

**WRIGHTSTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2022**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY**

OPENING OF MEETING

Nicole Gerend called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.  
Pledge of Allegiance

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

Absent: Sarah Hock

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT: RECOGNITION OF STEVE DOELL AND FBLA

Steve Doell, FBLA Advisor, with students Ella Romenesko and Emery Peck presented information on their involvement in FLBA; including recently winning its 13<sup>th</sup> consecutive regional championship sending 44 students to State. Board President, Nicole Gerend, presented the group a resolution for preparing students to become community minded business leaders.

Carla Buboltz introduced Katie Oskey, School Nutrition Director

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeff Nelson, Julie Sigmund, and Dan Van De Walle shared their concerns regarding the Human & Growth Development curriculum, data policy, and transgender use of the bathrooms.

APPROVE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Van Vreede made a motion to approve the January 26, 2022, regular session minutes.  
Seconded by Cunningham. Motion carried.

APPROVE PERSONNEL

De Cleene made a motion to approve the addition of Hillary Sweere-District Administrative Assistant.  
Seconded by Boland. Motion carried.

POLICY FIRST READ

The Board completed a first read of policy #3660 Controversial Issues in Education.

FINANCE

- A. Cunningham made a motion to approve the payment of the February 2022 General Fund Bills Listing, check #1061790 through #1061890 for the total of \$381,907.03, the February 2022 Building Fund Bills Listing, check #3160 through #3163 for a total of \$4,543.04, and the January 2022 Receipts of \$2,193,536.13. Seconded by Gerrits. Motion carried.
  
- B. Finance Report by Dan Storch
  - Received first round of tax payments from municipalities
  - Budget trending is in line with previous years with no new funds next year
  - Working with department heads for next year's budget

## ADMINISTRATIVE & BOARD REPORTS

Carla Buboltz reported on:

- Board development in regards to true colors and strengths
- April election will bring potential new board members
- Partners in Education committee met on mental health needs.
- Continue with walkthroughs and new furniture among construction
- February 18th In-service discussion with Adaptable Schools in regard to working on effective teams/engagement
- ESSER 3 funds granted in response to pandemic in-person learning

Scott Thompson reported on:

- March Madness Sources of Strength activity
- Preparation for Online ACT testing on March 16 along with ACT Aspire and Forward testing
- Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on February 23
- Class scheduling and Youth Apprenticeship involving 75 students, which are in the process of job placement in the fall.
- FBLA's 13<sup>th</sup> consecutive year winning regionals with 44 students qualifying for State
- English 10 field trip to Death on the Nile
- FFA Career Development Event screener on March 3 with qualifiers moving on to compete at FVTC on March 25.

Craig Haese reported on:

- Samantha Kiel athletic scholarship signing ceremony for Girls Basketball with Cardinal Stritch University
- Dance Team placed 5<sup>th</sup> at State in both Poms and Jazz
- Forensic Team won 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive NEC Conference competition
- The Activities Department fundraisers to "Fly Away Cancer" and a former WHS student injured in a car accident
- WIAA tournament season began for winter sports
- Wrestling Team finished 4<sup>th</sup> in Regionals
- Girls Basketball earned a #4 seed in the WIAA playoffs and in 2<sup>nd</sup> place of NEC Conference.

Bob Caelwaerts reported on:

- Parent/Teacher Conferences in-person February 23 and virtually March 2.
- Recognized Jessica Johnson named as a 2022 Teacher of Distinction
- Grade 7 attended a presentation of Freedom Riders at the Weidner Center
- Furniture delivery in the new MS office is progressing with transitioning March 1 as the new main entrance
- Penny War to support MS student family who lost their home to a fire.
- National Kindness Day celebrated with a Tiger Time activity.

Sarah Nelson reported on:

- Data day to review data and the progress of students and needed areas of support
- February Kindness Project – Sarah Pierce, WES Counselor, organized a month long focus on kindness.
- Met with each staff member to discuss progress and challenges
- May 27 will be last day of school for WES to meet construction needs; including a professional development in AVMR training
- Tour of new area on February 18 and arrival of furniture
- Parent/Teacher Conferences in-person February 23 and virtually March 2

Caroline Mihalski reported on:

- Special Education teams collaborating monthly with CESA 7
- Counseling teams completing resource mapping to evaluate student support in determining effectiveness and future direction
- Recognized EL Team; Maranda Mueller, Katie Meisner, and Juana Garcia-Castro for administration of ACCESS 2.0 testing.
- Strengthsfinder book collaboration helping team development

Jason Nelson reported on construction work and grounds maintenance.

#### C. Meeting Summary

Nicole Gerend gave updates for next month's meeting:

- Follow up with public concerns during open forum

#### 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. Seconded by De Cleene. Roll call vote: Boland - Yes; Cunningham – Yes; De Cleene – Yes; Gerend - Yes; Gerrits - Yes; Van Vreede - Yes. There were 6 'yes' votes and 0 'no' votes and 0 abstains, the motion carried.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Boland to adjourn meeting at 8:30p.m. Seconded by De Cleene. Motion carried.

Maggie Boland, Board Clerk