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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 13, 2024 Regular Meeting

Pursuant to the regulations, the regular Board meeting was held on the above date in the Waupaca High School Community Room and live streamed via YouTube. The meeting was also broadcast on TV Channel 991.

The purpose of the Board Meeting Minutes is 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](#).

President's Comments and Pledge of Allegiance:

Ron Brooks welcomed everyone and asked Laurie Schmidt to lead the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Brooks at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present in the WHS Community Room: Ron Brooks, Steve Klismet, Molly McDonald, Betty Manion, Dale Feldt, and Lori Verhalen.

Excused: Bob Adams.

Also Present:

Present in the WHS Community Room: Craig Gerlach, Sandy Lucas, Mark Flaten, Austin Moore, Laurie Schmidt, Michael Werbowsky, Jenifer Erb, John Erspamer, Jody Pankratz, Carrie Naparalla, Rob Scherrer, Kyle Scherwinski, Sandy Robinson, Marsha Purchatzke, and Wayne Netzler.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Public Comment:

Mr. Wayne Netzler from Waupaca Radio addressed the Board regarding the annual 4th of July parade and the community feedback he has received, particularly that no one from the School Board was involved in the parade nor in the past two years has the WHS marching band participated. The community would like to see the marching band participate next year.

Marsha Purchatzke of GoRiteway advised that they have collected a lot of school supplies during the "Stuff the Bus" event. The last day of this event is next Friday when they will be having a brat fry at Hansen's Furniture from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., with the proceeds going to the School District.

Review of Board Meeting Norms:

The Board reviewed their collective commitments.

Board Reports:Approval of Minutes:

July 9, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

July 16, 2024 Finance Committee Meeting

A motion was made by Molly McDonald and seconded by Betty Manion to approve the Minutes of the Board meetings listed above as presented. 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:

August 20, 2024 - New Staff Gathering - 11:30 a.m.

August 28, 2024 - Back to School Breakfast - 7:30 a.m.

September 10, 2024 - Regular Board Meeting - 5:30 p.m.

Completion of Board Member Availability Calendar:

The Board members were asked to complete their availability calendars through September.

CEC Liaison Report:

CEC Liaison Betty Manion advised that she attended the July 16, 2024, Governance Council (GC) meeting. Two new GC board members were elected – Wayne Netzler and Nick Burington. A report regarding the playground was reviewed as well as the financial report. The GC would like to have WRCCS come in and do a presentation, so when that is scheduled they will invite the SDW Board of Education to join them. The Sources of Strength Program is going well, and CEC's enrollment for the upcoming school year is good.

She also attended the August 9, 2024, meeting where the GC accepted the resignation of long-time member Becky Lange. They also continued discussion regarding the playground. The 2024-2025 budget was approved as well as the annual report. She noted that CEC's open house is on August 28.

Mrs. Manion also shared that she attended the two-day WRCCS Conference where information was presented on many topics including contracts, marketing, the authorizer and relationships. Of particular interest was the presentation on how to lead with clarity and promise. Mrs. Manion advised that she could provide a report on this conference to the School Board if desired.

Finance Committee Meeting:

Committee Chairperson Dale Feldt advised that the Finance Committee met on July 16, 2024, to discuss several items and made the following recommendations to the full Board.

A motion was made by Dale Feldt, per Committee recommendation, to approve a District-sanctioned, stand-alone Girls Wrestling Program and coach as presented. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mr. Feldt advised that the second item of discussion related to partnering with GoFan to provide a digital ticketing platform. Director of Co-Curricular Activities and Athletics Rob Scherrer added that there have been some changes since the Committee meeting. He advised that the Blue and White game will unfortunately not be happening this year. In addition, the District will have to sign a one-year contract with GoFan, which is the #1 rated digital ticketing platform. The contract states that the District cannot go with a different vendor during the course of the year, but if the District is not happy with how the new ticketing/concessions platform is working, it can stop using it at any time. The District will be under no obligation to renew the contract. It was also noted that the use of cash will continue to be allowed through at least this year.

A motion was made by Dale Feldt, per Committee recommendation, to approve the District partnering with GoFan for digital ticketing and concessions, and keep single game ticket prices and season passes the same, as presented. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Committee Chairperson Feldt summarized the Committee's discussion regarding the uncashed check from Blenker Building Systems (Blenker) which is over two years old. Interim District Administrator Craig Gerlach shared that WHS Associate Principal Jenifer Erb has reached out to Jason of Blenker and he is supposed to get back to her with the hopes of reestablishing a business relationship and perhaps consider reissuing the check. Ms. Erb added that Blenker did sell a portion of its business but they are still in the construction business. It was suggested that the Board put this recommendation on hold for now. However, Director of Business Services Austin Moore pointed out that the check cannot be cashed at this point anyway so it should be destroyed.

An amended motion was made by Dale Feldt, per Committee recommendation, to destroy the uncashed check from Blenker Building Systems dated April 15, 2022, in the amount of \$18,923.81, as presented. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Dale Feldt and seconded by Betty Manion to approve the items of the consent agenda as presented.

Financial Reports:

Accounts Payable

Updated Staffing Changes for the 2024-2025 School Year

Resignations:

Pearl Meyer - WHS Ed. Asst.-Spec. Ed.

Ashley Huebner - WMS Ed. Asst.-Spec. Ed.

Felicity Rafalski - WMS 5th Grade Teacher

Tammy Larson - CEC Ed. Asst.

Kate Rolfs - CEC Ed. Asst.

Shelly Burkett - WLC Food Service Class 3A

Jackie Handrich - WHS Ed. Asst.

Ana Grimm - District Bilingual Ed. Asst.

Hires – 2024-2025 School Year:

Cheri Barlow - WMS 5th Grade Teacher

Kristen Hanten - WMS 5th Grade Teacher

Noah Saecker - District Network Engineer

Brenda Fischer - WHS Special Education Teacher

Keri Tyler - CEC Health Aide

Extra Curricular Coaches and Advisors – 2024-2025 School Year:

WHS Coaching Positions:

Jessica Bank - Varsity Cross Country

Tom Noltner - Varsity Girls Golf

Bennett Hansen - Varsity Football

Cody Kimball - Football JV1 Assistant

Bryan Fay - Football JV1 Assistant

Tony Altmann - Football JV1 Assistant

Paul Higgins - Football JV2 Assistant

Wes Van Epps - Football JV2 Assistant

Jeremy Koehler - Varsity Boys Soccer

Camryn Borland - Boys Soccer JV1
Liz Kneer - Varsity Volleyball
Annie Nelson - Volleyball JV1
Melanie Peterson - Volleyball JV2
Matt Resch - Varsity Boys Basketball
Ethan Dayton - Boys Basketball JV1
Ryan Dayton - Boys Basketball JV2
Rob Scherrer - Varsity Girls Basketball
Forrest Wright - Varsity Boys Hockey
Dawson Bohm - Boys Hockey JV1
Bryon Prey - Varsity Wrestling
Paul Frank - Wrestling JV1
Rocky Mondello - Varsity Baseball
Ethan Dayton - Baseball JV1
Ryan Dayton - Baseball JV2
Tom Noltner - Varsity Boys Golf
Rudy Pate - Boys Golf Assistant
Jeremy Koehler - Varsity Girls Soccer
Payton Thurber - Varsity Softball
Calan Stichman - Softball JV1
Lana Johnson - Varsity Boys Track
Bryan Fay - Boys Track Assistant
Joel Kempfert - Varsity Girls Track

WHS Volunteer Coaching Positions:

Paul Przybelski - Cross Country
Justin Berrens - Football
Paul Christian - Football
Tristan Schelvan - Football
Rudy Pate - Football
Collin Hawkins - Football
Joel DeYoung - Boys Soccer
Meghan Ruffalo - Volleyball
Nancy Tice - Volleyball
Jacob Bina - Volleyball
Zach Alix - Boys Basketball
Paul Christian - Boys Basketball
Kyle Hotvedt - Boys Basketball
Rocky Mondello - Girls Basketball
Tim Guyer - Boys Hockey
Cody Rasmussen - Boys Hockey
Charlie Wanty - Wrestling
Dave Yeska - Baseball
Jay Krcmar - Baseball
Jeff Dolski - Baseball
Ryan Makuski - Baseball
Stephen Johnson - Boys Golf
Jed DeYoung - Girls Soccer
Camryn Borland - Girls Soccer
Bob Chovanec - Softball
Julie Thobaben - Softball
Janet Flater - Softball

WHS Advisor Positions:

Monica Reeves - All School Play
Amy Holterman - All School Play

Tricia Price - Art Club
Bryan Fay - Chess
Greg Smidt - Chess
Amy Marcom - Dance
Breanna Yeska - Dance
Teresa Duda - FBLA
BobbieJo Montgomery - FFA
Erin Montgomery - FFA
Mark Otte - Forensics
Karen Nowak - Intramural Basketball
Brianna Hepfler - Jazz Band
Danielle McHugh - Link Crew
Karen Nowak - Link Crew
Anna Lussier - Link Crew
Teresa Duda - Link Crew
Anna Lussier - Pacapellas
Cindy Ikert - Pep Club
Danielle McHugh - Photo Club
Steven Baumann - Robotics
Lisa Abrahamson - Spanish Club
Tricia Price - Yearbook

WHS Volunteer Advisor Positions:

Bill Storck - Badger Boys and Girls
Jason Packingham - Bowling
Craig Gadzinski - Chess
Jake Foss - Chess
Ross Hanson - Chess
Neil Wenberg - Curling
Bella Udoni - Dance
Brett Grams - Exchange Program
Brian Hoelzel - Ice Fishing
Ryan Wilson - Ice Fishing
Carter Hoelzel - Ice Fishing
Rob Scherrer - Ice Fishing
Doug Nowak - Intramural Basketball
Bryan Fay - Intramural Basketball
Dana Widdel - Live
Christiane Jahnke - Math Team
Jessica Hauser - Pep Club
Taylor Wilcox - Public Library
Brenda Plum - S.A.D.D.
Lisa Abrahamson - Spanish Honor Society
Mary Ann Snider - Tennis
John Woodliff - Trap & Skeet
Alan Domaszek - Trap & Skeet
Steve Rawson - Trap & Skeet
Anna Lussier - Vocal Music Groups
Cory Nagel - Youth on Board

WMS Coaching Positions:

Dave Peterson - Cross Country
Alan Konda - Cross Country
Luke Hass - 8th Grade Football
Luke Seeger - 8th Grade Football
Nick Clappes - Boys Soccer

Eugene Pliska - Boys Soccer
Lisa Ash - 7th Grade Volleyball
Ashley Nelson - 8th Grade Volleyball
Kirbi Holat - 8th Grade Volleyball
Mike Waldschmidt - 7th Grade Boys Basketball
Rocky Mondello - 8th Grade Boys Basketball
Kirbi Holat - 8th Grade Boys Basketball
Mike Waldschmidt - 7th Grade Girls Basketball
Rocky Mondello - 8th Grade Girls Basketball
Kyle Mannel - Wrestling
Dave Peterson - Track
Jeremy Martens - Track

WMS Volunteer Coaching Positions:

Mark Unertl - Cross Country

WMS Advisor Positions:

Rene Jungers - 5th/6th Grade Basketball
Mike Waldschmidt - 5th/6th Grade Basketball
Kirbi Holat - 5th/6th Grade Basketball
Rene Jungers - Chess
Hannah Waller - Dance
Erin Eller - Destination Imagination
Rene Jungers - Forensics
Shana Rogne - Jazz Band
Shana Rogne - Musical
Lori Jungers - Musical
Holly Saunders - Musical
Jenny Lewis - Musical
Ashley Brill - Musical
Art Schultz - Robotics
Kareene Hansen - Student Council
Amy Smidt - Yearbook
Kate Gile - Yearbook

WMS Volunteer Advisor Positions:

Rene Jungers - Battle of the Books
Jason Packingham - Bowling
Will Johnson - Chess
Neil Wenberg - Curling
Paige Olsen - Dance
Emma Ives - Dance
Mackenzie Loken - Dance
Amy Holterman - Forensics
Rene Jungers - Math Olympiads
John Woodliff - Trap & Skeet
Alan Domaszek - Trap & Skeet
Steve Rawson - Trap & Skeet
Rene Jungers - Quiz Bowl

CESA 5 Service Contract

The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Communications:Donation:

Board President Brooks advised of a donation made to Waupaca FFA from Waupaca FFA Alumni. A motion was made by Dale Feldt and seconded by Lori Verhalen to accept, with gratitude, the donation as presented. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Administration:CEC Annual Report:

CEC Administrator Carrie Naparalla and CEC GC President Sandy Robinson presented a summary of the 2023-2024 school year at CEC. They noted that last year was the first year without the federal charter sub grant.

Mrs. Robinson shared the accomplishments of the GC which included the completion of a four year renewal contract with the SDW Board of Education, professional development, and strategies for promoting the CEC. In addition, the Community Garden continues to see an increase in community member participation, the Cultivating Connections Committee started “Coffee Talks”, and the Fundraising and Finance Committee will be working with District Grant Writer Greg Grohman on a grant for the playground. She also provided the financial information for CEC Inc.

Ms. Naparalla shared CEC’s enrollment information over the past five years which indicated a total enrollment of 154 students last year with an 81% capacity. She also shared CEC’s demographics as compared to WLC and WMS. She noted that 89% of the students who attended last year will be returning to CEC this fall. Ms. Naparalla shared information relating to participation in Suzuki and other electives offered as well as its academic data, and noted that all students have a Personalized Learning Plan. She pointed out that 75.6% of CEC students participate or plan to participate in a school sponsored sport or extracurricular activity.

Ms. Naparalla advised that this year’s lottery went very well and they received a lot of applicants. However, it was difficult to have to inform families that they are not able to get in this year.

Ms. Naparalla advised that she and Director of Teaching and Learning Mark Flaten continue to have discussions regarding the students in the Suzuki program being able to continue at the high school level.

Ms. Naparalla advised that there were many reasons to celebrate and highlighted the top five specific events that were very impactful. She also noted the three challenges where opportunities for growth are needed. She advised that she follows up with freshmen (former) students inquiring, among other things, how prepared they were for high school and if anything should be done differently.

Ms. Naparalla and Mrs. Robinson thanked the School Board, Governance Council, and the many grantors, sponsors, donors, and community partners for their continued support of CEC, as well as the staff and volunteers for all of their hard work.

Board President Brooks suggested that since there is a lot of interest in the Community Garden, that a possible fundraiser for CEC could be to raffle off a four-course meal prepared by the students using the produce and other items from the Community Garden.

Adjournment Into Closed Session:

A motion was made by Dale Feldt and seconded by Lori Verhalen to adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 19.85(1)(e), deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, specifically to discuss the 515 School Street Property; and pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 19.85(1)(c), considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has

jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, specifically to discuss administrator contracts. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote at 6:22 p.m.

Reconvene Into Open Session to Consider Action on Matters from Closed Session:

A motion was made by Lori Verhalen and seconded by Steve Klismet to reconvene into open session to consider action on matters from closed session. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote at 7:28 p.m.

A motion was made by Molly McDonald and seconded by Steve Klismet to approve amendments to the Administrator Contracts for Kyle Scherwinski, Jenifer Erb, and Austin Moore as presented in closed session. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Dale Feldt and seconded by Lori Verhalen to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Date _____
Ron Brooks, President
Board of Education

Date _____
Betty Manion, Clerk
Board of Education