

Minutes of the October 21, 2019 Board of Education Meeting

The meeting was Called Order by President Johnson at 6:36 p.m. in the MES Board room.
Roll call: Scheller, Forbes, Hollman, Pohl, R. Johnson, J. Johnson. Pethke absent.

Motion by Scheller / Hollman to adjourn and Move into Closed Session Pursuant to Wis. Statutes 19.85(1)(c) and (f) to 1) discuss the medical history of and continued employment of an employee over which the School Board has jurisdiction and exercises responsibility and 2) Administrator Evaluations. Motion carried - Pethke absent. Pethke arrived at 6:48 p.m.

Motion by Scheller/Hollman to move into open session at 6:57 pm. Motion carried - all members present.

Meeting reconvened in open session / call to order at 7:03 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Scheller, Forbes, Hollman, Pohl, Pethke, R. Johnson, J. Johnson - all present.

Verify Publication of Meeting was done by Dr. Oppor

Motion by Pohl / Scheller to move #13 Board Recognition to the top of the agenda. Motion carried.

Board Recognition: The following students earned a Level One - Youth Apprenticeship Certificate of Occupational Proficiency from the State of Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development: Alex Wepner (Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources), Conor Schuelke (Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources), and Colton Wegener (Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources).

Proclamation: National School Lunch Week October 14-18, 2019

Proclamation: Gifted Education Month October 1-31, 2019

Presentations:

Data Report - Administrative Team: Wisconsin State Testing Trends-Dani Brauer: Scores on ACT, Forward, Dynamic Learning and ACT Aspire were shared for Manawa and comparable schools-Manawa, Marion, Iola, Marion, Shiocton. Forward Reading and Math grades 3-8 data shared by Mrs. Pukita, Aspire ELA and Aspire Math-Mr. Wolfgram, ACT ELA-Mr. Wolfgram, ACT Math-Mr. Wolfgram, What is the plan going forward: Dani Brauer, Mrs. Sernau, Mr. Wolfgram, Leading for Learning and Standards Work, Weekly Literacy PLC Meetings, ACT Prep during RTI, SLO focus is becoming more balanced, Goal team work on Wednesdays, Exploring ACT Aspire Prep, SEL Teams(Social, Emotional Leadership), Shifting of High Effective Math Instructor to HS

At-Risk Program Report - Mary Eck: 2017-18 had a 87% graduation rate; 2018-2019 had 87% as well; Attendance rate 86%, 1 expulsion, discipline 1 student. Failure rate 20% based on a small set of students (2).

Kobussen Transportation Report - Casey Fields and Jake Elsner. Turnover in the office; Sherida will stay on as a substitute bus driver. Jake Elsner is the new office manager. All the drivers returned this year. Mitch Patri is having some health issues. New driver Roger Luedtke full-time driver. Sub drivers all returned as well. Iola and Manawa School districts have been working well together to cover each district's needs. Dr. Oppor commended Jake as an alumni of Manawa and for his quick and efficient response. Jake, Mrs. O'Brien and Casey are working on the bus scheduling through Bus Hive system with MES and MHS secretaries.

Summer School 2019 Report - Co-Chairs Mary Eck and Kevin Keller. Treasurer Pohl commented the variety of offerings to students. Discussion of next year summer school with the HS being closed for construction.

Announcements: President Johnson thanked the following for their generous Contributions to the District: Anonymous Donation of Clothing to Urgent Needs Valued at \$993.60 for MES/LWHS; Bay Valley Foods-TreeHouse Foods Inc. \$250 for Drama Club Production.

Other Contributions - there were no other contributions.

Approved by Consent: the Minutes of the September 16, 2019 Board Meeting Treasurer's Report Expenditures (\$483,080.10) & Receipts (\$23,807.63), Donations: Anonymous Donation of Clothing to Urgent Needs Valued at \$993.60 for MES/LWHS, Bay Valley Foods-TreeHouse Foods Inc. \$250 for Drama Club Production, the 66.0301 Tuition Agreement with Iola-Scandinavia School District for SY1920; the Grant Application for HS Choir Please Stay Suicide Awareness for \$588; the Grant Application for Suicide Prevention Sources of Strength Video Project Grant for HS FOR Club for \$1,000; the Grant Application - HS Student Council SOS Suicide Prevention Grant \$1,000; the Application for a Target Field Trip Grant \$700 for HS Art Department; the Start College Now Applications for SY1920 Spring Session as Presented; the Football Team Bonding Water Field Trip October 26, 2019 Iola Aquatic Center.

Compliment from Mrs. Pohl shared.

Any Item Removed from Consent Agenda: No items were removed from Consent Agenda.

Public Comments: No public comments this month.

Correspondence: No Correspondence This Month

District Administrator's Report: Homecoming-everything ran smoothly. Student Council Representative - Madalyn Nienhaus - senior class had asked about graduation and expectations - Mr. Wolfgram had addressed the rationale of why the caps cannot be decorated. 12th Grade. Q12 Staff Engagement Surveys went out today. Employee retention rate-94 employees. 8 left district. 6 took different position 91.9% retention rate. Leaders are Readers-HS students go to the MES to read with students. HS students are excited to interact with the MES students. Legislative Update, Third Friday Enrollment / Monthly Update - more information presented at finance meeting tomorrow; Referendum Update: Referendum report-Joe from Hoffman Weather and rain is a bit of a struggle. Distributed the schedule update; Safety-no incidents. Each Hoffman employee should have a sticker on hat and wearing a badge. MES-everything completed prior to the start of school; a 3-week look ahead/schedule so everyone is on the same page with project. Mental Health Board Priority Update: update-Heather Rausch coming back and sharing on November 8th. Looking at 2 times including evening; Big Brother/Big Sister-Debbie Sarna working on this effort; Manawa Library -Ellen Connor - Nov 20th trauma presentation

School Operations Reports: ES Principal and HS Principal Highlights were Included in Board Packet

Business Related Reports: Highlights and Kobussen Transportation Report were Included in Board Packet.

Director's Reports: Curriculum / Special Education Director Highlights and Technology Director Highlights were included in the board packet;

Committee Reports: Minutes for Curriculum, Finance, Buildings & Grounds and Policy were included in the packet. Finance Committee meeting tomorrow.

Unfinished Business: No Unfinished Business This Month

New Business:

Motion by Pohl/Hollman to approve Premier Bank RFP for Short-Term Borrowing as Presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Pohl/ R. Johnson to approve the RESOLUTION SY1920#2 AUTHORIZING A TAXABLE TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION PROMISSORY NOTE FOR CASH FLOW PURPOSES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000,000. Motion carried.

Motion by Scheller/Forbes to approve the Phoenix (At-Risk) Program Handbook as Presented. Motion carried.

Motion by R. Johnson/Hollman to approve the Employability & Financial Skills Curriculum Map as Presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Forbes/R. Johnson to approve the K-6 Math Curriculum Maps as Presented. Motion carried.

1st Reading NEOLA Updates - Vol. 28 No. 2 as Presented - to be reviewed for next board meeting approval.

Motion by Forbes/R. Johnson to approve the TruGreen 3-Year Lawn Care Contract. Motion carried.

Motion by Hollman/Pohl to deny a One-Year Leave of Absence for Kathy Grimm as Requested. Motion carried

Motion by Scheller/Hollman to approve the Updated District Fundraising Spread sheet as Presented. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Dates:

Oct. 22, 2019 – Finance Committee Meeting – 5:00 p.m. – MES Board Rm

Oct. 28, 2019 – Annual District Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – MES Board Room

Nov. 11, 2019 – Veteran’s Day Program – 2:00 p.m. LWJr./Sr.HS Gym

Nov. 11, 2019 - Policy & Human Resources Committee Meeting – 5:00 p.m. – MES Board Room

Nov. 13, 2019 – Curriculum Committee Meeting – 4:30 p.m. – MES Board Room

Nov. 13, 2019 – Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting - 5:30 p.m. - MES Board Room

Nov. 18, 2019 - Regular BOE Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – MES Board Room

Dec. 11, 2019 – Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting - 5:30 p.m. - MES Board Room

Motion by Hollman / Scheller to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried.

Bobbi Jo Pethke, Clerk