

REGULAR BOARD MEETING May 8, 2023 (Monday, May 8, 2023)Generated by *Natasha Kotowicz* on Monday, June 12, 2023**Opening**

Procedural: Call to Order at 7 p.m.

Attendance: Nikki Peterson-Chair; Sally Roller-Vice Chair; Mark Jones-Clerk; Jordan Johnson-Director; Marshall Westberg-Director, Darby Boe Treasurer, Ashley Reinier-Director.

Procedural: Pledge of Allegiance was spoken.

Discussion: Open Forum no one spoke.

Approval of Minutes

Action, Minutes: Approval of Minutes April 10, 2023 Regular Board Meeting

Recommended Action: Motion by: Jones Second by: Roller to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 10, 2023 and Work Session Meeting on May 1, 2023 to include the following:

1. Correction on May 1st minutes of attendance.

Motion Carried.

Approval of Agenda

Action, Procedural: Approval of Agenda

Recommended Action: Motion by: Jones Second by: Boe to approve the agenda as presented or amended to include the following:

1. 9.10 adding graduation list for approval.

Motion Carried.

Approval of Finances

Action, Reports: Approval of Finances

Recommended Action: Motion by: Boe Second by: Reinier to approve payment of the Bremer Credit Card in the amount of \$9,117.54; bills in the amount of \$144,020.17, checks #74929-75018; wires in the amount of \$371,638.16; payroll in the amount of \$310,854.14; and student activity report. Motion Carried.

Enrollment

Information, Reports: 2022/23 Student Enrollment K-6=313; 7-12=225; TOTAL 538

ReportsReports: High School Principal Report Verbal by Ben Miska with handout.

Monday, 5.8.2023

Staffing

1. High School Staffing Needs for 23/24 school year & beyond
 - a. Accepting Nathan Wozniak's resignation as Industrial Technology teacher
 - b. Recommending Naomi Budziszewski as Science Teacher
 - c. Recommending Dennis Carpenter as Physical Education/Adaptive Education Teacher
 - d. Advertising for all 23/24 positions currently held by Tier 1, Tier 2 or teachers in an OFP
 - e. Math Teacher f. Head Cheerleading Coach
 - g. Assistant Football Coach
 - h. Assistant Girls Basketball

Coach Events/Meetings

1. Handbook Meeting in Bemidji April 17
2. ACT & MCAs complete minus MCA Science Make-ups

Great Things at WAO High School the Past Month

1. Teacher Appreciation May 8-12

Upcoming

1. 6-12 Band & Choir Concert May 10 9:45 AM to Noon
2. WAO Senior Mock Interviews May 11 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM
3. Athletic Banquet May 11 7 PM
4. 6th Grade Trip May 12
5. Community Service Day May 17
6. 3rd-6th Track Meet May 17
7. WBWF/Curriculum May 17 3:20 PM in MPR
8. Seniors last day of regular school May 23
9. Fine Arts Awards May 23 8:30 AM
10. Graduation Practice/"Senior Skip Day" May 24
11. Scholarship Night May 24 6 PM
12. Graduation May 26 7 PM 2
13. No School May 29
14. Last day of School June 1
15. Teacher Inservice June 2
16. Summer School June 12 through June 29 Monday through Thursday, 8:30-11:30 AM
 - a. Grades 6-8 for Skill building in math & reading
 - b. Grades 9-11 for Credits

Reports: Elementary Principal Report verbal by Kelsey Johnson with handout.

May 8th, 2023

School Board Meeting - ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

What's Happening at WAO Elementary

● Happy Teacher Appreciation Week to all our wonderful teachers at WAO! WE ARE SO LUCKY TO HAVE YOU ON OUR TEAM!!!!

- Kindergarten Update
 - 34 students currently in preschool
 - 32 known incoming - two students may homeschool
- Elementary Talent Show
 - Thank you to all students who participated and a special thank you to Mrs. Stoffel and Mrs. Maruska
- Bike Safety
 - Thank you to the Warren Lions Club and Marshall County Sheriffs Department for speaking to our kids about bike safety and giving away 8 new bikes and 52 bike helmets to all of 3rd grade.
- MCA Testing completed for 22/23 school year - NWEA Testing starting this week
 - MCA data will be released in the Fall
 - Elem NWEA data will be sent home with students in the report cards
 - Data will be analyzed at our summer World's Best Workforce Meeting and a report will be given to the entire board in the Fall

Staffing

- Seeking the following positions for the 23/24 school year:
 - 1st Grade Classroom Teacher
 - 2nd Grade Classroom Teacher
- Elementary Movement:
 - Emily Stoffel - moving from 2nd to 3rd Grade
- Accepting Resignations:
 - Betty DuBore
 - Faith Neuschwander

- Recommending Hire for PhyEd (Elem specific 4th/5th):
 - Dennis Carpenter
- Upcoming Dates of Importance
- May 8th-12th - Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 9th - NWEA Reading
- May 9th - Little Ponies Library visit
- May 10th - School Nurse's Day
- May 11th - NWEA Math May 15th - PreK Linder Program @ 6:30 PM
- May 16th - NWEA Language
- May 16th - PreK Bergman Program @ 6:30 PM
- May 17th - Elementary Track & Field Day
- May 18th - Speech Pathologist Day
- May 18th - LETRS Face-to-Face Training @ 3:20 PM
- May 18th - Elementary K-3rd Spring Program @ 7:00 PM
- May 19th - 5th Grade Graduation @ 1:30 PM
- May 22nd - 3rd Grade Zoo Trip
- May 22nd - PreK Orange class park day
- May 23rd - PreK Black class park day
- May 23rd - Little Ponies Parent Event
- May 24th - Back up Elementary Track & Field Day
- May 25h - EMS Day @ 1:30 PM
- May 25th - LETRS Face-to-Face Training @ 3:20 PM
- May 26th - Elementary Q4 Recognition Assembly @ 2:00 PM
- May 31st - Preschool Kick-off @ 8:30 AM
- May 31st - Summer Bash @ 11 AM
- June 1st - Park Day
- June 1st - Last day of school for students
- June 2nd - Inservice Day - Staff last day
- June 12th-June 29th - Summer School June Session | M-TH | 8:00-12:00 PM | 1st & 2nd Graders for 23/24 school year

Reports: Superintendent Report by Kirk Thorstenson

Finance & Facilities

- a. Modular classroom update
- b. lunch balance letters - sending 3 weeks in May
 - May 8-12; May 22-26; May 29-June2
- c. Bid process:
 - opening - Friday, May 12 @ 8 am
 - award bids - Special Board meeting - Monday, May 22 @ 7 pm
- d. Budgeting FY '24
 - with department heads
 - new finance report
- e. Work Session mtg. - June 5 @ 7 pm
 - budget work by departments?
- f. Snow 22/23
 - (4) canceled days - Nov. 10, Dec. 16, Jan. 27, Apr. 5
 - (3) two hr. late starts - Nov. 11, Dec. 14, Dec. 15
- g. Board Committees:
 - cancel May 18 Facilities mtg - we held it last Fri. May 5 @ 7AM
 - Negotiations - Wed. May 10 @ 7PM

Reports: Board committees will report on their most recent and upcoming activities.

Negotiations-na meet May 10th, 2023

Community Education-Jones spoke about the meeting.

Curriculum- NA

Technology- Jones spoke they met. Heidi and Amber will give a presentation at work session.

Education Foundation- Johnson spoke. They met Scholarship selection.

Facilities- Met on May 5 @ 7am.

Financial- Boe spoke. Met on May 5th w/Amanda from Brady Martz

Policy- Kirk spoke. Committee met.

Quality Education Team **QET**- Nikki spoke.

Reports: Activities Report submitted by Tony Gullikson, AD.

From the Activity Director's Desk 5/5/2023

The custom folding chairs for the teams in the gym and the additional bleacher chairs arrived! Mark Nelson has a design idea for creating and securing the first step to the bleachers and he has created a way to lock and secure the chairs. I am excited for the new look the gym will have this fall.

21 students are participating in Trap. Patti Erdahl has done a great job increasing participation, fund raising, and coaching the students. The state meet is June 12-20th and the team is planning on attending

Our Band and Choir competed in the MSHSL Large Group Contest event held at Crookston High School. Our choir earned an excellent rating and our band earned the highest score possible, 2-stars. I had the privilege to attend the event and our music department represented WAO extremely well. WAO's performances were true testaments to the students talent, dedication and passion for music. I am amazed every time our music department performs. Miss Becks and Miss Fridstrom have a unique talent for getting the most out of our students.

WAO had 10 students enter pieces into the Region 8 West MSHSL Art Festival held in Warroad. Students could enter pieces in 12 different categories but each school could submit no more than 18 pieces.

WAO did very well earning 12 superior ratings and 5 excellent ratings. 6 pieces from Region 8 West were award "Judges Choice Spotlight" and earn their way to the state festival. 2 of the 6 were WAO students. Congrats to Anjali Perez and Mercedes Schie for being chosen to represent WAO at the state festival. Hats off to our Art teacher Nick Engfer as well. His passion for creating art is contagious.

A huge thank you to the Warren Riverside Golf Course for offering free memberships all Fusion golfers. I believe this to be a great incentive to get our golfers playing this summer and it may even get more students to come out!

The musical over all was a success. The choreography was the best I have witnessed in all my years at WAO. Miss Becks has a unique talent for bring out the best in our kids. The set design and set transitions were fabulous. Moving the Saturday performance to a matinee appeared to work as we had an equal number of spectators for both the Friday and Saturday shows. Bravo!

Interviews for Cheer Advisor have completed and a recommendation to the school board has been submitted.

Coaches have shared their summer plans and I commend their dedication. The gyms and weight room will be used extensively through the summer.

A big thank you to the Pony Booster Club. The support they give our students, community, and school is mind boggling!

Respectfully submitted, Tony Gullikson

Policy Reading

Information:First Reading of WAO District Policies

First Reading of District Policies:

[504.23.01 - Student Dress and Appearance](#)

Information:Second Reading of WAO District Policies

Second Reading of District Policies:

[505.23.01 - Distribution of Non School Materials](#)

Action (Consent):NA Adoption of WAO District Policies

Recommended Action: Motion by: Second by: NA

Personnel

Action, Procedural:Resignation - Betty DuBore gr. 3

Recommended Action: Motion by: Westberg Second by: Boe to approve the resignation of Betty Dubore at the end of the 22/23 school year. Motion Carried

Action:Resignation - Faith Neuschwander gr. 1

Recommended Action: Motion by: Roller Second by: Johnson to approve the resignation of Faith Neuschwander at the end of the 22/23 school year. Motion Carried

Action:Resignation - Dean Brandon Elementary Custodian

Recommended Action: Motion by: Jones Second by: Boe to approve the resignation of Dean Brandon, Elementary Custodian effective at day end on 5/5/23. Motion Carried

Action:Resignation - Nate Wozniak - Ind. Tech.

Recommended Action: Motion by: Roller Second by: Reinier to approve the resignation of Nate Wozniak at the end of the 22/23 school year. Motion Carried

Action: Hire - Dennis Carpenter - Elementary Phy. Ed/DAPE

Recommended Action: Motion by: Westberg Second by: Boe to hire Dennis Carpenter as Elementary Physical Education/DAPE teacher at MA Step 20 for the 23/24 school year. Motion Carried

Action: Hire - Naomi Budziszewski - HS Science

Recommended Action: Motion by:Johnson Second by: Reinier to hire Naomi Budziszewski as High School Science teacher at BA Step 3 for the 23/24 school year. Motion Carried

District Business

Action:Approve FFA donation

Recommended Action: Motion by:Jones Second by: Boe to approve the donation of \$1000 from Jordan Johnson for the FFA program. Thank you! Motion Carried

Action:Approve FCCLA donation

Recommended Action: Motion by: Roller Second by: Reinier to approve the donation of \$1000 from Jordan Johnson for the FCCLA program. Thank you! Motion Carried

Action, Discussion:Approve summer custodial workers for '23

Recommended Action: Motion by:Boe Second by: Roller to approve the list of summer '23 custodial workers. Motion Carried

Action:Award District Property/Casualty Insurance Broker - North Risk Partners

Recommended Action: Motion by: Westberg Second by: Johnson to approve North Risk Partners / Mark Thune as the District Property/Casualty Insurance Broker. Motion Carried

Action (Consent):Approve Tenured Staff for '23/24

Recommended Action: Motion by:Boe Second by: Reinier to approve the list of tenured staff for the '23/24 school year. Motion Carried

Action:Vehicle Purchase - '23 Traverse

Recommended Action: Motion by:Jones Second by:Roller to approve the purchase of a new 2023 Traverse from Dahlstrom Motors. Total purchase price of \$4,404.25 which includes tax, fees, and licensing. Discounts include bid assistance, trade in of 2019 Traverse and 2011 Impala. Motion Carried

Action:Declare Equipment Items Surplus

Recommended Action: Motion by: Johnson Second by: Westberg to declare the following list of equipment items surplus. Motion Carried.

Discussion:Discussion - Operating Referendum

Superintendent, Kirk Thorstenson wanted to bring this to the attention of board. Some discussion was held, this will be part of work session on June 5, 2023 for further discussion.

Discussion:Discussion - Summer '23 Food Program

MOVE TO JUNE MEETING.

Action:Graduating Class of 2023

Recommended Action: Motion by:Boe, Second by:Roller to approve the WAO Graduating Class of 2023, with the restriction that each student completes and passes all course requirements. (44 students) Motion Carried.

Important Dates

Information: 10.1 Communication & Events

8 - Regular Board Meeting at 7 pm

9 - Pony Booster Club mtg. at 7 am

10 - 6-12 gr. Band & Choir at 9:45 am

WAO Ed. Foundation mtg. at 5:30 pm

Board Negotiations committee at 7 pm

11 - Construction bids due in at 2 pm

Senior Mock Interviews 8:30-12:30 pm

Athletic Banquet at 7 pm

12 - Construction bid opening at 8 am

6th grade trip

Elementary Talent Show at 1 pm

15 - Preschool Program (Linder) at 6:30 pm

16 - Preschool Program (Bergman) at 6:30 pm

Board Negotiations committee at 7 pm

17 - Community Service Day

3-6 gr. Track & Field Day

WBWF/Curriculum mtg. at 3:20 pm

18 - Elementary K-3 Spring Program at 7 pm

- 19 - 5th Grade Graduation at 1:30 pm
- 22 - Seniors Last Day of School
 - Special School Board Meeting at 7 pm
- 23 - State FFA
 - Fine Arts Awards at 8:30 am
- 24 - State FFA
 - Graduation Practice"Senior Skip Day"
 - District QET at 3:20 pm
 - Scholarship Night at 6 pm
- 25 - Board Policy committee at 7 am
 - Elementary EMS Day at 1:30 pm
- 26 - Graduation at 7 pm
- 29 - No School Memorial Day
- 31 - Preschool Kick-off Event
- June
- 1 - Last Day of School for students
- 2 - Teacher Inservice

Adjourn

Action: Adjourn. Next Special Board Meeting will be Monday, May 22 at 7:00 pm in the H.S. Multipurpose room. (Award construction bids) Next Work Session Meeting will be June 5, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the H.S. Multipurpose room.
Recommended Action: adjourn at: 8:28 pm Motion by:Johnson Second by: Roller Meeting adjourned. Motion Carried