



**WEST BUFFALO CHARTER SCHOOL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MARCH 23RD, 2015
2:30 P.M.
113 LAFAYETTE AVENUE, BUFFALO, NY
MINUTES**

Board Members:

Present: Joseph Cozzo, Michelle Stevens, Richard Baer, James Sampson, Joanne Haefner

Excused: Lucy Candelario, Arup Sen

Quorum Present: Yes

Also Present: Andrea Todoro, Rachel Banas, Jim Deuschle

Absent due to illness: Liz Sterns

Call to Order

Mr. Cozzo called the Meeting to order at 2:35PM. Quorum present.

Proof of Public Notice of Meeting

Media and public announcement was sent on Monday, March 16th, 2015 to print, radio, and TV outlets announcing this open meeting. A posting was also sent to Erie County Hall, Buffalo City Hall and Buffalo City Court. In addition, it was publicly displayed at 50 East North Street and posted on the WBCS website. The Board of Trustees was duly notified of this meeting well within the timeline of our bylaws.

Review of the January 26th, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the January 26th, 2015 Board of Trustees meeting were presented for approval.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Sampson and seconded by Ms. Haefner, the minutes of the January 26th, 2015 board meeting were approved as presented. All in favor. Non-opposed.

Chairman's Report

- Mr. Cozzo welcomed Jim Deuschle from Rich Products to the meeting.
- Mr. Cozzo requested that a conversation take place, outside of the regular board meeting date in April for the entire board meet to discuss a strategic plan for the potential expansion of grades 5-8. Those present at this meeting suggested that April

28th would be the preferred date to meet for the half day. Those not attending today's meeting will be notified at once to confirm their availability.

Financial Report

Due to illness, Mrs. Sterns was not available to present this month's financial report. The report will be provided to the board members electronically.

School Leader Report

Mrs. Todoro presented the School Leader Report for the period ending February 28th, 2015 (a copy which is attached hereto and made a part hereof).

- The Buffalo Public Schools have made the decision to add back to the calendar the Friday prior to Memorial Day (May 22nd, 2015). Mrs. Todoro suggested that WBCS conform to this change and add back the day to our calendar as well.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Sampson and seconded by Mrs. Stevens, the board voted to add back into the WBCS calendar Friday, May 22nd, 2015 as an additional make-up date from this winter's snow days. All in favor. Non-opposed.

- Discussion regarding the upcoming New York State ELA and Math Assessments that will be given to students in April.
- Mrs. Todoro to put a policy in place for those students whose parents may want to opt out of the testing.
- Mrs. Todoro will report to the board at the April meeting the results of where this year's fourth graders will be attending for fifth grade.
- A request from Sister MaryLaura Lesniak from the Sister's of Mary Church at 241/245 Lafayette Avenue for the use of our parking lot for an event they are holding on May 3rd, 2015. The church will need to get a Certificate of Insurance that lists WBCS as an additional insured for the May 3rd event.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Sampson and seconded by Ms. Haefner, the board approved the use of the WBCS parking lot for the Sister's of Mary Church on Lafayette Avenue on May 3rd, 2015. All in favor. Non-opposed.

- "Save the Date" cards were presented to board members for this year's Night of the Arts on June 17th, 2015 which may be held at Rich Products in their Atrium space. Board members are encouraged to invite family and friends to attend. Mrs. Todoro will also provide an electronic version of this reminder to all board members.
- Rachel Banas presented to the board her reflections from the month of February.
- Mrs. Todoro presented the WBCS Safety Plan for 2014-2015.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Baer and seconded by Ms. Haefner, the 2014-2015 Safety Plan was approved as presented.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to dismiss was made by Mrs. Stevens and seconded by Mr. Baer. The meeting was adjourned at 4:22PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Bunis Ohl

The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 27th, 2015 at 2:30PM.