WHEATLAND-CHILI CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING  
February 27, 2017  
TJC – Room 312

Members Present:
President - Kim Snyder  
Vice President - Shanna Fraser  
Trustee - James Musshafen  
- Courtney Panek  
- Tiffany Passmore

Others Present:
Deborah Leh, Superintendent  
Jennifer Sinsebox, Executive Director of Curriculum  
Eric Windover, Secondary School Principal  
Margaret Wright, Elementary School Principal  
Karen Murray – Assistant Principal  
Beth Gillette – Business Manager  
Judith Cianciola – District Clerk

Members Absent:
Trustee - Gregory Berl  
- Michelle Rocha

BOARD OF EDUCATION WORKSHOP – D. Leh facilitated a workshop to review mid-year goals and continue the Board’s work on District priorities.

CALL TO ORDER –President K. Snyder called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by one student from the elementary school.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
President K. Snyder recommended amending the agenda by adding an Executive Session as Item 6.
Trustee C. Panek moved, seconded by Trustee S. Fraser, to adding an Executive Session as Item 6.
Motion 5-0.
Trustee C. Panek moved, seconded by Trustee T. Passmore, to approve the amended agenda.
Motion 5-0.

HEARING AND DISCUSSION OF ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE
N/A.

TREASURER’S REPORT – The Board received the Treasurer’s Report for January, 2017.

PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS

a. Elementary School Update – M. Wright provided an update on instructional work occurring at T. J. Connor. This includes workshops and trainings for staff, curriculum work, and social/emotional learning work with the Children’s Institute. There is also a committee working on positive behaviors. Students are learning to code, participating in DARE, and Project Lead the Way instruction. Recent and upcoming events include the Sweetheart Dance, Mock Newbery Club, Book Fair, 100 Days, District Concert, Bedtime Stories, Poetry Café, and Movie Night.

b. Student Activities: Interscholastic Sports Update – S. Melville presented a brief summary of the winter season, and an overview of the interscholastic program as a whole. Greater student participation is being encouraged to maintain the teams the District has. Student participation is approximately 35-45% depending on the season. Future considerations were also reviewed such as uniform and equipment replacement schedule, mass-notification system for changes in athletic schedule, review of athletic policies, and finding ways to be fiscally responsible while offering a rich athletic program.
c. **Tax Levy Limit Calculation** – B. Gillette reviewed the calculation for the tax levy limit for the 2017-2018 budget.

d. **Budget Development 2017-2018: Instruction (Elementary, Secondary, Sports, Co-curricular, Technology) and Employee Benefits** – D. Leh presented an overview of the instructional expenses related to elementary and secondary programming, sports, co-curricular, technology, and employee benefits costs. Included under this part of the budget are school administration, curriculum development, and program costs. Class size considerations were reviewed. With this presentation, all budget codes for the 2017-2018 budget have been reviewed. At the next Board meeting, a preliminary draft budget will be presented.

e. **Board Member Communications**

1) **Date for Board Petitions** – April 17, 2017 – K. Snyder notified the Board that candidate petitions are available on the district website and in district office for anyone interested in running for a position on the Board of Education.

2) **Other Items of Information** – S. Fraser commented on the upcoming Safety Committee meeting and asked Board members to review the updated Safety Plan.

   There is an upcoming fundraiser for an elementary family.

f. **Superintendent’s Report** – Dr. D. Leh

1) **Updates on Questions from February 13, 2017 Board Meeting** – D. Leh responded to questions that were asked at the last Board meeting regarding the booster clubs’ financial reports, locations for calendar events, painting of the high school gym, athletic eligibility, and student mobility reports.

2) **Solar Energy Systems Tax Exemption** – D. Leh shared a summary from the District’s legal counsel regarding the development of a PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) agreement for solar energy systems. The Board discussed the options on keeping the exemption being offered to solar energy systems and developing a PILOT or opting out of the exemption. The Board agreed to keep the exemption.

3) **Discussion of Combined Lacrosse Team** – D. Leh updated the Board on a potential opportunity for a combine lacrosse team with Avon CSD and possibly Livonia CSD. The Board asked for more information on the idea.

4) **Discussion of Spring Softball Program** – The District will not be able to field a junior varsity team this year but will have a large varsity softball team. The Athletic Director has recommended hiring a softball assistant to support the varsity softball team. A non-precedent setting memorandum of agreement with the WCFT for the creation of this position will be brought to the Board for approval.

5) **Update on School Resource Officer Position** – Discussions are continuing with the Town of Wheatland and Senator Gallivan’s office for the hiring of a school resource officer for the District through a senatorial grant. An intermunicipal agreement with the Town of Wheatland will be developed that will set forth specific details of the relationship, including hours of the school resource officer, hourly rate, etc.

6) **Upcoming Events:**

   - Board of Education Visitation Day – March 15, 2017 – D. Leh asked Board members if they would be agreeable to changing the date. The date of Tuesday, March 14, 2017, was agreed upon. Board members decided what building and time of day they would like to visit. A schedule will be created for them.

   - **BOCES Annual Meeting** – Wednesday, April 5, 2017 – D. Leh reminded the Board members of the upcoming event and asked who might be interested in attending.
5. New Business

a. Approval of Minutes of Board Meeting held on February 13, 2017

Trustee C. Panek moved, seconded by Trustee S. Fraser, to approve the following:

Resolved that, the Board of Education of the Wheatland-Chili Central School District, hereby approves the minutes of the Board meeting held on February 13, 2017.

Motion 5-0.

b. Approval of Recommendations of Committee on Special Education

Trustee C. Panek moved, seconded by Trustee S. Fraser, to approve the following:

Resolved that, the Board of Education of the Wheatland-Chili Central School District, hereby approves the CSE recommendations for meetings held on 2/2/17, 2/3/17, 2/8/17, 2/15/17, and 2/16/17.

Motion 5-0.

c. Approval of Budget Transfer

Trustee C. Panek moved, seconded by Trustee J. Musshafen, to approve the following:

Resolved that, the Board of Education of the Wheatland-Chili Central School District, under the recommendation of the superintendent of schools, hereby approves the following budget transfer:

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<td>80-9020-820-000</td>
<td>$50,445</td>
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Motion 5-0.

d. Approval of Student Field Trips

Trustee C. Panek moved, seconded by Trustee J. Musshafen, to approve the following:

Resolved that, the Board of Education of the Wheatland-Chili Central School District upon the recommendation of the superintendent of schools, hereby approves the middle school class ski trip to Swain on March 10, 2017 and the Grade 5-7 Marching Band field trip to Seabreeze on June 16, 2017.

Motion 5-0.

e. Acknowledgement of Letter Requiring PILOT – Solar Energy Systems

Trustee C. Panek moved, seconded by Trustee S. Fraser, to approve the following:

Resolved that, the Board of Education of the Wheatland-Chili Central School District, upon the recommendation of the superintendent of schools, hereby acknowledges the letter to OneEnergy Renewables dated February 21, 2017, requiring the owner of such system to enter into a contract to make payments in lieu of taxes (PILOTS) relative to the development of a two (2) megawatt solar farm within the District.

Motion 4-0. K. Snyder abstained.

f. Personnel Actions

1) Approval of Unpaid Leaves – Classified Staff

Trustee C. Panek moved, seconded by Trustee J. Musshafen, to approve the following:

Resolved that, the Board of Education of the Wheatland-Chili Central School District, upon the recommendation of the superintendent of schools, hereby approves the following unpaid leaves:

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Motion 5-0.

2) Approval of Probationary Appointment – Certificated Staff

Trustee C. Panek moved, seconded by Trustee S. Fraser, to approve the following:

Resolved that, the Board of Education of the Wheatland-Chili Central School District, upon the recommendation of the superintendent of schools, hereby approves the following probationary appointment:

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<tr>
<td>Mary Vito</td>
<td>Pupil Personnel Services Director</td>
<td>$23,250</td>
<td>March 30, 2017</td>
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<td>(prorated from $90,000)</td>
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Motion 5-0.

3) Approval of Extension of Unpaid Leave – Classified Staff

Trustee C. Panek moved, seconded by Trustee S. Fraser, to approve the following:

Resolved that, the Board of Education of the Wheatland-Chili Central School District, upon the recommendation of the superintendent of schools, hereby approves the following extension of an unpaid leave to provide for the disposition of a disability retirement claim to the Employees Retirement System:

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<td>Michelle Farrell</td>
<td>Teacher Aide</td>
<td>2/1/17 - 6/30/17</td>
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Motion 5-0.

4) Approval of Substitute Appointment – Certificated Staff

Trustee C. Panek moved, seconded by Trustee S. Fraser, to approve the following:

Resolved that, the Board of Education of the Wheatland-Chili Central School District, upon the recommendation of the superintendent of schools, hereby approves the following substitute appointment:

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<td>Clay Gronemeyer</td>
<td>Childhood Ed. 1-6, SWD 1-6</td>
<td>$120/day</td>
<td>February 28, 2017</td>
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Motion 5-0.

5) Approval of Spring Coaches

Trustee C. Panek moved, seconded by Trustee J. Musshafen, to approve the following:

Resolved that, the Board of Education of the Wheatland-Chili Central School District, upon the recommendation of the superintendent of schools, hereby approves the following coach appointments for the spring season:

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<td>Anthony Mannara</td>
<td>Boys Varsity Baseball</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>$4,127</td>
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<td>Michael Williams</td>
<td>Girls Varsity Softball</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>$3,927</td>
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<td>Brian Glass</td>
<td>Boys Varsity Track and Field</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>$4,027</td>
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<td>Jill Jackett</td>
<td>Modified Track and Field</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>$2,261</td>
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<td>Karl Keydel</td>
<td>Varsity Golf</td>
<td>6</td>
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<td>Christopher Peets</td>
<td>Varsity Tennis</td>
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<td>Fred Burnash</td>
<td>JV Tennis</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>$3,415</td>
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<td>Todd Grimes</td>
<td>Spring Intramurals</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>$1,333/15 sessions</td>
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Motion 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee C. Panek moved, seconded by Trustee T. Passmore, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the employment of specific individuals at 8:45 p.m.

Motion carried 5-0.

Trustee J. Musshafen moved, seconded by Trustee T. Passmore, to reconvene the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

Motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee C. Panek moved, seconded by Trustee S. Fraser, to adjourn to the meeting at 8:59 p.m.

Motion carried 5-0.