

WRIGHTSTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Monday, April 17, 2023

6:00 p.m.

Elementary Multi-Purpose Room

OPENING OF MEETING

Nicole Gerend called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Board Members Present: Maggie Boland, Joie Cunningham, Melinda Lemke, Nicole Gerend, Jeff Nelson, Angela Hansen-Winker, Tiffany Van Vreede

Board Members Absent: none

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT: SOURCES OF STRENGTH

Middle School Advisor Angela Fischer, along with students Kimber Thompson, London Dockum, Elizabeth Cornelissen, and Sabrina Narvasa shared some of their experiences from Sources of Strength.

High School Advisors Jennie Barnes and Lisa Van Dyke, along with students Morgan Hussin, Madison Wiese, Trevor VandeHey, Trent VandeHey, and Aidan Humphreys shared some of their experiences from Sources of Strength.

RECOGNIZE BOARD MEMBER SERVICE

Nicole recognized Joie Cunningham for her 6 years of service on the Wrightstown School Board. Thank you Joie for your service.

OATH OF OFFICE

Newly elected Board Members, Rayn Warner, Angela Hansen-Winker, and Tiffany Van Vreede took the Official Oath of Office.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Sue Byers, Tony Decker, Keith Wendlandt, and Mark Leonard shared their concerns regarding taxes in the district.

Jason Gerend shared his support of the board and their decisions.

APPROVE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Van Vreede made a motion to approve the March 18, 2023, special meeting regular and executive session minutes. Seconded by Boland. Motion carried.

Lemke made a motion to approve the March 23, 2023 and April 5, 2023, special regular and executive session minutes. Seconded by Nelson. Motion carried.

APPROVE PERSONNEL

Hansen-Winker made a motion to approve the retirement of Steve Klister, the resignation of Jessica Olson and Isela Chavez, and the hiring of Edie Lamere, MS School Nutrition Leader, Mallory Fritsch, Grade 1 teacher, and Anita Gregg, MS teacher. Seconded by Van Vreede. Motion carried.

APPROVE POLICY REVIEW/REVISION

Nelson made a motion to approve policy #7400 Energy Management and #4510 Child Abuse & Neglect Reporting. Seconded by Boland. Motion carried.

APPROVE JOB DESCRIPTION REVISION

Lemke made a motion to approve the revision of #2200 School District Administrator and #2320 Director of Building & Grounds. Seconded by Hansen-Winker. Motion carried.

POLICY FIRST READ

The Board did a first read of policy #7530 School Bus Video Camera. Lemke raised a question if cameras were used during extra curricular activity transportation.

FINANCE

- A. Cunningham made a motion to approve the payment of the April 2023 General Fund Bills Listing, check #1063474 through #1063588 for the total of \$407,652.24 and the March 2023 Receipts of \$3,750,278.09. Seconded by Van Vreede. Motion carried.
- B. Nicole Gerend shared a presentation on property taxes.
- C. Dan Storch reported on:
 - We are still waiting to see what the state budget will look like.
 - Budget statement

ADMINISTRATIVE & BOARD REPORTS

Carla Buboltz reported on:

- The school district along with the Wrightstown Police Dept and Brown County Public Health hosted a Community Conversation on April 3rd addressing the dangers of fentanyl and opioid use.
- Kris Baeten & Katie Haese have been working on the Technology Library Media plan for DPI.
- The Student Council wrote letters to Veterans that will be distributed to those participating in the Northeast Wisconsin Old Glory Honor Flight.
- Carla and Rayn will attend the WASB New School Board Member Gathering on April 18, 2023.
- Carla and Scott attended the 2023 Excellence in Education Shining Star Awards Program recognizing Rebecca Ludtke for Excellence in High School Education.
- We will recognize Jill Bailey, Chelsea Lasecki, and Hannah Abrahamson as Teacher's of Distinction at The Golden Apple Awards Program on April 19, 2023.
- The final district inservice will be held on April 21, 2023, focusing on climate & culture wellness.
- The District goals have been updated and published on the website.

Caroline Mihalski reported on:

- Sources of Strength hosted March Madness
- The Sophomore students will be attending a Fox Cities Career Exploration event in Appleton on April 19th.

Bob Caelwaerts reported on:

- Our 5th grade students recently completed DARE graduation with our Wrightstown SRO Jessica Smith.
- We have completed the math and ELA portions of our FORWARD testing.
- Our music department presented a Disney Spectacular concert recently at the HS gymnasium. A special thank you to Eileen Carlton and Lindsay Tippins for their work with our music students this year.
- Our MS play "Madhouse" took place on March 24th. We want to thank Mrs. Carlton and Mrs. Leick for all of their work directing our young thespians.

Scott Thompson reported on:

- The Disney Spectacular band and choir concert took place March 24.
- Junior Prom was held last Saturday followed by the Senior Citizens Prom on Sunday.

- The PreACT will be administered April 20 in the morning for grades 9 and 10. The high school completed the Forward and Civics tests last week.
- The Sophomores will attend the Fox Cities Career Fair on Wednesday morning.
- The high school is preparing for the AP exams starting May 1.
- Thank you to Rebecca Ludtke for her work on the senior play. Carla and Scott attended the Excellence in Education Shining Star Awards where Rebecca was honored as the high school educator of the year.
- A huge thank you to Lisa Van Dyke and Jennie Barnes for their leadership of our Sources of Strength students.
- Steve Klister will be missed at the high school on so many levels. We will now start the process of finding his replacement.
- We are starting to plan for graduation and academic awards in May.

Craig Haese reported on:

- The Forensics team took 2nd this year in the Division 3 WFCA state competition. Congratulations to Coach Winkler and his team.
- FFA will be sending 20 students to the state competition next week. Good luck to Coach Pinchart and his teams.
- FBLA sent 39 students to the state competition held in Green Bay this week. Good luck to Coach Doell and his team.
- The Robotics team will be sending two teams to the World Robotics competition in Dallas, Texas next week. Good luck to Coach Hanneman and Coach Sabor and their teams.
- Members of the track and field team are seeing success after a delay to the start of the season.
- The softball team started out with a win over Waupaca.
- The baseball team has come back from a loss with two wins last week.
- The girls soccer team is looking to improve each match and gain more experience.
- The boys golf team did well in their invite last Friday.

Sarah Nelson reported on:

- During Betsy's first week she was able to come over to the elementary school and help a student regulate their emotions.
- Amy Collins and her Heart Awareness Month for the American Heart Association raised \$4,143.
- Passport to Wellness was last week Thursday was a success.
- We are wrapping up this year's FORWARD testing window.
- I would like to welcome Mallory Fritsch to our wonderful 1st grade team.
- Spread the Word: Inclusion - shout out to Autumn Freeborn and her 4th grade classroom for organizing this wonderful campaign.

Chris Knapp reported on:

- The maintenance staff is continuing spring clean up.

A. Recognition letters

- None

B. Meeting Summary

Nicole Gerend gave updates for next month's meeting:

- Open forum speakers will be followed up with if required.
- The next meeting will be May 17, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the Elementary Multi-Purpose Room.

Jeff Nelson made a motion to move item A from the executive session to the open meeting agenda. The Board discussed and voted upon Item A in open session.

APPROVE DEFEASANCE RESOLUTION

Move action on defeasance from after Executive session to before Executive session. Gerend made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the defeasance (prepayment) of a portion of the Wrightstown Community School District \$26,520,000 general obligation refunding bonds. Seconded by Cunningham. Roll call vote: Boland - Yes; Cunningham - Yes; Van Vreede - Yes; Gerend - Yes; Lemke - Yes; Nelson - No; Hansen-Winker - No. There were 5 'yes' votes and 2 'no' votes and 0 abstains, the motion carried. (A true copy of the resolution as adopted is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Gerend made a motion to convene into Executive Session per statute 19.85(1)(c)(e)(g) for personnel, negotiations, and legal; if necessary reconvene open for action. A) Negotiations. B) Legal. Seconded by Cunningham. Roll call vote: Boland – Yes; Cunningham – Yes; Van Vreede – Yes; Gerend – Yes; Lemke – Yes; Nelson – Yes; Hansen-Winker - Yes. There were 7 'yes' votes and 0 'no' votes and 0 abstains, the motion carried.

BOARD ACTION

Lemke made a motion to approve the issuance of certified and non-certified contracts as presented. Seconded by Hansen-Winker. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Cunningham to adjourn meeting at 9:35 p.m. Seconded by Boland. Motion carried.

Maggie Boland, Board Clerk