

WRIGHTSTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Monday, September 18, 2023

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, Melinda Lemke, Nicole Gerend, Jeff Nelson, Angela Hansen-Winker, Rayn Warner

Board Members Absent: Tiffany Van Vreede

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT: Kris Baeten & Technology

Kris Baeten, IT Director and Matthew Winrich, Network Specialist shared with the board the technology & cybersecurity updates that have been implemented in the district.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Sue Byers and Ron Zahn shared their concerns regarding taxes. Andy Lundt shared his concern regarding the budget and shared an idea for future school activities.

APPROVE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Warner made a motion to approve the August 16, 2023 regular session minutes. Seconded by Boland. Motion carried.

Warner made a motion to approve the September 6, 2023 Workshop minutes. Seconded by Boland. Motion carried.

APPROVE PERSONNEL

Warner made a motion to approve the resignation of Carrie Hooyman, Holly Maus, and Isabella Garcia and the addition of Judy Boots-Becker as HS Special Ed aide and Ariel Mercier as MS Special Ed aide. Seconded by Nelson. Motion carried.

APPROVE NEOLA CONTRACT

Hansen-Winker made a motion to approve a contract with Neola for school board policies. Seconded by Nelson. Motion carried.

APPROVE 2023-24 DISTRICT GOALS

Lemke made a motion to approve the 2023-24 District Goals. Seconded by Boland. Motion carried.

APPROVE 2023-24 STAFF HANDBOOK, ACTIVITIES HANDBOOK AND DISTRICT LIBRARY/TECH PLAN

Boland made a motion to approve the 2023-24 Staff Handbook, 2023-24 Activities Handbook, and the District Library/Tech Plan. Seconded by Lemke. Motion carried.

APPROVE 2024-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Hansen-Winker made a motion to approve the 2024-25 School Calendar. Seconded by Warner. Motion carried.

FINANCE

- A. Hansen-Winker made a motion to approve the payment of the September 2023 General Fund Bills Listing, check #1064072 through #1064185 for the total of \$583,399.26, the September 2023 Building Fund Bills Listing, check #3206 through #3210 for a total of \$121,201.90, and the August 2023 Receipts of \$2,143,028.50. Seconded by Nelson. Motion carried.
- B. Finance Report by Dan Storch
- The preliminary enrollment numbers from the Third Friday Count are up from last year.
 - The Board received a draft of the Annual Meeting booklet.
 - The budget report will be published in the Wrightstown Spirit this week and a copy was given to the board members.

ADMINISTRATIVE & BOARD REPORTS

Andy Space reported on:

- Niche Educational Reports ranks Wrightstown Community School District as the 2nd Best School District in Brown County and the 20th Best School District in the State of Wisconsin. Our staff is ranked #1 with the Best Teachers in Brown County and 12th with the Best Teachers in the State of Wisconsin.
- The US News and World Report ranks the Wrightstown High School as the #1 High School in the Green Bay Metro area and the 29th High School in the State of Wisconsin.
- The WASDA Fall conference will be September 20-22 in Madison.
- The CESA 7 PAC meeting on September 8 focused on the Act 20 Reading Law for school districts coming in 2024-25.
- Fallen Timbers will hold a Superintendent's meeting on September 27 to discuss the yearly costs, utilization of the property and future projects.

Caroline Mihalski reported on:

- We have had a great start getting our students back into School-based Mental Health Therapy through our partnership with Family Services.
- Thank you to staff that have welcomed new students to the district.
- Thank you to the staff for welcoming our two new student services teaching staff.
- Thank you to Ashley Post for her leadership with Fastbridge training and facilitation.
- We have had a great start to the school year!
- 2022-23 and 2021-22 Seclusion/Restraint report:
 - Total number of incidences of seclusion or restraint: 32
 - Total number of students involved in seclusion or restraint: 12
 - Total number of students with disabilities who were involved in the seclusion or restraint incidents: 12

Bob Caelwaerts reported on:

- The Middle School Open House was held on August 17th and was very well attended.
- The 5th grade students were able to participate in a special summer school class called "I'm in the Middle". This was a great way to acclimate our newest middle school students to the routines and procedures of our building.
- We welcomed three new Middle School staff members this year.
- Class meetings were held with each grade level. This is a great opportunity to discuss building standards and expectations.
- The Middle School held its 2023-2024 school year kick off assembly on September 15th.

Scott Thompson reported on:

- Homecoming week concluded on September 16th. Thank you to Amy Recob and Victoria Watzka for all of their work planning the activities.
- Class meetings were held to discuss the start of school, check in with freshmen and talk about the change in graduation requirements, inform seniors regarding post secondary options and scholarships.
- Mid-quarter Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on October 4th.
- Credit checks for seniors are complete and we are working with seniors developing plans for anyone who is credit deficient.
- September 27 is the Sources of Strength Peer leader training and September 30 is the Color Blaze run.
- Wrightstown High School was recognized by US New and World Reports as the top high school in Brown County and #29 in the state. We have been ranked in the past but not first in the county.

Craig Haese reported on:

- The football team is currently 4-1 after an exciting Homecoming game against Freedom.
- The money raised during the 50/50 raffle at the Homecoming game will be donated to the Keegan Grimm Memorial Scholarship. We were able to raise close to \$700.
- The soccer team is currently 5-5 on the season.
- The girls golf team is young but they keep improving every week.
- Cross country continues to improve as a team at our halfway point of the schedule.
- The volleyball team has been playing well and we are looking forward to hosting our invitational on September 30.
- The first of our Blood Drives will be held on Wednesday, September 27 in the Wellness Center.

Sarah Nelson reported on:

- Summer school for the 4K students and Kindergarteners was a huge success.
- We held a welcome back assembly to share our Be FEARLESS theme with the students.
- We hosted a High Impact Assembly with a guest appearance by the Funky Monkey.
- It has been a great start to the school year!

A. Meeting Summary

Nicole Gerend gave updates for next month's meeting:

- The Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the Elementary Multi-Purpose Room.
- October 4, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the Elementary Multi-Purpose Room will be the next Board Workshop meeting.
- October 18, 2023 6:00 pm in the Elementary Multi-Purpose Room will be the next Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lemke to adjourn meeting at 6:53p.m. Seconded by Warner. Motion carried.

Maggie Boland, Board Clerk