



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

September 4, 2018

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes of West Point School Board Meeting, September 4, 2018.

1. **Call to Order:** The Informational meeting of the West Point School Board was called to order by Mrs. Evangelista on Wednesday, September 4 at 4:33 PM in the West Point MS Information Center.

2. **Members Present were:**

Heather Evangelista, President
Helen Balilo, Community Superintendent

Kirk Ingold, Board Member

Others Present:

Denise DeMarco, ES Principal
Miles Shea, MS Principal
Terry DeLay, Administrative Officer
Michi Carl, SLO
Melissa Kedrowitsch
Liam Collins
Sue Kerns

Denise Eves, School Board Clerk (via Lync)
Lauren Lebednik, PTO
Angie Lamonski, ISS
Tim Pillsworth, USACE
Kristen Mitchell
Elizabeth Rowe

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** _____ made a motion to approve the agenda. _____ seconded the motion. By unanimous vote the agenda was approved.
4. **Introduction** – Meet the Candidates
Melissa Kedrowitsch and Liam Collins
5. **APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES:** The minutes from the August 2018 meeting were reviewed. _____ motioned to approve the past minutes. _____ seconded the motion. By unanimous vote the minutes were approved. There were no changes or modifications to the minutes. If the third board member arrives, the minutes and the agenda will be approved. If not, the minutes will be approved in October.
6. **MILCON Report:** given by Mr. Pillsworth. The following report was given:
- ↓ The mechanical systems are being installed.
 - ↓ Electrical is moving along well.
 - ↓ Brick is coming around the building.
 - ↓ Insulation is going in. Redesign the roof structure.
 - ↓ Door access control: unofficially Mr. Pillsworth went to the contractor for an estimate. Moving away from core to CAC access. There are 28 doors to the interior that would need the CAC access. He is negotiating some modifications.
 - ↓ Schedule: will we meet the schedule for next year? Not sure. Mr. Pillsworth stated that he knows that the school needs a drop dead date for the opening of school. A decision will be made by the end of this calendar year. It is a 90 day transition. The old school cannot be torn down the school until the new one is open. Mr. Ingold asked: Are there contingencies in case the new school is not available to open on time? Mrs. DeMarco stated that everything stays as normal until the new school opens.
 - ↓ Neighborhood animals: There are different animals for the neighborhoods and they are made of vinyl.

not having enough time to eat. 4th grade/3rd grade: Mrs. Evangelista asked if it would it be possible to have girls and boys to sit together or have assigned seating in the cafeteria?

- ✦ Middle School lunch: 31 minutes for lunch. The time was slightly reduced last year and more this year. How long are students standing in line to buy lunch? There is 4 minutes of transition time for passing and going.

Pizza Friday: The question was asked: What happens on Pizza Friday? How does the line work on high volume days?

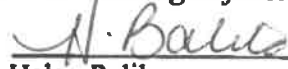
Teacher contract issue: Mrs. Evangelista stated that there is a huge support for the educators. Mrs. Balilo stated that teachers are paid for 8 hours of work but only required to be on site for 7 hours under the current contract. She stated that the instructional day will not change for this year.

Foreign Language/FLES: Mrs. Balilo stated that a Memo from DoDEA was sent to state that FLES will be removed from DoDEA at the end of the school year. A study was completed and it was recommended to remove FLES from the curriculum. Some parents and teachers were stating that it was taking away from instruction. Mr. Ingold asked what happens to the FLES teacher. Mrs. Balilo stated that we would look for other openings in the school and if the teacher is qualified for another position, they would be placed there. Staff are provided the opportunity to transfer to another location if positions are not available at the current school.

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

13. ADJOURN MEETING: _____ motioned to adjourn the meeting. _____ seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:15 PM.

Approved by:


Helen Balilo
Community Superintendent


Heather Evangelista
President, West Point School Board