

W-E-M BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

Monday, June 27, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

The WEM Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, June 27, 2022 at the Waterville Building. The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman Gary Michael at 6:32 p.m.

Board Members Michael, Jon Bakken, Travis Bowman, June Rezac, Jay Schneider, Jon Velishek, and Jeff Stangler attended the meeting. Also present at the meeting were Superintendent Joel Whitehurst, Principals Dr. Jennifer Wilson and Bobbie Jo Bastian, and Business Manager Margaret Jewison.

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

Motion by Bakken and seconded by Bowman to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from May 23, 2022. Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Bakken and seconded by Schneider to approve the June Financial Report. The bills and payroll from the report were \$1,254,357.82, deposits were \$2,510,967.42, and transfers were \$700,000. Comments on the report included a payment of \$22,700 to Kibble Equipment, LLC for a snow removal tractor, a donation of \$3,759.05 from the WEM Class of 2022 for as memorial for Chuck Krenik, and state and county payments in the amounts of \$194,262.19, \$115,689.39, \$66,807.62, \$363,403.56, \$256,574.83, \$2,000, \$200, \$1,213,128.93, \$256,574.83, and \$1,197,750.

Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

VISITOR COMMENTS

Four different school district residents have comments about the possible changing of the dress code and the possibility of changing 5th and 6th grade Physical Education to two full periods a week instead of half periods all five days during the week. They were all against the changes.

RECOGNITION

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

- \$2,000 from Jason Ziemer for the Jim Velishek Memorial Scholarship.

Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

The Minnesota Department of Education has recognized WEM PBIS for Progressing Towards Sustaining Implementation (one of two districts in the state).

Business Manager Margaret Jewison made a pair of presentations. The first was on the 10-year long-term facilities maintenance plan and the second was the 2022-2023 preliminary budget. See attachments.

Motion by Stangler and seconded by Schneider to approve the Facilities Maintenance Plan.

Motion by Schneider and seconded by Rezac to approve the 2022-2023 preliminary budget.

REPORTS

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

All District

The 2021-2022 school year is officially complete. We celebrated and said farewell to many long-time employees as well as young staff who served WEM well. Special congratulations to Julie Hayford, Mark Meyer, and Sara Quiram along with Pam Malecha on their retirements.

PreK-6 Report

Buccaneer Summer School Camp began June 20 with students K-8 in the building Monday through Thursday morning. Summer school will continue through June 30, 2022. After a brief break we return July 11-22. We have 63 students K-8 registered and attending and an additional 13 Preschool students are attending Little Bucs Summer Camp.

New blacktop was laid June 23 on the Waterville campus playground and sidewalks.

7-12 Report

The Class of 2022 celebrated graduation with commencement on Friday, May 27. Thank you to board chair Gary Michael for speaking. Also, thank you to June Rezac for helping to hand out diplomas along with board chair Michael. In total, 51 graduated in the class.

WEM Activities Director Jeff Boran did not have a report this month.

WEM Board Member Reports

No reports

WEM Board Committee Reports

The policy committee has been working hard at updating old policies.

WEM Superintendent Joel Whitehurst presented the following:

- Whitehurst commented on the Ag to School Tax Credit informing the board it did not change as was submitted last month. He also asked the board to look at the \$350,000 in funding when the COVID money is used. He gave an update on some of the projects such as tuck pointing, elementary windows, and science lab windows. He asked the board not to neglect the Elysian building. He also discussed the chain of command with the bus garage. He also gave kudos to Principals Bastian and Wilson for doing a great job.

Information/Discussion

Dates of filing affidavits of candidacy for 4 open WEM School Board members are August 2, 2022 to August 16, 2022.

Policy 504 Student Dress and Appearance was discussed but no action was taken. It will be discussed again in July.

Action

A first reading of the 503 Student Attendance Policy was presented. See attachment.

Motion by Bowman and seconded by Bakken to approve 2022-23 MREA (Minnesota Rural Education Association) membership at a price of \$1,912.

Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

PERSONNEL

Motion by Bowman and seconded by Rezac to approve the July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023 contract for clerical. Total package increase of three percent each year and one-time stipend of 75 cents per hour worked during the 2022-2021 school year. Increase income protection coverage maximum to \$1,600 per month (language change only). Change health insurance contribution to full single (language change only). Change retirement insurance to \$200 per month.

Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Schneider and seconded by Rezac to approve the retirement of Nancy Culhane, Food Service Director, effective July 20, 2022. She has held this position for the past 38 years.

Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Bakken and seconded by Rezac to approve the resignation of Gabriel Hauer, High School Social Studies teacher, effective at the end of the school year and the resignation of Teia Schulz, cook, effective at the end of the school year.

Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Rezac and seconded by Stangler to approve the revised non-tenured contract of Britta Robran, BS/Step 5, \$38,160.

Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Michael and seconded by Velishek to approve the following new hires:

- Andrew Schiffer, High School Social Studies, BS/Step 8, \$42,301.
- Tara Russell, Junior High Math and FACS, BS/Step 4, \$36,057.
- Emily Kratzer, .6 FTE Elementary Music, BS/Step 3, \$21,250.80.

Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Stangler and seconded by Bowman, to approve the following coaches:

- Skyler Petry, Head Wrestling, \$5,450.
- David Schuster, Head Boys Basketball, \$5,450.
- Jason Skurkay, 1st Assistant Football, \$3,885.

Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Bowman and seconded by Stangler to approve the following Summer School Staff:

- Eric Gerst, Teacher - \$34.53/hour.
- Anna Skidmore, Teacher - \$34.53/hour.
- Angela Dahlberg, Speech - \$34.53/hour.
- Bobbie Jo Bastian, Principal - \$54.19/hour.

Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Schneider and seconded by Stangler to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Gary Michael, Attest



Jay Schneider, Attest