

W-E-M BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

Monday, July 24, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

The WEM Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, July 24, 2023 at the Waterville Building. The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman Gary Michael at 6:31 p.m.

Board Members Michael, Brenda Heuss, June Rezac, Troy Tolzman, Jon Bakken, Jeff Stangler, and Jay Schneider attended the meeting. Also present at the meeting were Superintendent John Regan and Activities Director Jeff Boran.

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

Motion by Rezac and seconded by Stangler to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from June 26, 2023 and July 13 Special Meeting. Six members voted in favor - Schneider abstains - motion declared passed.

Motion by Bakken and seconded by Schneider to approve the July Financial Report. The bills and payroll from the report were \$867,015.73, deposits were \$474,943.00, and transfers were \$250,000. Comments on the report included a payment of \$13,946.75 to WW Blacktopping, Inc. for work on the Morristown Tennis Courts and Bakken commented that the general fund numbers are fairly close to the budget.

Six members voted in favor - Stangler abstains - 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:

A. Approve the Following Hires:

Emily Fratzter, Elementary Music - BS/Step 3 (0.6 FTE), \$21,250.80.

Matthew Thomforde, Secondary Music - BS/Step 4, \$36,057.

David Rye, Ag/Industrial Technology - MS/Step 3, \$40,830.

B. Approve Summer School Bus Driver Staff:

Roger Lamont, Bus Route Driver - \$54.43/route

Bruce Baumgarten, Bus Route Driver - \$54.43/route

Heather Suemnick, Bus Route Driver - \$54.43/route

Sheri Grimmus, Special Ed Bus Driver - \$29.35/hour.

C. Approve the following coach resignations:

Dan Lemcke, Junior High Football Coach

Jason Skurkay, Football 2nd Assistant Coach

D. Approve the following 2023-2024 Coaches:

Connor Scharf, Football 2nd Assistant - \$3,102

Jerome Brown, Football Junior High - \$2,336

Trista Hering, Volleyball 2nd Assistant - \$3,102

Carrie Richards, Volleyball Junior High - \$2,336

Mike Richards, Wrestling 1st Assistant - \$3,885

Jason Roemhildt, Boys Basketball 1st Assistant - \$3,885

Matthew Van Houdt, Boys Basketball 2nd Assistant - \$3,102

Daniel Lemcke, Girls Basketball 1st Assistant - \$3,885

Joshua Smith, Baseball Head Coach - \$5,450

Crystal Lamont, Softball Head Coach - \$5,450

Mike Richards, Girls Track and Field Head Coach - \$5,450

Tiffany Schmidtke, Head Coach Competitive Cheer - Pay based on number of participants

Milayna Watzek, Assistant Coach Competitive Cheer - Pay based on number of participants

Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

RECOGNITION

Motion by Schneider and seconded by Michael to approve the following monetary donations:

A donation of \$13 from Casey's to the Elementary School.

A donation of \$1,000 from Steele Waseca Cooperative Electric for Scholarship.

A donation of \$200 from the Elysian Chamber of Commerce to the Band Program.

Seven 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

Summer school is complete. Elementary offered summer school over four weeks in two different increments (end of June and early/mid July). Junior high students had a two week session in July. Summer school was well attended, ran smoothly, and a big thanks to our summer school teachers, paras, health assistant, bus drivers, office staff, and kitchen staff.

All Gen. Ed. certified staff for K-12 have been hired. Administration is working with our mentor leaders to put final touches on the new teacher workshop on August 24.,

Administration is working on finalizing plans for the 2023-2024 workshop week. Open Houses for grades 5-8 and 9-12 will be on Wednesday, August 30.

Project work on the playground at the Morristown building is in progress including a new blacktop on the playground area. Two benches will be going in as well. WEM received a generous donation from the Rice County Sheriff's Department for \$750 to help purchase the bench and the work to install.

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

ACTIVITIES

- The 2023-2024 Activities Registration site will open for Fall Activities Registration July 25, 2023.
- The first official date for all Fall High School Athletic practices begins August 14, 2023. (Volleyball, Cheerleading, Boys and Girls Cross Country, and Football).

COMMUNITY EDUCATION SUMMER ACTIVITIES

- Most Summer 2023 activities are completed.

Participation numbers: Elementary basketball camp (27), Volleyball camps (65), Southern Star Softball (80), T-Ball (47), Swimming lessons (54), Shout out to the Elysian Little League Baseball with more than 70 participants.

- WEM has had 49 students attend the spring and summer classrooms with a Fall another classroom scheduled for late October and early November. To date, 35 students have completed Behind the Wheel this spring/summer with 24 scheduled to complete Behind the Wheel this summer. Three students are currently on a waiting list for late summer and fall.

- Little Bucs "Preschool" Summer Camp had 14 attend the two sessions of summer preschool.

- WEM 2023 Summer School Age Childcare had 41 students. The last day of service is Friday, August 25, 2023.

- The 2023-2024 School Year School Age Childcare begins Wednesday, September 6, 2023. Currently 19 students are registered for the School Age Childcare Program for the 2023-2024 school year. This number is expected to increase.

- Currently 38 students are registered for WEM Little Bucs Preschool for the 2023-2024 school year.

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:

- Jensen reported on his first three weeks as superintendent and made the board aware of a bus purchase.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

The board had the first readings of the following policies:

208 Development, Adoption, and Implementation of Policies

506 Student Discipline

426 Substitute Teacher Compensation

722 Public Data and Data Subject Requests

ACTION

Motion by Schneider and seconded by Rezac to approve membership with Minnesota School Board Association Dues, BoardBook Subscription, and policy Services Renewal (\$6,913).
Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Bakken and seconded by Stangler to approve the 2023-2024 MREA membership (\$1,904).
Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Michael and seconded by Stangler to approve the 2023-2024 Activities Handbook. See attachment.
Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Schneider and seconded by Bakken to approve general work agreement with Waseca Public Schools - Rachel Kluver - for the position of Summer School Special Education, Occupational Therapy (WEM).
Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Michael and seconded by Tolzman to approve the contracted services from South Central Service Cooperative which provides Instructional Services FY 2023-2024 for \$526.32 per student, per high school semester credit.
Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

PERSONNEL

Motion by Stangler and seconded by Tolzman to approve the 2023-2024 contract of School Psychologist, Shawna Peterson-Brown. Daily rate increase from \$525 to \$540.75/day not to exceed 44 days.
Approve the 2023-2024 contract of School Psychologist Assistant, Melissa Schneider. Hourly rate from \$27.89/hour up to 15 hours/week.
Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Schneider and seconded by Stangler to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m.
Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Gary Michael, Attest

Jay Schneider, Attest