

W-E-M BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

Monday, November 27, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

The WEM Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, November 27, 2023 at the Waterville Building. The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman Gary Michael at 6:30 p.m.

Board Members Michael, Jon Bakken, Brenda Heuss, June Rezac, Jeff Stangler, and Jay Schneider attended the meeting. Also present at the meeting were Superintendent John Regan and Business Manager Margaret Jewison.

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

Motion by Bakken and seconded by Rezac to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from October 23, 2023. Six members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Bakken and seconded by Schneider to approve the November Financial Report. The bills and payroll from the report were \$1,067,363.32, deposits were \$1,728,701.10, and transfers were \$350,000.00. Comments on the report included a payment of \$13,021.30 to BSN Sports for football equipment. According to treasurer Bakken, the monthly numbers are very close to what was budgeted.

Six members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

VISITOR COMMENTS

Ray Queener of Teamworks gave a presentation on strategic planning and educational leadership solutions.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approve the following 2023-2024 coaches:

Junior High Boys Basketball Coach Blake Seesz - \$2,336.

2nd Assistant Girls Basketball Coach Lois Masberg - \$3,102.

Wrestling Volunteers Brady Ayers and Colin Ayers.

Approve the following new hires:

Lisa Karsten - Head Cook, Band B-2-2/Step 9, \$16.60/hour.

Jocelyn Brown - Peer Tutor, \$12/hour.

Matthew Van Houdt - Paraprofessional, Step B (7), \$15.47/hour.

Six members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

RECOGNITION

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

A donation of \$1,000 from the Bucketeers to Athletic Department - Music Services.

Six 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

Fall conferences were held in November. 5th-12th grade parent/teacher conferences were Monday, November 6 and Thursday, November 9. K-4 Conferences were held on November 16 and 21.

WE, hosted a Veteran's Day program November 13. Dave Wollin was the keynote speaker. The Elysian Color Guard and Auxiliary participated in the program. Student emcees were junior Anna Nielsen and freshman Wyatt Jans. A special thank you to Mrs. Kratzer, Mr. Larson, and Mr. Thomforde and our students for providing awesome musical selections.

The district had two early releases in November. November 3 was the end of Quarter 1, staff engaged in professional development activities in the afternoon. November 22 was an early release for all students and staff due to Thanksgiving Break.

PreK-6

Kindergarten and third grade students participated in the Veteran's Day program in the Waterville building Nov. 13. Kindergarten students led the Pledge of Allegiance and third grade students shared their musical talent by singing a patriotic song.

7-12

The junior class took the ASVAB test on Thursday, Nov. 9. Score reports will be available in a couple of weeks. Military personnel will guide the students through their score report and help interpret scores.

Twenty high school students attended the YEA Data Summit hosted by Faribault High School. The Summit is a bi-yearly event in conjunction with our Achievement and Integration school partners (Tri-City United, Faribault, and Northfield). In the spring and fall 2024 WEM will be the host for the Summit.

To Zero Deaths, in conjunction with the Le Sueur County Sheriff's office, will present to all sophomores on November 28. The program will focus on the importance of speed control behind the wheel and being focused/attentive avoiding distractions that young drivers often encounter. This program will be presented to all Le Sueur County high schools with the audiences being sophomores. There is a follow-up program in the spring, but will be shown in a virtual format.

Jeff Boran, Community Education & Activities Director submitted the following report:

Athletics:

Volleyball - 2023 3rd place in the Gopher Conference, South Subsection Champions & Section 2AA Runner Up to Southwest Christian. – Claire Bohlen Sr., Josie Volkman Sr., Addison Condon So. were named All-Gopher Conference, with Ashlyn Pelant Jr. Honorable Mention. Junior McKenna Schuster is the 2023 Gopher Conference Sportsmanship Award winner for WEM. Gopher Academic All-Conference (Varsity member with a 3.50 or higher quarter GPA) Alayna Atherton, Grace Baker, Liza Baker, Claire Bohlen, Addison Condon, Ashlyn Pelant, Tianna Pope, Tatum Richards, McKenna Schuster, Robynn Schwichtenberg, Alix Velzke, Briley Velzke, Josie Volkman

Football -WEM players earning Mid-Southeast Football All-District Football Honors. Luke Michael Sr., Keegan Kuball Jr. and Talen Taylor So. and Srs. Isaac Quast & Aric Williams were Honorable Mention. Academic All-District FB Players (Varsity member with a 3.50 or higher quarter GPA) include Jacob Androli, Gavin Atherton, Avery Breyer, Wyatt Janda-Jones, Keegan Kuball, Evan Lange-Wenker, Brady Murphy, Redzel Priebe, Zach Quast, Ben Root, Reed Sammon, Dawson Slechta and Talen Taylor.

Cross Country – The 2023 WEM/JWP Grizzly Cross Country Boys and Girls teams All-Conference runners 1st Team –

Mackenzie Westfall 8th, Wyatt Jans Fr., 2nd Team Gavin Brown Jr, Teagan Mulder 7th & Kwynn Krause So., Honorable Mention – Alexander Kleve Jr. and Madalyn Miller 8th. The Grizzlies Sportsmanship awards – Lauren White & Maddox Moreno. WEM Academic All-Conference runners were Maddie Heuss, Ellie Schlie, Wesley Heinz and Madalyn Miller.

Girls Basketball began their season last Friday at Sleepy Eye St. Mary's with their first home event this Thursday Nov. 30 vs. Maple River. 14 – 7/8 GBB players, 17 in 9 through 12 GBB players. Wrestling's first meet is this Thursday December 1, a quadrangular with Waseca, Medford and LSH in Le Sueur. The first

home meet is Thursday January 11 in Waterville. WEM/JWP wrestlers in coop. (7 – 12) (WEM – 20, JWP – 18) of which 3 of the wrestlers are girls and will be able to compete in Girls Wrestling Section Tournaments in the post season.

Boys Basketballs first game is this Friday Dec. 1 at Le Sueur-Henderson. 13 – 7/8 BBB players, 21 in 9 through 12th BBB players.

Eight WEM students grades 7 – 10 participated in the "Gopher Conference Team Up" event held in Triton Central HS this year on October 28th. The guest presenter was Rick Rassier again this year. Rick's focus is making good life choices, staying positive, being good teammates and "taking it to the next level". This is the 7th year the Gopher Conference has had Rick come to deliver his inspirational message.

Twelve HS WEM students will be attending the "Together in Partnership" Statewide Conference on December 6th. Two WEM HS (Juniors Gavin Brown & Ashlyn Pelant) students are also working with the Gopher Conference Student Advisory and Leadership Team and attending a Leadership workshop on Monday Dec. 11.

Community Education:

o Preschool Conferences concluded last week
o 14 students will be finishing up Driver Education Classroom early next week.
o Currently six 3-6th grade Bucketeer teams have secured practice time in our gyms. The wrestling club will also get started with practices in the wrestling room.

WEM Board Member Reports

There were no reports.

WEM Board Committee Reports

There were no reports.

WEM Superintendent John Regan presented the following:

- Superintendent Regan talked about the school district asking the City of Morristown to vacate the street on the south side of the Morristown School and give the property to the district. He also presented the school board with a couple of upgrade lists, which include improvements needed in all three district school buildings. (see attachments)

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

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

534 School Meals Policy

602 Organization of School Calendar and School Day

617 School District Insurance of Preparatory and High School Standards

621 Literacy and The Ready Act

624 Online Instruction

The Board will discuss these policies during a special Work Session December 7.

ACTION

Motion by Bakken and seconded by Rezac to approve a resolution of school board supporting Form B application to Minnesota State High School League Foundation.

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

Motion by Stangler and seconded by Michael to approved the following policies (See attachments):

206 Public Participation in School Board Meetings/Complaints About Persons at School Board Meetings and Data Privacy Considerations

206A Protocol Language for Addressing the School Board

707 Transportation of Public School Students

707A Transportation of Students Placed in In-Day Treatment programs

708 Transportation of Nonpublic School Students

Six members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Schneider and seconded by Heuss to create the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee.

Six members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Schneider and seconded by Stangler to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Six members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Gary Michael, Attest

Jay Schneider, Attest