

WRIGHTSTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Wednesday, March 15, 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

Board Members Absent: Tiffany Van Vreede

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT: Partners with PAWS Service Dogs

School Resource Officer Jessica Smith and her facility dog, Betsy along with Laura Lenss, HS Special Ed. teacher from West De Pere and her facility dog, Fenton presented on facility dogs and the benefits they bring to students and staff in the school.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Sue Byers and Mark Leonard shared their concerns regarding increased taxes.

APPROVE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Nelson made a motion to approve the February 15, 2023 regular session minutes. Seconded by Boland. Motion carried.

Boland made a motion to approve the March 2, 2023 special meeting and executive session minutes. Seconded by Cunningham. Motion carried.

APPROVE PERSONNEL

No personnel changes.

APPROVE POLICY REVIEW/REVISION

Nelson made a motion to approve the revision of policy #3500 Graduation Requirements. Seconded by Lemke. Motion carried.

POLICY FIRST READ

The Board did a first read of policy #7400 Energy Management.

APPROVE JOB DESCRIPTION REVISION

Lemke made a motion to approve the revision of #2310 School Nutrition Director. Seconded by Boland. Motion carried.

FINANCE

- A. Cunningham made a motion to approve the payment of the March General Fund Bills Listing, check #1063351 through #1063473 for the total of \$681,295.53, the March Building Fund Bills Listing, check #3196 for a total of \$2,500.00, and the February Receipts of \$2,813,251.37. Seconded by Boland. Motion carried.

B. Finance Report by Dan Storch

- The Governor's proposed budget was released. We will learn more over the next few months.

ADMINISTRATIVE & BOARD REPORTS

Nicole Gerend reported on:

- Nicole updated the board on the timeline for the Superintendent search.

Carla Buboltz reported on:

- Steve Jones, author of Twin Thieves, spoke at the inservice on February 17.
- Carla, Sarah, Caroline, and Ashley attended the Women Leading Wisconsin conference earlier this week.
- April 3rd the school district and village of Wrightstown will sponsor a Community Conversation on Fentanyl.
- One-on-one meetings with all of the curriculum council members has concluded.
- Carla attended the Fallen Timbers quarterly meeting.
- Summer school planning has begun.
- Planning has begun for the April inservice day.
- The Golden Apple dinner reservations have been finalized.
- On March 30, Rebecca Ludtke will be recognized by the Fox Cities Chamber for Excellence in High School Education "Shining Star".

Caroline Mihalski reported on:

- The Student Services department continues to be active with special education evaluations and teacher assistance team meetings. This also includes services and placements to meet the needs of our students.
- Staff are working on accommodations for Forward Exam, ACT, and DLM assessments.
- Staff have worked on conducting student surveys this spring.

Bob Caelwaerts reported on:

- Parent Teacher Conferences were held on Feb. 23rd and March 1st.
- The Middle School is getting ready for next year's scheduling.
- The Middle School Academic team competed on Feb. 28th in Chilton. Thank you to Angela Fischer and Erin Schell for leading the team to a 2nd place finish.
- The Middle School Sources of Strength group conducted a penny war fundraiser.
- The Middle School band and choir students participated in Solo and Ensemble performances on March 2nd.
- The State FORWARD assessments will begin on March 28th.

Scott Thompson reported on:

- The Juniors took the ACT today. Thank you to the high school staff, Katie and the kitchen staff for breakfast, and also Bellin Health who provided snacks for the break.
- Scott is working on the testing schedule for PreACT for freshmen and sophomores which will take place in April.
- This afternoon we did tours for incoming 8th graders- thank you to the juniors who stayed around to lead those and answer questions.
- The Senior play, "Just Another High School Play" will be held on March 22 & 23 at 7:00 PM.
- Junior Prom is set for April 15
- We are working on course numbers and scheduling for next year.
- The Disney Spectacular band and choir concert is Friday, March 31 at 7:00 PM. at WHS.

Craig Haese reported on:

- The Forensics team has had another successful year. 15 of the 17 entries advanced to State.
- The Robotics team had three teams compete at the State meet. Three teams qualified for Nationals and two teams have qualified for Worlds.
- Congratulations to the E-sports Team A for winning their division.
- Nick Alexander placed 2nd at the WIAA Individual State Wrestling meet.
- The Girls Basketball team won a WIAA Regional Championship.
- The Boys Basketball team finished 3rd in conference.
- The spring sports season is underway.

Sarah Nelson reported on:

- Parent Teacher Conferences were held virtually on the first day due to a snow day.
- The Brown County Rescue Services were here the evening of Feb. 27th to do active intruder recovery training.
- The Elementary School participated in a behavior reboot and Miss Nelson is Missing was the theme.
- Phy. Ed classes led by Amy Collins are participating in challenges for Heart Awareness Month (Jump Rope for Heart).
- IKIGAI month ended with a Penny War collecting \$1090 for Wild & Free Rescue.

Chris Knapp reported on:

- Planning for summer has begun.
- Once the snow melts and the ground thaws, the new scoreboards will be placed.
- Spring break was a busy week for the maintenance crew.

A. Recognition letters

- Winter Sports

B. Meeting Summary

Nicole Gerend gave updates for next month's meeting:

- Response to Leonard and Byers
- Update on the Superintendent search
- The April Board meeting will be held on April 17th due to the Golden Apple Awards dinner on the 19th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Gerend made a motion to convene into Executive Session per statute 19.85(1)(c) for negotiations; if necessary reconvene open for action. Seconded by Lemke. Roll call vote: Boland – Yes; Cunningham – Yes; Lemke – Yes; Gerend – Yes; Hansen-Winker –Yes; Nelson – Yes. There were 6 'yes' votes and 0 'no' votes and 0 abstains, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Nelson to adjourn meeting at 9:22 p.m. Seconded by Lemke. Motion carried.

Maggie Boland, Board Clerk