

W-E-M BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

Monday, September 26, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

The WEM Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, September 26, 2022 at the Waterville Building. The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman Gary Michael at 6:30 p.m.

Board Members Michael, June Rezac, Travis Bowman, Jon Bakken, Jay Schneider, Jon Velishek, and Jeff Stangler attended the meeting. Also present at the meeting were Superintendent Ryan Jensen and Business Manager Margaret Jewison.

Motion by Schneider and seconded by Rezac to approve the agenda. Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Michael and seconded by Stangler to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from August 22, 2022 and the Sept. 8 Special Meeting. Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Bakken and seconded by Schneider to approve the September Financial Report. The bills and payroll from the report were \$1,490,591.02, deposits were \$1,439,551.12, and transfers were \$1,350,000. Comments on the report included a payment of \$20,236.76 to School Management Services for payroll services, a payment of \$13,230 to NAC for HVAC services, a payment of \$6,438.36 to Waterville Building Center, LLC for concession stand supplies, and a payment of \$15,645 to Johnson Building Restoration for repairs to the front of the Waterville building. Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Schneider and seconded by Bakken to approve the resolution awarding the Sale of General Obligation School Building Bonds. See attachment. Seven members voted in favor by roll call vote - motion declared passed.

VISITOR COMMENTS

There were no comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

There were a number of items listed under the consent agenda. The board has made the decision to vote on these items as a group and not vote on each item individually.

Motion by Bakken and seconded by Michael to approve the consent agenda with the elimination of Part C.

The following hires were approved:

- Raymond C. Hall, Dishwasher - \$11.51/hour.
- Mary Ann Eich, FACS, BS/Step 26 - \$52,100.
- Steve Lansing, Physical Education, BS20/Step 20 - \$60,015 (previously approved at BS10/Step 20 - \$58,489).
- Amaya Muellerleile, Paraprofessional, Step 3 - \$13.35/hour.
- Lexianna LaCanne, Paraprofessional, Step 3 - \$13.61/hour.
- Madeline Heuss, Peer Tutor - \$12/hour.

The following resignation was approved:

- Val Richter, Paraprofessional, Effective 8-24-2022.

Approved the additional assignment roster for the 2022-2023 school year. See attachment.

The following 2022-2023 school year overloads were approved:

- Maurice McCabe, Trades Math - \$5,057.44 per semester.
- Jonathan McDonough, Physical Science - \$3,500.88 per semester.
- Joshua Smith, Intro to Political Science - \$3,736.40 per semester.
- Andrew Seifert, Psychology - \$3,384.08 per semester.
- Steve Lansing, Physical Education - \$4,679.12 per semester.
- Crystal Lamont, Physical Education - \$5,285.20 per semester.
- Pamela Heinz, Physical Education - \$4,566.56.

Seven members voting in favor - motion declared passed.

RECOGNITION

Motion by Rezac and seconded by Stangler to approve the following monetary donations:

- A \$700 donation from the Waterville Lions Club to Night of Excellence.
 - A \$100 donation from American Legion Post 311 to the band.
 - An \$8,000 donation in Memory of Bob Kuball (Deborah Kuball) to the FFA Concession Stand at the WEM Football Field.
- Seven members voting in favor - motion declared passed.

REPORTS

WEM Principal Bobbie Jo Bastian and WEM Principal Dr. Jennifer Wilson submitted the following report:

All District

Workshop 2022 was a success. Teachers enjoyed time with Willow Sweeney and her positive, fun message. Planning for workshop 2023 is already underway.

Entrance conferences, orientation, and open houses were all well attended. It was great to see families and students as they met their teachers and prepared for the new year.

Students K-4 had picture day Sept. 20, 5-8 will have theirs on Oct. 5, and 9-12 will have theirs on Sept. 28.

Teachers in both buildings have worked in their grade level teams to assess the Professional Learning Community implementation for their teams and our district. The data was collected and will be shared with all times in the coming weeks.

PreK-6 Report

K-6 students have spent the first weeks establishing routines in their classrooms.

Sept. 13 WEM 5th graders attended the Farm and Home Safety Day at Farm America sponsored by the Waseca Farm Bureau. Students received information about Electrical Safety, Chemical Safety, Lawn Mower/Chainsaw Safety, ATV/Snowmobile/Boat Safety, Safety, Tractor/PTO Safety, and Animal Safety.

K-4 students had their first All School Bucs Pride Assembly. Students reviewed some Bucs Pride Expectations and were introduced to our Kindness Krew Students.

Oct. 4 WEM 6th graders will be going to Target Field for a tour and educational component.

7-12 Report

Homecoming candidates have been announced: King candidates are Gabe Androli, Ethan Greenwald, Jaxon Hulsing, Tytan Larson, and August Ticknor. Queen candidates are Jenessa Baumgarten, Jordan Green, Addyson Taylor, Jessica Hilpipre, and Emma Woratschka.

Homecoming plans are well underway. Mrs. Butzer and the student council along with the senior class advisors are working hard to plan the festivities. The theme for this year is T-Bird Barbecue and Cardinal Cookout.

Bus safety and evacuation is scheduled for Morristown Junior High on Tuesday, Sept. 27. Thank you to Tauston in the bus garage for helping staff coordinate this.

We are preparing to wrap up our first month of school and overall the feeling is positive and overall the start feels more like "traditional" or "normal" at least more so than it has in a few years. The staff and administration are excited about this.

Every day advisory has received positive feedback from students. It's been a good use of time for extra academic health, relationship building, and group meetings.

Mrs. Reuvers, school counselor, has locked in a FAFSA information night for our seniors and their parents on Oct. 11 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Mr. Cooley and the Regional FFA Contest in Arlington on Friday, Sept. 23. Mr. Cooley reported that the event was a success with more than 40 students attending from WEM's FFA.

WEM Activities Director Jeff Boran submitted the following report:

Community Services

School Age Care is up and running before and after school with 32 enrolled WEM students.

Currently 59 are enrolled in the Little Bucs Preschool program, with 4 classroom options (Two 3-day classes and two 4-day classes).

The Prairie Fire Children's Theatre is in town this week, with performances of "Jack and the Beanstalk" this Friday, Sept. 30 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Oct 1 at 1 p.m. Currently nearly 40 students have signed up to participate.

Activities

Football and Volleyball: We are currently at about the halfway point in the regular season. Homecoming is still two weeks away Oct. 10-14. Playoffs will begin the week of October 24.

Cross Country: This week the Grizzlies host our annual "Pie Run" at Prairie Ridge Golf Course in Janesville. The Conference Meet is at USC on Oct. 18 with the Section Meet Oct. 27 in Norwood Young America.

Cheerleaders: Coach Tiffany Schmidtke and the cheerleaders have been a great support for the Buccaneers.

Winter activities are right around the corner, with registration available beginning early in October.

WEM Board Member Reports

No reports.

WEM Board Committee Reports

Contracts have been tentatively settled with the paraprofessionals.

WEM Superintendent Ryan Jensen presented the following:

- Jensen discussed a number of items including the start of the school year feeling like pre-pandemic, new teacher workshop and Waterville Chamber lunch, speaker Willow Sweeney, open houses and intro conferences, attended final day of financial workshop, the smell which closed school early one day was not sewer or gas, plans to attend Fall Administrators Conference, and Homecoming is Oct. 10-14.

ACTION

Motion by Rezac and seconded by Schneider to approve the Professional Development handbook which had a few updates.
Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Bakken and seconded by Rezac to approve the bid for dairy products from Hastings Creamery.
Six members voted in favor - Velishek voted against, motion declared passed.

Motion by Schneider and seconded by Stangler to approve the resolution authorizing conveyance of land from the District to the City of Elysian. After discussion, Schneider rescinds his motion.

Motion by Rezac and seconded by Stangler to table the resolution. The resolution needs to say the property will go back to the school district if it is going to be used for anything other than a baseball field and tennis courts.

Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Schneider and seconded by Rezac to approve the resolution adopting post-issuance compliance policy and procedures for tax-exempt and tax-advantaged government bonds. See attachment.

Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Bowman and seconded by Stangler to approve COVID pay for current para professionals of 75 cents/hour for hours worked in the 2020-2021 school year.

Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Michael and seconded by Stangler to approve "certifying" maximum on Pay 2023 Levy. Truth-in-Taxation meeting to be conducted at 6:30 p.m. December 19, 2022 in the board room.

Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Schneider and seconded by Stangler to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Gary Michael, Attest

Jay Schneider, Attest