

# WTEA

Washington Township Education Association

## Committee Reports September 2021 - Updated

### PRESIDENTIAL REPORT

*Gerry Taraschi*

### CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATION/PUBLIC RELATIONS

*Deanna Ettore*

- Thank you letter from Raab/Goodwin Holocaust Museum & Education Center for donation of \$250.

### GRIEVANCE

*April Renzetti*

- Behavior Specialist Grievance was denied at the superintendent's level and the BOE level. The grievance committee voted not to peruse to arbitration.

### NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

*April Renzetti*

- Senior Reps and AR's have a hard copy. <https://www.wtps.org/Page/25578>
- Summary of First Meeting is as follows:
  - We welcomed our new members
  - We discussed the structure of our team and committees
  - We discussed everyone, if possible, attending the Jim George conference to ensure all our basis are covered
  - Gave a copy of the email I sent to the BOE to begin to bargain
  - We discussed and updated the new member survey to be sent out
  - We opened the floor for discussion on the honorarium for a chief negotiator
  - I took nominations and volunteers for the chief negotiator position
  - Patti Tsoukalis volunteered herself and Shaun Giberson was nominated for chief negotiator
  - A vote was taken by the committee of 12 present members. I did not vote as the chair of the committee.
  - Shaun received 5 votes and Patti received 7 votes. Patti will serve as the chief negotiator for the 21-22 negotiations team.

### CHECK LEDGER/PHILANTHROPIC

*Natalie Taylor*

#### Check Ledger-June, July, August 2021

| Checking Account |  |               |
|------------------|--|---------------|
| <u>Date</u>      | <u>Pay to</u>                                      | <u>Amount</u> |
| 6/6/21           | Scarpinato's -DCT dinner Pride                     | \$1500.00     |
| 6/9/21           | Nicole Marinaro- GTECC RAA Pride                   | \$271.37      |
| 6/9/21           | Comcast-June                                       | \$236.09      |
| 6/9/21           | Follett School Solutions-CRMS RAA Pride            | \$424.79      |
| 6/11/21          | Time Productions-DCT photobooth Pride              | \$495.00      |
| 6/11/21          | Ron Strauss-DCT DJ Pride                           | \$800.00      |
| 6/11/21          | Casa Dance Studio-DCT Entertainment Pride          | \$250.00      |
| 6/11/21          | WTHS Student Council-SSD food Pride                | \$2025.00     |
| 6/21/21          | Project Graduation-Dave and Buster's Pride         | \$2500.00     |
| 6/21/21          | Shaun Giberson-DCT decorations/supplies Pride      | \$277.77      |
| 6/30/21          | Darlene Garcia-DCT Recipient                       | \$4067.00     |
| 6/30/21          | Safe & Sound Delivery Mr Softee-GTECC Funday Pride | \$800.00      |
| 6/30/21          | JCR/Passante-rent July and August                  | \$1400.00     |

|         |                                       |           |
|---------|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| 7/25/21 | Township T-shirt Co-DCT tickets Pride | \$100.00  |
| 7/25/21 | Comcast-July                          | \$232.60  |
| 8/23/21 | Dennis Meyerson-Accountant LAFAP      | \$1000.00 |
| 8/26/21 | Comcast-Aug                           | \$235.03  |
| 8/31/21 | Baudville-Retiree Gifts               | \$928.74  |

| Philanthropic |                                     |               |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| <u>Date</u>   | <u>Pay to</u>                       | <u>Amount</u> |
| 6/14/21       | Dylan Sharkey-Senior Scholarship    | \$450.00      |
| 6/14/21       | Mackenzie Sambor-Senior Scholarship | \$450.00      |
| 6/14/21       | Chloe Pecheux-Senior Scholarship    | \$450.00      |
| 6/14/21       | Sabrina Sims-Senior Scholarship     | \$450.00      |
| 6/14/21       | Shannon Hudak-Senior Scholarship    | \$450.00      |

**PRIDE**

*Natalie Taylor, Kim Crum*

- Guidelines and forms are available on the WTEA Website.
- Even if you have done a project in the past, a new proposal needs to be completed and submitted.
- Forward proposed projects to [kcrum1965@gmail.com](mailto:kcrum1965@gmail.com)

**TRAINING COORDINATION**

*Valerie Zippel\**

**SUPERINTENDENT LIAISON**

*Julie Lyons\*, Christine Sharkey, Karin Kirk*

**POLICY**

*Deanna Ettore\**

**LEGISLATIVE/GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

*Kim Crum\**

**Upcoming Events for GCEA – sign into their website at <http://www.gceanj.org/> to register**

- **Evaluations:** Some [new guidance](#) from the New Jersey Department of Education as well as [NJEA's FAQ on evaluation](#) regarding that guidance.
- **Workshops** posted on [www.wteagc.org](http://www.wteagc.org) .

**MEMBERSHIP**

*Deanna Ettore*

- ❖ Members log in to [www.njea.org](http://www.njea.org) to verify their information and status.

**SPECIAL SERVICE LIAISON**

*April Renzetti*

**SOCIAL**

*Karen Kirk*

**CO-CURRICULAR**

*Shaun Giberson\*, April Renzetti, Kim Crum, Maryann Kwietkowski, April Renzetti*

**HEALTH & SAFETY JOINT WITH WTPSSSA**

*Maryann Kwietkowski\**

**BUDGET**

*Natalie Taylor*

**BOE LIAISON**

*Valerie Zippel*

**Washington Twp BOE Work Session August 17, 2021**

## Washington Twp BOE Regular Session August 24, 2021

### 1. Acceptance of Letters of Resignation/Retirement:

- a. Accept Ms. Josephine Masso's letter of disability retirement as Elementary Teacher - BSI, Whitman Elementary School, effective August 31, 2021. Ms. Masso has worked for the Washington Township School District for approximately 17 years
- b. Accept Ms. Mary Abel's letter of resignation as World Language Teacher - French, High School/Chestnut Ridge Middle School, effective July 23, 2021
- c. Accept Ms. Sheronda Howard's letter of resignation as School Counselor, Chestnut Ridge Middle School, effective August 27, 2021

### 2. New Hires

- a. Approve the appointment of Samantha M. Zelinski, Speech Correction/Language Specialist, Birches Elementary School, for the 2021/2022 school year, effective August 30, 2021, MS, Step D, \$60,227 per annum. Ms. Zelinski received MS from Towson University. (Replacing Daria Lane)
- b. Approve the appointment of Lucia C. Donia, Speech Correction/Language Specialist, Chestnut Ridge Middle School, for the 2021/2022 school year, effective August 30, 2021, MA, Step A, \$60,077 per annum. Ms. Donia received MA from West Chester University. (Replacing Kelly LoCascio-Brophy)
- c. Approve the appointment of Grace Yeon Son, Speech Correction/Language Specialist, Bunker Hill Middle School, for the 2021/2022 school year, effective August 30, 2021, MS, Step D, \$60,227 per annum. Ms. Son received MS from Southern Connecticut State University. (Replacing Laura Brodowski)
- d. Approve the appointment of Danielle Marie Gehin-Scott, Special Education Teacher - Autism, Thomas Jefferson Elementary School, for the 2021/2022 school year, effective August 30, 2021, BA, Step K, \$65,307 per annum, pending receipt of official transcripts. Ms. Gehin-Scott received BA from Stockton College. (Position Transfer)
- e. Approve the appointment of Amanda Marie Phillips, Special Education Teacher - Autism, GTECC, for the 2021/2022 school year, effective August 30, 2021, MA, Step F, \$60,777 per annum, pending receipt of official transcripts. Ms. Phillips received MA from Grand Canyon University. (Replacing Dana Castagna)
- f. Approve the appointment of Melissa Damiani, Special Education Teacher, Birches Elementary School, for the 2021/2022 school year, effective August 30, 2021, BA, Step C, \$57,207 per annum, pending certification. Ms. Damiani received BA from Widener University. (Position Change)
- g. Approve the appointment of Kylie E. Rogers, Special Education Teacher, Whitman Elementary School, for the 2021/2022 school year, effective August 30, 2021, MA, Step A, \$60,077 per annum, pending receipt of official transcription and certification. Ms. Rogers received MA from Rutgers University. (Position Change)
- h. Approve the appointment of Erica Angela Rager, English Teacher, High School 9/10, for the 2021/2022 school year, effective August 30, 2021, BA, Step A, \$57,107 per annum. Ms. Rager received BA from Rowan University. (Replacing Linda Lopresti)
- i. Approve the appointment of Daniel J. McDonald, English Teacher, High School 9/10, for the 2021/2022 school year, effective August 30, 2021, MS, Step A, \$60,077 per annum. Mr. McDonald received MS from Rowan University. (Replacing Staci Edmonds)
- j. Approve the appointment of Carla Elizabeth Attardi, Art Teacher, Wedgwood Elementary School, for the 2021/2022 school year, effective August 30, 2021, BFA, Step C, \$57,207 per annum. Ms. Attardi received BFA from Moore College of Art & Design. (Replacing Richard Wolf)
- k. Approve the appointment of Jennifer J. Hamilton, Elementary Teacher, Bells Elementary School, for the 2021/2022 school year, effective August 30, 2021, BA, Step A, \$57,107 per annum. Ms. Hamilton received BA from Rowan University. (Replacing Susan Gramley)
- l. Approve the appointment of Krystal Kuni, Science Teacher, Bunker Hill Middle School, for the 2021/2022 school year, effective August 30, 2021, MA, Step K, \$68,277 per annum, pending receipt of official transcripts. Ms. Kuni received MA from Rowan University. (Replacing Malika Moore)
- m. Approve the appointment of Joan Yvonne Natoli, World Language Teacher - German, Orchard Valley Middle School, for the 2021/2022 school year, effective August 30, 2021, MA+30, Step I, \$65,397 per annum. Ms. Natoli received MA from West Chester University. (Replacing Kayla Berry)

### 3. Leave of Absence:

- a. Approve revised paid sick leave of absence for disability associated with childbirth for Kimberlee Purcell, Kindergarten Teacher, GTECC, beginning November 30, 2020 and ending January 20, 2021 (1/2 day). Unpaid leave of absence, under the New Jersey Family Leave Act, beginning January 20, 2021 (1/2 day)

and ending April 14, 2021. Unpaid leave of absence beginning April 15, 2021 and ending the last day of school, 2021. Unpaid leave of absence beginning August 30, 2021 and ending November 14, 2021.

- b. Approve paid sick leave of absence for disability associated with childbirth for Kylee Duffield, School Social Worker, Bunker Hill Middle School/Chestnut Ridge Middle School, beginning October 25, 2021 and ending December 19, 2021. Unpaid leave of absence, under the New Jersey Family Leave Act, beginning December 20, 2021 and ending March 13, 2022
- c. Approve unpaid intermittent leave of absence for Stephanie Monaghan, Special Education Teacher, Chestnut Ridge Middle School, beginning August 30, 2021 and ending the last day of school, 2022
- d. Approve unpaid intermittent leave of absence for Jeannine O'Connor, Health & Physical Education Teacher, High School 9/10, beginning August 30, 2021 and ending the last day of school, 2022
- e. Approve revised paid sick leave of absence for disability associated with childbirth for Kellie Dahl, Elementary Teacher, Wedgwood Elementary School, beginning March 15, 2021 and ending April 11, 2021. Unpaid leave of absence, under the New Jersey Family Leave Act, beginning April 12, 2021 and ending the last day of school, 2021. Unpaid leave of absence, under the New Jersey Family Leave Act, beginning August 30, 2021 and ending September 12, 2021. Unpaid leave of absence beginning September 13, 2021 and ending the last day of school, 2022.

### **EVALUATION**

*Deanna Ettore*

- ❖ Need members to input their observation info on [www.wteagc.org](http://www.wteagc.org) site.

### **CALENDAR COMMITTEE MEETING**

*Christine Sharkey*

### **SICK BANK**

*Deanna Ettore, Shaun Giberson*

### **SCHEDULING**

*Maryann Kwietkowski\**

### **FAST**

*Christine Sharkey\**