

**Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District**  
**Official Minutes of the Board of Education**  
**December 21, 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:** (Pestka - Olson) moved to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2020 regular meeting as circulated. Motion carried.

**Delegations & Communications:** In attendance along with Board members were; Garrett Rogowski, Joy Hartleben, , Randy Berndt, Megan Marcks, Vicky Haas, John Rudeen, Nikki Steigerwald, Amber Danieleski, Keven Brunnett, Katie Jolitz, Jaret Olsen, Meagan Geske, Jenny Steinke, Becky and Becky Wendel

**Public Comments:** New staff members were in attendance and they introduced themselves to the Board.

**Board Concerns or Reports:** The Board again wanted to thank the staff for staying strong and keeping our kids with face to face instruction.

**Financial Report:** (Magee - Stewart) Motion to pay the following as of December 21, 2020: Budgetary checks numbering 103165-103354 in the amount of \$175,843.52, payroll checks numbering 142009-142034 in the amount of \$348,816.72, direct deposit advices in the amount of \$393,698.68, ACH payments in the amount of \$269,062.61 and credit card payments in the amount of \$22,402.05 I make a motion to approve all journal entries made for the month of November. Roll call vote: 9 yes Motion carried.

Superintendent Rogowski reported a cash on deposit as of November 30, 2020 of \$1,403,448.40 and LGIP Account balance as of November 30 2020 of \$954.37

**Approve the Agenda:** (Pietz - Pestka) moved to approve the agenda moving Items D & E to the January Agenda and adding Item J Update on Covid Protocols. One closed item on non union support staff negotiations. Motion carried.

**Administrative Reports:**

Megan Marcks,, Pupil Services Director stated that they are working accommodation for statewide testing that will be submitted in January. The Counselor team has been working towards 8th grade planning and scheduling to prepare for 21-22 school year. Our Early Childhood Program will be split in 2 group. A Mon/Wed group and a Tue/Thur group. The High School Education class has been working on making Christmas projects and then selling them.

Randy Berndt, Birnamwood Elem/MS Principal stated that it has been a very challenging month in terms of staffing bu the flexibility of our staff and willingness to help is very impressive. Randy also shared what some of the classes are working on and important dates coming up.

Vicky Haas, Wittenberg Elem/MS Principal stated that the month of December is a little different this year with no concerts or Santa's Workshop but the staff are engaging students in fun activities, making gifts and dress up days. The Nature Center at the School Forest is being used more for explorer days in place of field trips that would normally take place. Looking forward to the new year and being able to use the Aquatic Center for classes.

John Rudeen, Aquatic Center Director stated that the pool is continuing to deal with maintenance issues. Hoping to get these resolved soon.

Garrett Rogowski, Superintendent shared some videos that he would like to put on the District website of the new construction.

New Business A: Our 2019-2020 Audit results were shared by Amber from CLA.

New Business B: The New Policy Revisions were shared with the Board and will be up for approval in January.

New Business C: (Stewart - Magee) moved to approve the purchase of playground equipment from Lee Recreation, LLC in the amount of \$68,405.00 each for the two elementary schools. Motion Carried with Pietz as a nay.

New Business D and E were moved to the January Agenda

New Business F: (T. Wendler - Olson) moved to approve the retirement of Darlene Block, Food Service Worker at Wittenberg Elementary. Motion carried. The Board would like to thank Darlene for her service to the District

New Business G: (Pestka - Stewart) moved to approve the resignations of Schuylar Davids, Teacher Assistant at Birnamwood and Jennifer Hedrick, Food Service Worker at Birnamwood. Jennifer was with the District for two years., The Board would like to thank them for their service to the District.

New Business H: (Magee - T. Wendler) moved to approve the resignations of Bernard Holsy as JV2 Basketball Coach and Wendy Landowski as Cheerleading Coach. Motion carried. The Board would like to thank them for the extra time they took to work with our students.

New Business I: (Olsen - Pietz) moved to approve the hire of Brendan Resch as JV2 Boys Basketball Coach and Joe Ladika as Middle School Softball Coach. Motion carried.

New Business J: There was much discussion on the Covid Practices and close contacts both in the school setting and in the athletic setting.

Adjournment: (Stewart-Pestka) moved to adjourn 8:20 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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