



**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EDUCATION ACTIVITY
AMERICAS
MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT
WEST POINT SCHOOLS
UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY
WEST POINT, NEW YORK 10996-1196**

May 3, 2017

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes of West Point School Board Meeting, May 3, 2017

1. **Call to Order:** The regular meeting of the West Point School Board was called to order by Mrs. Evangelista, on Wednesday, May 3, 2017, at 4:35 PM in the West Point MS Information Center.

2. Members Present were:

Christine DeGregory, Board Member
Heather Evangelista, President
Rebecca Hyleman, Vice President
Dr. Emily Marsh, MAD Superintendent

Helen Balilo, Community Superintendent
David Morrow, Board Member
Tim Viles, Board Member

Others Present:

Sue Kerns
Denise Cochenour, ES Principal
Maura DuMoulin
Gala Edgar, Union Representative
Angie Lamonski, ISS
Kristen Mitchell
Tim Pillsworth, USACE

Denise Eves, School Board Clerk (VTC)
Miles Shea, MS Principal
Edgar Perry, Admin Officer
Michi Carl
Sue Kerns
Joanne Woodworth

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Mrs. Hyleman made a motion to approve the agenda. Mrs. DeGregory seconded the motion. By unanimous vote the agenda was approved.

4. **APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES:** The minutes from the April 5, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Mrs. Hyleman motioned approval of the past minutes. Mrs. DeGregory seconded the motion. By unanimous vote the minutes were approved.

5. **INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE SCHOOL BOARD:**

MILCON Update: Mr. Pillsworth stated that the MILCON has been awarded. ✓

- **Fencing:** After the final measurements, the fencing will be installed. It will be a swinging temporary fence which can be easily removed.
- **Haul road blast monitoring plan:** two parts of the blasting will happen. Mr. Pillsworth stated that notification to the schools will be sent out via email.
- **Building inspections** will be take place during the blasting to ensure there isn't any damage to the buildings.

Mother Nature is a concern. Mr. Pillsworth stated that the contractors would like to get the masonry walls up before the winter season. Fence, clearing, haul road and then the blasting.

100 Years of Education Update: given by Sue Kerns. There was a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the museum. The group is looking into drafting of a commemorative coin. The cost is \$550 for the casting of the coin. More to follow on the coin and the cost.

6. **BOARD PRESIDENT COMMENTS:** No report as the President had to depart early.

7. **REPORTS:**

- a. **PTO Report:** report given by: Crystal
➤ Book Fair night

- ✚ School pictures
- ✚ Teacher Appreciation week
- ✚ General Elections were in the month of April

b. **SLO Report:** report given by Michi Carl

- DUSA awarded monies to pay for JCORPS club t-shirts (both HFIS and WPMS clubs).
- Mr. Cowan and Ms. DuMoulin recognized Georgi at her last Bulldog Bistro, a beautiful tribute put together by the MS.
- USMA Debate Club cadets returned to WPMS to assist with judging the Month of the Military Child speech contest.
- CYS/MST will host a Mother's Day Dinner on 12 May (no cost)
- 16 May USO Comfort Crew will present "We are with you All the Way" tour at WPS on May 16th, with an encore presentation at the MST after school.
- 19 May Strong Beginning PK students will visit a WPES kindergarten class and tour WPES, to ease this transition.
- 19 May Safe Homes will present at the MST, Stand Up - Cyber bullying (3:30pm)
- 26 May is the MST End of Year Party/BBQ (3-9pm)

c. **Superintendent's Reports:** report given by Mrs. Balilo.

- ✚ Child Nutrition – went over the report
- ✚ Enrollment report – down due to moves
- ✚ Blue Ribbon school application is being reviewed – waiting on official notification from the Department of Education as to whether or not WPES will receive the Blue Ribbon Award.
- ✚ Green Ribbon is expected to be announced tomorrow, May 4, 2017.
- ✚ Staffing – There are no positions identified for a RIF in West Point Schools.
- ✚ Dr. Marsh is the Acting Director for this trip. She stated it was a great day. She enjoyed visiting the museum.

d. **School Updates:** WPES Student Leadership team. Presented gifts to volunteers. Update for the month.

WPMS updates: Mr. Shea gave the update for the school.

- Speech Debate: West Point MS participated in the Speech Debate last year. A former student, Maggie and Mr. Shea implemented the Debate team. The topic for this year's Debate is "volunteer that Makes a Difference." The Debate will be June 2 at 1:00 PM. Competition is between the fifth and eighth graders. A grant was submitted to pay for the awards. Next year, it is the hope to expand to Highland Falls. Two winners from 5-8 grades will participate in the competition.
- Testing went flawlessly. WPMS is the pilot school for this new program. DoDEA HQ came for the last day and was impressed. No errors. Per Dr. Marsh: The main purpose was to test the infrastructure. There will be no assessment data. The Chrome Books will stay at WPMS to be used for testing and other things.

8. **CONTINUING BUSINESS:**

June 2th Elections: Mrs. Hyleman motioned to have the deadline extended for nominations to May 25, 2017 by COB and move the elections to June 2, 2017. Mrs. DeGregory seconded the motion and it was approved. Mr. Shea asked if a location and times of voting had been decided for the elections. Mrs. Evangelista turned the meeting over to Mrs. Hyleman as she departed early.

AP Math Applications: There were 10 students who applied. Those children leaving a DoDEA school as an 8th grader and going to a non-DoDEA school cannot take the AP Math online course.

9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Snacks in the Schools: A parent expressed concerned about snacks in the schools. Is this a DoDEA policy? Mrs. Balilo stated that one of the issues with the cookie was the distributor and the processing. The distributor processes peanuts in the same factory and the one cookie was 500 calories. This is not a DoDEA policy but a NY State policy and the inspection that took place in

April recommended that the school replace the cookie option. Healthier options were suggested. It is a requirement from NY State to come and inspect the cafeteria every 4-5 years. All of these processes/changes were due to NY State requirements. DoDEA has a Wellness Policy and a draft Wellness Policy is being worked through HQ. When the policy is updated, it will be shared with the communities.

Cyber Bulling

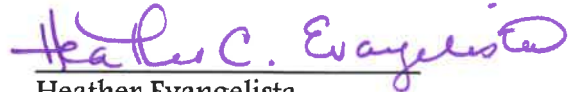
10. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting of the West Point School Board will be held on June 7, 2017, 4:30 PM, in the Middle School Information Center.

11. **ADJOURN MEETING:** Mr. Morrow motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. DeGregory seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:10 PM.

Approved by:



Helen Balilo
Community Superintendent



Heather Evangelista
President, West Point School Board