

# WRIGHTSTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

6:00 p.m.

Elementary Multi-Purpose Room

## OPENING OF MEETING

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Board Members Present: Maggie Boland, Melinda Lemke, Nicole Gerend, Jeff Nelson, Angela Hansen-Winker, Tiffany Van Vreede, Rayn Warner

Board Members Absent:

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT: Youth Apprenticeship & Spread the Word

Autumn Freeborn and 4th grade students Grady Warner, Croix Humphreys, Chloe Theunis, Sophia Boylan, and Silas Baker along with Abbie Schmidt, Syble Hopp Principal and student, Tori Nelson presented their successful Spread the Word: Inclusion campaign with the board.

High School Guidance Counselor, Amanda Prodel and Betsy Baier, CESA 7 Career Coach shared information on the successful Youth Apprenticeship program at the High School. Students Andrew Podgorski, Kayla Van Handel, Brendan Gustafson, Beau Koltz, and Griffin Lamers along with their employers Jamie Boylan, Andrew Boettcher, David Krutz Jr., Jeff Eiles, Jacob Lewandowski, Julie Tetzlaff, and Carri Horkman shared some of their experiences.

Nicole presented those businesses in attendance with certificates of appreciation for their contributions to the students.

## BOARD REORGANIZATION

### *2023-2024 Board Officers*

President: Nicole Gerend

Vice President: Tiffany Van Vreede

Treasurer: Angela Hansen-Winker

Clerk: Maggie Boland

### *2023-2024 Board Committees*

Policy committee: Hansen-Winker, Nelson, Warner

SA committee: Lemke, Nelson, Boland

Finance committee: Gerend, Van Vreede, Hansen-Winker

HR committee: Lemke, Boland, Van Vreede

### *2023-2024 Representatives*

CESA Rep: Melinda Lemke

WASB Rep: Jeff Nelson

## OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Keith Wendlandt, Doug Peterson, John Wollner, Tony Decker, Dalton Rupiper, Andy Lundt, Debbie VanderHeiden, Matt Burkart, Sue Byers, Ron Zahn, Amber Cox shared their concerns regarding taxes and transparency in the district.

Julie Sigmund shared her concerns regarding state statute 118.019.

Jason Gerend shared his support of the board and the debt defeasance.

## BOARD UPDATE: BUDGET DEVELOPMENT REVIEW; ACCESS TO INFORMATION

Dan Storch shared his presentation on the district's budget process.

Nicole shared a presentation on accessing information on the district website.

### APPROVE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

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

Boland made a motion to approve the April 17, 2023 executive session and amended regular session minutes. Seconded by Lemke. Motion carried.

### APPROVE PERSONNEL

Van Vreede made a motion to approve the addition of a part-time 4K teacher. Seconded by Nelson. Motion carried.

Lemke made a motion to approve the resignations of Melissa Jodar, Jill Peck, and Julie Paulson and the addition of Connor Edwards as Middle School Teacher and Jessica Pennerberg as High School Math Teacher. Seconded by Hansen-Winker. Motion carried.

### APPROVE OPEN ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS

Gerend made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Open Enrollment applications as stated:

- Approve 14 students to attend Wrightstown Schools per Open Enrollment Policy.
- Approve 14 new students to attend in grades 4K, Kindergarten, 3, and 9 per the space availability set by the Board in January 2023.
- Deny 14 students due to no space availability in the grade/program requested in grades 4K, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, and 8.
- Approve 3 reapplications for Grade 5.
- Approve 10 Open Enrollment applications for resident students to attend non-resident school districts.

Seconded by Nelson. Motion carried.

### APPROVE ANNUAL MEETING DATE

Van Vreede made a motion to approve the date of the annual meeting on September 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Wrightstown Elementary Multi-Purpose room. Seconded by Boland. Motion carried.

### APPROVE POLICY

Hansen-Winker made a motion to approve policy #7530 School Bus Video Camera. Seconded by Nelson. Motion carried.

### APPROVE POLICY REVIEW/REVISION

Boland made a motion to approve policy #0100 Purpose, #0200 Board Structure, #0300 Board Officers, #0400 Board Committees, #0500 Board Meeting, #0600 Board Agenda, #0610 Public Comment, #0620 Closed Session, #0700 Use of Electronic Mail, #0800 Board and Superintendent Relationship.

Seconded by Warner. Motion carried.

### FINANCE

- A. Hansen-Winker made a motion to approve the payment of the May 2023 General Fund Bills Listing, check #1063590 through #1063701 for the total of \$638,136.50, the May 2023 Building Fund Bills Listing, check #3197 through #3198 for a total of \$17,094.60, and the April 2023 Receipts of \$496,506.12. Seconded by Boland. Motion carried.

## B. Finance Report by Dan Storch

- The Joint Finance Committee has released the state budget but not the education portion yet. Dan should have a better understanding in the next month.

## ADMINISTRATIVE & BOARD REPORTS

Carla Buboltz reported on:

- A letter from WASB about the importance of Board members being advocates for children
- Certified Teacher contracts went out last week and the rest of the contracts went out on Wednesday, May 17.
- We finished up the library/technology plan.
- End of Year celebrations have started. The district will hold their celebration on Friday, May 26.
- Syble Hopp graduation is on Thursday, May 18.
- Transition planning has begun with Andy. He will be in the district on Friday, May 19.
- Niche released the latest grades on Wrightstown. We continue to earn an A as a district.

Caroline Mihalski reported on:

- Syble Hopp will host graduation Thursday night. Wrightstown will have two graduates.
- All 12th-grade students recently attended the Wisdom Retreat.
- Sources of Strength celebrations took place on Wednesday for WHS and WMS will be next week.
- The mental health work in all buildings continues to build positive and restorative relationships and has decreased incidents of physical aggression and unsafe behaviors
  - WES: dropped 19% in the last year, WMS: dropped 10%, WHS: dropped 9 behavioral referrals
- School-Based Mental Health Therapy will continue to provide help for students over the summer.
  - The number of students receiving help has increased from 5 in 2021-22 to 32 students in 2022-23.
- Through our partnership with CareSolace, we have connected 10 students to mental health therapy outside of school.
- The Bellin Community Health worker supported families in addressing housing, employment, food insecurity, hygiene, and clothing needs. She has helped address 112 social determinants, resolved 56 concerns, and helped 28 families, with 17 getting connected to mental health support.

Bob Caelwaerts reported on:

- The 8th grade students attended a Courage Retreat at the High School on April 25th.
- The MS hosted a track meet on April 25th. Thank you to the coaches, workers and MS Athletic Director, Otto Sukow.
- The 5th grade students attended a Wisconsin Timber Rattler baseball game for DARE day.
- The Fine Arts night took place last week and was an incredible success.
- A special thank you to the MS Parent Network for helping us celebrate Teacher Appreciation week.
- The Spring Band and Choir Concert took place on Monday. Thank you to Ms. Tippins and Mrs. Carlton for all the hard work putting this show together as well as a special thank you to Mr. Volk for stepping in during the last few weeks as Mrs. Carlton has been out on maternity leave.

Scott Thompson reported on:

- The AP exams are complete for the year, 87 students took 130 different exams. Thank you to Mary Gilbert for helping to proctor the exams.
- We will be scheduling a meeting to meet with AP students for next year to talk about rigor and expectations as they relate to individual classes.

- A draft of our master schedule went out today.
- The Kaukauna Elks Top 10 banquet was on May 1st. A huge thank you to the Elk's who have been doing this banquet to recognize students for the past 59 years!
- PreACT testing with grades 9 and 10 is complete.
- We are working on closing out the current school year and preparing for our awards night and graduation.
- The Spring Concert was on May 8.
- The Fine Arts Night was May 10th. This included an art show with k-12 artists, performances, and fine arts awards presented.

Craig Haese reported on:

- We are excited that we have 164 students currently signed up for our Summer Personal Conditioning program for our incoming 7th-12th graders next year.
- Coach Chase also presented at the Bellin Health AD & School Administrator Business meeting on the benefits of Strength & Conditioning in the Physical Education setting.
- Our Spring sports teams are finishing up their seasons.
  - The Girls Softball team earned a #5 seed in the WIAA playoffs and will travel to Wittenberg-Birnamwood next Tuesday.
  - The baseball team had a good season and will find out tonight what seed they will be.
  - The Girls Soccer team seeding meeting is Sunday and we are anticipating starting on the road in the playoffs.
  - The Boys Golf team will start their quest for team WIAA State qualification by playing in the Regional Meet next Tuesday in Luxemburg-Casco
  - Lastly, the Track & Field team will take part in Regionals next Monday at SNC with 9 teams competing.

Sarah Nelson reported on:

- Our 4th grade students had the opportunity to go to Syble Hopp and live out our campaign of Spread the word: Inclusion.
- Celebrated Administrative Assistance Day, it was fun to celebrate Miss Penny!
- Teacher Appreciation Week - thank you to our parent network for treating our teachers and staff like they deserve...spoiled!
- 4th grade went to Madison for the first time in 5 years.
- Future 4K event was on Friday.
- Celebrated the end of Forward testing, Edmentum testing and all other testing with a trip to the blue park yesterday and today.
- Looking forward to the end of the year with kindergarten and 1st grade going to a park in De Pere and our 2nd - 4th graders going to Title Town for the Packer experience!

Chris Knapp reported on:

- The maintenance staff is preparing for their busy season with many summer projects.

A. Recognition letters

- Recognition Letters - Thank you letters to board presenters from the April 17, 2023 meeting

B. Meeting Summary-notes and questions from Board members:

- Student enrollment and enrollment projections
- Minutes and noting board questions process will be reviewed in 3 months
- Open enrollment surveys and student tracking
- Agenda ideas to committees, Board President, and Superintendent
- Noting Wisconsin Statute updates when reviewing policies
- Reviewing Fiscal Policies in upcoming policy meetings

C. Nicole Gerend gave updates for next month's meeting:

- Wednesday, June 21 at 6:00 p.m. in the Elementary Multi-Purpose Room

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Hansen-Winker to adjourn meeting at 9:18 p.m. Seconded by Lemke. Motion carried.

Maggie Boland, Board Clerk