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**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
January 14, 2020 Regular Meeting**

Pursuant to the regulations, the regular board meeting was held on the above date in the Waupaca High School Community Room.

**President's Comments and Pledge of Allegiance:**

Stephen Johnson welcomed everyone and advised he attended the SADD e-cigarette and tobacco use presentation on Monday. He then asked Steve Thomaschefskey to lead the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by President Stephen Johnson at 5:16 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

Present: Stephen Johnson, Dale Feldt, Sandra Robinson, Patrick Phair, Betty Manion, and Steve Hackett.

Excused: Mark Polebitski

**Also Present:**

Ron Saari, Sandy Lucas, Mark Flaten, Steve Thomaschefskey, Carl Hayek, Laurie Schmidt, Mike Werbowsky, John Meyer, Joe Sbertoli, Rhonda Hare, Cory Nagel, Wes Zube, and WIN TV.

**Approval of Agenda:**

A motion was made by Sandra Robinson and seconded by Betty Manion to amend the agenda as presented by removing and tabling Item VIII. Monitoring, Sections A and B, pending receipt of additional information. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

**Public Comment:**

None.

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Patrick Phair and seconded by Steve Hackett to approve the December 10, 2019, expulsion hearing minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

A motion was made by Sandra Robinson and seconded by Betty Manion to approve the December 10, 2019, regular board meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

**Communications:**

Adult School Crossing Guard Recognition Week (January 13-17):

Mr. Saari announced that it is Adult School Crossing Guard Recognition Week, January 13-17.

#### Donations:

A motion was made by Patrick Phair and seconded by Betty Manion to accept, with gratitude, the donations received from Mr. Shannon Mitchell, Mrs. Sandra Robinson, Waupaca Mobil Travel Center, and Mr. Dennis Timm. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

#### District Administrator's Report:

Mr. Saari reported that each of the buildings are in the process of planning Safety Team meetings addressing, in particular, the items identified as needing attention by the WSSCA during their Safety Audits, which will then be communicated to the Community School Safety Committee.

Several Board Committee meetings and Board Retreats were scheduled, as well as which WASB events each Board member would be attending the evening of January 22 at the State Education Convention were determined.

Mr. Saari also provided a brief update on the Waupaca Growth Team.

#### Vaping Presentation:

John Meyer presented an alternative to suspension for youth e-cigarette use and advised that he, along with Nurse Jamie Trzebiatowski and School Resource Officer Wes Zube, will be implementing the INDEPTH program and creating a program curriculum, with student input, that is middle school level appropriate. Once implemented, Mr. Meyer will work with the WHS SADD group.

#### Therapy Dog Presentation:

School Resource Officer Wes Zube advised that the Waupaca Police Department is acquiring a therapy dog which will be a great asset to the School District. All of the costs associated with the therapy dog will be paid by the City of Waupaca Police Department and/or School Resource Officer Zube. The initial use of a therapy dog in our schools will be implemented when the second School Resource Officer is on board.

### **School Board:**

#### Report on Meetings Attended/School Visits:

Dale Feldt emceed the Student Council Christmas trivia contest night and he also was a judge in the cookie bake-off today in Mrs. Nelson's class. Sandra Robinson met with Mr. Erspamer, Mrs. Pankratz, and the special education team at the WLC. Betty Manion met with several staff people and observed several classes at the WLC. Steve Hackett met with Mrs. Pankratz and other staff at the WLC and he also met with several teachers at the Middle School. Patrick Phair helped with getting the cast set and other things associated with the upcoming Drama Club play.

#### Change Dates of February and March Regular Board Meetings:

A motion was made by Dale Feldt and seconded by Sandra Robinson to change the date of the February Regular Board Meeting to February 25, 2020, at 5:15 p.m. and the date of the March Regular Board Meeting to March 24, 2020, at 5:15 p.m. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

#### Upcoming Meetings and Other Activities:

The Board was reminded of the following upcoming meetings and other activities:

January 22-24, 2020 – WASB Wisconsin State Education Convention

January 27, 2020 – Board Retreat – 1:00 p.m.

January 30, 2020 – DOJ Threat Assessment Training – 8:00 a.m.

February 3, 2020 – Finance Committee Meeting – 1:00 p.m.

February 5, 2020 – Personnel Committee Meeting – 1:00 p.m.

February 19, 2020 – Instructional Committee Meeting (Closed Session) – 1:00 p.m.  
February 20, 2020 – WASB/WSAA School Law Conference – 8:00 a.m.  
February 21, 2020 – Board Retreat – 10:00 a.m.  
February 25, 2020 – Regular Board Meeting – 5:15 p.m.  
March 24, 2020 – Regular Board Meeting – 5:15 p.m.

Spring Election Candidates:

Mr. Saari noted that both incumbents, Stephen Johnson and Patrick Phair, filed candidacy papers for the upcoming spring School Board election.

**Administration:**

Enrollment Update and Other Enrollment Information:

Mark Flaten provided the Board with a comprehensive look at the District's student enrollment population and how it compares to other Waupaca County schools, comparable school districts, CESA 5 school districts, and the state and how virtual schools are affecting student enrollment.

Open Enrollment Limits:

A motion was made by Patrick Phair and seconded by Sandra Robinson to accept the recommendations as set out and to limit regular education non-resident seats available under open enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year in 4K to 27, in grades K-4 at the WLC to a total of 56, and in grades K-7 at the CEC to a total of 15. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

A motion was made by Betty Manion and seconded by Patrick Phair to accept the recommendation to allow zero (0) non-resident enrollments for the 2020-2021 school year in the Special Education Department. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Amendment to Chain Exploration Center Contract:

A motion was made by Sandra Robinson and seconded by Steve Hackett to amend Sections 3.1 and 7.3 of the CEC's contract regarding grade level additions per year, to reflect the CEC being a 4K-grade 7 school in 2020-2021 and a 4K-grade 8 school in 2021-2022. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Activities Department Update and Fall Co-Curricular Acknowledgements:

Joe Sbertoli acknowledged the achievements of fall co-curricular programs and individual participants. He also provided the Board with an update on the projects the Activities Department has completed and those that are still ongoing.

Elimination of Physical Education Substitute Credit Policy 345.63:

A motion was made by Sandra Robinson and seconded by Patrick Phair to eliminate Physical Education Substitute Credit Policy 345.63 effective with the end of the Class of 2023. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

**Consent Agenda:**

A motion was made by Sandra Robinson and seconded by Dale Feldt to approve the items of the consent agenda:

Financial Reports:

Accounts Payable Approval - \$2,024,845.81 and Building Fund - \$9,589.31  
Cash Receipts - \$3,031,617.94  
Treasurer's Report - \$3,776,571.71  
Fund 10 Ending Balance - \$3,997,899

Retirements – End of 2019-2020 School Year:

Dorothy Servey – Food Service Class IA

Resignations:

Tammy Weir – Food Service Class 3A

Joanne Bertram – Class II Food Service Secretary

Hires

Rylie Hermanson – WLC Ed. Asst. – Spec. Ed.

Jessica Streckenbach-Johnson – WLC Ed. Asst.

Transfers/Changes:

Chris Blazek – MS Ed. Asst. – Spec. Ed. to MS Health Aide

Holly Johnson – Food Service Class 3A to MS Ed. Asst. – Spec. Ed.

Salary Step Changes:

Rachel Akey – 4B to 4B6

Jill Beilfuss – 4M to 4M6

Andrea Bechard – 8M12 to 8M18

Alan Konda – 8B12 to 8B18

Aimee Gille – 7B to 7B6

Heather Frosch – 15B24 to 15B30

Amy Smidt – 5B12 to 5B18

Renee Draeger – 16B24 to 16B30

Mandy Wilson – 9B18 to 9B24

Cory Nagel – 7B12 to 7B18

Kelly Baumgart – 19M26 to 19M30

Amber Koski – 2B6 to 2B12

Lisa Johnson – 6B6 to 6B12

Catherine Seifert – 9M12 to 9M18

The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Betty Manion and seconded by Dale Feldt to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

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Stephen Johnson, President  
Board of Education

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Elizabeth Manion, Clerk  
Board of Education