

W-E-M BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES REGULAR MEETING
Monday, MARCH 22, 2021, 6 p.m.

The WEM Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, MARCH 22, 2021 at the Waterville Building in the Board Room. The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman Gary Michael at 6:01 p.m.

Board Members Michael, Jay Schneider, Jon Velishek, Travis Bowman, and June Rezac, participated in the meeting. Also present were Superintendent Joel Whitehurst, Principals Dr. Jennifer Wilson and Bobbie Jo Bastian, Business Manager Margaret Jewison, and Activities Director Jeff Boran participated in the meeting via teleconference,

Motion by Schneider and seconded by Bowman to approve the agenda. Five members voted in favor by roll call vote - motion declared passed.

Motion by Michael and seconded by Stangler to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from Feb. 22, 2021. Five members voted in favor by roll call vote - motion declared passed.

Motion by Bowman and seconded by Schneider to approve the March Finance report. The bills and payroll from the report were \$1,057,476.21, deposits were \$467,703.51, and transfers were \$1,172,000.00. Comments on the report included a payment of \$40,386.76 to RA Morton, a state aid payment received of \$417,765.61, and CD interest in the building fund in the amount of \$13,397.10 was also received`.

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

VISITOR COMMENTS

There were no visitor comments.

RECOGNITION

Motion by Bowman and seconded by Rezac to approve the following donations:

A donation of meals to the teachers during conference from Partners in Education.

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

Congratulations to WEM Education Association Teachers of the Year, Sandy Mielke, Ashley Landru, and Janet Jones. Jones and Mielke

are retiring at the end of the school year. The honorees were voted on by their peers in each school building.

REPORTS

WEM Principal Bobbie Jo Bastian and WEM Principal Dr. Jennifer Wilson (PreK-12th Grade) presented the following report:

PreK-12 Grade

- Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences were held virtually on Thursday, March 11 and Monday, March 15. It worked out well as teachers and parents were familiar with the format of a virtual conference from the fall. Despite the e-learning day on March 15 the unwelcomed snow did not disrupt conferences due to being virtual. A sincere thank you to P.I.E. and those that assisted in donating walking tacos to feed staff.

- The new elementary entrance (4) was opened officially for students on March 16. Students love the new look. With that, the bus loading and unloading zone has moved to the north side of the campus adjacent to this new entry. Students have quickly adjusted to the new routine!

- K-4 students Participated in an all school Buc's Pride Activity on March 17. Each class used clues to solve a puzzle and locate their pot of gold! Fun was had by all!
- At this time Grades 3-6 are considering options for MCA Testing dates. We are working to make testing available on site for our distance learners. We will contact those affected when dates are solidified.

- Mrs. Jones and Mr. McDonough hosted ACT/MCA prep classes for juniors before school as an early bird class. The prep class for math has been offered in previous years by Mrs. Jones, but science is new for WEM. Prep classes offered are able to be funded by our Achievement and Integration Grant.

- MCAs are scheduled at the high school for April 21-22. Sophomores will be assessed in reading whereas juniors will be assessed in both math and science.

- Prom is coming up on May 1 and held at Chankaska Creek and Winery. The location was reserved in 2020, but due to the pandemic was cancelled. Sign-up for the 2021 prom will begin next week. Junior class advisors (Mr. Walker, Mrs. Olson, Mr. Clever and Mrs. White) have been working with members of the junior class to plan and host. As guidance has eased our local public health is using language such as "follow industry guidance" for group events therefore we are confident that the health and safety of those going will be held up to a high standard.

- The 2021 senior class trip has been scheduled. Seniors will attend a day trip on May 5 to Grand Slam in Burnsville.

- Graduation plans are currently underway along with Night of Excellence. This spring will look more normal for our seniors which is exciting!

- As we head into the final quarter of the year (Q4 will begin on March 29) staff look to request professional development during the summer. Suggestions for professional development as well as focused areas for secondary will be mental health and science.

- Bus update: We have implemented radio checks between buses and our offices, working to identify issues and resolve them. We are working with bus drivers to implement procedures

for reporting bus conduct issues using our new bus conduct report forms. Bus Rules have been updated and posted on all buses. We have requested seating charts continue to be enforced.

WEM Activities Director Jeff Boran's presented the following report:

ACTIVITIES

Winter – The WEM Boys and Girls team are still in contention! The girls host Martin County West tomorrow night at 7:00 pm for the Section 2A South Subsection Championship. If the girls win they would play Thursday 3/25 at Sibley East HS for the Section 2A Championship! The Boys travel to St. Clair HS Wednesday to also play for the Section 2A South Subsection Championship. If the boys win they would play Friday at Sibley East HS (Arlington) for the Section 2A Championship! Gopher Conference meetings were held last night for Winter Activities.

Spring – Baseball Arm strengthening begins tonight. Bb, Softball and Track & Field Practice begins next Monday March 29. The regular season will last through May 29, with post season to follow in June.

Boys Track: Currently 13 Participants 7th – 12th Girls Track: Currently 28 Participants 7th -12th .

Softball – Currently 15 girls registered for 9 th – 12th, & 11 in grades 7- 8.

Baseball – Currently 17 boys registered 9 th – 12th & 20 in grades 7-8! COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Clay Target Team – 37 participants registered.

Driver Education Classroom March 16- April 1 has 23 students attending in person in Morristown.

Summer Activities Baseball , Softball Spring Youth FB and other spring activities are currently being organized

Summer Behind the Wheel will begin scheduling in early April.

Summer School Age Childcare is currently open for families to register.

WEM Superintendent Joel Whitehurst presented the following:

* Whitehurst congratulated the Teachers of the year.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

* The filing dates for the school board vacant will be May 18 through June 1.

ACTION

Motion by Michael and seconded by Bowman to approve the 2021-22 Academic Calendar. See attachment, This motion was amended to not make up one snow day instead of E-learning. This amendment was made by Michael and seconded by Rezac.

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

Motion by Schneider and seconded by Bowman to approve the revised 2020-21 budget. See attachment.

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

Motion by Bowman and seconded by Michael to approve board consensus of budget adjustments for 2021-22 in the amount of \$416,700. See attachment. Bowman and Michael voted in favor - Schneider, Rezac, and Velishek voted against - motion does not pass.

Motion by Rezac and seconded by Schneider to amend the previous motion by eliminating the shift of fifth grade students from three sections to two sections. Schneider, Rezac, and Velishek voted in favor - Bowman and Michael voted against - amendment declared passed.

PERSONNEL

Motion by Rezac and seconded by Velishek to approve the following resignations:

1. Laura Allen, Speech Language Pathologist, effective immediately.
2. Sarah Gorski, Elementary Music Teacher, effective June 2, 2021.

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

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

1. Dylan Long, Custodian - B22/Step5, \$14.80/hour.
2. Saige Smith, Preschool Paraprofessional, \$10.25/hour
3. Kaitlin Schroer, Special Education Paraprofessional - B21/Step 3, #13.22/hour.

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

Motion by Rezac and seconded by Bowman to approve the following teachers for Credit Recovery Class - \$33.43/hour for total of up or 30 hours.

Jon McDonough (Science), Katie Brown (English), Crystal Lamont (Math), and Josh Smith (Social Studies).

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

Motion by Schneider and seconded by Rezac to approve the following Spring coaches:

Baseball - Michael Sturdivant, junior high, \$2,261, Blake Boran, volunteer, and Chad Korte, volunteer.

Softball - Lois Masberg, junior high, \$2,261.

Track and Field - Carrie Richards, 2nd assistant, \$3,004.

Clay Target League - Tyson Cooley, Doug Androli, and Bob LaCroix. All three will receive \$500 stipends.

Five members voted by roll call vote - motion declared passed.

Motion by Schneider and seconded by Velishek to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

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

ATTEST:

Gary Michael, Board Chair

Jay Schneider, Board Clerk