

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING May 13, 2024 (Monday, May 13, 2024)**

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**Opening**

Procedural: Call to Order 7:00 pm

In Attendance: Nikki Peterson-Chair; Sally Roller-Vice Chair; Mark Jones-Clerk; Ashley Reinier- Director.

Absent: Jordan Johnson-Director; Jeff Steer-Director; Darby Boe Treasurer.

Procedural: Pledge of Allegiance was spoken.

Discussion: Open Forum- no one spoke.

**Approval of Minutes**

Action, Minutes: Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting Monday April 8, 2024

Recommended Action: Motion by: Peterson Second by: Roller to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting Monday, April 8, 2024; Special Meeting Monday, April 15, 2024; Special Meeting Thursday, April 18, 2024; Special Meeting Thursday April 25, 2024; and Work Session Meeting Monday, May 6, 2024. MC.

**Approval of Agenda**

Action: Approval of Agenda

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

1. Added 9.1 Revised FY23 Expense Budget.
2. added 9.11 True Team Track overnight
3. Removed Auditorium flooring 3rd bid.
4. Tyler from Donlar will join us for a construction update at 7:30.

**Approval of Finances**

Action: Approval of Finances

Recommended Action: Motion by: Jones Second by: Reinier to approve payment of the Bremer Credit Card in the amount of \$8,762.69; bills in the amount of \$397,696.39, checks #76191-76282; wires in the amount of \$379,343.27; payroll in the amount of \$336,613.03; and student activity report. MC

**Enrollment**

Information, Reports: 2023/24 Student Enrollment K-6= 306; 7-12= 233 TOTAL 539

**Reports**

Reports: NA - High School Principal Report

Reports: Elementary Principal Report

May 13th, 2024 School Board Meeting- ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

What's Happening at WAO Elementary

- WAO Elementary Summer School
  - Michelle Gullikson, JoAnne Ranstrom, Ashley Vongroven
  - 1:1 tutoring opportunities for students to continue intervention throughout the summer
- Thank you WAO Education Foundation!
  - \$10,000 towards student supplies 24/25 school year
  - Funding granted through an endowment specifically focused on giving to students & staff
  - Reduces common supplies on student lists to alleviate some of the cost for families
- LIVEResponsive Classroom Training Opportunity- August 12th-15th- 8:30-3:30 PM daily
  - Granted by Tri-Valley Opportunity Council
  - 28 slots for staff members
  - \$885 per person value
- Class placement set for 24/25 School Year
  - Meet the Teacher days in May
  - 6th Grade transition meeting May 14th
- May Assessments complete
  - MCA
  - Fastbridge
  - ReadAct
    - LETR Training- Applying for MDE Funding to pay for direct training costs
    - 7th-12th Grade on-boarding for Fastbridge Screener for 24/25 School year

Staffing Needs

- Recommendation to hire Kirk Thorstenson & Brea Prickett as classroom teachers for the 24/25 school year
- Paraprofessionals for the 24/25 School Year
- Subs-Teachers & Paraprofessionals

#### Upcoming Dates of Importance

May 14th- 5th Grade Transition Meeting @ HS from 10:50-11:50 AM  
 May 14th- Kindergarten Field Trip to Library @ 1:00  
 May 14th- District Tech Committee Meeting @ 3:20 PM  
 May 14th- Linder PreK Program @ 6:30 PM  
 May 16th- 5th Grade Graduation @ 1:30 PM  
 May 17th- EMS Day @Airport  
 May 21st- PreK T/TH Class Park Day 9:00-11:00 AM  
 May 22nd- PreK M/W Class Park Day 9:00-11:00 AM  
 May 23rd- PreK Kick-off @ 8:30 AM  
 May 23rd- Q4 Final Recognition Assembly @ 2:00 PM  
 May 24th- Preschool Screening  
 May 24th- Graduation @ 7:00 PM  
 May 24th- Park Day

#### Reports: Superintendent Report

Superintendent Board Report May13, 2024

##### Finance & Facilities

- Special Board meeting- week of May 20-24 (?) Tyler & Allie- updates
- Weekly meetings with Donlar & ICON Mondays@9:30a.m.or12:15 p.m. (?)
- School Board topics/ideas- June Work Session mtg. (3rd)

##### Student & Staff Growth, Achievement & Support

- 23/24 calendar adjustment- 4 snow days / used 1
  - Last day of school for students- Friday, May 24
  - Last staff day- Tuesday, May 28

#### Reports:Board Committees

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

Negotiations- NA

Community Education- NA

Curriculum-

Technology-Jones- will meet on May 14th.

Education Foundation- Roller gave update. Met on Wednesday May 8, 2024.

Facilities-

Financial- Meet on Friday the May 10, 2024. Covered in Regular Board Meeting.

Policy- Jones- gave update.

Quality Education Team **QET**- Kelsey Johnson gave update.

#### STEERING

#### Reports:Activities Report

From the Activity Director's Desk 5/13/2024

The varsity football coaches attended the NDSU football coaches clinic on April 4, 5, and 6.

FCCLA held it's state conference April 5-9 in Minneapolis. WAO had 14 attend and compete. 8 students qualified for the National Conference which will be held in Seattle Washington this summer. Congrats, Mrs. Priblula and the FCCLA club!

April 10 the large group choir and band competition was held in Thief River Falls. Each school was required to perform two songs and up to three songs. Seven schools and WAO attended the event. WAO's choir received high scores from the judges resulting in the highest possible rating! Many compliments were given by the judges towards our choir. Our band did not disappoint and was nothing short of amazing! They also received the highest rating possible! We are fortunate to have talented kids that are pushed, taught and motivated by outstanding directors! Congrats to Miss Fridstrom and Miss Becks!

This spring the weather did not cooperate and many events had to be rescheduled. I would like to personally thank the bus drivers, workers, coaches, players, and fans for their patience and understanding. Our sports are in full swing though and regardless of the weather we are seeing improvements everywhere.

The high school musical performed a Wednesday matinee for the elementary students and Friday and Saturday shows for the public. Once again our Musical, "The Little Mermaid" was outstanding, spectacular and amazing! Director Becks has a special talent of placing students in roles and getting the most out of each and every cast member. Mr. Engfer's sets were amazing as

well as the costumes put together by volunteer Kelly Pahlen. Bravo to the cast and crew, directors, set workers, and all that made this amazing event come together. WAO is bless to have this level of talent.

Prom was held on April 27 and by all accounts was a success! Mrs. Johnson's first year of advisor was a complete success! It was my understanding that the after prom event was also a success! Thank you to the community and parents for your continued support of this great tradition.

May 2 our spring concert was held and if you are a fan of Cold Play you would have especially enjoyed the high school choir! Several unsolicited comments came my way after the concert and all were extremely positive. JH and HS band and choirs shined bright once again. Again, we're are fortunate to have the committed and talented directors that we have! Good work Miss Becks and Miss Fridstrom.

On May 7 our track teams travelled to International Falls for the True Team track meet. Our girls finished 1st earning them an invite to the state competition that will be held on May 18 in Stillwater. Congrats to the Fusion girls team! And a special thanks to the coaches, especially co-head girls coaches Ben Miska and Garry Kotts!

On May 8 the Fusion elementary track meet was held and I declare it a success! Several records were broke and it was ran smoothly.

May 9 the athletic banquet was held. Thank you to the boosters for sponsoring this event! Many athletes were recognized and Denelle Narlock once again did an outstanding job of coordinating the event.

On May 11 Mercedes Shea and Anjali Perez attended the MSHSL State Art Festival. They earned their way at the region competition held in February. Their artwork was displayed and judged but not as a competition as all they advanced from the region we recognized for their greatness equally. Art instructor Nick Engfer's work with his students was highlighted through the girls artwork. Congrats!

Respectfully submitted, Tony Gullikson

## Policy Reading

Information:First Reading of WAO District Policies

101.24.01 - Legal Status of the School District  
 101.1.24.01 - Name of the School District  
 103.24.01 - Complaints - Students, Employees, Parents, Other Persons  
 104.24.01 - School District Mission Statement  
 201.24.01 - Legal Status of the School Board  
 202.24.01 - School Board Officers  
 203.24.01 - Operation of the School Board - Governing Rules  
 203.1.24.01 - School Board Procedures; Rules of Order  
 203.2.24.01 - Order of the Regular School Board Meeting  
 203.5.24.01 - School Board Meeting Agenda  
 203.6.24.01 - Consent Agenda  
 204.24.01 - School Board Meeting Minutes  
 205.24.01 - Open Meetings and Closed Meetings  
 206.24.01 - Public Participation in School Board Meetings/Complaints about Persons at School Board Meetings and Data Privacy  
 207.24.01 - Public Hearings  
 211.24.01 - Criminal or Civil Action Against School District, School Board Member, Employee, or Student  
 212.24.01 - School Board Member Development  
 213.24.01 - School Board Committees  
 214.24.01 - Out-of-State Travel by School Board Member  
 301.24.01 - School District Administration

Information:Second Reading of WAO District Policies

620.24.01 - Credit for Learning  
 621.24.01 - Literacy and the Read Act  
 624.24.01 - Online Instruction  
 902.24.01 - Facilities Use Policy and Agreement

Action (Consent):Adoption of WAO District Policies

Recommended Action: Motion by:Jones Second by:Roller to approve the following policies listed below.MC

Adoption of District Policies:

406.24.01 - Public and Private Personnel Data & Form  
 413.24.01 - Harassment and Violence & Form  
 416.24.01 - Drug, Alcohol, and Cannabis Testing & Forms  
 427.24.01 - Workload Limits for Certain Special Education Teachers  
 515.24.01 - Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records and Form  
 606.24.01 - Textbooks and Instructional Materials  
 Roll Call Vote

Jones- Aye  
 Peterson- Aye  
 Roller- Aye  
 Reinier- Aye  
 absent for vote-  
 Boe, Steer, Johnson.

## Personnel

Action:Resignation - Teaira Chandler - Paraprofessional  
 Recommended Action: Motion by:Roller Second by:Reinier to accept the resignation of Tierra Chandler as Elementary Paraprofessional, effective 4/22/24. MC

Action:Resignation - Zoe Berndt - Paraprofessional  
 Recommended Action: Motion by:Jones Second by: Roller to accept the resignation of Zoe Berndt as HS Paraprofessional at the end of the 2023/24 school year. MC

Action:Hire - Kirk Thorstenson - Elementary teacher  
 Recommended Action: Motion by:Roller Second by:Reinier to hire Kirk Thorstenson as 1.0 FTE Elementary Fifth Grade teacher, at MA 20 Step 20, for the 24/25 school year. MC

Action:Hire - Brea Prickett - Elementary teacher  
 Recommended Action: Motion by:Reinier Second by:Roller to hire of Brea Prickett as 1.0 FTE Elementary Fourth Grade teacher at BA Step 1, for the 24/25 school year. MC

Action:Hire - Summer Adventures, Recreation & Weight Room workers  
 Recommended Action: Motion by:Jones Second by:Reinier to hire the following Summer Adventures & Recreation workers:MC

Action:Hire - Summer Tech. workers  
 Recommended Action: Motion by:Peterson Second by:Jones to hire the following summer technology workers:MC

Action:Hire - Elementary Summer School workers  
 Recommended Action: Motion by:Jones Second by:Roller to hire the following Elementary summer school workers:MC

Action:Hire - High School Summer School workers  
 Recommended Action: Motion by:Reinier Second by:Roller to hire the following high school summer school workers:MC

Action:Tenured Teacher List - 2024/25  
 Recommended Action: Motion by:Jones Second by:Reinier to approve the Tenured Teacher list for the 2024/25 school year.MC

Action: Winter 2024-25 Sports & Activities - Coaches/Advisors  
 Recommended Action: Motion by:Peterson Second by:Roller to approve the Winter 2024-25 Sports & Activities - Coaches/Advisors. MC

Action:Termination of Employment - Paraprofessional  
 Recommended Action: Motion by:Jones Second by:Reinier to ratify the termination of Elementary Paraprofessional, Zoe Slusar, effective 4/8/24. MC Roll Call Reinier Roller Peterson Jones

Action:Termination of Employment - Paraprofessional  
 Recommended Action: Motion by:Peterson Second by:Roller to ratify the termination of Elementary Paraprofessional, Kia Maurstad, effective 12/11/23. Roll Roller

## District Business

Action:Revised FY23 Expense Budgets  
 Motion by: jones to table the approval of the revised FY24 expense budget till purchase are approved- 9.2;9.3;9.4;9.5 second by roller. MC  
 Recommended Action: Motion by:Peterson Second by:Jones to approve as presented the revised FY 24 (23/24) expense budgets. MC Fund 1 (general) - \$9,058,412.04 Fund 4 (community ed.) - \$115,000.00 Fund 6 (construction) - \$3,000,000.00. MC

Action: Printers & copiers lease

Recommended Action: Motion by:Reinier Second by:Roller to approve the 5 year lease with Liberty Business Systems at a cost of \$2,961.05 per month for 20 copiers and printers. Jones had a point of order- would have been in the district's best interest to bid out printer/copier. Jones has a no vote on this purchase. MC

Action: IP telephones

Recommended Action: Motion by:Jones Second by:Roller to approve the quote from Wiktel for IP phones & system software/setup, at a cost of \$23,064.32.

Action:Lift purchase

Recommended Action: Motion by: Jones Second by: Roller to approve the quote from Acme Tools for a 25ft. Electric Vertical Mast Lift, at a cost of \$20,995.00.

Action: Auditorium seat armrests

Recommended Action: Motion by: Reinier Second by:Peterson to approve the auditorium seat change order at an additional cost of \$11,926. Change center armrests from plastic to hardwood.MC

Action:Declare surplus - auditorium seats

Recommended Action: Motion by:Roller Second by:Jones to declare the existing auditorium seats public surplus. (968 total)MC

Action:Declare surplus - band instruments

Recommended Action: Motion by:Jones Second by:Reinier to declare the list of band instrument public surplus. (56 total) MC

Action: Approve FFA donation

Recommended Action: Motion by: Roller Second by:Jones to approve the donation for the FFA program of \$1000 from CHS. Thank you!MC

Action:Approve FFA donation

Recommended Action: Motion by:Jones Second by:Reinier to approve the donation for the FFA program of \$25 in memory of Warren Jadeke, from Gene & Renae Fayette. Thank you!MC

Action:Approve FFA donation

Recommended Action: Motion by:Roller Second by:Reinier to approve the donation for the FFA program of \$10 in memory of Warren Jadeke, from Roger & Judy Dziengel. Thank you!MC

Action: State True Team track overnight

Recommended Action: Motion by:Peterson Second by:Roller to approve the State True Team track overnight trip to Stillwater on May 17-18, 2024.MC

Discussion: Construction update - Tyler Lawry

## Important Dates

Information: Communication & Events

## May

13 - Baseball vs. BGMR in Argyle

Softball at Newfolden

Preschool Program @ 6:30 p.m.

School Board meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

14 - Technology committee mtg. @ 3:20 p.m.

Softball at Waubun

Girls Golf at Hallock

Boys Golf at Lancaster

Preschool Program @ 6:30 p.m.

15 - Facilities committee mtg. @ 7:00 a.m.

Girls & Boys Golf at Bemidji

Senior Mock Interviews in AM

Fine Arts Awards @ 1:45 p.m.

Education Foundation mtg. @ 5:30 p.m.

16 - 5th grade Graduation @ 1:30 p.m.

Baseball at Ada Borup

Softball at EGF

17 - Baseball vs. Grafton in Argyle

20 - Baseball at Lake of the Woods

21 - Baseball vs. TRF in Argyle

Girls & Boys Golf at Roseau

22 - Graduation practice / Sr. skip day

District QET @ 3:20 p.m.

23 - Policy Committee mtg. @ 7:00 a.m.

Baseball at Crookston

24 - Last Day of School for Students

WAO Graduation

27 - no school - Memorial Day

28 - Last Day for Teachers

Girls & Boys Golf Section Tournament at Bemidji

29 - Boys Golf Section Tournament at Bemidji

## **Adjourn**

Action: Adjourn. Next Work Session Meeting will be June 3 @ 7:00 p.m. in the H.S. Multipurpose room. Regular Board Meeting will be June 10 @ 7:00 p.m.

Recommended Action: motion Roller second Jones to adjourn at 8:35pm. MC.