

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

Monday, October 24, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

The WEM Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, October 24, 2022 at the Waterville Building. The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman Gary Michael at 6:30 p.m.

Board Members Michael, June Rezac, Travis Bowman, Jon Bakken, Jay Schneider, and Jeff Stangler attended the meeting. Also present at the meeting were Superintendent Ryan Jensen and Activities Director Jeff Boran.

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

Motion by Stangler and seconded by Bowman to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from September 26, 2022. Six members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Bakken and seconded by Schneider to approve the October Financial Report. The bills and payroll from the report were \$1,528,934.19, deposits were \$839,110.05, and transfers were \$1,390,000. Comments on the report included a payment of \$23,561.84 to Holland Bus Company, Inc. for cameras in school district busses.

Six members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

### **VISITOR COMMENTS**

Ron Van Houdt brought forward a concern about the milk in the lunchroom - he said kids are not drinking it. He also presented a list of those with concerns which he printed off of Facebook.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

A. Approve the following hires -

Shelby Krienke, - Peer Tutor, \$12/hour.

Dylan Holicky - Peer Tutor, \$12/hour.

Jadeyn Morrow - Peer Tutor, \$12/hour.

Alexa Gleason - Peer Tutor, \$12/hour.

Sheri Grimmus - Special Education Van Driver, \$29.35/hour.

Terri Van Houdt - Special Education Van Driver, \$29.35/hour.

Autumn Gare - Fall Play Director, \$1,880.

Kyleigh Duffy - Peer Tutor, \$12/hour.

Melissa Wencil - Certified Nursing Assistant/Administrative Assistant, \$19/hour.

B. Approve the following 2022-2023 School Year Overload

Katie Brown - Art, \$2,979.78 per semester.

C. Approve the following 2022-23 Coaches:

Wrestling

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

Volunteers Brady Ayers and Colin Ayers

Boys Basketball

1st Assistant - Jason Roemhildt, \$3,855

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

Girls Basketball

1st Assistant - Dan Lemcke, \$3,885

2nd Assistant - Jared LaFrance, \$3,102

Junior High - Kristalyn Morris, \$2,336

D. Approve the Official Bank and Depositories and Authorized Signers - Currently the Frandsen Bank in Waterville, the Elysian Bank, Lake Country Community Bank in Morrissetown, and Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund are named Depositories, with Frandsen Bank processing the checking accounts. The Superintendent, Ryan Jensen, and Business Manager Margaret Jewison, have the discretion to distribute the funds, electronically as needed, and invest in Short-Term CDs on the Board's behalf.

Six members voting in favor - motion declared passed.

## **PRESENTATION**

Superintendent Ryan Jensen gave a presentation about "What Are High Reliability Schools." See attachment.

## **RECOGNITION**

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

A donation of \$315.48 from the Class of 1992 to the High School.

A donation of \$1,575 from the Waterville Lions Club to Elementary Field Trip.

A donation of \$150 from Tri State Manufacturer's Association to the High School Counselor.

A donation of \$1,000 from Travis' Trade Fund to the High School Band and Choir.

A donation of \$1,000 from Travis' Trades Fund to High School Industrial Arts.

A donation of \$7,000 from Travis' Trade Fund to Travis's Trades Scholarship.

A donation of \$112 from National Night Out Collection to the School Supply.

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**

Training on mandated reporting is off during the month of October. Cari Krenik from Le Sueur County Child Protection services presented in Waterville on October 13 and will present in Morrystown on October 27. The presentation will be taped for our support staff to watch during the 2-hour early release on November 4.

Parent-Teacher Conferences for 5-12 were held October 11 and 13. In addition the annual FAFSA evening was scheduled with guest speaker from the cooperative service to help guide parents and students in their senior class with creating accounts and filling out applications.

Thank you to Christine Fisher for all her hard work on the book fair held in Morrystown.

We are enjoying the high and low top tables in the high school lobby area. Many students are enjoying the seating area before/after school and guests are able to access them during activities. The seating has created a community area and really changed the dynamic of high school lunch for the better.

### **PreK-6 Report**

K-4 Conferences will be held Nov 17 and 22, 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. We are excited to visit with families about their students progress so far this year.

Oct. 9-14 was Fire Prevention Week. Students in grades 1-4 participated in a presentation by Morrystown Fire and Rescue around safe exits. Thank you Jackie Saemrow. Kindergarten students visited the Waterville Fire Department for a tour and a talk. Thank you to the Waterville FD.

Fifth grade students attended the Kindness retreat alongside fifth graders from Faribault. This is a great opportunity for students to learn from their peers about the impact of kindness.

Oct. 4 fifth grade teachers hosted parent meeting about the upcoming Eagle Bluff field trip in February.

Students have been honoring Bully Awareness Month by wearing Orange on Wednesdays as well as Bully Awareness activities by counselors and classroom teachers.

### **7-12 Report**

Congratulations to our 2022 WEM Homecoming King and Queen, Jaxon Hulsing and Jordan Green.

Homecoming 2022 went very well. A sincere thank you to our senior class advisors (Mrs. Reuvers, Mr. McCabe, Ms. Brown, and Mrs. Becker) along with our student council and their advisor (Mrs. Butzer) for planning a fun-filled week. Also, thank you to our student body for helping to create a pride filled week. A highlight of the week was capped off with a semi-formal dance. More than 170 students attended the dance, all looked fantastic in their more formal attire.

Mr. Cooley and a group of FFA members are headed to the national convention in Indianapolis. They will be gone for the remainder of the week working leadership skills and experiencing an array of forums.

On Monday, Oct. 17 the high school hosted the Big Ideas Trailer. The trailer partnership is with the cooperative services out of Mankato and helps to bring college, career, and other post-secondary options to our students. Each student in the junior and senior class had roughly 45 minutes to tour and partake in activities within the trailer including simulations and mock skills in the trade. A few examples include excavation, welding, and industrial painting.

Josten's presented to our sophomore class earlier in the month with options for class rings and other options for memorabilia. Josten's will be back on November 2 to meet with the senior class on cap and gowns.

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

**ACTIVITIES**

WEM/JWP Cross Country – The Section Meet will be held this Thursday October 27 in Norwood Young America at Baylor Park. The Grizzly Boys and Girls participated in the Gopher Conference CC meet in USC on Tuesday 10/18/22. The Girls placed 2nd in the meet led by 7th graders Mackenzie Westphal (Conference Champion) & Madalyn Miller 8th place! The boys placed 4th out of 6 teams. The boys were led by Luke Cahil (10th Gr. – 14th place ) and Wyatt Jans (8th Grade – 17th place) Congratulations to the Grizzly CC teams!

The WEM Varsity Volleyball team placed 3rd overall in the Gopher Conference this year behind Bethlehem Academy and Kenyon -Wanamingo. They will play St. Clair at home this Thursday October 27 in the Section 2AA South Subsection Quarterfinals at 7 p.m. The Bucs are the #2 seed in the South Subsection. If they advance the Subsection and Section dates are as follows. November 1 (at Mankato East HS), Nov. 3 (at New Prague HS) and Nov. 5 (at St. Peter HS). State Volleyball will be Nov. 9-12 (at ExCEL Center, St. Paul) Good Luck Bucs!

The WEM Varsity Football team ended their regular season this past week with a 1-6 record. The Bucs travel to Mankato Loyola to play St. Clair/ Loyola tomorrow night October 25 for the Section 2AA quarterfinal game at 7 p.m. The Bucs are the #8 seed. If the Bucs advance the following dates would be possibilities. Oct. 29 (at high seed), Nov. 4 (at JWP HS). State FB Nov. 9-12, 16-19 & the Prep Bowl was moved to Dec. 2 & 3. Good Luck Bucs!

Winter Seasons – Girls Basketball may begin practices Monday November 14. Boys Basketball & Wrestling practices begin November 21. Coop Activities with Waseca – Girls Hockey begins practices Oct. 31, Girls Gymnastics begins practice November 7 and Boys Hockey begins practice November 14.

This Friday Oct. 28 I will accompany 8 WEM students to the Annual Gopher Conference Team up event at Triton HS. Students in grades 7-10 will gather for an interesting day learning about teamwork, leadership, and making positive healthy choices. Rick Rassier will again be the leader for the day!

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

WEM Driver Education class will begin today. Currently 20 students are registered for the in-person classroom in Morristown.

38 people participated in the AARP Safe Driving Courses held this past month, here at the school and at the Morristown American Legion. We plan to again hold in-person classes in the spring.

Prairie Fire Theatre production of “Jack and the Beanstalk” were held September 30 & October 1 with over 250 people attending the two performances with 41 WEM students participating!

WEM SACC student attending on the November 4 early out day, will spend some of the afternoon at Hoot Lanes bowling!

**WEM Board Member Reports**

Board Chair Gary Michael discussed the MSBA Superintendent Evaluation.

**WEM Board Committee Reports**

There were no committee reports.

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

- Jensen discussed the MASA Conference, district testing coordinator training, regional superintendent meeting, congrats to the WEM Homecoming King and Queen, asbestos abatement in the Elysian building, MASA 3rd meeting with new superintendents, and less than two weeks before 1st Quarter is over.

## **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION**

Discussion was held regarding the school's utility tractor and whether or not the tractor should be traded in for a larger model. No action was taken.

## **ACTION**

Motion by Rezac and seconded by Stangler to approve the Student Dress and Appearance Policy and the internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy.

Six members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Bakken and seconded by Bowman to approve the resolution of school board supporting Form A application to the Minnesota State High School League Foundation.

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

Motion by Schneider and seconded by Rezac to approve a resolution authorizing the conveyance of land from the school district to the City of Elysian. After discussion, Schneider rescinded his motion.

No action was taken on this resolution. The board wanted to see some change in the verbage of the resolution and will bring it back up at their November meeting.

Motion by Schneider and seconded by Bowman to approve the annual resolution establishing combined polling places.

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

Motion by Schneider and seconded by Stangler to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Six members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Gary Michael, Attest

Jay Schneider, Attest