

W-E-M BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Thursday, January 20, 2022, 6 p.m.

The WEM Board of Education met in special session on Thursday, January 20, 2022 at the Waterville Building. The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman Gary Michael at 6:02 p.m.

Board Members Jon Bakken, Travis Bowman, Michael, June Rezac, Jay Schneider, Jon Velishek, and Jeff Stangler attended the meeting. Also present at the meeting was Superintendent Joel Whitehurst.

Motion by Schneider and seconded by Bakken to approve the agenda with changes and one additional item. Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Set Meeting Dates and Times

Motion by Stangler and seconded by Rezac to approve the meeting dates, times, and corresponding meeting dates.

Currently the 4th Monday of each month with the 3rd Monday as an alternative if 4th Monday is a holiday. Meeting time is 6 p.m. December meeting is on the 3rd Monday. If at all possible special meetings will be conducted the 2nd Thursday of the month.

The corresponding dates are January 24, February 28, March 28, April 25, May 23, June 27, July 25, August 22, September 26, October 24, November 28, December 19, January 23, 2023 Regular and Organizational (tentative).

The board decided to change all meeting times from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Designate Official Bank(s) Depository

Motion by Bowman and seconded by Rezac to designate official depositories.

Currently the Frandsen Bank in Waterville, the Elysian Bank, Lake Country Community Bank of Morrystown, and Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund are named Depositories, with Frandsen Bank processing the checking accounts. The Superintendent and Business Manager have the discretion to distribute the funds, electronically as needed, and invest in Short Term CDs on the Boards behalf.

The board decided to keep all these depositories the same.

Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Rezac and seconded by Stangler to authorize Chairperson and Clerk to issue order upon the Treasurer in payment of salaries when they come due.

Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Designate Official Newspaper

Motion by Bakken and seconded by Stangler to approve the LifeEnterprise as the official newspaper.

Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Board Members Compensation

Motion by Rezac and seconded by Bowman to keep Board Members Compensation the same as last year.

The Board receives \$60 per month, \$60 each special meeting, study session, or committee meeting, \$100 per day for workshops. Officers receive an additional \$200 a year (except clerk receives \$400 additional a year), and IRS approved rate for school district approved mileage. 2022 mileage rate is 58.5 cents per mile.

Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Compensation for Negotiating Team

Motion by Schneider and seconded by Rezac to keep Negotiation Team Compensation the same as last year.

Negotiators will receive \$60 per meeting; \$100 per day; Mediation/Arbitration; Chief Negotiator received \$500 in addition to other compensation.

Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Bowman and seconded by Bakken to designate Rupp, Anderson, Squires & Waldspurger, PA as the Legal Counsel. The Board Chair, Superintendent, and Business Manager can contact legal counsel.

Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Schneider and seconded by Bowman to approve Board member committee assignments. See attachment.

Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Bowman and seconded by Schneider to approve live streaming and/or recording of all school board meetings.

There was an amendment to this motion to stream and/or record the meetings at the discretion of the board. Bowman made this motion for the amendment and Rezac seconded it.

Seven members voted in favor of the amendment - motion declared passed.

Seven members then voted in favor of the original motion with the addition of the amendment - motion declared passed.

Motion by Stangler and seconded by Michael to have special meeting attendance taken and Business Manager Margaret Jewison handle the information.

Five members voted in favor - Rezac and Schneider voted against - motion declared passed.

Motion by Schneider and seconded by Bakken to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Seven members voted in favor by roll call vote - motion declared passed.

Attest Attest

Gary Michael Jay Schneider