

**WRIGHTSTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2021**  
**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, Sarah Hock, Tiffany Van Vreede

OATH OF OFFICE

Newly appointed Board Member, Tom Gerrits, took the Official Oath of Office.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT: ONE ACT PLAY

Rebecca Ludtke, and her One Act students Anna Ward, Laura Klein, Elizabeth Leick, Maggie Mattson, Paige Gilson, Lydia Lanzel, Halley Kinzhuma, Hailee Fettig, and Olivia Sewell performed a short excerpt of their Statebound One Act performance entitled *An Experiment*.

BOARD OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

Due to the recent board vacancies, an officer and board committee reorganization was completed.

2021-22 Board Officers

President:	Nicole Gerend	Vice President:	Laurie De Cleene
Treasurer:	Joie Cunningham	Clerk:	Maggie Boland

2021-22 Board Committees

Human Resources:	Joie Cunningham, Sarah Hock, Tiffany Van Vreede
Finance:	Joie Cunningham, Laurie De Cleene, Nicole Gerend
Goals & Policy:	Laurie De Cleene, Tom Gerrits, Tiffany Van Vreede
Student Achievement:	Maggie Boland, Tom Gerrits, Sarah Hock

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Jessica Johnson, Emilio Auguiano, Olivia Sewell, Renee Vandenberg, Michael Sewell, Julie Sigmund, Jessica Van De Walle, Dan Van De Walle, and Kathryn Lich shared their concerns regarding transgender use of the bathrooms and the high school and safe space stickers.

APPROVE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Van Vreede made a motion to approve the October 20, 2021, regular session minutes.  
Seconded by De Cleene. Motion carried.

APPROVE PERSONNEL

De Cleene made a motion to approve the additions of Olga Hernandez-EL Student Support Aide, Nicole Petersen-Special Education Instructional Aide, Jennifer Schmidt-Special Education Instructional Aide, and Sarah Stumpf-School Nutrition Leader. Seconded by Van Vreede. Motion carried.

APPROVE POLICY REVIEW/REVISION

Boland made a motion to approve the revised policy #1200 Board Conduct and reviewed policy #3420 Gifted and Talented Services. Seconded by Cunningham. Motion carried.

Van Vreede made a motion to approve the revision of policy #1000 Nondiscrimination and Equal Opportunity, which included the addition of the administrative guidelines to the policy. Seconded by Boland. Motion carried.

#### APPROVE JOB DESCRIPTION REVIEW/REVISIONS

Gerrits made a motion to approve job description review of #5080 School Nurse and #5090 School Health Assistant. Seconded by Boland. Motion carried.

#### 2022-23 CURRICULUM REVISIONS/ADDITIONS

Matt Sabor and Scott Thompson reviewed the 2022-23 course proposals, which include 9-12 Science, Astronomy, and AP Music Theory. The Board will approve the new course proposals at the December meeting.

#### FINANCE

A. Cunningham made a motion to approve the payment of the November 2021 General Fund Bills Listing, check #1061462 through #1061570 for the total of \$315,159.34, the November 2021 Building Fund Bills Listing, check #3155 for a total of \$3,108,371.53, and the October 2021 Receipts of \$159,586.11. Seconded by Van Vreede. Motion carried.

B. Finance Report by Dan Storch

Waiting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> final allotment information of ESSER grants and will then submit spending plan to DPI. Items covered will include PPE needs, technology, outreach, after school and summer learning, mental health services, and learning loss as a result of COVID.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE & BOARD REPORTS

Carla Buboltz reported on:

- Reviewed School and Social Media Report Cards
- Thanked those who attended the village tour
- Planning work has begun on the Russ Bowers memorial.
- Thanksgiving food drive and Giving Tree outreach
- Construction updates include:
  - Painting WHS doors and finalizing new dust collector in Tech. Ed. lab
  - WMS cabinets installed and STEM lab equipment has been ordered
  - WES courtyard work and installation of windows

Craig Haese reported on:

- Recognized all athletes earning conference honors for the 2021 Fall Sports Season.
- Successful “Freaky Friday” musical
- Hosting 1<sup>st</sup> ever Robotics competition
- Winder Sports season opens with Girls’ and Boys’ Basketball.
- Membership numbers continue to increase at the Wellness Center.

Caroline Mihalski reported on:

- Recognized Kathy Mogensen for her new role as Student Services Administrative Assistant.
- Teachers finished fall BEST screening for grades K- 8.
- Sources of Strength at WMS is off to great start.
- First behavior coaching consultation as part of the mental health grant
- Recognized Special Ed Instructional Aides for National Para-Professional Day, which include Julie Paulson, Lynn Beuchler, Michele Hein, Sheri Riha, Nicole Petersen, Carrie Hooyman, Jennifer Wilson, Heather Gilson, Ashley Krook, Heather Gee, Jill Peck, Hannah Tibaldo, Triston Winiecki, and Jennifer Schmidt.

Bob Caelwaerts reported on:

- WMS Health Teacher, Chelsea Lasecki, had students post notes of kindness throughout the school.
- Sources of Strength group attended training to focus on providing positive messaging and opportunities to draw strength and resilience.
- Grade 5 organized end of quarter assembly and Tiger Time activity.
- Beth Vande Hey continues her work with the WMS ELA team.
- Hosted the WMS Fall band/choir concert, with winter concert being held on December 8<sup>th</sup>

Scott Thompson reported on:

- End of first quarter reports cards mailed to families
- December 6<sup>th</sup> Parent/Teacher conferences will offer virtual and in person option
- CNA Course completion for semester
- FBLA senior citizen Christmas Party will be held December 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Successful “Freaky Friday” performance running 4 shows
- AP exam order has been submitted
- Change to NWTC class offerings
- Music department scheduled to go to Nashville, Spanish class scheduled for Costa Rica, and History scheduled for Washington D.C.

Sarah Nelson reported on:

- Successful end of first quarter assembly, which has been the first since January of 2019.
- Optional staff meeting including a tour and moving update
- WES Music Teacher, Logan Gruszynski had 4<sup>th</sup> grade perform a virtual Veteran’s Day Concert.
- Math RtI Teacher, Julie Johnson, offered two different math professional development options for staff.
- WHS public speaking classes presented to 4K – Grade 2 classrooms.
- WES Student Council penny war is in full swing, which will provide Thanksgiving meals to area families.

Jason Nelson reported on construction work and grounds maintenance.

#### C. Meeting Summary

Nicole Gerend gave updates for next month’s meeting:

- Follow up Email to Meeting Attendees
- Report card comparison for data retreat
- Approve curriculum proposals in December
- Explore student representative at Board Meetings

#### 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; Hock - Yes; Van Vreede - Yes. There were 7 'yes' votes and 0 'no' votes and 0 abstains, the motion carried.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Boland to adjourn meeting at 8:45 p.m. Seconded by De Cleene. Motion carried.

Maggie Boland, Board Clerk