

W-E-M BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

Monday, July 25, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

The WEM Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, July 25, 2022 at the Waterville Building. The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman Gary Michael at 6:31 p.m.

Board Members Michael, Jon Bakken, Jay Schneider, Jon Velishek, and Jeff Stangler attended the meeting. Also present at the meeting were Superintendent Ryan Jensen, Activities Director Jeff Boran, and Business Manager Margaret Jewison.

Motion by Schneider and seconded by Stangler to approve the agenda with one addition. Five members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Bakken and seconded by Stangler to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from June 25, 2022. Five members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Bakken and seconded by Schneider to approve the July Financial Report. The bills and payroll from the report were \$1,173,636.45, deposits were \$61,449.90, and transfers were \$100,000. Comments on the report included a payment of 307,386.25 to Bond Trust Services Corporation for interest on the bond payment, a payment of \$35,000 to W.L. Hall Co. for a deposit on windows, and Bakken said the transportation insurance for this year will be remaining the same.

Five members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

VISITOR COMMENTS

There were no comments.

RECOGNITION

Motion by Schneider and seconded by Bakken to approve the following monetary donation:

- \$100 in memory of Cindy Wright (Barbara Foster) for special education donation.

Five 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

Construction projects continue throughout the district as we prepare for the new school year.

Back-to-School Workshop planning and agenda setting is getting near ready. Administration has scheduled Willow Sweeny to kick off our week. Willow came for a few hours last November and is a founder of Top 20. We have had a Top 20 speaker Kevin Brennen in the past (Workshop Week 2020) and the messages are well received and impacting.

PreK-6 Report

Buccaneer Summer School Camp as well as Little Bucs Preschool wrapped up their 4 weeks on July 21st. Summer school students K-4 attended a field trip to the Children's Museum of Southern MN as a final activity.

7-12 Report

Homecoming planning is well underway. Thank you to Mrs. Abby Butzer and Mr. Jeff Boran for being flexible and accommodating as planning continues. Their help with this fun high school experience for students is greatly appreciated.

WEM Activities Director Jeff Boran presented the following report:

ACTIVITIES

- The 2022-23 Activities Registration site is up and accepting all Activities Registration.

• The first official date for all Fall Athletic practices begin Aug. 15, 2022. (Volleyball, Cheerleading, Boys and Girls Cross Country, and Football).

COMMUNITY EDUCATION SUMMER ACTIVITIES

- Most Summer 2022 Activities are completed. Very good summer participation across the board.
- Little Bucs Camp had 16 attend the two sessions of summer preschool.

- Thirty-eight students will have completed Behind the Wheel this summer with 13 currently on a waiting list for late summer and fall.

- WEM 2022 Summer School Age Care had 49 students, the last day of service is Friday, August 26. The 2022-2023 School Year School Age Child-Care begins Wednesday, Sept. 7.

WEM Board Member Reports

No reports

WEM Board Committee Reports

The policy committee continues working hard at updating old policies.

WEM Superintendent Ryan Jensen presented the following:

- Jensen said he was excited to be here and is currently getting acclimated. Jensen mentioned the South Central Service Corps, the MSBA office, the Minnesota Summit at Brainerd, and school financial workshops.

Information/Discussion

The contract with Holy Trinity Catholic Church and the parking lot was briefly discussed.

No action was taken. The school has leased the parking lot for many years.

Action

A second reading of the Student Attendance Policy. See attachment.

Motion by Michael and seconded by Stangler to approve pursuing bond sales from the 2018 Bond Levy Authority. A total of \$800,000 is available from this levy which was not available when school district residents approved the \$19.3 million levy. The State of Minnesota had limitations which have now been removed. See attachment.

Five members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Bakken and seconded by Stangler to approve the 2022-2023 contracted agreement with Minnesota Valley Education District - Teacher of Deaf/Hard of Hearing - \$7,262. See attachment.

Five members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Schneider and seconded by Bakken to approve the 2022-2023 resolution for membership in the Minnesota State High School League.

Five members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Michael and seconded by Schneider to approve Minnesota School Boards Association dues, Boardbook subscription, and policy services renewal - \$6,917.

Five members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Bakken and seconded by Velishek to approve the Education Identity and Access Management Resolution to designate Ryan Jensen as the Identified Official with Authority (IOWA) for Education Identity and Access Management.

Five members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

PERSONNEL

Motion by Schneider and seconded by Bakken to approve the retirement of Donna Mae Bruske, noon hour dishwasher, effective May 31, 2022.

Five members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Stangler and seconded by Schneider to approve the following new hires:

- Andi O'Neil, Elementary Media - MS Step 7, \$46,705.

- Alyssa Hanson, ECFE Teacher - ECFE Step 4, \$25.10/hour.

- Catherine Hermel, Clerical - B31 Admin Assist Step 7, \$17.96/hour.

Five members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Bakken and seconded by Stangler to approve the following requests for lane changes:

- Angela Sammon, BS50/MS to MS10, effective June 15, 2022.
- Crystal Lamont, MS20 to MS30, effective September 15, 2022.

Five members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Stangler and seconded by Velishek to approve the following contract:

- July 2, 2021 to June 30, 2023 bus driver contract. Total package increase three percent each year and one-time stipend of \$500 for drivers who actively delivered meals during the pandemic, retirement payout of 60 days at 35 percent or daily bus driver route rate and two hour minimum for hourly bus drivers.

Five members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Michael and seconded by Stangler to approve the following contract:

- July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 contract for Building and Grounds Supervisor Scott Allen - no change in terms.

Five members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Schneider and seconded by Bakken to approve the following 2022-2023 coaches:

Football: Doug Androli (2nd assistant) \$3,102, Harold Nielsen (2nd Assistant) \$3,102, and junior high coaches Chad Atherton, Dan Lemcke, and Maurice McCabe \$2,336 each.

Volleyball: Ken Trnka (1st assistant) \$3,885 and junior high coaches Pam Heinz and Haley Schaaf \$2,336 each.

Meeting was closed for negotiations. Later reopened at 8 p.m.

Motion by Schneider and seconded by Stangler to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Five members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Gary Michael, Attest

Jay Schneider, Attest