

## **W-E-M BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES REGULAR MEETING**

Monday, December 19, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

The WEM Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, December 19, 2022 at the Waterville Building. The meeting was called to order by Board Vice Chairman June Rezac at 6:30 p.m.

Board Members Rezac, Travis Bowman, Jon Velishek, Jon Bakken, and Jay Schneider attended the meeting. Also present at the meeting were Superintendent Ryan Jensen, Principals Dr. Jennifer Wilson and Bobbie Jo Bastian, Activities Director Jeff Boran. and Business Manager Margaret Jewison.

Motion by Bowman and seconded by Bakken to approve the agenda. Five members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Bakken and seconded by Rezac to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from November 28, 2022. Five members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Bakken and seconded by Schneider to approve the December Financial Report. The bills and payroll from the report were \$845,744.75, deposits were \$622,950.91, and transfers were \$75,000. Comments on the report included a payment of \$11,760 to Apple, Inc. for licenses, a payment of \$34,157.83 to Freedom Security and Surveillance for bus video supplies, a payment of \$46,178.73 to Volkman Electric, Inc for long-term facilities maintenance, a payment of \$21,110 to Varsity group for lockers and front windows, and a payment of \$26,161.25 to Nieman Roofing Company, Inc for roof repairs. Five members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

### **VISITOR COMMENTS**

Kenneth Wetzel asked the board who regulates the value of land. Margaret Jewison told Mr. Wetzel it is the county assessor who makes the decision.

### **PRESENTATION**

There were three different items listed under this category. They included the annual Truth in Taxation Hearing, Certifying Pay 2023 Levy, and World's Best Workforce.

Business Manager Margaret Jewison gave the presentation on the Truth in Taxation portion of the meeting. The proposed levy shows an increase of \$36,234.01, which is an increase of 1.04 percent from a year ago. See attachment.

The board certified the Pay 2023 Levy in the amount of \$3,529,951.18 on a 5-0 roll call vote.

Superintendent Ryan Jensen, Principal Dr. Jennifer Wilson, and Principal Bobbie Jo Bastian presented information about the World's Best Workforce, which the state requires each school district to do each year. See attachment.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

A. Approve the following hires -

Christine McCoy, Paraprofessional, Step 15 - \$17.46/hour.

Kari Cole, Paraprofessional, Step 7 - \$14.72/hour.

B. Approve the following 2022-23 Coaches:

Girls Basketball - Volunteer Tobin Pope.

Boys Basketball - Volunteer Dennis Androli.

C. Approve the following retirement:

Ruth Ann Olson, High School English Teacher, effective end of the 2022-2023 school year. She has been employed by the school district for the past 29 years.

D. Approve the Seniority Lists. See attachment

Five members voting in favor - motion declared passed.

### **RECOGNITION**

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

A donation of \$581 from Channel Inn on behalf of No Tummies Left Behind to Food Service.

A donation of \$25 from Morristown American Legion Auxiliary #149 to the Morristown Media Center.

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Five members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

### **REPORTS**

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

**All District**

WEM is ringing in the holiday season over the last 12 days with festive dress-up and color-schemed attire. Both staff and students are joining in. Ugly Sweater and Pajama Day are set to be the favorite, however had many in fashion with our Grinch Day.

Winter break will begin at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, December 23 and extend through Monday, January 2, 2023 for students. Monday, January 2, 2023 will be a professional development day for teachers. Quarter 2/Semester 1 wraps up shortly after we return from winter break on Friday, January 13, 2023.

#### **PreK-6 Report**

Third and fourth grade students performed this afternoon and again this evening for their Holiday Concert

K-6th grade students will play the traditional Frost Bingo game on Friday, Dec. 23. Thank you to many who have donated outstanding prizes.

Big thank you to the Morristown Legion for once again hosting the brunch fundraiser for the Fifth Grade Eagle Bluff Trip yesterday. We are so thankful to those that purchased tickets to the fun event. Our second annual trip to Eagle Bluff is quickly approaching.

#### **7-12 Report**

Due to the snowstorm on Thursday, December 15, 2022 the YEA Data Summit with Northfield, Faribault, and TCU is being rescheduled. Twenty students from our junior and senior class are set to attend. This is a follow-up meeting from our spring summit.

Both the band and choir (7-12) hosted their winter/holiday concerts this month. Band hosted their concert on December 5, 2022 followed by the choir on December 12, 2022. Those in attendance for the band were nearly capacity for seating and the choir performance brought a large crowd whereas we needed to bring in extra chairs for the middle section. Congratulations to Mr. Larson and Mrs. Kreinbring for their fantastic performances.

Jostens delivered the class rings earlier this month to all that ordered.

#### **WEM Activities Director Jeff Boran presented the following report:**

##### **ACTIVITIES**

The winter sports activities have gotten off to a good start.

Basketball – The girls are scheduled to play tomorrow night in Jackson (JCC) (w/ JH in Wells – USC.) USC is not playing the conference schedule for Varsity this year. The girls are then scheduled to host St. James this Thursday. The boys travel to Medford tonight, host USC tomorrow night (change from tomorrow night due to the lack of officials) and are scheduled to play at St. Clair Thursday before break. Both boys and girls JV and varsity teams will be playing in a “tournament” over break in Montgomery at TCU HS. Thursday Dec. 29 action begins at 5:30 p.m. and Friday December 30 starting at 9:30 a.m. After the break the girls basketball team gets started Tuesday January 3rd at Medford. The Boys get started Friday,

January 6 at Madelia.

Wrestling - The Grizzlies have been busy with 13 dual meets and an individual tournament so far this season. Sophomores Carsen Petry and Keegan Kuball continue to lead the team. Petry was the Outstanding Wrestler at the BEA “Dick Maher” Tournament and Kuball was the recipient of the “Dick Boran” Award for outstanding underclassman as well. The Grizzlies are scheduled to travel to Springfield this Thursday, Dec. 22 for a Triangular with Springfield & AC/GC. After the break the

Grizzlies will get started again Saturday, Jan. 7 at Norwood Young America. This past Tuesday, Dec. 13 the Waterville-

Elysian & Janesville Wrestling Teams from 1982 held a 40-year reunion. In the 1982 State Wrestling Tournament these two teams met in the first round of the State Tournament. W-E was the Region 4A Champions and Janesville Region 2A Champions. Coaches Buzz Cummins and Mike Niemczyk were in attendance along with several of the teams members!

One Act Play will be performing “The Whatsit”, by Jon Jory. We have 10 students involved for this year. They will participate

in the Gopher Conference Contest here at WEM High School on January 21 and in the Subsection 6 contest at Medford HS on January 28. Section 2A One-Act will be held at USC High School in Wells on February 4.

\* Knowledge Bowl has also gotten started. We have 14 students participating.

##### **COMMUNITY EDUCATION**

\* SACC is closed this next week over break. It will open on early out (noon- 5 p.m.) and no-school days (7 a.m. – 5 p.m.) coming up in the next couple months.

• Pam Heinz has begun Wednesday evening hall walking in Morristown and Pickle Ball with some good interest. Winter Walking in Waterville continues in the morning and evenings

• Preschool & ECFE Classes continue to run smoothly.

• Spring & Summer 2023 Activity/2023 Driver Education preparations will begin with the new year!

• The school buildings and gyms continue to be very active over the winter months.

• Coming very soon will be a new way to register for Community Ed Activities etc. with a Community Registration portal through rSchool Today programs.

#### **WEM Board Member Reports**

There were no board members reports.

#### **WEM Board Committee Reports**

There were no committee reports.

**WEM Superintendent Ryan Jensen presented the following:**

- Jensen acknowledged the outgoing board members Travis Bowman and Jon Velishek, discussed the first snow day and the fact that the district will be having flexible learning days on any snow days the remainder of the year, discussed attending a Regional Crisis Response Team meeting, and informed the board of who he calls with school closing notices.

**ACTION**

Motion by Schneider and seconded by Bakken to approve the 2022-23 agreement concerning instructional staff sharing between ISD #829 Waseca and ISD #2143 Waterville-Elysian-Morristown. See attachment.

Five members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Bowman and seconded by Velishek to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Five members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

June Rezac, Attest

Jay Schneider, Attest