

**Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District**  
**Official Minutes of the Board of Education**  
**October 26, 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:** Seven Board Members present. Pestka and Meredith are absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approve the Minutes:** (Olson - Magee) moved to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2020 regular meeting as circulated. Motion carried.

**Delegations & Communications:** In attendance along with Board members were; Garrett Rogowski, Joy Hartleben, Bill Haas, Randy Berndt, Megan Marcks, John Rudeen, Paul Yaeger, Becky Wendel. Visitors included: Miriam Nelson, Shannon Seegmiller, Tyler Tautges and Matt McGregor.

The Board received three thank yous for memorial gifts.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Student Representative:** Tyler stated that the homecoming went very well. They had a good turnout for the parade downtown. The Senate is starting to talk about upcoming events and how to proceed with the safety protocols.

**Board Concerns or Reports:** Pietz stated he heard comments that the homecoming was run very well. Question on the parking lot lights - they do stay on all night.

**Financial Report:** (Magee - Olson) Motion to pay the following as of October 26, 2020: Budgetary checks numbering 102816 in the amount of \$635,421.75, payroll checks numbering 141970-141995 in the amount of \$195,687.10, direct deposit advices in the amount of \$421,424.04, ACH payments in the amount of \$261,583.45 and credit card payments in the amount of \$33,142.13. I make a motion to approve all journal entries made for the month of September. Roll call vote: 7 yes 2 absent Motion carried.

Superintendent Rogowski reported a cash on deposit as of September 30, 2020 of \$3,713,491.05 and LGIP Account balance as of September 30, 2020 of \$1032.06

**Approve the Agenda:** (Magee - Schmidt) moved to approve the agenda with two closed session items to discuss support staff compensation and referendum. Motion carried.

**Administrative Reports:**

Bill Haas, High School Principal, stated that Homecoming week went very well along with the "Prom" Having some normalcy for students has been good. Started playing music in the halls during the three minutes between classes, which the students seem to enjoy. Mr. Haas wants to thank all the staff and the subs for all their time in covering classes.

Randy Berndt, Birnamwood Elem/MS Principal, stated that he wanted to commend the staff when subs and coverage were needed. They came through without complaint - a true team effort. Had the first night of Parent-Teacher conferences with a decrease in attendance from past years. 4K-5 students will participate in a virtual NED

John Rudeen - Aquatic Center Director, stated that a few covid procedures have been modified. WASP competitive swimmers have started practice this week. Fitness rooms open with limited use from the public but not unusual for this time of year. High School swimmers continue to practice and compete weekly. Some leaking in the roof which is getting looked into by the roofing company.

Vicky Haas, Wittenberg Elem/MS Principal, was not in attendance but gave the Board a report that the fall academic assessment is almost complete. First night of conferences using a hybrid model of in-person conferences, phone conferences, and google meets. Seems to be working well. She also shared some important upcoming dates.

Megan Marcks, Pupil Services Director, stated that staff have been doing a tremendous job at communicating and supporting each other. Outside educational locations are still being used. We will be having our second

“Virtual Learning Day” this Friday. 30 Spec ed students district wide come in from 8:00-11:00. One of our staff is pursuing a Master’s Degree in Autism and will be putting on quarterly training offered to all WB Staff. Garrett Rogowski, Superintendent stated that it is National Principals Month and would like to take this time to thank them for their hard work keeping as much normalcy going for staff and students and for helping out with coverage when needed. Would also like to recognize all the staff helping out with coverage during this time. This is why we can still remain open and it is much appreciated. Garrett wanted to recognize Laura Magee, Board member who received a Level 1 status from WASB - Congratulations!

New Business A: Paul Yaeger gave his annual transportation report. Garrett and Paul presented the Board with an updated Transportation Policy that will be brought before the Board in November for approval.

New Business B: (Stewart-Schmidt) moved to approve the 2020-2021 School Budge at presented. Roll call, 7-yes, 2-absent, motion carried. (Schmidt-Olson) moved to approve the Tax Levy with a mill rate of \$8.34 as presented. Roll call, 7-yes, 2-absent, motion carried.

New Business C: Open Enrollment numbers were shared with the Board.

New Business D: (Schmidt - Magee) moved to approve the retirement of Marie Freitag, bus driver. Marie has been with the District for 44 years. The Board would like to thank her for her many years of service.

New Business E: (Schmidt - Olson) moved to approve the early graduates that have met all the requirements needed to graduate early. Motion carried.

New Business F: (Olson - Stewart) moved to approve the Youth Options application. Motion carried.

Adjournment: (Stwart-Olson) moved to adjourn 7:11 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy A Hartleben  
School Board Secretary