

Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District
Official Minutes of the Board of Education
September 28, 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 Stewart absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve the Minutes: (Olson - Magee) moved to approve the minutes of the August 24, 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 and Vicky Haas. Visitors included: Miriam Nelson, Shannon Seegmiller, Tyler Tautges and Claudia Yaeger.

The Board received a thank you from Theresa Shankland and one from Julie Olson for the retirement gifts.

Public Comments: None.

Student Representative: Tyler stated that the Student Senate is planning events for homecoming, making every effort to social distance and wear masks for all activities. There will be a bon fire and a parade around the high school.

Board Concerns or Reports: None.

Financial Report: (Magee - T. Wendler) Motion to pay the following as of September 28, 2020: Budgetary checks numbering 102587-102815 in the amount of \$451,013.12, payroll checks numbering 141939-141969 in the amount of \$203,828.38, direct deposit advices in the amount of \$578,527.27, ACH payments in the amount of \$421,862.05 and credit card payments in the amount of \$28,112.12. I make a motion to approve all journal entries made for the month of August. Roll call vote: 7 yes 2 absent Motion carried.

Superintendent Rogowski reported a cash on deposit as of August 31, 2020 of \$3,440,759.35 and LGIP Account balance as of August 31, 2020 of \$1056.78

Approve the Agenda: (T Wendler - Olson) moved to approve the agenda with one closed session item to discuss support staff compensation schedule. Motion carried.

Administrative Reports:

Bill Hass, High School Principal, stated that students are accepting the new norm, homecoming events are being planned and there will be a Senior Ball on October 17th to make up for not having a prom. Ms. Eland and students are planning that event.

Randy Berndt, Birnamwood Elem/MS Principal, stated that teachers have been putting in a lot of extra hours for face to face and virtual planning and are performing above and beyond the call of duty. They have also been stepping in to help other co-workers with coverage and that is much appreciated.. Also the students are doing a great job of adapting. Thank you to the parents for the support through all these changes.

Vicky Haas, Wittenberg Elem/MS Principal, stated that she would also like to commend the teachers for all of there hard work and staying way past normal working hours. Students are taking the new precautions and practices in stride. The District will be using a new screening tool Fastbridge, once all the bugs are worked out. So thankful to the staff for helping out with staff coverage when needed.

Megan Marcks, Pupil Services Director, stated that the Spec ed team has been utilizing outside educational locations to offer Covid Impact Services. Continuing to develop contingency plans for all students who receive special education services. Due to a teacher resignation we are in need of a HS Spec Ed teacher. We have applied for an intern at the high school to join us in January.

Garrett Rogowski, Superintendent stated that he wanted to thank the staff for making sacrifices and alterations to fulfill both face to face and virtual instruction to meet our students needs. Many Districts around us are starting to close for periods of time but as long as we can keep the school open safely we will continue to do so.

New Business:

There was much discussion on the reopening plan and how we can help the teachers get more time for planning. (Pietz - T. Wendler) moved to approve 4 non-school teaching days to work on lessons and planning along with every Friday from 2:30-3:15. Motion carried.

(Magee - Olson) moved to approve the bids from Hanson for Snow Removal at the High School and Wittenberg Elementary and Meverden Excavating for the Birnamwood Elementary as presented. Motion carried.

(Magee - T Wendler) moved to approve the Fuel bids from Remington and Wagner Shell as presented. Motion carried.

(Olson - T. Wendler) moved to approve the start time for Board meetings to be at 6:00 p.m. with the Financial Committee Meeting at 5:40 p.m. Motion carried.

((Magee - Olson) moved to approve the resignation of Dustin Ruleau as Special Education Teacher at the high school. Motion carried. The Board would like to thank Dustin for his time and service to the District.

(Olson - Magee) moved to approve Mike Balliett as Middle School Girls Basketball Coach. T. Wendler - Abstain. Motion carried.

((T. Wendler - Meredith) moved to approve the hire of Joselyn Hurlburt as JV2 Volleyball Coach. Motion carried

(Schmidt - T. Wendler) moved to adjourn the meeting, 8:10 p.m. Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

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