

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WEST DE PERE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
West De Pere High School-665 Grant Street
August 17, 2020
5:30 PM

Board members present: Jenni Fuss, Barbara Van Deurzen, Scott Borley, Joe Bergner, Tom Van De Hei (phoned in) Board members excused: none

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 PM by Board President Fuss followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. President Fuss stated that the area news media had been notified of the meeting as required by open meeting law and state statutes and that the Board would consider adjourning to closed session in accordance with Section 19.85 (1)(c) Wisconsin Statute for the purpose of personnel issues and then reconvene to open session to consider action items discussed in closed session and other matters on the agenda.

It was moved by Joe Bergner and seconded Barbara Van Deurzen to accept the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

The Board recognized district students and staff. The following were recognized; Amelia Gibbons, who attends the High School, she placed 2nd in the national Hal Leonard Vocal Competition. She performed her winning completion piece for the board and all those in attendance. She was amazing and received a standing ovation. Also recognized was Bryan Milz, Middle School Special Education Teacher, he was chosen to attend the New York Times Teaching Project. He enlightened the board on his experience and how he will implement what he learned into his class room.

The meeting was opened to the floor to enable district residents to bring items of general concern to the attention of the Board.

Lindy Bethke [999 Springfield] expressed support for face to face reopening plan for fall.

Theresa Dukart [2900 Noah Rd] expressed support for face to face reopening plan for fall.

Jon Tribble [2463 Skyline Oaks Dr] expressed support for face to face reopening plan for fall.

Katie Schneekloth [3067 Pepperidge Dr] expressed the need for schools to open for in-person learning.

Dana Dilling [3065 Williams Grant Dr] expressed that she believes students should not be mandated to wear masks and should return to school as they normally would in fall.

Shanda Verhagen [1351 Fernando Drive] expressed that she believes that students should not have to wear masks and should go back to school as they normally would in fall.

Priya Kumar [923 Green Ridge Dr] expressed that she wants students to return to school in fall but with increased precautions.

Shelley Baumgartner [2345 Talladega Dr] commented that she believes that safety precautions at the High School need to be more detailed.

Malin Jewitt [1849 Rainbow Ave] Tatym Van Den Heuvel [2028 Jen Drive] both are students at Westwood Elementary School. They told the board how important it is for students to go back to school, how they missed their friends and want to be in their classrooms.

Adam Rockman [commented virtually] he stated that he believes that the plan to return to school in-person in fall is inadequate and lacks metrics on how to handle positive cases of COVID-19.

It was moved by Joe Bergner and seconded by Scott Borley that the July 15, 2020 regular meeting minutes be approved as presented. Barbara Van Deurzen asked for corrections. Motion carried.

It was moved by Joe Bergner and seconded by Barbara Van Deurzen that the Treasurer's Report be approved. Motion carried.

It was moved by Scott Borley and seconded by Barbara Van Deurzen that previously paid bills be approved excluding bills from Vos Electric, VDH Electric, and Best Built. Motion carried.

It was moved by Barbara Van Deurzen and seconded by Joe Bergner that previously paid bills to Vos Electric, VDH Electric, and Best Built be approved. Motion carried. Tom Van De Hei abstained.

Old Business

Jessica Ebertsch from Miron Construction provided project updates. At the Intermediate School project, they have started pouring concrete floors for both levels in Area A & B, the walls for the kitchen area are being built, and work is being done on the band and music rooms. At the High School project, the exterior brick is being placed in the outdoor courtyard of the two story classroom addition and the classrooms are being framed out. The foundations and masonry continue to progress for the fieldhouse. The Board thanked her for the updates.

It was moved by Scott Borley and seconded by Joe Bergner to adopt the following policy as previously presented:

5118 Student Abuse and Neglect
5119 Bullying
5325 Student Competitions/Activities
5325 (E) Student Competitions/Activities
Student/Parent Handbooks
Motion carried.

New Business

Committee Chair, Scott Borley, presented the Board with the Finance Committee Report.

Committee Chair, Barbara Van Deurzen, reviewed the August 12, 2020 Curriculum and Policy Committee report.

Superintendent Krueger again reviewed the process leading up to the fall reopening plan, (scenario A with an option for families to select scenario C) was recommended by administration for approval. It was moved by Tom Van De Hei to approve the fall reopening plan (scenario A & C) as of 8/17/2020 as recommend by administration and also to allow administration to work collaboratively with the Board to make necessary adjustments to the plan. Voting Yes: Jenni Fuss, Barbara Van Deurzen, Scott Borley, Tom Van De Hei. Voting No: Joe Bergner. Motion carried.

It was moved by Joe Bergner and seconded by Tom Van De Hei to approve the 2020-2021 daily rate of pay for substitute teachers as recommended by administration. Motion carried.

It was moved by Scott Borley and seconded by Tom Van De Hei to approve the 2020-2021 Academic and Career Planning (ACP) Plan as recommended by Administration. Motion carried.

It was moved by Joe Bergner and seconded by Scott Borley to approve the hiring of two additional health aids for the 2020-2021 school year as recommended by administration. Motion carried.

It was moved by Joe Bergner and seconded by Tom Van De Hei to approve the memo regarding the opening week of school for the Middle School as recommended by administration. Motion carried.

It was moved by Barbara Van Deurzen and seconded by Scott Borley to approve the staff resignations, additional positions and assignments as presented. Motion carried.

The Board was presented with various reports and communications. Such as updates, thank you's, invitations, and calendar items.

It was moved by Barbara Van Deurzen and seconded by Scott Borley at 6:47 PM that the Board adjourn into closed session as previously stated. Voting Yes: Fuss, Bergner, Van De Hei, Van Deurzen, Borley Voting No: None Motion carried.

The Board reconvened at 7:05 PM.

It was moved by Joe Bergner and seconded by Scott Borley to hire Dawn Laboy as the School Business Manager effective September 28, 2020 as discussed in closed session. Motion carried.

It was moved by Tom Van De Hei and seconded by Joe Bergner at 7:06 PM that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Barbara Van Deurzen
Clerk