

Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District
Official Minutes of the Board of Education
July 27, 2020

Meeting called to order 7:00 pm. 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 Board members present, T. Pestka absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve the Minutes: (Stewart - Schmidt) moved to approve the minutes of the June 22, 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, Jeff Miller and John Rudeen. Visitors included; Matt McGregor, Isaac Roffers and Miriam Nelson.

Public Comments: Matt McGregor introduced Isaac Roffers, supervisor for Hoffman, and gave an update on the progress and what will be happening in the next couple of weeks. All classrooms will be ready for students.

Board Concerns or Reports: Stewart and others stated how well graduation went. Others brought up concerns they have received from parents on school opening and also Drivers Education.

Financial Report: (Magee - Schmidt) Motion to pay the following as of July 27, 2020: Budgetary checks numbering 102338-102494 in the amount of \$554,101.24, payroll checks numbering 141911-141928 in the amount of \$182,890.44, direct deposit advices in the amount of \$498,791.53, ACH payments in the amount of \$315,628.01 and credit card payments in the amount of \$20,504.97. I make a motion to approve all journal entries made for the month of June. Roll call vote: 8 yes, Pestka absent. Motion carried.

Superintendent Rogowski reported a cash on deposit as of June 30, 2020 of \$3,858,513.80 and LGIP account balance as of June 30, 2020 of \$42,762.79.

Approve the Agenda: (Stewart - Olson) moved to approve the agenda with one closed session item to complete negotiations.

Administrative Reports:

Jeff Miller, Maintenance Supervisor stated that the custodial and maintenance staff has been very busy keeping up with the renovations. Bathroom partitions have been completed. Parts for the heat exchange at the elementary school are being installed. Teacher are using the maintenance requests that were made available.

Bill Hass, High School Principal, stated that construction is moving along. Custodians are cleaning and keeping up with the contractors. Contractors have been great to work with. Graduation went very well.

Randy Berndt, Birnamwood Elem/MS Principal, stated that the custodial staff continues to clean the building and is making solid progress with annual summertime work. We have been creating COVID related protocols and ordering supplies. All staff positions have been filled and new staff have attended a portion of Summer Institute.

Vicky Haas, Wittenberg Elem/MS Principal, stated that many meetings and hours have been put into addressing Covid proactively as possible. The custodial staff has been working hard to prepare our spaces. Megan Marcks, Pupil Services Director, is working with EdOptions Acaemy to offer families a full time virtual learning platform. Working with the administrators and school nurse to develop a Question Answer Document to share with the public. Setting up transition days for some of our students who receive services. We have a vacant high school special education teacher position and will need a COTA due to medical leave.

John Rudeen, Aquatic Center Director, stated they they have run against some unforeseen maintenance issues. The fitness center is up and running but the pool is still closed until further notice. Have been busy setting up Covid procedures.

(Olson - Schmidt) moved to approve the Academic Standards proposed by the state. Motion carried.

(Magee - Stewart) moved to purchase 180 chromebooks in the amount of \$30,857.40 from Insight. Motion carried.

(Stewart - Schmidt) moved to approve the PLC schedules presented by the building principals. Motion carried.

(Magee - T. Wendler) moved to approve the hire of Kevin Brunett as K-8 Art Teacher in Birnamwood compensation being \$46,600.00 and Joseph Ladika as Grade Five Teacher at Birnamwood, compensation being \$36,200.00. Motion carried.

(T. Wendler - Olson) moved to accept the retirement of Julie Olson, High School Secretary effective October 8th. Motion carried. Julie has been with the district for the past 21.5 years and the Board would like to thank her for her service to the District and it's students'.

Mr. Rogowski went over the proposed tentative budget for the 2020-2021 school year and answered any questions the Board had.

Building Principals shared their Seclusion and Restraint reports as required by the state.

(Pietz - Meredith) moved to approve the 2020-2021 wage adjustments. Roll call 8 yes Pestka - absent. Motion carried.

(Schmidt - Olson) moved to approve the Support Staff Wage increases. Roll call vote 7-yes Stewart-no, Pestka absent. Motion carried.

(T. Wendler - Stewart) moved to accept the resignation of Kyle Mrozinski, Special Education Teacher. Motion carried.

(Magee - Pietz) moved to approve the staff transfer of Robin Pukall from Library Aide to High School Secretary. Motion carried.

(Stewart - T. Wendler) moved to adjourn the meeting. 9:05 p.m. Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Joy A Hartleben
School Board Secretary