

W-E-M BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

Monday, March 27, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

The WEM Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, March 27, 2023 at the Waterville Building. The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman Gary Michael at 6:32 p.m.

Board Members Michael, Brenda Heuss, June Rezac, Troy Tolzman, Jon Bakken, and Jay Schneider attended the meeting. Also present at the meeting were Superintendent Ryan Jensen and Business Manager Margaret Jewison.

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

Motion by Michael and seconded by Rezac to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from February 27, 2023. Four members voted in favor - Bakken abstained - motion declared passed.

Motion by Bakken and seconded by Schneider to approve the March Financial Report. The bills and payroll from the report were \$2,007,902.83, deposits were \$1,112,617.25, and transfers were \$1,050,000. Comments on the report included a payment of \$216,000 to Envirobate for asbestos abatement in Elysian, a payment of \$3,024.98 to Southwest Metro Educational Cooperative for tuition, a payment of \$15,863.40 to Minnesota State University for PSEO tuition, a payment of \$10,992.20 to Envirobate for asbestos abatement, and a payment of \$5,676 to South Central Service Cooperative for PSEO tuition for online courses.

Six members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

VISITOR COMMENTS

There were no visitor comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Approve the following hires -

Mandi Schutte - Paraprofessional, Step 10, \$16.13/hour.

B. Approve 10 days extended year contract for Bridgette Reuvers, High School Counselor.

C. Approve the following resignations:

Jonathan McDonough, Science Teacher, effective at the end of the 2022-23 school year.

Abby Butzer, Student Council Advisor, effective at the end of the 2022-23 school year.

Six members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

RECOGNITION

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

A donation of \$2,635 from WEM JO Volleyball to Community Education.

A donation of \$750 from the Waterville Lions Club to the Night of Excellence.

A donation of \$7,500 from the Waterville Lions Club to Lions Club Sponsorships.

A donation of \$575 from Bake Sales Proceeds to Class of 2024 Prom.

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

All students and staff had spring break March 20-25 with students returning today March 27.

MCA testing will begin this week for students in testable grades.

WEM submitted a renewal application for their Achievement and Integration Grant. This grant, offered by MDE, has a requirement to be renewed every three years.

PreK-6 Report

Students and Parents attended Conferences on March 14th for K-12 and March 16th for K-4.

On March 10th two teams of 6th grade students attended the Math Master's Competition. 12 teams containing 109 students from throughout southern MN participated. One of our teams finished in first place!

On March 17th all fifth grade students participated in the Science Fair. Awesome projects were completed and judged by our guest judges, many of which were former WEM teachers! At the end of the day 10 students will advance to the regional science fair. Thank you to families for helping their student, thank you to our awesome judges and a special thank you Mrs. Wetzel who organizes this event each year!

During the month of March K-6 students participated in a Roller Skating unit in P.E. Thanks to our Physical Education department for organizing this fun unit each year!

On March 30th our first and second grade students will be presenting their Spring concert. Two programs at 1pm & 2 pm

7-12 Report

All 7-12 students finished up Quarter 3 on March 17th. They high schoolers celebrated the end of the quarter with a BUC's Pride reward.

The band and choir students left for their trip to San Antonio on March 22nd and just arrived back home today. Early reports that we've heard were that it was successful and fun was had by all.

Wednesday, March 29th will kick off MCA testing for our sophomore and juniors. Freshmen students will attend the Respect Retreat presented by Youth Frontiers. WEM has partnered with Youth Frontiers for many years and the event is paid for through the Achievement and Integration Grant. District seniors will be working on scholarships, applications and their resumes as they put final touches on post-secondary preparations.

WEM will host the ACT on Wednesday, April 5, for all of the juniors that have registered. Testing will begin in the morning and is expected to be completed by lunch.

As the last two months approach in the 2022-2023 school year we are underway planning many activities including a career fair for our junior high students, prom, senior trip, graduation and other staple items on the calendar. It's going to be a fun and exciting next couple of months!

WEM Activities Director Jeff Boran submitted the following report:

ACTIVITIES

Winter – Congratulations to the following Winter Activities All-Conference Individual Honors:

Boys Basketball – Gavin Brown (10) & Talen Taylor (9) - Honorable Mention, Gabe Androli (12) Sportsmanship Award.

Girls Basketball – Alayna Atherton (11) Claire Bohlen (11) - All-Conference, Addy Taylor (12) & Ashlyn Pelant (10) Honorable Mention and Emma Woratschka (12) Sportsmanship Award.

Wrestling – Keegan Kuball (10) Carson Petry (10) & Brady Murphy (9) All-Conference, Avery Fall (10) Honorable Mention & Jack Cahill (12) Sportsmanship Award. Also Congratulations to Keegan Kuball the 2023 Class A Hwt. State Champion and Brady Murphy

106# 4th Place & All-State. Jack Cahill (JWP Sr.) also qualified for the State Tournament. Girls Hockey – Maizee Storey (8) Big South All-Conference Gymnastics – Lindey Caldwell (11) Big South East Division All-Conference Speech – Gopher Conference All-Conference - Madeline Balfe (11 – Creative Expression), Auston Holicky (9 – Extemporaneous Speaking), Claire Elness (10 - Great Speeches) & Maddie Heuss (10 – Discussion) Band & Choir (MSHSL Section Large Group Contests) – Both the Band and Choir scored Superior! One-Act Play Maddie Heuss (10) and Eddie Crosby (12) were All-Conference and Claire Elness (11) received the Craftsman Award.

Spring – Practices got started the past couple weeks.

- Boys Track: Currently 37 Participants 7– 12.
- Girls Track: Currently 24 Participants 7-12

Both Boys & Girls first event is April 6 at MSU

Softball – Currently 20 girls registered for 9– 12, & 21 in grades 7– 8.

First Games: HS & JH – April 6 home vs. NRHEG

Baseball – Currently 27 boys registered 9- 12 & 12 in grades 7 & 8!

First Games: HS & JH – April 6 at NRHEG

Clay Target Team – 73 participants.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

- Driver Education Classroom Feb. 27 – March 17 has 22 students attending in person in Morristown.
- Summer Activities Baseball, Softball, Swimming Lessons, Camps and other spring activities are currently being organized.
- Summer Behind the Wheel will begin scheduling in early April.
- Summer School Age Childcare registration is up and running. 2023-2024 SACC Registrations will begin soon as well.
- 2023-2024 Preschool Registrations will begin in April. We will continue with two 4-day classes for 4's & 5's and two 3-day classes for 3's & 4's.

WEM Board Member Reports

There were no Board Member reports.

WEM Board Committee Reports

There were no Board Committee reports.

WEM Superintendent Ryan Jensen presented the following:

- Jensen reported on MASA Spring Conference which he attended (his father and two uncles also attended), the Mock Interview Session, meeting with MSU on Fellowship Program, Rob Brown findings on school conditions, MSBA at the Capitol, and a reminder about April 16 early release and April 17 no school.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

The board had the first readings of the following policies:

Harassment and Violence

Overdose Medication

Student Transportation Safety Policy

Video Recording on School Busses

ACTION

Motion by Schneider and seconded by Rezac to approve 2022-23 financial agreement between ISD #829 Waseca and ISD #2143 Waterville-Elysian-Morristown regarding WPS providing space for Level 4 Program. See attachment.

Six members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

PRESENTATION

There was a presentation by Margaret Jewison regarding the 2022-2023 Revised Budget. See attachment.

Motion by Bakken and seconded by Michael to approve the Revised Budget.

Six members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Schneider and seconded by Bakken to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Six members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Gary Michael, Attest

Jay Schneider, Attest