

**Wrightstown Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
High School Library**

Minutes

1. Opening of Meeting:

A. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Tom Eggert called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Joie Cunningham, Laurie De Cleene, Tom Eggert, Nicole Gerend, Sarah Hock, Mike Van Eperen, Tiffany Van Vreede Also Present: Carla Buboltz, Jessica Baerenwald, Dan Storch, Scott Thompson, Bob Caelwaerts, Craig Haese, Caroline Mihalski, April Amond, Jessica Baudhuin, Ryan Baudhuin, Ed Byrne, Lois Cyra, Mary Gerbig, Mary Hanaway, Matthew Hansen, Leigha Jacobs, Lisa Kalscheur, Paul Kalscheur, Jessica Last, Kathryn Lich, Jessica Mulder, Joe Mulder, Brian Roebke, Craig Romenesko, Courtney Schisel, Michael Sewell, Brad Sigmund, Julie Sigmund, Mandy Stradel, Joe Stradel, Aaron Tisdale, Courtney Tisdale, Dan Vande Walle, Tina Van Handel, Keith Van Handel, Rachel Vercauteren, Renee Williams, Mark Wyro.

Absent: Sarah Nelson

2. Student Achievement: College and Career Ready

Buboltz shared information on Redefining Ready and Wrightstown High School data on college and career readiness. This national initiative focuses on research-based metrics to assess students who are college ready, career ready, and life ready. Multiple metrics include Advanced Placement courses, Algebra II, early college credits, industry credentials, attendance, community service, among others.

De Cleene made a motion to move agenda item 9B: Approve Fall 2021 Back-to-School Plans and Mitigation Strategies before Open Forum for Public Comment. Seconded by Gerend. Motion carried.

9B. Approve Fall 2021 Back-to-School Plans and Mitigation Strategies

- Low to no COVID cases through summer school
- Shared guiding principles including student safety, emotional/mental needs, quality education, flexibility, and communication
- Shared recommendations from NE Regional Health Department Coalition
- Fall 2021 will have optional face masking and vaccinations, disease prevention practices, and 7-10 day quarantining.
- Bus transportation masking is required
- Continue to follow WIAA and NEC guidelines
- Continue to collaborate with local health authorities and local counties

3. Open Forum for Public Comment

Community members: Jessica Last, Paul Kalscheur, Jessica Mulder, Joe Mulder, Michael Sewell, Renee Williams, and Mark Wyro shared their concerns regarding district expectations on masking, parental choice regarding masking and vaccines. Additional questions were raised regarding transgender use of bathrooms at the high school and opportunities for classes in the trades for high school students.

Gerend made a motion to approve Fall 2021 Back-to-School Plans and Mitigation Strategies. Seconded by De Cleene. Motion carried.

4. Board of Education Minutes

Van Vreede made a motion to approve the June 16, 2021, regular session minutes. Seconded by Gerend. Motion carried.

5. Personnel

Hock made a motion to approve the additions of Stephanie Baeten-E.S. Special Ed Teacher, Derek Erickson-H.S. Social Studies Teacher, Heather Gilson-M.S. Special Ed Instructional Aide, Katie Gaffney-M.S. Special Ed Teacher, Katie Haese-District Library Media Specialist, Tina Leick-M.S. RTI Teacher, Kelsey Noskowiak-Grade 5 Teacher, Jill Peck-H.S. Special Ed Instructional Aide, and Hannah Tibaldo-H.S. Special Ed Instructional Aide. Resignations of Becky Dzekute-H.S. Special Ed Instructional Aide and Heather Gilson-School Nutrition Leader. Retirement of Tammy Sheriff-M.S. Special Ed Teacher. Seconded by Van Vreede. Motion carried.

6. Approve 2021-22 Academic Standards

De Cleene made a motion to approve the 2021-22 Academic Standards. Seconded by Gerend. Motion carried.

7. Policy First Read

The Board did a first read of policies #5300 Background Checks, #5400 Family Medical Leave, and #8100 School Visitors.

8. Finance

A. Mike Van Eperen made a motion to approve the payment of the June 2021 (Final) General Fund Bills Listing, check #1060939 through #1061014 for the total of \$353,961.33, the July 2021 General Fund Bills Listing, check #1061010 through #1061074 for the total of \$576, 167.67, the July 2021 Building Fund Bills Listing, check #3137, 3138, and #3139 for a total of \$2,499,720.04, and the June 2021 Receipts of \$382,809.56. Seconded by Van Vreede. Motion carried.

B. Finance Report by Dan Storch:

- State budget has been signed
- Working with DPI regarding federal dollars and how they can be spent
- Preliminary audit fieldwork completed, with extensive fieldwork being completed August 11th-August 13th

9. Administrative and Board Reports:

Carla Buboltz's report included:

- New staff orientation
- District Curriculum Council will meet on August 3rd.
- Met with Travis Coenen, Wrightstown Village Administrator, for valuations and village developments
- Continued COVID Regional Planning meetings
- Planning Professional Development for August

Administrative Reports:

Sarah Nelson reported on:

- WES playground completion - August 9th
- Finalized grade level schedules
- Professional development with staff to align writing/reading units
- Recognized Amy Collins for her efforts with the American Heart Association
- Analyzing data to find trends between FORWARD and Edmentum assessments

Scott Thompson reported on:

- Working on scheduling, balancing class sections, block scheduling preparation and providing more student support during homeroom.
- Addition of a Math Lab
- Credit verification for incoming seniors
- AP results posted with successful outcomes in new courses, Computer Science and Studio Art

- Back to school planning with outgoing communication to freshman

Craig Haese reported on:

- Recognized Quincy Klister and Joe Hella for representing Wrightstown in the Football Coaches Association All-Star game
- Recognized Sam Haese representing Wrightstown Basketball All-Star game and being the leading donor in the MACC fund
- FFA members participated in the 92nd Wisconsin FFA Convention, with FFA Ag Sales Team recognized as State Champions, Lauren Broman State Runner Up in prepared speaking, and organizing the FFA Agricultural Artwork contest.
- Summer Personal Conditioning

Caroline Mihalski reported on:

- Working on filling several staff positions including two Special Ed Teacher positions, two Special Ed Aide positions and an RTI Teacher position.
- Working on training completion with current and new staff

Bob Caelwaerts reported included:

- Behavior Team training in restorative practices during professional development
- Building Leadership Team met July 12th to discuss goals for 2021-22, which will include a book study “Hacking School Discipline”
- Construction at WMS with painted corridors and preparation for the ceiling grid. New office area has exterior walls and working on floor and roof. Working through door access system for additional safety.

Jason Nelson reported on summer construction and grounds maintenance.

A. Facilities Update

- WES working on ceiling, masonry, steelwork installation, and tiling bathrooms
- WMS continued work on the steel girders and masonry work
- WHS doorframes delivered and the parking lot has completed is 1st coat and waiting to dry for compression testing

C. Meeting Summary

Tom Eggert gave updates for next month’s meeting:

- Email follow up of concerns brought up at the board meeting
- Looking for approval on three first policy reads
- Policy review for open forum concerns

10. Executive Session

Eggert 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: Cunningham - Yes; De Cleene – Yes; Eggert – Yes; Hock - Yes; Gerend - Yes; Van Eperen - No; Van Vreede - Yes. There were 6 'yes' votes and 1 'no' votes and 0 abstains, the motion carried.

11. Adjournment

Motion by Gerend to adjourn meeting at 9:50p.m. Seconded by Hock. Motion carried.

Joie Cunningham, Board Clerk