

Board of Education Meeting Minutes

7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at Clay Lamberton Board Room

1. Meeting Called to Order by President

The Regular January Board of Education Meeting was called to order by President Kujawa.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call

Present: Bartol, Batley, Dretske, Finger, Haase, Kujawa, Malchetske, Reetz, Werch

4. Approval of Agenda

President Kujawa asked for any amendments or additions to the agenda as it was written. There were none.

5. Approval of December 20, 2017 Minutes

President Kujawa asked for any amendments or additions to the December 20, 2017 minutes. There were none.

6. Time to Shine

None

7. Opportunity for those in audience to address the Board on any school related issue

None

8. Building/Grounds, Principals & Directors of Instruction Reports

Mr. Youngbauer reported that the estimated date of installation of the high school commons lights is February 12th. The middle school controls for curtain and hoops are not currently operating and he is trying to find a solution. Josh also shared that the safety committee has been assembled and will meet for the first time on Friday.

Mr. Mork reported that Mr. Willett finished up the 12 session John Baler ACT prep. Last Wednesday was the overview video for students to help with scheduling for next year, and today was the arena scheduling for students.

Mr. Raether shared that during inservice time in January, the special education staff trained the other middle school staff. They continue to have trauma-sensitive training and the focus recently was on self-care.

Mr. Bartol talked about the presentation given by Steve Shekels on Tuesday evening. The elementary spelling bee is coming up next week, and the family wellness night will be held on Friday, February 2nd.

Mrs. Becker talked about the elementary January inservice and what assessments will be taking place over the next few months.

9. Retirements, Resignations & New Hires

Mr. Mork presented a retirement letter for Marty Wenig after twenty-nine years with Berlin. Mr. Raether presented a retirement letter for Todd Schumacher after twenty-two years with Berlin. Haase/Malchetske moved to approve the retirements as presented. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Bartol presented new hire Amanda Osterberg as elementary paraprofessional.

Mr. Raether presented new hires of Ben Burling for middle school basketball and football, and Jessica Wood for track coaching. Werch/Malchetske moved to approve the new hires as presented. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote with Kujawa abstaining.

10. 2018-2019 Graduation Date

Mr. Mork explained that he surveyed the high school staff and the consensus was to push graduation back to June 2nd. Having it on Memorial day weekend would be giving up to many days of curriculum. Dr. Eidahl is recommending that June 2, 2019 for the graduation date. Batley/Dretske moved to approve June 2, 2019 for graduation. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

11. Act 59 Resolution

Dr. Eidahl explained youth options was a program and then changed to course options which created different programming options for students. Beginning in the 2018-19 school year, a pupil enrolled in a public school, in the high school grades, may attend public school in a nonresident school district for the purpose of taking a course offered by the nonresident school district. The pupil may attend no more than two classes in the nonresident school district. Haase/Batley moved to approve Act 59 Resolution. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

12. Act 55 Resolution

DPI requires districts to post Act 55 which are notices to Parents of Report Card, Standards, Educational Options and Vouchers on the website and the official paper. Malchetske/Werch moved to continue to post the annual notice per Act 55. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

13. High School Curriculum Changes

Mr. Mork explained that the English department is looking to add one course to the curriculum next year. It would be called English Literacy for a half credit. The class would be for freshman who have been identified as needing literacy remediation. The class would include reading strategies and literacy stations. There was a discussion about coding classes as well.

14. Open Enrollment Limits for Regular and Special Education 2018-2019

Dr. Eidahl explained that DPI requires each school district to set limits for Open Enrollment in January. Paula Heun, special education director, goes through and recommends what the district can add in the special education areas, which was attached for the Board to see. Dr. Eidahl recommends to follow what Paula has given us for special education and no limits on regular education. Werch/Malchetske moved to approve the special education recommendations and no limits on regular education. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

15. Reports

A. Superintendent's Report

i. State Convention

Dr. Eidahl shared information that he received at the state school board convention including Cyber security, with yearly e-training for staff.

ii. Health Insurance

Mary Basel, our new consultant, has had WPS commit to a March 15th date to get the health insurance renewal to us.

iii. New Format for Teacher Contract

Dr. Eidahl shared a revised copy of the professional staff contract that will be issued in March.

B. CESA Report

None

C. Board Correspondent's Report

None

D. President Report

None

16. Treasurer's Report

Beth Malchetske reviewed the Treasurer's report.

17. Approval of Vouchers

Bartol/Werch moved to approve the payment of fund 49 vouchers in the amount of \$33,750.00. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Finger/Haase moved to approve the payment of January vouchers in the amount of \$1,037,180.29. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

18. Approval to adjourn to Closed Session for personnel issues per State Statute

19.85(1)(c)-1st motion/2nd motion-Roll Call vote. The Board may Reconvene into Open Session where action may be taken

President Kujawa asked for approval to adjourn to closed session for personnel issues per State Statute 19.85(1)(c). Haase/Reetz moved to adjourn to closed session. Roll call vote: Bartol-yes, Batley-yes, Dretske-yes, Finger-yes, Haase-yes, Kujawa-yes, Malchetske-yes, Reetz-yes, Werch-yes. Motion passed. The Board may reconvene into open session where action may be taken.

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