

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
WINNECONNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Winneconne Middle School Large Group Lecture Area
400 9th Avenue, Winneconne WI 54986
October 19, 2020 – 6pm

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 6:00 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. This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting School District's business and is not to be considered a public hearing. There may be a time for public comment during the meeting as indicated in the agenda. The meeting will also be available to watch live at <https://www.youtube.com/winneconne>

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

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, Curriculum Director Don Smith, Facility Director, Steve Cady

VISITORS: See Visitor Sign In for meeting on File

OPEN FORUM- Concerned parent- A parent concern was brought forward on how the district Administration could improve communication when school changes take place. Included is suggestive ways of communicating with local business.

OPEN SESSION

5. CONSENT ITEMS:

- A. Regular Board Meeting minutes from October 5, 2020
- B. District Checks #10010366 to #10010421 in the Amount of \$403,921.42
- C. Student Activities Checks #914491 to #914498 in the Amount of \$3,396.00
- D. Employee District ACH Reimbursements in the Amount of \$117.41
- E. Credit Card Report \$30,944.32

- F. Acknowledge donation of \$50,000 from WYDC to WHS for new baseball backstop
- G. Acknowledge donation of one pallet of poster board from Derksen Company of Omro, valued at \$6,000 to WCSD Art Department.
- H. Acknowledge donation of \$100 from Century 21 Realty on behalf of Julie Buss Project
- I. Resignation of Forensics Coach, Sarah Walsh, Effective October 8, 2020

Motion by Hanson, second by La Due to approve Consent Items A
Roll Call: Hanson, Kunde-Abstain, Zeller- Abstain, La Due, Verich, Ronk
Motion Approved 4-0, Kunde and Zeller Abstain
Motion by Kunde, second by Zeller to approve consent Items B thru I
Roll Call: Kunde, Zeller, La Due, Verich, Hanson, Ronk
Motion Approved:6-0

6. Models of Learning

President Ronk gave a brief synopsis on the thinking of the board as we move forward with the current Covid 19 conditions, Keeping in mind with the idea of mitigating the pandemic, on behalf of the board of education, Ronk assured the district and community our main objective is to keep students in school, maintain the highest level of expected education, with the safest environment possible, kudos to the Administration and staff for their time and dedication to our parents, students, and community.

The Administrative Team, school nurse, and medical advisor are recommending that the Current model of learning in the Elementary Buildings remain as is – in person learning everyday. The Administrative Team, school nurse and medical advisor are recommending HS and MS continue their blended model of learning.

Plea is being made to the community to help slow the spread of Covid 19 virus. Currently children are being sent home when ill, or not being quarantined when other family members are being tested or are already positive. It is not the goal of the WCSD to close school or go entirely virtual.

Motion by Verich, second by Hanson to approve the recommendation of the Administrative Team, the School Nurse and Medical Advisor to keep the Elementary buildings remain as is- In person everyday learning, and the recommendation for HS and MS to continue the blended Model.

Roll Call: Zeller, La Due, Verich, Hanson, Kunde, Ronk
Motion approved: 6-0

7. Cohort Schedule Change for MS and HS

The Administrative Team is requesting we change the current cohort schedule to A/B every other day schedules. The Change would go into effect Monday November 9,2020 There we many concerns and questions as we move forward with learning styles, attendance, and future changes to grading. Board member Verich wanted assurance that our staff fully agree and understand changes as we move forward. Medical advisor Zeller and District Admin. Team stated that the models of Learning are working and the spread of Covid is not spreading through students. Student learning is important and the most important priority of our district.

Zeller commented, unfortunately there is not any real obvious answer, other than depending on our medical knowledge and experts, pediatric medical team and our county health department. It is vitally important we practice social distancing, as well continuation of wearing masks. We are controlling all we can by the deep cleaning practices. The community must help in their part as limiting exposure and maintain efforts to mitigating the pandemic.

Community Parent Comment

Be sure notification of changes are communicated to all parents
Keep an open mind before going completely virtual
Maintain a balance of quality education
Acknowledge all the children's needs, Special Ed. or Special Medical needs as well
Stay optimistic on keeping students in school full time
Remember when virtual teaching is in place children may not always have a parent understanding learning model or if at sitter or grandparent
How are we supporting students when they are out on quarantine?
Student performance, grading, remedial, struggling students, staff support- burn out
Teachers reaching out to get accommodation or counselling if needed
Rapid Testing is it being utilized- yes

Motion made by La Due, second by Zeller to approve the Cohort schedule change for HS and MS.

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

Motion approved:6-0

8. Format of Future Board Meetings

Board member Kunde commented on holding an open meeting with the option for community input is what we want to maintain, allowing an open meeting concept continues our aim of allowing information and education for our community. Also liking the environment of the large group lecture is a recommendation for future meetings. Board member Verich agreed but also would like to see our meetings live stream, with visitors in the audience it is important that we have Microphones set up for them to speak so if we live stream the comments can be heard. Administration and other board members were supportive of the suggestions brought forward.

Motion made by Verich, second by Kunde to continue the current open meeting concept for the WCSD Board of Education, holding the meeting in the Middle School Large Group lecture area, and having the live stream capabilities.

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

Motion approved:6-0

9. Administrator Reports: (See updates on file)

10. Board Reports:

A. Communications: None

B. Committee Reports:

- Human Resource-none
- PR/marketing-none
- Policy-none (Future Meeting)
- Financial planning- Committee met review of operational Referendum in spring of 2022. Monitoring capacity and conditions of all our facility Currently the feeling of the committee is not to recommend any building referendum.

Motion made by Hanson, second by La Due to Adjourn meeting of the WCSD Board of Education.

Motion passed- All Ayes

Mark D. Kunde
WCSD- Board Clerk
7:00pm