

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**WINNECONNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Winneconne Middle School Large Group Lecture Area  
400 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Winneconne WI 54986  
November 16, 2020 – 6:30pm

## **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. 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, Corey Zeller and Jaci Stelzner

### **Administrative Team and Visitor Recognition and Open Forum**

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

**VISITORS:** See list on file

### **OPEN FORUM**

Margaret Baltus spoke on behalf of the learning environment for their son, the information presented is the setting for Virtual learning through APEX. The information that was given is that there is very minimal teacher/student interaction and mostly reading instruction. Parent involvement is a must, and the time must be set aside to have consistent learning take place. APEX is not an easy venture, but her son is passing his course study, because of their persistency to take time out of each day.

### **OPEN SESSION**

#### **5. CONSENT ITEMS:**

- A. Regular Board Meeting minutes from October 19, 2020
- B. District Checks #10010493 to #10010557 in the Amount of \$353,677.95
- C. Student Activity Checks #914503 to #914511 in the Amount of \$4,151.94

- D. Employee District ACH Reimbursements \$3,861.48
- E. Credit Card Report \$27,359.92
- F. Employee SA ACH Reimbursement \$30.00
- G. Acknowledge Anonymous donation of \$20 to Project Backpack
- H. Acknowledge \$400.00 donation from Larsen/Winchester Lioness Club to WES  
Emergency fund (Winter coats/boots, etc. for students)
- I. Acknowledge \$147.63 donation from Hometown Pharmacy for district nurse to use for  
PPE
- J. Acknowledge \$398.00 donation from Culvers of Neenah, via Priceless Dreams, Inc.  
to WCSD FFA
- K. Recommendation of Kindergarten Teacher
- L. Resignation of Academic Tutor, Julie Koth, effective November 30, 2020

Motion by Verich, second by Hanson to approve Consent Items A thru I.

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

Motion Approved: 6-0-1

## 6. Models of Learning

- A. Cohort Model has changed November 9, 2020- Learning Model seems to be working,  
transition for students and teachers working out well.
- B. Survey results from families learning virtual 4k-12 (ES and APEX)- questions asked  
similar to: given the option, would you continue with virtual instruction? If WCSD  
did not offer a virtual option what would your plan be?
- C. Apex update- progress since letters went out (If any)  
Slight up tick in passing Vs. Failing. 147 of the 190 failures are in High School Courses  
Letters sent to all Apex students who are failing courses by the Principals. Mentors are  
reaching out to the families. Apex is reaching out to all students and copying the mentor  
on all communications. Students who do not pass 1<sup>st</sup> semester will not get an option to  
enroll virtually in the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. All apex families were notified of this through a +  
letter sent by their principal
- D. The potential virtual learning 4k-12 surrounding the holidays.  
With the positive levels of Covid with in the district the question surrounded the idea of  
having a 14-day quarantine after each of the Holidays Thanksgiving and Christmas. For  
Thanksgiving that would be 11-30-2020 to 12-14-2020. For Christmas, the quarantine is  
12-23-2020 till 1-06-2021. The Board of Education discussed the pros and cons of the  
quarantine, it may slow the spread of Covid, yet affect the consistency of learning. The  
interruption to fall and winter sports, the affects possibly on finals. There is no real way  
to determine the effects of the holidays, until the numbers of Covid would show a rise.  
There is no real answer, the quarantine may minimize the spread of Covid, yet the 4k-12  
students would be all learning virtually, the main thing to realize is that families need to  
be responsible for social distancing and their travels. Board members all communicated  
their feelings on the decision of a quarantine and all virtual learning between holidays, or  
just one of the holidays, or a wait and see as to if the numbers do raise beyond the ability  
of keeping in place, the current Models of Learning.

Board member Hanson made a motion to have the quarantine time of 14 days after each of the Holidays, Thanksgiving and Christmas. The Motion died from the failure of getting a second to the motion.

## **7. Enrollment Comparison**

Business Manager Monica Knapp reviewed the Third Friday Enrollment Comparison. The numbers of student enrollment, with the open enrollment in and out, the effects of virtual learning, home schooling and summer school decline. Home school students are not included in resident student count. Summer had a decrease of 33 students or 13 Full time Enrollment. (Covid related)

## **8. Board Policy**

Policy Chairperson Kunde on behalf of the Policy Committee presented updates needed for approval on policies:

6114-Cost Principals- Spending Federal Funds

6325-Procurement- Federal Grants/Funds

5512- Use of Tobacco by Students

Motion was made by La Due, second by Verich to approve the updates to board Policies: 6114-Cost Principals, 6325-Procurement, and 5512- Use of Tobacco By students.

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

Motion approved- 7-0

**9. January Board of Education Meetings-** Recommendation of one (1) board mtg in January. Meeting date of January 18, 2021 only.

Motion made by Kunde, second by Hanson to have one Board of Education meeting January, 18 2021.

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

Motion approved- 7-0

**10. Administrator Reports:** (See updates on file)

## **11. Board Reports:**

**A. Communications:** Card of Thanks from Tim Phillips family on the loss of his brother and Mother-in-law

### **B. Committee Reports:**

- Human Resource-none
- PR/marketing-none
- Policy- More updated Policy coming
- Financial planning-none

## **Executive Session**

Motion made by Hanson, second by Kunde to move into Executive Session under 19.85 to approve Executive Session Minuets from November 2, 2020. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(c), The board will convene in closed session for the purpose of discussing the continuing employment of a professional staff member. The board will move into open session and may take action on items discussed in closed session.

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

## **Open Session**

The Board of Education moved back into open session at 7:59pm

Resignation of Professional Staff Member

Verich made motion, second by Hanson to accept the resignation of Professional Staff Member Melissa Casper, with the waiving of any liquidating damages.

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

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

Motion passed- All Ayes

Mark D. Kunde  
WCSO- Board Clerk  
8:05pm