

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
WINNECONNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Winneconne Middle School Library
400 9th Avenue, Winneconne WI 54986
September 21, 2020

AGENDA

1. Meeting called to order by Board president
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Board Members Roll Call
4. Administrative Team and Visitor Recognition and Open Forum

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board President, Bob Ronk called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Meeting notices were sent to members of the press, members of the school board and were posted on the front and/or in the vestibules of the district buildings.

BOARD MEMBER ROLL CALL: Robert Ronk, Donna Hanson, Mark Kunde, Jill Verich, Becky La Due, Corey Zeller and Jaci Stelzner

Administrative Team and Visitor Recognition and Open Forum

District Administrator, Peggy Larson, Director of Business Services, Monika Knapp, High School Principal Leah Michaud, Middle School Principal, Todd Schroeder, Elementary Principal, Lisa Hughes, Director of Technology, Dave Jerabek, Director of Pupil Services, Facility Director, Steve Cady

VISITORS: See Visitor Sign in for meeting on File

OPEN FORUM- Parent Question on meeting notification, how to find out when meetings are held and when, and if there could be a way of a virtual means of attending the meeting

OPEN SESSION

5. CONSENT ITEMS:

- A. Regular Board Meeting & Executive Session meeting minutes September 21, 2020
- B. District Checks #10010182 to #10010283 in the Amount of \$482,663.27
- C. Student Activities Checks #914471 to #914482 in the Amount of \$7209.96
- D. Credit Card Transaction Report \$49,824.22
- E. Employee Reimbursements in the Amount of \$2713.78
- F. Acknowledge donation from Joe & Becky Horvath. Large Canopy pole tent, valued at \$1100.00
- G. Recommendation of ES/MS/HS Health Room Aide (pending pre-employment Protocol), effective 9/22/2020

Motion by Hanson second by Verich to approve Consent Items.

Roll Call: Kunde, Verich, Stelzner, Zeller, La Due, Hanson, Ronk

Motion Approved 7-0

6. Principals Account of Learning- Presentation

Each of our Building Principals gave a presentation on current learning pros and cons. The first two weeks just getting back into school and building those relationships, after being out of school for all of six months.

Elementary- Happy Kids, compliant, good environment. Students are pretty much doing what they see their peers doing. Plans in place if needed to go full virtual. Mask breaks are provided, spacing is provided for learning areas, lunch areas, work areas. Technologies are used to communicate with all students, traditional and Virtual. Finding a balance of teacher time with virtual and face to face can be challenging. Professional staff is glad to have kids back even with the challenging times for teaching

Middle School- Kids and Staff happy to be back and our hoping to stay in school Cohorts are working but with some challenges to maintain a balance and consistency in learning. Assessments are changing, Health room wearing of masks are working out well. PPE in place in Covid Isolation area. Plans in place if having to go Virtual. Good records are being kept following with the at home students time of learning as well virtual leaning. Student to teacher contact. Challenges are in focus time, and with keeping with the social distancing. Virtual music and band lessons are taking place with the technology that allows kids even at home.

High School- kids and staff are so glad to be back face to face. Cleaning and sanitizing protocols are being followed to mitigate pandemic. Contact tracing is working, lot more. Hands on, using resources and tools in hand. Relationship building has been amazing as the teachers are getting to know their students. Some of the struggles with the staff has been pacing/planning, using the best resources available, taking the at home time seriously. Also with parents/ guests and the community and the importance of following protocol for safety reasons with this pandemic. CAPP programs or working the University to assure the proper benchmarks or learning is taking place for getting proper crediting.

While the presentations took place from each building principal community members in attendance could ask questions surrounding the safety and learning for their child. Some of the questions were asked about efficiency, safety of allowing outside guests in buildings or at sporting events when parents aren't allowed to come in buildings or attend games. Safe environment for learning is our concern, of course wanting normalcy but who knows when that will be. There are no definite answers as to whether we will have to go complete virtual. Risk levels change, following PPE, Health Department, American Pediatric will be a part of change, that will be looked at when different models of learning will be determine

7. Moving through the Models of Learning- Discussion

Virtual learners: We explained to the families that chose to have their child(ren) learn virtually, it would be at least a semester commitment.

For face to face (Elem) and Blended Learners (6-12): If nothing (more cases, staffing, issues etc.) drives us to change to a virtual model prior to Oct. 19, this is the date we said we would reevaluate our current plan. If there were changes to our current plan, the actual change would take place Nov.9 i.e. going all in person

Criteria for Change: The ability to be at the “Low” level or risk, as of late that is not happening been at the critical point. Masking is being noted as well as social distancing, children are being kept at home if sick, handwashing importance is being acknowledged.

What would drive us to virtual learning for all, one building and/or all buildings: No real answer currently, looking at risk factors, district ratings per our population, staying below even 1 case.

Some factors looked at if we would go virtual: Staffing would be a driving factor, staffing appropriately. If learning and the cleanliness of our buildings profoundly or negatively are impacted due to staff. Currently as of September 10, 2020 we have 24 cases giving us a High rating.

8. Masking Ordinance

Administrator Peggy Larson recommendation is to maintain the governor’s mandate of wearing masks in schools for safety and health reasons, even if the mandate is run out as of September 28,2020. The masking for students may be looked at in the future, but as of the current date all of the surrounding school districts have voted to maintain the wearing of masks for trying to mitigate the pandemic. Some questions from those in attendance were, would there be some leniency or allowing no mask wearing for health affects to students or others. Board member Zeller spoke on the importance of continued wearing of masks trying to mitigate the pandemic and maintain the safest environment as possible. Principals response was that mask breaks are being given.

Motion made by Verich, second by La Due to abide by Governor Evers wearing of Mask mandate, extension or not after September 28, 2020.

Roll Call: Verich, Stelzner, Zeller, La Due, Hanson, Kunde, Ronk

Motion approved:7-0

9. Open enrollment students and Virtual Learners

Open enrollment in there are 22 students, open enrollment out there is 26 students. This is since August 1, 2020. Virtual students district wide is a total of 154.

Administrator Reports

Board Reports

Communications: Card from Mark Koth Family

Committee Reports:

- Human Resource-none
- PR/marketing-none
- Policy-none
- Financial planning- will meet on October 13, 2020- 6:00 PM, Business Manager office

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by La Due, second by Kunde to move into executive session under 19.85 to approve minutes from September 21, 2020. 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 to consider the district retirement benefit for a recently retired

teacher and for continuing with the DAPES process in regards to evaluation. 1985(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 on closing details of Winchester facility. The board will move into open sessions and may take action on items discussed in closed session.

Roll Call: Stelzner, Zeller La Due, Hanson, Kunde, Verich, Ronk
Motion Approved-7-0

The Board of Education moved back into open session at 8:25 pm

Motion made by Hanson, second by Verich to Adjourn meeting of the WCSD Board of Education.
Motion passed- All Ayes

Mark D. Kunde
WCSD- Clerk
8:30pm