



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

February 6, 2019

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes of West Point School Board Meeting, February 6, 2019

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting of the West Point School Board was called to order by Mrs. Evangelista on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at 4:30 PM in the West Point MS Media Center.

2. **Members Present were:**

Heather Evangelista, President
Tim Viles, Vice President
Helen Balilo, Community Superintendent

Liam Collins, Board Member
Kirk Ingold, Board Member

Others Present:

Miles Shea, WPMS Principal
Rhonda LaVenuta, ISS
Lauren Lebednik, PTO
Gala Edgar, Union representative
Stephanie Irani-Tehrani
Lucinda Uhorihak
Sue Kerns

Denise DeMarco, WPES Principal
Angie Lamonski, ISS
Terry DeLay, Administrative Officer
Sarah Kline
Dea Gist
Geoff Bull

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Mr. Viles made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Ingold seconded the motion. By unanimous vote the agenda was approved.
4. **APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES:** The minutes from the January 2019 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Viles motioned to approve the past minutes. Mr. Ingold seconded the motion. By unanimous vote the minutes were approved. Last month's minute
5. **MILCON Report:** Mr. Pillsworth was not in attendance. Mrs. DeMarco presented the slide presentation and provided the update.
6. **School Updates/Presentations:** Mrs. Balilo gave the school update. She stated that the team is here this week for the Mid-Atlantic District Internal review. Next year, AdvancED will lead an Engagement Review of our schools as part of the District accreditation process. The following were on the team:

Dr. Renee Butler, Fort Bragg/Cuba Community Superintendent
Rhonda LaVenuta, ISS Special Education
Angie Lamonski, ISS PrK-8
Claudette Jones, ISS Assessment and Accountability

Mrs. Balilo stated that the team visited all of the classrooms in the West Point Schools (WPS) and concurred that the students in the WPS are being provided great learning opportunities. She shared how great it was to see the second grade working together as a collaborative team. As part of the review process the team has left suggestions for next steps for each school as part of the continuous improvement process.

Mrs. Evangelista asked if there was a way to get parent feedback about what they have experienced from having two teachers vs having just one. Mrs. DeMarco stated that she is scheduling a Parent Coffee and inviting the second grade parents. We have not heard any concerns from parents at this time. Mrs. Balilo asked the board to tell those who may have concerns, to please reach out to Mrs. DeMarco.

Mrs. Balilo stated that the administrators received the staffing documents for next school year. We were able to keep the Assistant Principal and 5th grade position. The 5th graders will follow the elementary schedule and both schools will have to work together on their schedules.

7. **INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE SCHOOL BOARD:** None

8. **BOARD PRESIDENT COMMENTS:** Thanks-a-latte for February

Concert Fine Arts/Music Team
Students suggested Mrs. Himmelberger

9. **REPORTS**

a. **PTO Report:** given by Mrs. Lebiednik

- **March 21st** Cadet for a day
- **Art contest: Month of the Military Child** Designing t-shirts for the Month of the Military Child. Five designs have been selected and students will vote on Friday.
- **March 4 & 5** Mark Restin Jumping Band
- **PTO meeting** 7 Feb 2019 at 1900

b. **SLO Report:** No report given.

10. **CONTINUING BUSINESS:**

- Staffing numbers
- Second and third grade

11. **NEW BUSINESS:** Calendar

12. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting of the West Point School Board will be held on March 6, 2019 at 4:30 PM at West Point Middle School in the Information Center.

13. **ADJOURN MEETING:** Mr. Ingold motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Viles seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:20PM.

Approved by: _____


Helen Balilo
Community Superintendent


Heather Evangelista
President, West Point School Board