

WRIGHTSTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

AUGUST 17, 2022

6:00 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

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

New Staff Introductions: Melissa Jodar, Ashley Smar, Krina Madson-Neuville, Keith Huss, Megan Kuntz, Rebecca Gustafson, Nicole Geiger, Hera Morschauser, Ashley Sundin, Lindsay Tippins, Melissa Viste, Amanda Mollen, and Emma Wallander

CESA 7 Executive Director Colleen Timm discussed the role of CESA 7 and the partnership between Wrihstown and CESA 7.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments from the floor

APPROVE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Boland made a motion to approve the July 20, 2022, regular session minutes. Seconded by Nelson. Motion carried.

APPROVE PERSONNEL

Lemke made a motion to approve the retirement of Chris Merckx and Paula Boylan, the resignations of Aimee Herrick, Maranda Mueller, Heidi Barth and Dana Van Camp, and the hiring of Rebecca Gustafson as Speech & Language, Thomas Meyer as HS Science, Lindsay Tippins as MS/HS Vocal/Choir, Emma Wallander as ELL, Amanda Mollen and MS Special Ed aide, and Melissa Jodar as MS ELA. Seconded by Nelson. Motion carried.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT: BUDGET PROCESS

Dan talked the board through a typical budget process during a calendar year. He also discussed the draft of the annual meeting agenda.

FINANCE

- A. Cunningham made a motion to approve the payment of the August 2022 General Fund Bills Listing, check #1062462 through #1062561 for the total of \$622,164.94, the August 2022 Building Fund Bills Listing, check #3178 through #3179 for a total of \$15,676.74, and the July 2022 Receipts of \$41,755.05. Seconded by Nelson. Motion carried.
- B. Finance Report by Dan Storch
 - Property values have increased statewide and locally

- Audit was completed on August 10th and 11th

ADMINISTRATIVE & BOARD REPORTS

Carla Buboltz reported on:

- New staff orientation was held on August 10.
- Monday was the first day of in-service.
- The Elementary construction is nearing the end and they will be able to move in on August 25. They are sealing floors and installing HVAC and ceilings in the Middle School.
- A District sale of equipment will take place on August 29 in the Elementary cafeteria from 7:30 am – 5:00 pm.
- The Administrative team met with the Admin Assistants on Monday.
- High School staff was able to go out into the community and visit local businesses during in-service
- Nicole gave the Welcome Back speech at the staff luncheon today.
- The Board completed their collective resume, a project each group of staff members has completed and are hanging in the cafeteria at the high school.

Caroline Mihalski reported on:

- Hiring!
- August 2nd-3rd CESA 7 hosted a Paraprofessional Summit here. It offered excellent training to paraprofessionals from all over the area.
- Health training was completed with the high school staff. Training for staff in Restorative Practices and Sources of Strength was also held.
- 2021-2022 Seclusion report was shared:
 - Total number of incidences of seclusion or restraint: 14
 - Total number of students involved in seclusion or restraint: 8
 - Total number of students with disabilities who were involved in the seclusion or restraint incidents: 8

Bob Caelwaerts reported on:

- The math department met last week to go over data and develop goals for 2022-23 school year.
- In-service week is underway. WMS is working on Restorative Practices.
- WMS open house is scheduled to take place on Thursday, August 25 from 4:00 – 7:00 pm.
- Windows have been installed in the cafeteria. The ceilings and floors should be completed soon.
- Thank you to our maintenance department for their work getting the building ready.

Scott Thompson reported on:

- Registration orientation took place last night. It was very well attended.
- Staff meeting yesterday to talk about upcoming school year, take care of some required training and introduce new staff.
- Maintenance staff did a great job getting the building ready.
- Betsy Baier is our new school based coach. She will be working with our 62 youth apprenticeship students.
- Two high school building leadership teams this year will be working on graduation requirements and explore restorative practices.

Craig Haese reported on:

- Thank you to Chris and maintenance staff for getting the facilities ready for the fall sports season.
- Fall sports are competing now.

- Thank you to Shelly Klister and Jessica Baerenwald for helping with rSchool Activity registration.
- Activity groups will have informational meetings the first couple of weeks of school.
- Families and staff are encouraged to utilize the Wrightstown rSchool Calendar on the district website.

Sarah Nelson reported on:

- Day one of in-service focused on the new school theme-Choose Joy!
- Restorative Practice day number 2 was a huge success. Thank you to Caroline, Ashley, Sarah and Chelsea.
- Thank you to Julie Johnson for continuing to work with teachers on Bridges & Number Corner.
- Kindergarten and First grade teachers were able to spend time in the new Phonics Unit of Study training.
- Most teachers could get into their classrooms for the first time on Monday.
- Thursday, August 25 will be the final moving day.
- Thank you to the building maintenance crew.
- Thank you to our elementary teachers for their patience and flexibility in the timeline to get into the school.
- The State Patrol held three days of Active Shooter training at the High School.

Chris Knapp reported on:

- The Elementary school should be completed next week.
- The Middle school timeline is tight but it should be done on time.
- We have a tremendous staff that has been helping to get the buildings and grounds ready.
- Miron will be hosting Owner Trainings for us to learn the new equipment in the buildings.

A. Recognition letters

- Wrightstown Community School District staff

B. Meeting Summary

Maggie Boland gave updates from the Student Achievement committee meeting.

Tiffany Van Vreede gave updates from the Policy committee meeting.

Joie Cunningham gave updates from the Human Resources committee meeting.

Nicole Gerend gave updates for next month's meeting:

- Move board meeting to September 20 due to conflict on the 21st.
- Back to School on September 1st
- Board meetings will now be held in the Elementary School Multi-Purpose room.
- Annual meeting will be held on September 28.
- Open House is October 1 from 9:00 – 11:00 am.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Van Vreede to adjourn meeting at 7:12 p.m. Seconded by Nelson. Motion carried.

Maggie Boland, Board Clerk