

WRIGHTSTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 20, 2022
6:00 p.m.
ELEMENTARY MULTI PURPOSE ROOM

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, Melinda Lemke, Nicole Gerend, Jeff Nelson, Angela Hansen-Winker, Tiffany Van Vreede

Board Members Absent: None

Introduction of new staff: Emily Livieri, 4K; Tom Meyers, HS Biology/Anatomy & Physiology; Emmy August-Biselx, Grade 7 ELA.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT: Bridges and AVMR

Sarah Nelson and Julie Johnson presented an overview of the AVMR (Add+Vantage Math Recovery) and Bridges curriculum training the Elementary staff participated in over the summer.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments from the floor

APPROVE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Boland made a motion to approve the August 17, 2022, regular session minutes. Seconded by Van Vreede. Motion carried.

APPROVE PERSONNEL

Van Vreede made a motion to approve the resignation of Michelle Hein and Sandra Anderson and the hiring of Diane Diny as School Nutrition Leader. Seconded by Boland. Motion carried.

APPROVE POLICY REVISION

Lemke made a motion to approve the revised School Psychologist job description #5010. Seconded by Nelson. Motion carried.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT: Annual Meeting Highlights and Fund Review

Dan outlined what to expect at the annual meeting and reviewed the agenda. He also directed the board on the funds (accounting entity) used by schools and the DPI.

FINANCE

- A. Cunningham made a motion to approve the payment of the September 2022 General Fund Bills Listing, check #1062563 through #1062712 for the total of \$1,009,907.41, the September 2022 Building Fund Bills Listing, check #3180 through #3185 for a total of \$2,551,804.40, the September 2022 Debt Service Bills Listing, check #9082 through #9083 for a total of \$416,851.25 and the August 2022 Receipts of \$2,082,243.15. Seconded by Van Vreede. Motion carried.

- B. Finance Report by Dan Storch

- August tax settlement was received.
- A payment towards the Debt Service was made in September.

ADMINISTRATIVE & BOARD REPORTS

Carla Buboltz reported on:

- The Dedication Celebration will be held on Oct. 1.
- Bus driver meeting and collective resume
- Safety assessment was conducted by Chief Deike and SRO Smith in the three school buildings.
- The monthly WABCA meeting was held at the Elementary School. Members in attendance were given a tour of the building.
- The Crisis team met and will be updating the crisis plan.
- 4K students and Elementary staff were able to participate in ribbon cutting ceremonies.
- The Russ Bowers Memorial dedication was held on Sept. 9.
- The first professional development in-service day will be September 23.
- The Board data retreat is on Oct 10, 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm.
- The Annual meeting is at 6:00 pm on Sept. 28 in the Elementary Multi-Purpose room.

Caroline Mihalski reported on:

- It has been a great start to the year! Staff have already done an awesome job of connecting with and supporting students.
- The beginning of the year in-services and trainings went well with staff.
- Sources of Strength is off to a great start at both WMS and WHS building with adult leader training during in-service week. WHS SOS students are hosting the Color Blaze Run to share messages of hope, health, and resiliency.
- Through our partnership with Bellin, we have a new Community Health worker, Mrs. Viste, who is already supporting families.
- Also, we are excited to have Mrs. Brooke Collier joining us at WES as a School Social Worker Intern.

Bob Caelwaerts reported on:

- The 2022-23 school year kick off assembly was held on September 9.
- The 5th grade had their first field trip to Fallen Timbers. Due to the rain, the second half of the class will visit Fallen Timbers on Sept. 30.
- Thank you to Katie Oskey and the food service staff for the new lunch schedule.
- The new choir, health, guidance and tech ed areas are great spaces for students and staff.
- Thank you to the WMS Parent Network and all of the donors that helped purchase the Gaga Ball Pit.

Scott Thompson reported on:

- Homecoming week has a lot of activities planned every day including hall and door decorating, powerpuff football & ruff n tuff volleyball, pep assembly Thursday and dance on Saturday.
- Scott met with classes to discuss the start of school, check in with freshmen, inform seniors regarding post secondary options and scholarships.
- Mid quarter Parent/Teacher Conferences are on October 5th.
- Credit checks have been completed and we are working with seniors developing plans for credit deficiency.
- September 28 is the Sources of Strength Peer leader training and October 1 is the Color Blaze run. There are about 300 entries for the run.
- Building Leadership Team met last week to talk about graduation requirements and start talking about how to better utilize our homeroom time.

Craig Haese reported on:

- The football team is currently 4-1 and will play the Homecoming game against Denmark this week.
- The soccer team is currently 9-1-1 and we are looking forward to the rest of the season.
- The girls golf team is currently in 1st place in the conference with an 8-0 record.
- The cross country team continues to grow together as a team and work really hard.
- The girls volleyball team has an 11-11 record. The 5th & 6th grade program began this fall.
- The first blood drive will be held in the Wellness Center on September 29th. This is open to students and the community.

Sarah Nelson reported on:

- We made our final move on August 25. Thank you to the football team for the extra help!
- Thank you to Bonnie and our maintenance staff for all of their hard work getting the school ready.
- We had two ribbon cutting ceremonies. The 4K students participated in the first one during their summer school class and the staff was able to participate in a ceremony on the first day of classes.
- The first day of school was a success.
- Thank you to Harmann Studios for taking the time capsule pictures.

Chris Knapp reported on construction work and grounds maintenance.

- Construction is wrapping up. Staff is learning about the new products.
- Middle School kitchen should be completed in the next couple of weeks.

A. Meeting Summary

Maggie Boland gave updates from the Student Achievement committee meeting.

Angela Hansen-Winker have updates from the Policy committee meeting.

Nicole Gerend gave updates for next month's meeting:

- Annual meeting is September 28 at 6:00 pm in the Elementary Multi-Purpose Room
- Board Data Retreat is October 10.
- Next regular session Board meeting is Wednesday, October 19.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Van Vreede to adjourn meeting at 7:12 p.m. Seconded by Nelson. Motion carried.

Maggie Boland, Board Clerk