

Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District
Official Minutes of the Board of Education
January 18, 2021

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: Eight members present Meredith, absent

Approve the Minutes: (Pestka - Schmidt) moved to approve the minutes of the December 21, 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, Bill Hass, John Rudeen, Nikki Steigerwald, Jolene Lex, Tyler Tautges, and Waylon Resch.

The Board received numerous thank yous from staff for the Christmas gift they received this year: Donna Lehman, Chris Nier, Linda Pontefract, Tammy Parker, Ashley Hedtke, Joan Andraschko, Julie Hoffman, Jill Resch, Sherlyn Krull, Joanna Fradrich, Annette Block, Deb Rades, Gene & Peggy Gretzlock, Christine Clark, Robin Pukall, Deanna Jense, Mikayla King, Colleen Wesolowski, Nikki Steigerwald, Joanie Mortenson, Cindy Yaeger, Mary King, Tracy Keeney, Marnie Osterbrink, Ann Smith, Julayne Stadler, Joy Hartleben and Shannon Carpenter-Seegmiller.

Waylon Resch presented the Board with a Hot/Cold mug engraved by his students as a thank you for their support and gift this year

Student Senate: Tyler stated that at Christmas time they had movies and gave out presents to students right before break. They are planning some upcoming events for Spring.

Financial Report: (Magee - Stewart) Motion to pay the following as of January 18, 2021: Budgetary checks numbering 103355-103504 in the amount of \$177,112.67, payroll checks numbering 142035-142059 in the amount of \$198,332.85, direct deposit advices in the amount of \$378,295.62, ACH payments in the amount of \$275,910.35 and credit card payments in the amount of \$16,626.86. I make a motion to approve all journal entries made for the month of December. Roll call vote: 9 yes Meredith absent, Motion carried.

Superintendent Rogowski reported a cash on deposit as of December 31, 2020 of \$2,360,138.56 and LGIP Account balance as of December 31, 2020 of \$77,957.99.

Approve Agenda: (Olson - Pestka) moved to approve the agenda moving New Business C to the February meeting with no closed sessions. Motion carried.

Administrative Reports:

Vicky Haas, Wittenberg Elementary/Middle School Principal stated that Fastbridge testing is wrapping up. ACCESS testing has been postponed by the state until Feb-March. She wanted to thank Michelle Martinez, our ELL para for her hard work in scheduling and proctoring and holding individual sessions with students on the importance and relevance of assessments. There is an upcoming professional development day this Friday the 22nd with knowledge base learning and other training for staff.

Randy Berndt, Birnamwood Elementary/Middle School Principal stated that they are in the middle of Fastbridge testing. He is working on formal observations as part of Educator Effectiveness. Important dates were shared along with pictures of Mrs. Bauch's 6th grade Social Studies project.

Megan Marcks, Pupil Services Director stated that the District would like to provide an environment to test for our virtual students. Elementary Guidance counselors are working with Stephanie Gruber to assist 8th graders with high school scheduling. Gretchen Leattu from CESA 2 has started some one on one coaching sessions with our primary teaching staff. Gabby Behnke started an internship at the High School, her major being special education, she will be working with us for the remainder of the school year.

Bill Hass, High School Principal, shared that FFA Week will be February 20-27. The grade range has been adjusted to match the standard. Finals will be January 20th and 21 with an open campus.

John Rudeen, Aquatic Center Director, would like to thank all those who have participated in the Aquatic Center Meat Raffle Fundraiser. Events have pretty much been postponed due to Covid. A big thanks to the maintenance team for tackling the pool filters project. HVAC systems have been mostly replaced with some ongoing work with smaller parts of the system.

Garrett Rogowski, Superintendent, stated he would like to meet with the Building & Grounds Committee on January 27th at 5:30 p.m. Working with a couple families with a hockey co-op, with the family being responsible for any costs. The responsibility the teachers have had of doing virtual and in person instruction has been a struggle. We would like to start the next school year not requiring the teachers to do both. This will be a discussion. Just beginning the discussion of possibly providing a daycare - only a thought at this time.

Old Business A: (Schmidt - Pestka) moved to approve the Policy Updates as presented. Motion carried

New Business A: (Olson - T. Wendler) moved to approve the High School Trimester Schedule for 2021-2022 as presented. Motion carried

New Business B: (Magee - Pestka) moved to approve the High School Scheduling Handbook for 2021-2022 as presented. Motion carried.

New Business C: moved to February Agenda

New Business D: (Stewart - Olson) moved to approve the quotes from American Fence Company for a privacy fence and gate at the High School in the amount of \$7595.00. Motion carried

New Business E: (Schmidt - Pestka) moved to approve the hire of Emily Knowles at the Birnamwood Cafeteria and Shari Walrath at the Wittenberg Cafeteria. Motion carried.

New Business F: (Stewart - Magee) moved to approve the open enrollment numbers for the 2021-2022 school year. No more than 25 students per class grades 4K-5, no more than 30 students grades 6-8 and no more than 500 total for the High School. For Special Education, due to case load formulas, there are no available seats for Speech/Language, Early Childhood, Vision, Occupational Therapy, Hearing/Audiology, Physical Therapy, Cross Categorical grades K-5 and Emotional Behavior Disability. There are three seats available for Cross Categorical Grades 6-8. Motion carried.

Adjournment: (Stewart - Pestka) moved to adjourn, 7:10 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Joy A Hartleben
School Board Secretary