



Wednesday, January 29, 2025

Wrightstown Board of Education Meeting

**Wrightstown Community School District**

351 High Street - Wrightstown WI 54180

WES MULTI PURPOSE ROOM - 6:00 PM

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*"Quality Education for Every Student"*

Upon request to the District Administrator, submitted twenty-four (24) hours in advance, the District shall make reasonable accommodations including the provision of informational material in an alternative format for a disabled person to be able to attend this meeting.

This meeting is a meeting of the Board in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public hearing. There may be a time for public comment during the meeting as indicated in the agenda.

1. **Opening of Meeting**

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Winker at 6:00 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call

Decker X, Winker X, Lemke X, Mollen X, Nelson X, Van Vreede X, Warner X

2. **Student Achievement:** 2024-25 Student Art Exhibit Sponsored by WASB

- A. Recognizing a WHS art student for their first place artwork submitted to the Student Work Exhibit at the State Convention.

3. **Public Comment**

- A. This is the public's opportunity to bring concerns to the Board. Board discussion and action on public forum items is prohibited per the open meeting law agenda posting requirements. Items may be taken under advisement, referred to proper channels, or basic general information may be provided. Hearsay, personal attacks and anonymous concerns will not be considered. Those wishing to speak will be given 5 minutes to speak. Board minutes will reflect only open forum general comments.

Seventeen community members addressed the board on topics including the potential recall, NEW Patriots, Title IX, future Superintendent job posting, advocacy, answers to questions asked at the December meeting, a safety issue and board contentions.



4. **Board of Education Minutes**

- A. Discussion and possible approval of December 18, 2024 regular meeting minutes, January 7, 2025 special meeting minutes, and the January 15, 2025 workshop meeting minutes.

Motion by Nelson to bring the meeting minutes to the floor, seconded by Decker.

Motion by Mollen, seconded by Nelson to approve the December 18, 2024 regular meeting minutes, January 7, 2025 special meeting minutes, and the January 15, 2025 workshop meeting minutes as presented.

Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion carried.

5. **Availability of Space for Open Enrollment**

- A. Discussion and possible approval to establish availability of space for open enrollment in the 2025-26 school year.

Motion by Nelson to bring the establishment for availability of space for open enrollment to the floor. Seconded by Decker.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Mollen to approve the open enrollment seats available for 2025-26 as presented.

Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion carried.

6. **Summer School Coordinator for 2025 Recommendation**

- A. Discussion and possible approval of recommendation of 2025 Summer School Coordinator.

Motion by Van Vreede to bring the recommendation of the 2025 Summer School Coordinator to the floor. Seconded by Nelson.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Warner to approve Katie Haese as presented for the 2025 Summer School Coordinator.

Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion carried.

7. **2023-2024 Audit Report**

- A. Discussion and possible approval of the 2023-24 Kerber Rose Audit Report

Motion by Decker to bring the 2023-24 audit report to the floor. Seconded by Nelson.

Motion by Warner, seconded by Mollen to approve the Kerber Rose 2023-24 Audit Report as presented.

Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion carried.

8. **Finance**

- A. Discussion and possible approval of the monthly bills listing and receipts



Motion by Decker to bring the monthly bills listing and receipts to the floor.

Seconded by Nelson.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Decker to approve the December monthly bills and January receipts as presented.

Vote: 4 Yes 3 No

Roll call: Nelson-yes, Decker-yes, Hansen-Winker-yes, Warner-no, Lemke-no, Van Vreede-no, Mollen-yes. Motion carried.

## 9. **Administrative and Board Reports**

### A. Administrator reports

#### a. Ron Saari reported on:

- Introduction and expectations
- 100 day plan
- Initial results from the staff survey
- Interest in meeting with community members

#### b. Caroline Mihalski reported on:

- Thank you to Roland Schmidt for providing First Aid training for the staff during an inservice.
- Staff have completed their mid-interval SLO reports.
- Thank you to Angie Sanderfoot-McNabb for her work as the Special Education Coordinator.
- EL staff have been working hard on ACCESS testing with their students and have also done a great job.

#### c. Bob Caelwaerts reported on:

- The school wide spelling bee was held. Congratulations to Lily Wertel who will move on to the Regional competition.
- The Middle School SOS group conducted a Choose Your Own Adventure event prior to the second quarter assembly.
- Several Middle School students, along with teachers Ashley Smar and Connor Edwards, were able to attend the EMPOWER event at Lambeau Field atrium.
- The 7th grade students attended the STEM fair called Mind Trekkers at NWTC, guided by Michigan Tech students. Thank you to Andy Hopfensperger, Erin Schell, Emmy August, Ali Van Remortel, Angela Ederer, and Amanda Prodell for supervising.

#### d. Scott Thompson reported on:

- First semester has ended and grade/report cards have been posted.



- Congratulations to the cast of this year's musical, A Year in the Life of Frog and Toad. Thank you to Rachel McCully and Zach Baker for their hard work on their first Wrightstown High School musical.
  - Scheduling for the 2025-26 school year has begun.
  - The Senior Snowball was held in the High School cafeteria.
  - The FBLA team will compete for their 16th straight Regional championship.
  - Congratulations to the following students who were recognized at the Optimist banquet. Sophomores Brooke Van Rossum, Jacob Van Dyke, Carmella Johnson, and Ethan Hassemer. Juniors Siena Stautz, Molly Ruebl, Ryan Leahy, and Michael Besel. Seniors honored were Trevor Vande Hey, Will Schoenwalder, Elizabeth Leick, and Eliana Coussons. Thank you to Mike Olson for coordinating the banquet.
- e. Craig Haese reported on:
- The Wellness Center has been open for seven years now. Over 200 new members have signed up this year alone.
  - The 5th Annual Health Fair will be held on March 26th in the Wellness Center.
  - High School teacher Derek Erickson is hosting a Blood Drive for students, staff, and the community with the American Red Cross.
  - The partnership with Bellin allows for a free pain & injury consultation with Licensed Athletic Trainer Roland Schmidt for any community members by appointment.
  - Congratulations to the dance team for their Northern Regional Dance Championship in Division 6 poms held at D.C. Everest. The team also earned a third place finish in Division 3 jazz. Good luck to the team as they compete at the State competition.
  - Another Robotics team qualified for the State competition.
  - The FBLA team will compete for a 16th straight Regional title.
  - The Wrightstown FFA Dairy Products/Milk Quality team won first place in the National FFA Northeast Wisconsin CDE contest. Congratulations to the individuals that placed and will move on to the Sectional competition in March.
  - The Forensics team opened their 2025 season with four individual category champions and a second-place team trophy at the annual Wisconsin Forensic Coaches' Association tournament.
  - Wrightstown National Honor Society hosted the annual Fly Away Cancer fundraiser during the basketball double header. Over \$6000 was raised and donated to a local family whose mother is battling cancer.



- Thank you to Judy Ward for organizing the Teen Outreach ski trip.
  - The girls basketball team is currently 7-9 overall and 7-4 in conference play.
  - The boys basketball team is currently 8-7 overall and 6-5 in conference play.
  - Thank you to band director, Zach Baker, for the entertaining pregame and halftime shows during the basketball games.
  - The wrestling team will wrap up their regular season. Wrightstown will host the WIAA girls wrestling Regionals on Friday, February 14th.
  - The boys hockey co-op with Ashwaubenon is currently 11-10 overall and 3-4 in conference play.
- f. Sarah Nelson reported on:
- Ashley and Logan Rankin from Redefining Futures Foundations were on hand for the ribbon cutting ceremony for the book vending machine.
  - The first semester assembly focused on being golden.
  - There was a great turn out for 4K registration night.
  - The Act 20 assessments have been completed through Aimsweb. Thank you to Kristin Higgins, Shannon Skaletski, Megan Kuntz, and Emily Geiger for their team effort in getting this work completed.
  - The third round of training for the staff in early literacy was completed.
  - Each staff member met with Sarah for a 15 minute Colleague Connect. This is a great way to connect for a mid-year check with all WES employees.
- g. Dan Storch reported on:
- The Federal tax documents have been released on time.
  - The 2025-26 budget process has started.
  - The Department of Revenue released the CPI for next year, 2.95%.

#### B. Meeting Summary

- a. February 5 is the next workshop meeting

### 10. Adjournment

Motion by Decker, seconded by Mollen to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No. Motion carried.