

WRIGHTSTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Tuesday, April 19, 2022

6:00 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

OPENING OF MEETING

Nicole Gerend called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Board Members Present: Maggie Boland, Joie Cunningham, Laurie De Cleene, Nicole Gerend, Tom Gerrits, Sarah Hock, Tiffany Van Vreede

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT: WMS Academic Team

Angela Fischer and Ali Van Remortel, Middle School Academic team advisors, along with students Olivia Peck, Brooke Hansen, and Lori Schiegg presented information on their involvement in the Middle School Academic Bowl that took place in Chilton on Thursday, March 24. Congratulations to the team and their advisors on their first place finish!

RECOGNIZE BOARD MEMBER SERVICE

President Nicole Gerend and Carla Buboltz recognized Sarah Hock, Laurie De Cleene and Tom Gerrits for their years of service to the Wrightstown Board of Education.

OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Newly elected Board Members, Maggie Boland, Angela Hansen-Winker, Melinda Lemke, and Jeffrey Nelson took the Official Oath of Office.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments from the floor.

APPROVE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Van Vreede made a motion to approve the March 16, 2022, regular and executive session minutes. Seconded by Hock. Motion carried.

APPROVE PERSONNEL

DeCleene made a motion to approve the resignations of Jason Nelson, Building & Grounds Director and Michael Froehlke, Head Varsity Girls Basketball Coach and the hiring of Megan Kuntz, Grade 2 and Emily Livieri, 4K. Seconded by Hock. Motion carried.

APPROVE POLICY REVISION

Boland made a motion to approve the revision of policy #8500, Sponsorship in Schools. Seconded by Gerrits. Motion carried.

2022-2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Van Vreede made a motion to approve the revised 2022-2023 school calendar. Seconded by De Cleene. Motion carried.

2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Boland made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 school calendar. Seconded by Hock. Motion carried.

FINANCE

- A. Cunningham made a motion to approve the payment of the April General Fund Bills Listing, check #1061992 through #1062129 for the total of \$576,039.04, the April Building Fund Bills Listing, check #3167 through #3170 for a total of \$1,764,448.05, and the March Receipts of \$3,381,582.85. Seconded by Gerrits. Motion carried.
- B. Finance Report by Dan Storch
 - Working on budget/staffing for next year
 - Free lunch program was not extended for 2022-23 school year
 - Working on updating school boundaries with the Village of Wrightstown

ADMINISTRATIVE & BOARD REPORTS

Carla Buboltz reported on:

- Professional Development held on April 14 for all district staff. The elementary and middle schools focused on Restorative Practices and building healthy school communities by decreasing anti-social behavior and restoring positive relationships. The high school participated in a poverty simulation sponsored by the Brown County Extension which helped staff understand the changing demographics in our schools and the needs of children and families living in poverty.
- Construction is on target, with progress being made in the new computer and art classrooms and the four first floor classroom renovations at WES. The health and guidance room construction is underway at WMS. Some initial work is also beginning in the kitchen. A dedication and community open house is being planned for October 1 from 9:00-11:00.
- We are beginning Fall 2022 planning for staffing, budgeting, schedules, and new traffic patterns.
- Board development is being held on April 28 and April 29.
- The recruitment, interviewing and hiring process has begun for a new Building and Grounds Director. A recommendation will be ready for the May Board of Education meeting.

Caroline Mihalski reported on:

- FORWARD testing is going well
- Student Services team have been busy with evaluation team meetings and Teacher Assistance Team meetings
- MS Sources of Strength finished their last campaign to introduce students to the wheel of strengths
- HS Sources of Strength held a March Madness Beanbag tournament with donations going to the St. John Shelter

Bob Caelwaerts reported on:

- 5th grade students completed DARE with Office Jessica Smith
- Finishing up FORWARD testing
- Music department presented Choralpalooza and the Band Extravaganza
- WMS Academic team took 1st place at the Academic Bowl in Chilton on March 24
- WMS and WES Behavior teams led professional development around Restorative practices

Scott Thompson reported on:

- Poverty simulation with the high school staff last week
- Band Extravaganza took place on March 25
- Junior Prom is this Saturday, April 23rd
- Continuing to work on ACT Aspire and FORWARD testing while preparing for the AP exams
- Thank you to Rebecca Ludtke and Elizabeth Graber for their work on the senior play
- Starting to plan for graduation and academic awards
- Terry Schaeuble was inducted into the WFCFA Hall of Fame on April 20
- Sources of Strength March Madness

Craig Haese reported on:

- Forensics team won their 4th Division 3 WFCFA State Championship
- FFA will be sending a team to state next week
- FBLA did very well at state and send some students to nationals
- Congratulations to coach Terry Schaeuble for being inducted into the WFCFA Hall of Fame
- Most of the spring sports have been delayed because of wet weather

Sarah Nelson reported on:

- Congratulations to Ashley Rubens on her Shining Star Award Nomination through the Fox Cities Chamber
- Whole school assembly in the new gym on April 1
- Kindergarten team had a site visit to West DePere for their ELA instruction
- We have been busy hiring for the additional 2nd grade position and our open 4K position
- 3rd and 4th grades are finishing up FORWARD testing
- Restorative Practices in-service was a complete success.

Jason Nelson reported on construction work and grounds maintenance.

- A. Board Self Evaluation-Carla reviewed the results of the Board's Self Evaluation and discussed the strengths defined by the Board and potential areas of growth
- B. Meeting Summary
Nicole Gerend gave updates for next month's meeting:
 - Next meeting is Wednesday, May 18 at 6:00 PM in the High School Library

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 Van Vreede. Roll call vote: Boland – Yes; Cunningham – Yes; De Cleene – Yes; Gerend – Yes; Gerrits – Yes; Hock – Yes; Van Vreede – Yes . There were 7 'yes' votes and 0 'no' votes and 0 abstains, the motion carried.

OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened into Open Session

DEFEASANCE

Van Vreede made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the defeasance of a portion of the Wrightstown Community School District general obligation refunding bonds. Seconded by De Cleene. Motion carried.

CERTIFIED AND NON CERTIFIED STAFF CONTRACTS

Hock made a motion to approve the certified and non-certified 2022-2023 staff contracts as presented. Seconded by Gerrits. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Van Vreede to adjourn meeting at 7:30 p.m. Seconded by De Cleene. Motion carried.

Maggie Boland, Board Clerk