



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

March 6, 2019

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting of the West Point School Board was called to order by Mrs. Evangelista on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 4:35 PM in the West Point MS Media Center.
2. **Members Present were:**

Heather Evangelista, President	Liam Collins, Board Member
Tim Viles, Vice President	Kirk Ingold, Board Member
Jennifer Black, Board Member	Helen Balilo, Community Superintendent

**Others Present:**

Miles Shea, WPMS Principal	Denise DeMarco, WPES Principal
Dr. Judith Minor, SES	Aristian Torregano, WPES Assistant Principal
Angie Lamonski, ISS	Lauren Lebednik, PTO
Terry DeLay, Administrative Officer	Gala Edgar, Union representative
Michi Carl, SLO	Tim Pillsworth, USACE
John Butler, USACE	Meagan Klipstein
Alisha Keehen	Kristen Mitchell
Lucinda Uhorchalk	Karen Weathers
Sue Kerns, Union	Dea Gist
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Mrs. Black 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 February 2019 meeting were reviewed. Mrs. Black motioned to approve the past minutes. Mr. Ingold seconded the motion. By unanimous vote the minutes were approved.
5. **MILCON Report:** Mr. Pillsworth gave an update.
  - Dry wall going up
  - HVAC is in the building
  - The building is considered dried in.
  - Magical day: 26 July
  - Tour in the spring mid-April
6. **School Updates/Presentations:** None
7. **INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE SCHOOL BOARD:** Questions were asked by a parent on when the move-in date for the new school will be, and when will 5<sup>th</sup> grade move to the elementary school? Mrs. Balilo stated that the fifth graders will follow the same schedule as the elementary students when the new school year begins. This will reduce transitions for the students.
8. **BOARD PRESIDENT COMMENTS:** Thanks-a-latte for March
  - Girls on the run

- FLEX teachers

9. **REPORTS**

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

- Teacher Appreciation in February was chocolate fondue.
- May 13 & 14
- Month of Military child t-shirt
- The following was bought with PTO money for the schools: Recess equipment for ES and mascot for the MS
- American Heart Association raised: \$2,500
- March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting at noon
- April 25<sup>th</sup> at the book fair and elections will take place that night for the PTO

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

- March 20<sup>th</sup> – Keeping your Children Safe in Today's Digital World

10. **CONTINUING BUSINESS: Staffing numbers:** no changes in the staffing.  
**Second and Third Grade:** all is going well.

11. **NEW BUSINESS: School Calendar:** Mrs. Balilo stated that there may be one more professional development day added to the calendar. There is the potential to match the date with the Highland Falls calendar.

**Middle School:** There are 51 extra hours built into the calendar to accommodate weather delays and closures.

**FLES being eliminated:** Mrs. Evangelista stated that parents are very concerned about the loss of the FLES program. Will there be any enrichment for the students? Mrs. Balilo stated that there was a DoDEA study conducted which shared a lot of inconsistencies in the quality of the program across DoDEA. There was limited evidence that the program was viable and ultimately DoDEA decided to discontinue the program

12. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting of the West Point School Board will be held on April 3, 2019 at 4:30 PM at West Point Middle School in the Information Center.

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

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Helen Balilo  
Community Superintendent

  
Heather Evangelista  
President, West Point School Board