperwork***

On a motion of Larry Clausen, seconded by Christy Monico, we approve Items P-1 through P-7 with one motion. Motion carried. All members voting "Aye." "Nay"- none and Susy Wiegand absenting from P-1.

**Reports:****Committee Reports:**

Academic Affairs – Maryann Kovalewski  
Mr. Croop just gave us a CTE update.

Comment: Robert Croop - We are looking at three programs for our CTE program, accounting, management and hoping to have criminal justice in the future. The process is to submit it to PDE and then they will approve or disapprove our process. Hope to have two next year.

Comment: Maryann Kovalewski - 2 ½ years ago, this was a dream on our wish list of academic progress. Now, this dream is going to be a reality. Thank you Mr. Croop and your committees for your leadership and making this possible. We are going to examine policy on this. When text books editions are changing, it comes to the Board. We are going to see if it can go to Academic Affairs first and then move on to the Board. We have to research the policy on that. We talked about AP Capstones, Stock Market Competition, the possibly of a Drama Club coming, adding Japanese, what is happening with Channel One/Mrs. Pasukinis and our tower garden at West Berwick Elementary School. Amazing things are happening in our schools. We talked about vaping.

Athletic Committee – Larry Clausen

We did not meet last month, but we will be meeting next week. We will be exploring topics on new opportunities and options for our athletic programs moving forward.

Budget Committee – Daniel McGann

We did not meet since our last meeting but the preliminary budget is out for public inspection and we expect to have the vote on it at the June meeting. If any Board members have any questions or comments on the budget, please get them to the committee. We will have one final wrap up committee meeting before the June meeting. We have not received any questions or comments so far.

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Susy Wiegand

We will be meeting in a week or two.

CSIU – Daniel McGann

CSIU has adopted BoardDocs. It's a computer based record tracking system and we will let you know how that is working out. The other item is the 2018 ballot election of directors. Everyone gets to vote for the slate. Renee Gomez has the official ballots to vote for the 2018 Election of CSIU Directors which is due June 15, 2018.

Vo-tech – Keith Hess

The tiny house has been sold for \$10,000. Should be down to picking out the final architect/RFP tomorrow night.

### **Old Business:**

Question: Larry Clausen - How are we making out for getting emails for Board members?

Answer: Wayne Brookhart - I talked with Mr. Christian and that's not a problem.

Question: Wayne Brookhart - Is that the will of the Board? Let us know if you don't want one otherwise we will set one up.

Question: Christy Monico - I would like to bring up the thinking process on the added agenda item two meetings ago regarding booster clubs and where they meet? There was an instance where these clubs thought they were doing ok. I talked to Mr. Brookhart. He was under the

impression that your rule meant Board meetings which in the bylaws for the 12<sup>th</sup> Man Club is one meeting per month. They met at a special meeting and were told that they were not following the rules and were openly defying the Board rules. We need to discuss what you mean. Why you feel this has to be done. What this kind of hardship this puts on the janitors in the buildings.

Basically, describe what you want. Were you under the impression it was for Board meetings?

Comment: Wayne Brookhart - My impression it is for your meetings that are held; I would consider exceptions to when you are cooking food and that type of thing. Getting into the details of what the intent of the Board was, I think the Board needs to speak on what that is. We have been trying to interpret this. I think Ms. Gomez has done a great job with communicating with Mr. Beiter and Mr. Sheptock has worked with the 12<sup>th</sup> Man Club. I appreciate with what you have done. As for the position you have been put into, it's a position you should not be in but you are. I think what we need to do tonight is clarify exactly what the policy change meant. We will do the best we can. My impression of this is that it means that meetings need to be held on district property. The special meeting portion of it, I wasn't aware that there was something like a special meeting in a booster club.

Comment: Jon Morell - A subcommittee meeting like a golf subcommittee needs to meet to talk about the golf tournament. A lot of times they are held at the golf club where it is going to be held.

Comment: Wayne Brookhart - I think what this comes down to is defining what the intent of the Board was. The Board certainly acted within its authority, five people publicly at a meeting if that is what they choose to do. You certainly have the right to do that. We need direction on exactly what that means. I thought we were interrupting what you wanted.

Comment: Donald Butz - I voted for the regular meetings. That is the only thing. If you are having something at someone's house that is different. That one meeting that you have once a month.

Comment: Wayne Brookhart - The specific issues that we have dealt with is, there was a meeting where it was held in the bleachers or was going to; I think that's district property. My interpretation is that it is district property. We played football games the last 80 years, although it is Crispin Field there is a document that makes that district property. If you want to get an attorney involved and waste money on this, you can certainly do that. Second was having meetings in the field house. My personal option and that is all this is, that is not a place where they should be held, although it may be district property but I think the intermingling and comingling of kids and a club is not how a booster club should operate. It puts undo pressure on the football coach who is here to coach football.

Christy Monico - Right, so they are meeting outside in the weather or they meet at school property which they have a perfectly good place next door. No alcohol. It abuts your property. They have keys they can enter, they have a kitchen they can use. The parents can walk there while the kids are getting dressed after practice. We can have a twenty minute meeting and then leave. Now since this was done, we have to get a janitor, we have to unlock the school if it is closed.

Comment: Donald Butz - No, you don't. Every club should be meeting on school property. It's not going to cost the district anything.

Question: Christy Monico - How are they going to open the door? Are they here?

Comment: Larry Clausen - Communication with the building principal.

Question: Christy Monico - My question would be, we have the banquet for the 12<sup>th</sup> Man meeting for the kids and we ask and went through all the proper channels, asked for the janitor to be there at 10 o'clock because there is a lot to set up. He didn't show up and no one could get into the building.

Comment: Larry Clausen - I spoke to members of the janitorial staff and that's not what I was told. I was told that they were not the ones that were supposed to let them in the building.

Question: Christy Monico - Who was supposed to let them in?

Answer: Larry Clausen - I am not going to say any more than that.

Question: Wayne Brookhart - Mr. Culver, does opening the building for monthly meetings of clubs put pressure on your staff?

Answer: Benton Culver - No, we can make that happen if we get a notice/facility use form, or if you contact me personally I can make sure I can have someone available. All the schools have second shift custodians, some have third shift.

Question: Wayne Brookhart - I want an answer honestly, not politically.

Answer: Benton Culver - Absolutely.

Question: Donald Butz - Mr. Culver, doesn't every other club here send you something that you're aware of where, like if the bands meet in the high school? Don't you have/get something like that?

Answer: Benton Culver - It doesn't necessarily go through me for the facility use but it goes through the office here with Kim Nespoli and the building principal.

Comment: Christy Monico - The band is unique. They have the band shell. It's here. Wrestling is here. They're inside. Basketball is here, its inside. You have Tennis. They are right here. There are all of these clubs that are right here or they have shelter. We are asking the use of a building that abuts your property. Where parents can be involved and not have to have the children get into the car come up here after practice where they have to wait for a meeting we had.

Question: Donald Butz - How many people are in the 12<sup>th</sup> Man group? How many parents are involved?

Answer Christy Monico - Any one time, maybe you have 10-20.

Question: Donald Butz - I'm talking about parents that have students playing in football.

Answer Christy Monico - 60 parents that have children playing football.

Question: Donald Butz - That attend the meetings?

Answer Christy Monico - 10-40. It depends on what we have going on.

Comment: Donald Butz - I'm not changing my vote.

Comment: Christy Monico - I'm not asking you to change your vote. I'm just asking you to exercise your control the correct way. I've gone over the legal. It's important for administrators and Board members to remember the booster clubs and the foundations of independent entities. They give you their records. They have their bylaws. They give you everything you want, yet you put undue pressure on them. You control the inside workings of their clubs, if you can and that's not what it's meant for. They are gifts and you should say thank you. If you look at how much money just from 16-17, that's what one booster club raised. That's \$50,000 that did not have to come out of your budget.

Comment: Donald Butz - It wouldn't be coming out of our budget.

Comment: Christy Monico - It would if you had 7 on 7's that you were paying for.

Comment: Donald Butz - That's not education. I'm sorry, I'm here for education.

Comment: Christy Monico - You have an athletic budget, transportation costs that the club pays for and food for the kids. You have a lot of different things. I'm sorry, in my opinion you're over stepping your bounds.

Comment: Wayne Brookhart - Our position administratively is we want to comply with what you tell us to do. None of us go into this business trying to get involved in the middle of adults that can't really agree on where meetings should be. We are here for the kids. We certainly appreciate what the 12<sup>th</sup> Man Club does for the kids. They contribute tremendous amounts of money over the last 25 years. We absolutely want that. We want to continue that relationship in that association, but I want our coach to be able to coach and I want our business manager to be able to be a business manager. I want to deal with the things I need to deal with. You tell us what you want us to do and how you want us to do this. We think right now that is what we are doing. If we are not, let us know.

Comment: Christy Monico - I don't understand how this one function is making it so the coach can't coach and the business manager can't do her job.

Comment: Wayne Brookhart - I think the coach needs to be able to coach and not be in the middle of this kind of thing.

Comment: Christy Monico - I believe so too. This is something to make it easier for the coaches and the children and it has become a huge obstacle for no reason. This is a full-time year round club. This isn't a part-time, 3 months a year. It's a club that puts in a lot of time and money in it. There is no children in it. You're telling people from an average age of 50 and up where they have to meet.

Comment: Donald Butz - Wow, they must have children late in their life.

Comment: Christy Monico - They don't have children involved.

Comment: Donald Butz - That's my point.

Comment: Wayne Brookhart - What it comes down to is the majority rules, unless somebody changes we are going to fulfill the intent of the Board. It doesn't mean we don't appreciate the club. We do. They have been great to the district and the kids.

Comment: Daniel McGann - You need to clarify anything other than what you put in your policy which is regular meetings. Anything else is not part of that restriction. If they want to have a banquet, they can have it at the Maria Assunta. If they want to have a banquet, they can have it at the Elks building. People are confusing that kind of stuff with regular meetings. I want this group to state tonight that it is just regular meetings.

Comment: Larry Clausen - Regular monthly meetings.

Comment: Maryann Kovalewski - Regular meetings. The intent was never to take away the banquets.

Comment: Christy Monico - I don't believe it was to take away the banquets. I think you thought it looked great on paper with what you were doing,

Comment: Jon Morell - I think it was done too hastily. We should have defined it better before we took a vote on it. It was put at the end of the agenda. It got passed without some definition as to what a regular meeting is. What school district property that they should be at? How far in advance the notice has to go in that we are having the meeting so we can have the buildings open? There were none of those definitions said and it got passed without those definitions.

Comment: Donald Butz - That's already set up for every club. Every other club should be following that.

Comment: Jon Morell - If you read the policy, it says regular meetings will be held on school district property. It doesn't define what a regular meeting is. It doesn't define the process for getting a building open. That should be in the policy as well.

Comment: Larry Clausen - Its regular monthly meetings, whether it is monthly or bimonthly. It's your regular meetings that need to be at the district facility.

Question: Christy Monico - So, when it is in the by-laws and states it is one time a month that needs to be on school property?

Answer: Larry Clausen - Yes.

Question: Christy Monico - And that room/area, will be open to those people?

Answer: Donald Butz - If they fill out the correct paperwork.

Comment: Christy Monico - This club has always filled out the correct paperwork.

Comment: Larry Clausen - Mr. Culver said he will assist. The communication needs to be there with the building principal.

Question: Christy Monico - Who is going to keep track of all 58 clubs?

Comment: Renee Gomez - There is a process with the use of facility usage form. It depends on which event it is, which club is applying for it. It goes to the building principal, then to an administrator. It starts with them (the requestor), then to the building principal in which the meeting room is requested, then it goes to the business office. I do the final sign off and approval. Then it comes out to Mrs. Nespoli and then it gets disbursed to the building secretaries. We have a very clear process. We have not failed.

Question: Wayne Brookhart - How many do we get a year?

Answer: Renee Gomez - 10-20 a week. It is also outside organizations wanting to rent this facility or that facility.

Comment: Wayne Brookhart - I have talked to Renee about putting them on one form for the year as opposed to individually coming through.

Comment: Renee Gomez - I did send that in my most recently communications.

Comment: Wayne Brookhart - Ms. Gomez has been following up the letters to the clubs and keeping in constant communication. We understand it is part of our jobs. We just kind of think it has taken a life of its own here.

Comment: Christy Monico - I think you have. Previous Boards have gone over this and over this in 2012-2013. You did audits on the booster clubs. In 2016, you felt you needed more audits on booster clubs. These things keep coming back around. It's in your minutes in 2013. This is a constant clock that keeps coming around and we need to do our due diligence to make sure we are not constantly having these conversations. You put a stigma on the people who are making the kids money, saving the tax payers money. We are handing you something that you can said thank you. Now, I want you to jump twenty more hoops.

Question: Donald Butz - Can you do one hoop?

Question: Jon Morell - Ms. Gomez, during the summer are the buildings open, or can they be open?

Answer: Renee Gomez - Yes, the only exception would be on the Fridays. We have even accommodated certain booster clubs at the end of the school year to stay open that one extra day so they could organize their camps. I have worked with Mr. Culver and Mr. Geffken in the past. The use of facility form drives it all. As long as that is completed, there is a tracking in place. People are filling them out for the entire year.

Comment: Wayne Brookhart - I can't say we have never missed it but I have never had a phone call complaining about it.

Comment: Renee Gomez - I have been doing it for over a year now.

Comment: Christy Monico - I just don't understand the need, then I will stop now. You have parent groups from wrestling meeting at restaurants.

Comment: Susy Wiegand - I am going to do the last comment and then I am going to fold. The reason we came with this was not particularly to target any group. I'm part of the 12<sup>th</sup> Man Club and this is public. This is because there are other minor groups that they are meeting at kitchens. They are meeting in parks. They are meeting in places that are not appropriate. We need to provide a room for all of these groups since they are contributing to our bottom line here for our kids. We at least out of courtesy need to have a room for those people/parents. Volleyball, cheerleading, etc. A lot of these groups do not have a place to meet. The only people who meet in the district is the PTO's. The parent teacher organizations, that's it. Everyone else is scattered around. We are the room. Whatever the room is, we need to make it happen. It's not football; it's not band. We are looking at other groups. Even though there were not a lot of guidelines, there are others that we are not looking at.

**New Business:** None.

**Public Comment:**

Question: Ronald Robsock - I didn't attend the April meetings of the School Board. I was wondering about the budget committee. At first it was said that the students would be receiving free meals and then a couple weeks later they changed their minds and said the students would have to pay for their meals. Why was that changed?

Answer: Wayne Brookhart - There was no change.

Comment: Daniel McGann - Tell him what the policy is for next year.

Comment: Renee Gomez - There is no change. We are applying for the Community Eligibility Provision. We have followed all the steps accordingly. PDE opens up the application June 1<sup>st</sup>; we are eligible which would then enable all students within the Berwick Area School District to receive one free breakfast and one free lunch. It is their choice if they want to accept that.

Comment: Wayne Brookhart - I have had representatives from other district asking me how we did it.

Comment: Daniel McGann - I think the confusion might be if they want to purchase a-la-cart items in addition to your meal.

Comment: Renee Gomez - There are requirements for the reimbursable meal and if there are any additional items that they would like to add then all items would be rung up a-la-cart.

Question: Robert Beiter - I just want to say that, you are telling me that during the summer time you are going to have people available at night for us to meet?

Answer: Benton Culver - With notice.

Comment: Robert Beiter - I think we have a perfect location at Jingle Hall. The parents state this is great. I can meet and pick my kids up. It is only five steps before I hit the wall in distance. The coach can walk over.

Comment: Donald Butz - I saw in the paper that you are having a golf tournament, I went back into my packet and I can't find our approval for that.

Comment: Robert Beiter - Well, it is in there. I know I sent it.

Comment: Renee Gomez - I inquired also and I did not see an approval form. The information that I have, I do not see it.

Comment: Robert Beiter - Mr. Butz, I am sorry. I thought I sent everything in.

Comment: Christy Monico - That is what you should do. If there is a mistake that is what should happen, but the way we have done it in the past is the wrong way.

Comment: Maryann Kovalewski - If your golf tournament is not approved, we need to get it approved tonight.

**EC-3 On a motion of Donald Butz, seconded by Daniel McGann, we approve the 12<sup>th</sup> Man golf tournament to be held on June 9, 2018. Motion carried. All members voting “Aye.” “Nay”- none and no abstentions.**

Question: Robert Beiter - If you have a problem with our booster club or any other booster club, why does it have to be said behind closed doors? Why can't we go face to face?

Comment: Wayne Brookhart - Like I have said before, your financial records are the best that we receive.

Comment: Renee Gomez - Mr. Beiter, I know you just mentioned about the fact that the 12<sup>th</sup> Man Club is being audited. The auditors made that decision based upon the recent publicity.

Summarization of Executive Session: Susy Wiegand - Student issue and real estate.

On a motion of Maryann Kovalewski, seconded by Donald Butz we adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. All members voting “Aye.” “Nay”- none and no abstentions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Janet K. Kovach, Secretary to the Board