

**Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District**  
**Official Minutes of the Board of Education**  
**April 27, 2020**

Meeting called to order 7:00 pm. by President Chuck Wendler, Pursuant to WI.STATS.1984 (1). Superintendent Rogowski verified that this meeting was posted and published as required by law.

**Roll Call of the Board:** Eight Board members present, Rew absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Oath of Office for newly elected Board Members:** Richard Olson Jr., Bree Krueger-Schmidt and Laura Magee.

**Election of School Board Officers:**

(Pestka - T. Wendler) Nominated Chuck Wendler for President. (Pietz - T. Wendler) moved to close nominations and approve Chuck Wendler as President. Motion carried.

(Peska - Pietz) Nominated Tammy Wendler for Vice President. (Pietz - Meredith) moved to close nominations and approve Tammy Wendler as Vice President. Motion carried.

(Schmidt - Meredith) Nominated Tammy Pestka for Clerk. (Pietz - T. Wendler) moved to close nominations and approve Tammy Pestka as Clerk. Motion carried.

(Pietz - Meredith) Nominated Laura Magee as Treasurer. (Pietz - Pestka) moved to close nominations and approve Laura Magee as Treasurer. Motion carried.

**2020-2021 Board Committees:** Budget and Finance remains the same, Building and Grounds Dennis Rew off /Tammy Wendler on, Teacher Negotiations Dennis Rew off/Richard Olson on, Support Staff Negotiations Dennis Rew off/Richard Olson on, Curriculum remains the same, Policy remains the same, W-B Area Development remains the same, Vocational remains the same, CESA 8 Rep, remains the same, Administrative Negotiations remains the same, Transportation Dennis Rew off/Chris Pietz on, Pool Advisory remains the same, Technology Kristy Meredith off/Richard Olson on, Health Ins remains the same and Nature Center Richard Olson added.

**Approve the Minutes:** (Meredith-Pestka) moved to approve the minutes of the March 30, 2020 regular meeting as circulated. Motion carried.

**Delegations & Communications:** In attendance along with Board members were; Garrett Rogowski, and Joy Hartleben. Visitors included; Miriam Nelson, Matt McGregor, Chris Nier and Charity Fraaza.

The Board received a thank you from the Food Pantry for the District's donation and a thank you for a memorial gift. Matt McGregor gave an update on what is taking place at each building site and the progress.

**Board Concerns or Reports:** Board members commented that the District was doing a great job of keeping in touch with families through facebook, skylert messages, phone calls and virtual.

**Financial Report:** (Magee - Schmidt) Motion to pay the following as of April 27, 2020: Budgetary checks numbering 101995-102098 in the amount of \$127,306.54, payroll checks numbering 141826-141850 in the amount of \$164,658.09, direct deposit advices in the amount of \$372,242.77, ACH payments in the amount of \$274,135.28 and credit card payments in the amount of \$22,813.87. I make a motion to approve all journal entries made for the month of March. Roll call vote: 9 yes Motion carried.

Superintendent Rogowski reported a cash on deposit as of February 29, 2020 of \$4,813,513.14 and LGIP Account balance as of March 31, 2020 of \$1,116.44.

**Approve the Agenda:** (Pestka - Schmidt) moved to approve the agenda with one closed session item - moving Item F from New Business to closed.

**Administrative Reports:** Bill Hass, High School Principal, discussed, High School grading, holding the Senior Awards Ceremony and Graduation in late July and noted other events that may be postponed or canceled.

Mr. Berndt and Mrs. Haas, Middle School/Elementary Principals noted that the teachers have been doing a wonderful job contacting families and assisting students with continued learning. Have not had any complaints, only good comments on how the district is handling this trying time.

Megan Marcks, Pupil Services Director stated that Virtual meetings, phone contacts, and mailings by teachers and support staff continue to be used to support special education student learning. The Summer Institute is still being planned - most will be through virtual learning.

Garrett Rogowski, Superintendent, wanted to first thank Dennis Rew for his 28 years of service being a School Board Member. The district is very appreciative of his contribution all these years, he will be missed. Garrett stated that the administrative team is working on the 2020-2021 school calendar to schedule some PLC work that builds in time during the day for staff to collaboratively work in teams. Also working on Summer School options.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

(Stewart-Olson) moved to approve the repair of 2 heat exchanges by Malbrit Mechanical for the Aquatic Center with a donation from the Helping Foundation in the amount of \$24,360. Motion carried.

(Schmidt-Pestka) moved to approve the purchase of acoustical panels for the auditorium in the amount of \$9500.00. Motion carried.

(Stewart-T. Wendler) moved to approve the purchase of upper cabinets from Dombecks in the amount of \$34,450.00 and the plumbing and electrical that goes with them in the amount of \$47,800.00. Motion carried with Schmidt abstaining.

(Schmidt-Pestka) moved to approve the technology purchase for the new spaces which includes projectors from CW in the amount of \$14,434.00, phones from Camera Corner in the amount of \$2806.00 and new access points from Rukus in the amount of \$45,645.00. Motion carried.

Had the first reading of Board Policy Updates Volume 29 1, up for approval in May.

(Meredith - Olson) moved to approve the change in the Health Insurance plan as presented. Insurance Carrier will remain the same. Motion carried.

(Stewart-Magee) moved to approve the change in the Dental Insurance plan as presented. We remain self funded. Motion carried.

(Pestka-Schmidt) moved to approve that the hot lunch prices remain the same for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried.

Charity Fraaza was present to talk with the Board concerning a middle school softball program for the 2020-2021 school year. This was for information only at this time.

(Schmidt - Magee) moved to approve the hire of Mitch Block as District Carpenter, compensation being \$40,000.00 Motion carried.

(Pestka-Stewart) moved to approve the DPI waivers as presented. One for hours of instruction and one for the Civics exam. Motion carried.

(Meredith-Olson) moved to approve the hire of Mike Balliett as Middle School Football Coach, Dyland Wieland and Ryan Borgeman as High School Football Assistant Coaches. Motion carried.

(Pestka-Schmidt) moved to approve the retirement of Dan Johnson, Maintenance Supervisor. Dan has been with the District for 23 years. Approve the retirement of Norm Resch, District Carpenter. Norm as been with the District for the past 21 years. Approve the resignation of Nancy Resch, Transition Coordinator. Nancy has been in this role for the past 4 years. Approve the resignation of Leah Fleischman, Teacher Aide. Leah has been with the District in this role for the past 2 years. Motion carried. The Board would like to than them all for their service to the District.

(Pietz-T. Wendler) moved to approve the teacher transfers as presented. Motion carried. Kyle Mrozinski to Spec Ed High School, Chelsea Lehman to Spec Ed Elementary and Chris Nier to Transition Coordinator/Dean of Students/Ad.

Kristy Meredith once again accepted the role of CESA 8 Delegate. Thank you Kristy.

(Stewart-Schmidt) moved to adjourn. Motion carried. 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Joy A Hartleben*

School Board Secretary