

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 8, 2026 6:07 PM Eastern

District Service Center - Board Room
2780 West Fourth Street
Williamsport, PA 17701

Lori Baer:	Present
Rick Douglas:	Present
Michele Hazel:	Absent
Lauren Montgomery:	Present
Nazirah Purnell:	Present
Barbara Reeves:	Present
Jamie Sanders:	Present
Daniella Weaver:	Present
Scott Williams:	Present

Present: 8, Absent: 1.

1. Meeting Opening

1.1. **Opening Exercises** — Provided by Mrs. Barbara Reeves

1.2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

1.3. **Approval of Minutes** – Regular Meeting August 11, 2026

1.4. **Student Representatives: Colyn Jandrisavitz, Emily Fullop, & Jasi Shand**

Emily Fullop shared some of the positive and negative things of adding the Engage period. She also provided a sports and music update. Some upcoming events include Homecoming dance, Play auditions, and the Purple out. Ms. Fullop also thanked the board for all they do and for allowing her to participate with the Board this year.

1.5. **Omnibus**

A motion was made by Jamie Sanders, seconded by Barbara Reeves, for an omnibus to include minutes from August 11, 2026 Regular Meeting and addendum.

2. Board President's Report - Ms. Lori A. Baer

President Baer announced an executive session was held prior to the meeting for Personal and Attorney advisement.

2.1. **Service Occupations CTE Program presentation**

Mr. Matt Fisher, Director of Career & Technical Education; Dr. Amy Briggs, Director of Special Education; Ms. Amanda Wolfe, Secondary Special Education Supervisor and

Dr. Justin Ross, WAHS Head Principal shared what the Service Occupations CTE Program would look like at the high school and what they have needs from other school districts.

2.2. Rocket Alumni Update

Ms. Taylor Chrisenberry, Director of Education Foundation and Public Relations provided an update on the progress being made with Rocket Alumni.

2.3. PSBA Elections 2027

President Baer explained the PSBA Election process.

President-elect - Matt Vannoy

Vice President - Kristy Bolte

Treasurer (three-year term) — David Hein

PSBA Insurance Trustees (three-year term)

(Choose two):

Marianne L. Neel

Dr. Michael Faccienetto

2.4. Appointment of Acting Secretary

President Baer shared Mrs. Smith will not be at the next board meeting so Ms. Seyler will be Acting Board Secretary.

2.5. Appointment of WASD Education Foundation Board Members

Bridget Carmeci

Virginia Weigle

Brittany Fischer

2.6. Consider approving Bridget Carmeci as secretary for the Williamsport Area School District Education Foundation.

2.7. Construction Project Updates

Mr. Dale Crans, Supervisor of Maintenance and Facilities provided an update on the Stadium Project. The project is still 3.5 weeks behind but we were able to have it open for the first game. Dr. Bowers shared the change order is a design issue that we would have paid for anyways.

2.8. Construction Projects: HS Stadium and Tennis Courts

Contractor	Amount	Reason
TurnKey, Inc CO#16 Electrical	\$1,647.48	Supply and install (2) magnetic motor starters for kitchen exhaust hoods.

3. Finance Report — President Baer thanked everyone for their time working through the bargaining agreement with the Williamsport Area Support Professionals.

3.1. Treasurer's Report

3.2. Finance Report

General Fund- Unrestricted	\$3,087,973.77
General Fund - Restricted	207,808.13
Food Service Fund	673.38
Student Activities Fund	0.00
TOTAL	\$3,296,455.28

3.3. Approval of Bills

General Fund	\$9,451,870.79
Food Service Fund	248,035.89
PLGIT Capital Projects Fund (2026 Bond)	351,807.01
Student Activities Fund	0.00
TOTAL	\$10,051,713.82

3.4. Consider approving the new collective bargaining agreement with the Williamsport Area Education Support Professionals, effective July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2030.

4. Board Policy – None.

5. Curriculum Report

5.1. Approval of Contract with Brian Mendler Discipline Associates, LLC

5.2. Approval of Partnership Agreement with Keystone/Red Rock Job Corps

5.3. Approval of Commonwealth University Course BIOL102: Ecology and Evolution

5.4. Approval of Drone Flight Test for Drone Education Course

5.5. Approval to Purchase Adobe Creative Cloud Licenses

5.6. Approval of an Addendum to an Agreement with Forerunner Technologies

5.7. Approval of PowerSchool Licenses and Support

6. Personnel Report

6.1. Retirement(s) & Resignation(s)

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RETIREMENT(S)					
RESOLVED: that the Board of Directors of the Williamsport Area School District acknowledges with profound regret the following retirements from service in the Williamsport Area Schools and expresses its sincere appreciation for their dedicated service to our school system. It further expresses the hope that their years of retirement will be many and richly rewarding.					
Name	Position	Classification	Location	Reason	Effective Date
Zarzyczny, Robert T.	FT Groundskeeper/ Custodian Class II	Support	WAHS	Retirement, after over 20 years of service with the district	October 8, 2026

RESIGNATION(S)					
Name	Position	Classification	Location	Reason	Effective Date
Fuschetti, Jessica N.	FT 7th Grade Math Teacher	Professional	WAMS	Other Employment	Effective October 16, 2026, or possibly sooner, as the district has determined to hold Ms. Fuschetti for up to 60 days per PA School Code
Smith, Alayne M.	FT 7th English Teacher	Professional	WAMS	Personal Reasons and/or Other Employment	Effective October 23, 2026, or possibly sooner, as the district has determined to hold Ms. Smith for up to 60 days per

					PA School Code
Vankuren, Karen M.	FT Aide	Support	WAHS	Personal Reasons	August 17, 2026
Duvall, Samantha N.	PT Administrative Support I/Library Aide	Support	Jackson	Personal Reasons	August 26, 2026

6.2. **Leave(s) of Absence** - None at this time

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6.3. **Employment: Administrative, Professional & Support Staff**

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PROFESSIONAL STAFF						
Name	Classification	Position	Location	Compensation	Effective Date	Replacing
Sichko, Eva B.	Professional Employee	FT 7th Grade Math Teacher	WAMS	Master's, Step 1 \$64,280	TBD (pending receipt of all approved & eligible clearances, mandated reporter training, as well as all required personnel paperwork)	Jessica N. Fuschetti, resigned
Retroactive Request:						
Francis, John M.	Temporary Professional Employee	FT CTE Welding Teacher	WAHS	Step 5, Bachelor's \$70,177	August 26, 2026	Jeremiah D. Martin, resigned

<i>Retroactive Request:</i>						
VanGorder, Jessica K.	Temporary Professional Employee	FT 6th Grade Teacher	Curtin	Step 1, Master's \$64,280	August 26, 2026	Kristen A. Fortin, resigned

SUPPORT STAFF

Name	Position	Location	Compensation	Effective Date	Replacing
Fink, Wyatt E.	FT Class I Custodian Floater (2nd shift, 250-day, 8hrs/day)	Warehouse Complex	At the hourly rate and/or annualized salary per the expired WAESPA contract (2025-2026 wage/salary scales expired 06/30/2026) until such time as a successor contract is reached, effective with the 2026-2027 school year	September 14, 2026	Robert A. Worth, retiring
<i>Retroactive Request:</i> Wilson, Grace I.	FT AV Computer Technician, Tier 2 (245-day, 7.5hrs/day)	Instructional Technology	At the hourly rate and/or annualized salary per the expired WAESPA contract (2025-2026 wage/salary scales expired 06/30/2026) until such time as a successor contract is reached, effective with the 2026-2027 school year	September 2, 2026	New position beginning with the 2026-2027 school year
<i>Please</i>					

SUPPORT STAFF

rescind the following previously approved June 9th board agenda item: Snyder, Molly L.	PT Aide (185-day, up to 5hrs/day)	Jackson	At the hourly rate (w/ degree) and/or annualized salary per the expiring WAESPA contract (2025-2026 wage/salary scales expiring 6/30/2026) until such time a successor contract is reached, effective with the 2026-2027 school year	August 26, 2026	Jeanette A. Bower, retired
Hummer, Kylie R.	PT Aide (185-day, up to 5hrs/day)	Jackson	At the hourly rate (without degree) and/or annualized salary per the expired WAESPA contract (2025-2026 wage/salary scales expired 06/30/2026) until such time as a successor contract is reached, effective with the 2026-2027 school year	September 9, 2026	Jeanette A. Bower, retired

6.4. Employment: Long Term Substitute Teacher(s)

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LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE(S)				
Name	Assignment/Location	Compensation	Effective Date	Replacing
Retroactive Request:				
Dake, Alayna M.	Lycoming-Valley	Step 1, Bachelor's \$60,742	August 26, 2026	Approved LTS position for the 2026-2027

				school year; tentative ending date of June 4, 2027
<i>Retroactive Request:</i> Hein, Kelsey E.	4th Grade/Lycoming- Valley	Step 1, Bachelor's \$60,742	August 26, 2026 <i>(pending successful completion of an experience-based intern program and required PDE teaching certification)</i>	Kerry A. Hall, resigned (1st semester only ; tentative ending date of January 22, 2027)
<i>Retroactive Request:</i> Huskin, Emily P.	Curtin	Step 1, Bachelor's \$60,742	August 26, 2026	Approved LTS position for the 2026-2027 school year; tentative ending date of June 4, 2027
<i>Retroactive Request:</i> Kilgore, Rachel M.	Hepburn-Lycoming	Step 1, Bachelor's \$60,742	August 26, 2026	Approved LTS position for the 2026-2027 school year (1st semester only ; tentative ending date of

				January 22, 2027)
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6.5. Employment: Substitute(s)

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SUBSTITUTE(S)				
Name	Position	Compensation	Effective Date	Comments
Krizan, Lydia R.	Non-Certified Substitute Teacher	\$125/day	September 9, 2026	N/A

6.6. Position Change(s)

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POSITION CHANGE(S)					
Name	Current Position/Location	New Position/Location	Salary	Effective Date	Replacing
Sinclair, Beth A.	PT Aide (185-day, up to 5hrs/day)/WAMS	FT Aide (185-day, 7hrs/day)/WAHS	Tier C (with degree), At the hourly rate and/or annualized salary per the expired WAESPA contract (2025-2026 wage/salary scales expired 06/30/2026) until such time as a successor contract is reached, effective with the 2026-2027 school year	TBD	Karen M. Vankuren, resigned

6.7. Coaches/Volunteers/Extracurricular Assignments
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2026-2027 ATHLETIC COACHES & VOLUNTEERS (++ Booster Funded Positions)						
Activity	School	Position	Name	Years	Stipend	Comments
<i>Retroactive Request:</i> Boys Soccer	WAHS	Assistant Coach	Gehr, Derek P.	0	\$2,520	Effective: August 17, 2026
Football	WAHS	Volunteer	Moore, Tariq C.	---	---	N/A
Cross Country	WAHS	Volunteer	Baird, William R.	---	---	N/A
Girls Basketball	WAMS	8th Grade Head Coach	Slaughter, Vanessa A.	2	\$2,677.50	N/A
		8th Grade Head Coach	Parsell, Cortney J.	1	\$2,677.50	N/A
		7th Grade Head Coach	Young, Alicia N.	5	\$3,150	N/A
		7th Grade Head Coach	Smith, Dana L.	5	\$3,150	N/A
Cheerleading	WAMS & WAHS	Volunteer	Tice, Alicia M.	---	---	N/A

2026-2027	
The following Staff to provide authentic culinary training to our Culinary CTE students at \$600 per extracurricular event.	
Nasdeo, Brian J.	
2026-2027 ADVISOR STIPENDS	
The following individuals for the positions indicated at the respective schools for the 2026-2027 school year, at the stipends established in accordance with	

**the current agreement by and between the Board of School Directors of the
Williamsport Area School District and the Williamsport Education Association:**

Location	Activity	Name	Years	Stipend Amount
<i>Correction to the following previously approved August 11th board agenda item:</i> WAHS	LaMemoire Editorial Advisor	Gilson, Nicole ~~L. Reeder,~~ ~~Lauren R.~~	5	\$4,500
			0	\$3,600
<i>Correction to the following previously approved August 11th board agenda item:</i> WAHS	Publications Business Advisor	Cajka, Savannah	1	\$1,338.75
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		Gilson, Nicole L. ~~Cajka,~~ ~~Savannah~~	0 1	\$1,260 \$2,677.50
<i>Correction to the following previously approved August 11th board agenda item:</i> WAHS	National Art Honor Society Advisor	Cooley, Lauren B. ~~Werner, Kevin~~ ~~C.~~	0	\$720
			2	\$765
WAHS	Skills USA	Mazzante, Audra E.	---	\$900
	Skills USA	Peacock, Lisa M. (WAESP)	---	At her regular hourly rate (not to exceed \$900)
WAMS	Educators Rising Club	Welshans, Elizabeth K.	0	\$720

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORS: WAMS

The following Teachers as After-School Tutors (Regular Education and Special Education) for Middle School students, as needed for the 2026-2027 school term. Administrators will staff the program on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays (2:50 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.) at the end of the WAMS teacher day, at the rate of \$35.10 per hour plus appropriate benefits, for the actual number of hours worked:

Name	Subject
McCann, Marcia L.	Special Education
Graff, Tracey L.	Special Education
Lusk, Brandon M.	English & Social Studies
Rowland, Jesse D.	Social Studies
Roatche, Amber C.	English
Force, Makayla A.	Special Education

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORS: WAHS

The following Teachers as After-School Tutors (Regular Education and Special Education) for High School students, as needed for the 2026-2027 school term. Administrators will staff the program on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays (2:30 p.m. - 4:10 p.m.) at the end of the WAHS teacher day, at the rate of \$35.10 per hour plus appropriate benefits, for the actual number of hours worked:

Name	Subject
Mahon, Amy R.	English
Gee, Jessica J.	English
Schefsky, Jody J.	English & Special Education
Manetta, Elizabeth A.	CTE
Eckman, Jessica J.	Science
Nagy, Todd M.	Special Education
Meixel, Lily R.	Mathematics
Maneval, Channing G.	Special Education
Bower, Paula E.	Special Education
Robertson, Jennifer A.	Mathematics

FITNESS CENTER SUPERVISORS: WAHS The following Staff for After-School Supervision of the Fitness Center at the Williamsport Area High School, for the actual number of hours worked, at the hourly rates listed below:	
Name	Hourly Rate
Beattie, Jack F. (WAESP)	At his regular hourly rate
Meixel, Lily R. (WEA)	\$18.39 (Intramural rate)

2026-2027 TITLE I PARENT ENGAGEMENT COORDINATORS (Funded through Title I; availability of positions and funds reviewed annually)		
Location	Name	Stipend Amount
Cochran	Mitstifer, Tracy M.	\$1,000
	Richards, Amanda N.	\$1,000
Hepburn-Lycoming	Sauers, Elizabeth A.	\$1,000
	Samar, Colleen J.	\$1,000
Jackson	Snyder, Linda S.	\$1,000
	Shemory, Gina M.	\$1,000
Curtin	Koontz, Elissa K.	\$2,000
Lycoming-Valley	Ten Eyck, Thao E.	\$1,000
	Zehner, Lauren L.	\$1,000

6.8. Contracts & Other

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CONTRACTS	
Vendor Contract: Bayada Home Health Care	Consider approving the agreement with Bayada Home Health Care, Inc. 209 East Third St., Williamsport, to provide RN/LPN Nursing services (as needed) at the rate of \$60 per hour, for hours worked for the Williamsport Area School District, effective August 31, 2026 through June 30, 2027

OTHER	
Memorandum of Understanding: Collin M. Glorioso	Consider approving the Memorandum of Understanding pertaining to the employment of Collin M. Glorioso, FT Dean of Students at Curtin, effective August 3, 2026

7. Professional Development

NAME/ SCHOOL	CONFERENCE NAME LOCATION	AMOUNT	
	Matthew Fisher/ Director of CTE	Superintendent Retreat @ Milliken Institute Spartanburg, SC	\$1,185.00
	Jody Miller/ SPO - WAHS	Taser Instructor Certification Northumberland	\$1,110.04
	Patricia Miller/ Math - WAHS	PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference	\$582.20
	Richard Poole/ Asst. Superintendent	PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference Kalahari Resort	\$1,002.20
	Matthew Radspinner/ Orchestra - WAHS	Midwest Music Clinic Chicago	\$1,000.00
	Barbara Reeves/ Board Member	PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference Kalahari Resort	\$1,409.00

8. Student/Community Activities - Questions may be directed to Dr. Poole

9. Bids/Contracts - Questions may be directed to Mrs. Smith

9.1. Jackson Primary Flooding - Consider approval of the contract between Williamsport Area School District and ServPro for water damage mitigation and extraction services, including the associated scope of work.

9.2. Purchase of Laundry Equipment for High School Stadium Field House

10. Tax Items - None at this time.

11. Transportation

11.1. Approval of STA, Staff (Drivers, Monitors and Mechanics) for 2026-27 School Year

Last Name	First Name	Status
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Nasdeo	Cynthia	Monitor/Aide
Smalls	Shanell	Monitor/Aide
Werkheiser	Jimmy	Non CDL

Please rescind the following previously approved drivers under the August 11th board agenda item, as they will not be returning for the 26/27 school year:

Last Name	First Name	Status
Bower	Miranda	Non CDL
Bragg	Javon	Non CDL
Ferguson	Louise	Non CDL
Gardner	Kade	CDL
Jackson	A'Ryan	Non CDL
Jacobs	Maddilyn	Non CDL
Sherman	Andrew	Monitor/Aide
Olexy	Kelsey	Non CDL
Blackman	Darrell	CDL

12. Food Service

12.1. Approval of Aramark employee(s) for the 2026-27 School Year

Last Name	First Name
Bolden	Aryannah
Duncan	Jayda
Johnson	Zanir
Leard	Connor
Lopez	Jesseania
McAlpine	Ashli
Norzile	Kaiye
Ritchie	Brian
Sechler	Anna
Walker	Jaivion

Voice Vote. Motion carried.

Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6.7 President Baer Abstained

13. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Bowers thanked Lori Baer for 20 years of service on the Board, Jamie Sanders for 5 years on the Board, Barbara Reeves for 7 years on the Board, and Scott Williams for 5 years on the Board.

Dr. Bowers recognized Fred Holland for all his years as the District's solicitor.

Dr. Bowers shared the District has had a great start to the year with just a few challenges (flooding and road closures). The buildings were ready and the staff was ready. Dr. Bowers thanked everyone for all their hard work in getting ready for the start of the year.

Dr. Bowers shared there was a soft opening at the fieldhouse during the first home football game. The official ribbon cutting will take place on September 25th, October 9th will be Military Night, and October 30th will be Senior Night.

The Board discuss possible names for the field house. Dr. Bowers asked the Board members to send any other name suggestion to Susan Neidig.

14. Items from Board Member

President Baer shared she thought the soft opening of the field house went well. There was a sense of excitement and the kids had lots of spirit. The project was an important thing to do for the community. President Baer also thanked Fred Holland for all his years of service and told him to enjoy retirement.

Jamie Sanders shared he also thought the soft opening went well and shared a cross country update.

Nazirah Purnell also congratulated Fred Holland.

Lauren Montgomery asked about the Board Retreat date. Dr. Bowers responded.

Daniella Weaver shared that she is excited all the hard work is paying off.

15. Items from Public

Kelly Jamison Campbell, parent and resident, shared her concerns with board attendance and suggested the District make Board meetings available online so more people can attend.

16. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Jamie Sanders, seconded by Barbara Reeves. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

17. Public Participation

17.1. Public Participation in Board Meetings

17.2. Nondiscrimination Policy