

July 15, 2024

The Working Session was called to order in the media center at 6:00 pm by Chair Hall. Members present at roll call: Johnson, Hall, Suonvieri, Rohde and Miller. Also present: Superintendent Sue Hoeft, Business Manager Haley Walsh, Principal Amanda Fjeld and Administrative Assistant Ashley Engh. Zoom was initially available with no audience, however, the network was having connection problems and zoom became unavailable early on in the meeting.

There were no agenda additions.

Discussion took place regarding agenda ECSE needs for the 2024-2025 school year. Nashwauk Keewatin is working on a purchase of service agreement to allow one day of ECSE services to Floodwood as this is all that would be required for the case load. This should be ready for approval at the regular board meeting in July.

Update was given on PCCC Food Service Contract progress and a contract will be ready for approval at the July regular meeting.

Update was given on school grounds. Community feedback was positive on the work that has been done to the school grounds in preparation of Catfish Days events. There are concerns with needs for the playground space and new wood chips have been ordered. Superintendent Hoeft will get an update on the fence removal.

Discussion took place regarding student council reorganization vs. dissolution. Principal Fjeld put forward a proposal of "Polar Council". After discussion this will replace "Student Council" in the handbook. Advisors will work with students on this transition.

Discussion took place regarding Student School Board Members. Once Polar Council is established, student feedback will be obtained on how they would like to communicate with the school board on student issues. Possibilities would be a monthly or quarterly report to the board, options to come address the board at a working session etc. Once students have discussed the board will revisit to see what kind of support the school board can offer to Polar Council students.

Results of Early Release days' survey were reviewed and discussed. 65 responses were received. 60 of those responses were in support of the two early release days on next year's calendar. The calendar will remain as last approved.

Discussion took place regarding Facility use for campers on school property. There were no issues this year. We will revisit if there is a need in the future.

Review of changes to FY25 Student/Parent Handbook and Employee/Activities Handbook to place. Administrative Assistant Engh will look into changes made to Attendance Policies with MSBA to be sure that handbooks correlate with policy. Cell phone policy was also looked at for the upcoming year for students and staff.

First Reading of policies: 503, 512, 516, 601, 608 and 613. Policy 503 may need changes on a local level after Administrative Assistant Engh looks into MSBA guidance on attendance and what is dictated by MSBA as recommendation vs. state statute changes.

First reading of new local policy 441 that addresses VEBA enrollment.

Discussion took place regarding scheduling Superintendent One on One meetings with school board members. Meeting have been set up.

Upcoming meetings were reviewed.

Chair Hall adjourned meeting at 6:45 pm

**NOTE: Minutes unofficial subject to school board approval.**