

**Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District**  
**Official Minutes of the Board of Education**  
**August 24, 2020**

Meeting called to order 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:** All nine Board Members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approve the Minutes:** (Schmidt-Meredith) moved to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2020 regular meeting as circulated. Motion carried.

**Delegations & Communications:** In attendance along with Board members were; Garrett Rogowski, Joy Hartleben, Bill Hass, Randy Berndt, Megan Marcks, Vicky Haas Randy Berndt, Jeff Miller and John Rudeen. Visitors included; Matt McGregor, Lisa Bernarde, Ann Bessert and Miriam Nelson.

**Public Comments:** Matt McGregor gave an update on the progress and status of finishing projects.

**Board Concerns or Reports:** None.

**Financial Report:** (Magee - Stewart) Motion to pay the following as of August 24, 2020: Budgetary checks numbering 102495-102586 in the amount of \$414,776.21, payroll checks numbering 141929-141938 in the amount of \$161,913.15, direct deposit advices in the amount of \$176,871.81, ACH payments in the amount of \$100,012.76 and credit card payments in the amount of \$20,084.57. I make a motion to approve all journal entries made for the month of July. Roll call vote: 9 yes Motion carried.

Superintendent Rogowski reported a cash on deposit as of July 31, 2020 of \$3,049,261.87 and LGIP Account balance as of July 31, 2020 of \$1070.53.

**Approve the Agenda:** (Pestka - Schmidt) moved to approve the agenda with one closed session item to discuss library restructure.

**Administrative Reports:**

Jeff Miller, Maintenance Supervisor stated that the custodial and maintenance staff has been very busy getting classrooms back together. Some of the "normal" start of the school cleaning will be a little delayed.

Bill Hass, High School Principal, stated we will be having a foreign exchange student from Spain joining us this year. Custodians and teachers have been working very hard to get school ready for the first day. Students will have a flexible schedule the first day. Would like to welcome Robin Pukall to the front office this year, replacing Julie Olson who has retired.

Randy Berndt, Birnamwood Elem/MS Principal, stated that teachers have been in repeatedly during the past month to get rooms ready. Custodians did a great job with preparations. Welcomed four new staff members to the Birnamwood building.

Vicky Haas, Wittenberg Elem/MS Principal, stated that Wittenberg will be welcoming two new staff members and Chris Nier as Dean of Students. The PBIS theme for this year is "Happiness Advantage- Let Stay Orange". Our staff of custodians and teachers have rooms ready for the arrival of students.

Megan Marcks, Pupil Services Director, stated that the district has obtained hotspots to ensure internet access to students who receive special education services. Birnamwood has a new sensory room set up and at Wittenberg an Occupational Therapy Room. Adjusting caseloads at the High School due to a teacher vacancy.

John Rudeen, Aquatic Center Director, stated the Aquatic Center opened to the public on August 11<sup>th</sup> following Covid procedures. The fitness room has been open for over a month and has limited use, using Covid procedures. The HS swim team as 9 swimmers this year. Work is being done on the slide and diving board.

**New Business:** (Stewart – Magee) moved to approve the Property Insurance Renewal as presented. Motion carried.

(Schmidt – T Wendler) moved to approve the purchase of a 2020 Ferris 61" Mower in the amount of \$11,970.00. Motion carried.

(Schmidt – Stewart) moved to approve the purchase of a John Deer Utility Tractor in the amount of \$41,950.00. C. Wendler abstain, Pietz no Motion carried.

(Magee – Olson) move to approve the purchase of two buses in the amount of \$39,900.00 each. Motion carried.

(Stewart – Pestka) moved to approve the retirement of Theresa Shankland, WMS Interventionist. Theresa has been with the district for the past 32 years. Motion carried. The Board would like to thank Theresa for her dedication and caring of our students.

(T. Wendler – Pestka) moved to approve the hire of Jaret Olsen as Wittenberg Middle School Interventionist, compensation being \$39,700.00. Motion carried.

(Pestka –Schmidt) moved to approve the resignation of Christine Malluege, Library Media Specialist. Chris has been with the district for the past 13 years. Motion carried. The Board would like to thank Chris for her years of service to our district.

(Pestka – Olson) moved to approve the hire of Chanda Kersten as High School Library Aide. This is a 10 month position, compensation starting at \$12.27/hr. Motion carried.

(Magee – Stewart) moved to approve an Endowment Withdrawal of \$282,574.00 to fund Aquatic Center Projects pending full approval of Automated Logic and roof projects. Motion carried.

(Stewart - Olson) moved to adjourn the meeting, 9:25 p.m. Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

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