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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES March 26, 2021 Special Meeting

Pursuant to the regulations, a special Board meeting was held on the above date in the Waupaca High School LMC Distance Learning Lab and virtually via Google Meet, Live Stream, and by phone.

The purpose of the Board Meeting Minutes are to capture the essence of discussions through the actions voted on. These minutes should not be interpreted to represent a transcription of the meeting. To watch a recording of this meeting, please click [here](#).

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Stephen Johnson at 11:02 a.m.

Roll Call:

Present in the WHS LMC Distance Learning Lab: Stephen Johnson and Dale Feldt. Mark Polebitski, Patrick Phair, Sandra Robinson, Betty Manion, and Steve Hackett were virtually present via Google Meet.

Also Present:

Present in the WHS LMC Distance Learning Lab: Ron Saari, Sandy Lucas, and Mark Flaten.
Virtually present via Google Meet: Carl Hayek, Steve Thomaschefsky, and Laurie Schmidt.

Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Dale Feldt and seconded by Patrick Phair to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Review of Board Meeting Norms:

The Board reviewed their collective commitments.

Report WASB State Education Convention Sessions:

Board President Stephen Johnson reminded the Board that because no specific item was posted, these will be reports of sessions from those who attended and found most interesting and impactful.

Board members Patrick Phair, Betty Manion, Mark Polebitski, Sandra Robinson, Dale Feldt, and Stephen Johnson, as well as Mr. Saari, summarized a couple of the meeting sessions each of them attended (virtually) at the WASB 2021 State Education Convention held in January. Many focused on equity, infusion, and student voice, as well as school safety and hiring staff. It was pointed out that the School District of Waupaca is a very proactive District, is already doing many of the things, and they were amazed by how many things the District is doing right thanks to our Administration. It was suggested that the District focus on opportunity gaps as well as to teach our children how to learn instead of what to learn. Several of them added that they found many of these sessions to be very interesting and even caused them to look at their own shortcomings.

Board member Patrick Phair also attended the legislative update and advised of a couple key areas that were discussed -- they are looking at relaxing the rules relating to rehiring of annuitants because of the shortage of substitutes, and of concern is that they are considering withholding dollars from school districts rather than providing more money as they feel many districts have been saving money during the pandemic.

Mr. Flaten advised that he has shared an article entitled *The Opportunity Myth* with all instructional team members, setting the mindset that all students are successful in grade appropriate classwork, but added that the student has ownership as well. We're doing a better job.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Dale Feldt and seconded by Betty Manion to adjourn the meeting at 11:57 a.m. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

_____ Date _____
Stephen Johnson, President
Board of Education

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Elizabeth Manion, Clerk
Board of Education