

W-E-M BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

Monday, March 18, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

The WEM Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, March 18, 2024 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, Jay Schneider and Jeff Stangler attended the meeting. Also present at the meeting were Superintendent John Regan and Business Manager Margaret Jewison.

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

Motion by Rezac and seconded by Stangler to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from February 26, 2024. Four members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Michael and seconded by Schneider to approve the February Financial Report. The bills and payroll from the report were \$588,043.07, deposits were \$579,844.73, and transfers of \$400,000. Comments on the report included a payment of \$21,030.47 to Faribo Air Conditioning and Heating, Inc. for repairs on the Waterville cooler and a payment of \$87,350.73 to ISD #829 Waseca for 1/2 the contract for Special Education Services. Four members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

VISITOR COMMENTS

There were no visitor comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Rezac and seconded by Schneider to approve the consent agenda which included the following items:

Approve the hiring of River Henry, Building and Grounds Supervisor, \$65,000.

Approve the following 2023-2024 Coaches:

- Tyler Kaus, 2nd Assistant Baseball, \$3,289
- Mariah Boyd, Junior High Softball, \$2,476
- Blake Seesz, Junior High baseball, \$2,476

Approve the termination of Lana Adermann, Food Services Director, effective March 11, 2024.

Four members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

RECOGNITION

Motion by Michael and seconded by Stangler to approve the following monetary donation:

A donation of \$8,860 from the WEM Bucketeers to the basketball program.

A donation of \$25 from precision Chiropractic to the athletics budget.

A donation of \$300 from Larry and Cathy Hohnstadt (Ralph Brown Memorial) to the arts department.

Four members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

REPORTS

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

All District

Quarter 3 will end on Friday, March 22 before heading into spring break. WEM students and staff will begin Quarter 4 on Tuesday, April 2.

No school for students and staff March 25-29 for spring break. Students will not have school on Monday, April 1 but staff will be back on the building for professional development.

PreK-6

PreK-4th grade students and parents attended conference on March 14 for K-12 and will again on March 19.

5th and 6th grade students will have open conference time for students and parents to attend April 2.

On March 8, 6th grade students attended the Math Master's Competition in Mankato at Bethany Lutheran College. WEM's 5th grade Math Masters team will compete later in April. Thank you to Laura Sammon and Brian Svendsen for coaching these two teams.

During the month of March, K-6 students participated in a roller skating unit in Physical Education. Thanks to our Physical Education department for organizing this fun unit each year.

1st and 2nd grade students will be performing a concert on March 22 and Kindergarten students will be sharing their musical talents on April 19.

We will be welcoming next year's kindergarten students and their parents at our Kindergarten Round-up April 4. Looking forward to welcoming our new students and sharing with their parents how WEM Schools will serve their family.

7-12

WEM received tremendous news recently that the Frandsen Foundation/Frandsen Bank and Trust is interested in partnering with WEM to offer a scholarship to any student interested in obtaining a post-secondary education at a 2-year degree or certificate seeking program. While there are some minimal limitations to the scholarship, all students a part of the Class of 2024 can receive the scholarship. The scholarship is a simple process and we are extremely grateful and honored to be a part of this foundational gift and philanthropy. We are holding a parent meeting on April 2 to share more information and answer questions.

Parent-Teacher conferences will be held on April 2 from 3:30-7:30 p.m. for both junior high students and high school students.

On March 4 the WEM Concert Choir attended the Large Group Choir Contest held at Loyola Catholic School in Mankato. The choir earned a "Superior" which is the highest rating a group can receive. Their average score received was 39 of 40. The scores of the judges were 38, 39, and 40. Congratulations to Mr. Thomforde and the concert Choir on their achievement.

Juniors and seniors took part in a career fair experience on Friday, March 8. High school counselor Mrs. Reuvers worked closely with Honey Burg who is our Regional Workforce Development Coordinator. Approximately 20 career field representatives from local businesses were guests in the building for presentations and making connections with students. The event took a great deal of partnership and planning by Ms. Burg and Mrs. Reuvers, we are thankful to offer the experience to our students.

The junior high started testing season on March 12 and 13 with MCA Reading. MCA testing at the secondary level will continue in April.

WEM Community Education and Activities Director Jeff Boran submitted the following report:

ACTIVITIES

Winter - Congratulations to the following Winter Activities All-Conference Individual Honors:

Boys Basketball - Not yet released.

Girls Basketball - Seniors Alayna Atherton and Claire Bohlen - Gopher All-Conference; Senior Kylie LaFrance - Gopher Conference Honorable Mention; Kylie LaFrance - Gopher Sportsmanship Award

CONGRATULATIONS to the 2024 Section 2AA Championship Girls Basketball Team and for their participation at the MSHSL State Girl Basketball Tournament.

Wrestling - Senior Gavin Krause and juniors Keegan Kuball and Carson Petry - Gopher All-Conference; Junior Avery Fall - Gopher Sportsmanship Award.

Girls Hockey - Freshman Maizee Storey Big South All-Conference.

Boys Hockey - Freshman Griffin Storey Big South all-Conference.

Band and choir - MSHSL Section Large Group Choir Contests - The WEM Choir received a Superior Rating.

One-Act Play - Junior Claire Elness, and sophomores Jaelyn Wilmes and Abby Crosby. The team qualified for the Section Meet for the 2nd time in school history by placing second as a team in Sub-Sections.

Spring - Practices got started this week

Boys Track and Field - Currently 31 participants 7 through 12.

Girls Track and Field - Currently 22 participants 7 through 12.

Both boys and girls first event is April 4 at MSU-Mankato.

Softball - Currently 37 girls 7 through 12.

First games for high school and junior high will be April 4 at home against Hayfield.

Baseball - Currently 36 boys registered 7 through 12.

First games for high school and junior high will be April 4 at Hayfield.

Clay Target Team - 51 participants.

Congratulations to the students involved in the school play "The Tale of Snow White" performed march 15 and 18. Students involved are Jaelyn Wilmes, Christian Winter, Ryley Henning, Claire Elness, Megan Miller, Madalynn Hackney, Leah

Meschke, Janessa Wilmes, Jeremy Little, Nic Allen, Anna Nielsen, Zayda Brown, Maddy Smith, Kayla Bronk, Abby Crosby, Emma Smith, Ashton Green, Lacey Reysack, Emily Wilmes, Mylee Radloff, Laney Paulson, and Dominic Ungaro.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Driver Education Classroom is March 6 through April 3 and 22 students are attending in person.

Summer Activities Baseball, Softball, Swimming Lessons, Camps, and other spring activities are currently being organized.

Summer Behind the Wheel will begin scheduling in early April.

WEM Board Member Reports

There were no Board Member reports.

WEM Board Committee Reports

There were no Board Committee Reports.

WEM Superintendent John Regan presented the following:

- Superintendent Regan commented the April 22 NEXXUS 10-year plan presentation, need to decide on how to spend the \$800,000 surplus, board approved funds which can be bonded, Strategic Plan, girls basketball team to State, work session in May to talk about parking lots and approve the sale of bonds for the Morristown School parking lot.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

The board had the first readings of the following policies (See attachments):

406 Public and Private Personnel Data

410 Family and Medical Leave

416 Drug and Alcohol Testing

524 internet Acceptable Use and Safety.

See attachments

ACTION

Motion by Schneider and second by Stangler to approve a resolution providing for a public hearing to consider granting a proposed property tax abatement. This hearing will be held April 22 at 6 p.m. See attachment.

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

Motion by Rezac and seconded by Schneider to approved the following policies (See attachments

513 Student Promotion, Retention, and Program Design

601 School District Curriculum and Instruction Goals

606 Textbooks and Instructional Materials

606.5 Library Materials and Formal Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials Form

613 Graduation Requirements

Four members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Rezac and seconded by Stangler to approve the revised 2024-2025 academic calendar. See attachment.

Four members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Michael and seconded by Rezac to approved the NAC Customer Support Agreement, which replaces the Honeywell contract. See attachment.

Four members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Rezac and seconded by Stangler to approve the bid for the sale of the John Deere Lawn Mower to Timothy Arends in the amount of \$4,100 and the sale of the Snapper Lawn Mower to Timothy Arends in the amount of \$1,050.

Four members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

A May 9 Special Meeting has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

Motion by Schneider and seconded by Stangler to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Four members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Gary Michael, Attest

Jay Schneider, Attest