

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING OCT. 11, 2021 (Monday, October 11, 2021)**

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**Opening****Call to Order****In attendance:**

Nikki Peterson - Chair; Sally Roller; Jeff Steer - Treasurer; Mark Jones - Clerk; Marshall Westberg; Jordan Johnson; and Darby Boe

**Pledge of Allegiance** was spoken.**Open Forum-**

Jon Linnell, Chief Executive Officer at North Valley Health Center spoke about Rural Health Care in regard to how the spread of COVID-19 is affecting our area. Spoke about the importance of receiving the vaccine. He was accompanied by Dr LeBlanc and Sherry Swanson from NVHC.

Medical Director Francis LeBlanc MD FAAFP to reinforce the importance of receiving the COVID-19 vaccine and inform the public of some issues they have had with transferring urgent care patients to larger facilities, due to space shortage because of COVID cases.

Dr Dan Stanislawski PhD/Molecular Biologist from Midwest Public Health Coalition public information spoke on the studies and concerns regarding the requirements of masking of students in the school system.

Executive Director David Waterman of Midwest Public Health Coalition spoke in follow-up to Dr Dan Stanislawski presentation by sighting studies on the use of masks, non-use of masks, and the affects of the vaccine on individuals.

Jon asked to reserve his time to reply to David Waterman presentation. Chair Nikki Peterson closed the open forum; open forum is reserved for an individual to state an opinion on a topic in relation to school business and is not a debate forum.

**Approval of Minutes-**

Recommended Action: Motion by:Boe Second by: Jones to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting October 11, 2021. CU

**Approval of Agenda**

Action, Procedural: Approval of Agenda

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

1. move 9.3 to 3.1 Jerrica Pribula Interior Design presentation for Design Class 2.
  2. move 9.5 up to 3.2 Approve New Financial Report Format.
- CU.

**Approval of Finances**

Action, Reports: Approval of Finances

Recommended Action: Motion by:Johnson Second by: Jones to approve payment of the Bremer Credit Card in the amount of \$9,475.80; bills in the amount of \$199,439.94; checks #73095-73175; wires in the amount of \$338,990.57; and payroll in the amount of \$235,653.87; and activity report. CU.

## 4.0 Public Contact Financial Reports

**Enrollment-**

Information, Reports: 2021/22 Student Enrollment

Enrollment numbers for October 21-22: Total K-12 519.

Total K-6 289; total 7-12 230

Enrollment Report Oct 21-22

**Reports**High School Principal Report from Ben Miska, verbal by Kirk Thorstenson for Ben.

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## Staffing

1. High School Teachers for the 21/22 school year-Pursuing universities for licensed teachers
2. Coaching/Advisor Positions for the 21/22 school year

- a. Musical Set Design-1 applicant, Mr. Mortimer will work with Ms. Becks on this
- 3. Paraprofessionals for the 21/22 school year-Needed to hire 2 before this, will need 2 after this
  - a. Esmeralda Ortiz recommending for hire
  - b. Melanie Kalt recommending for hire
  - c. Melissa Martinez Resignation-Moving
  - d. Elle Ford Resignation-Moving
- 4. Need subs-Especially para subs

#### Events/Meetings

- 1. Meet with Fenworks out of Grand Forks about the possibility of Esports at WAO
  - a. This was something we were pursuing last year with Mr. Kirchner
  - b. Surveyed the students to see interest end of last week
  - c. We would need to provide a point person at the school, but they would provide coaches that interact from a distance
  - d. We can provide a location, or they can do it from home with a PC, Playstation or Xbox
  - e. They provide STEM, Health & Wellness education
  - f. Preseason would start in December
  - g. Regular season would run from January through April with state tournament at end
  - h. Practices would be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at 4:30 or 6:30 PM
  - i. Right now EGF is only local school involved-they have spoken very highly of Esports
  - j. If we have 20 participants-\$4,500 with \$90 per-student fee
  - k. If we have less than 20 participants, we co-op with 3 other schools-Split \$5,400 and \$90 per student fee
  - l. Is this something to continue to pursue?
  - m. We would need approval at the November meeting to add it

#### Great Things at WAO High School the past month

- 1. Eric Genius Concerts
- 2. Homecoming was a great week of showing school spirit with lots of events
  - a. Queen Lily Bayne & King Gavin Gullikson
- 3. Parent Teacher Conferences

#### Upcoming

- 1. Planning to start first round of teacher evaluations for all Non-tenured teachers
- 2. Mid-Quarter was October 8
- 3. Blood Drive October 20
- 4. EM Break (No School) October 21 & 22
- 5. Law Conference for HS Principals at Mahnomen October 27
- 6. 10th Grade Career Expo led by Ms. Palm on October 27
- 7. Playoffs for Football (October 26), Volleyball (October 25) and Cross Country (October 29) start
  
- 3. Board & committee meetings 2021/22: handout
  - Board Meeting 2nd Monday @ 7 PM
  - Facilities/Safety 3rd Thursday @ 5 PM
  - District QET 4th Wednesday @ 3:20 PM
  - Policy 2nd Thursday @ 7 AM
  - Technology Nov. 17, Feb. 9, Apr. 20 @ 5:15 PM
  - COVID-19 Thursdays @ 7:45 AM
  - Financial Friday prior to Board mtg. @ 12:00 PM
- 4. High School 3rd hallway bathroom - repair over MEA
- 5. Chad Ruzicka & auditorium seating representative @ WAO this Wednesday

#### Board Committees

Ed Foundation- verbal by Sally Roller:meeting set for Sept 15th 2021. Working on Fall Newsletter, it will be out in December; selling tickets for 'Quilt' fundraiser; Fall Need Requests will be approved on the 15th; giving out little gifts for Education Week to staff; and purchased Scholastic Books from CJ Anderson fund the cost was about \$7,000.

#### **Policy Reading**

First Reading of WAO District Policies- NA

Second Reading of WAO District Policies-NA

#### **Personnel**

Action:Hire - Kelsey Deschene - Community Education Director

Recommended Action: Motion by:Steer Second by:Roller to hire Kelsey Deschene as WAO Community Education Director. CU

Action:Hire - Esmerelda Ortiz - Paraprofessional Step 1 Training

Recommended Action: Motion by: Jones Second by: Boe to hire Esmerelda Ortiz as Paraprofessional Step 1 Training for 2021-2022 School Year. CU

Action:Hire - Melanie Kalt - Paraprofessional Training Step 6

Recommended Action: Motion by: Roller Second by: Steer to hire Melanie Kalt as Paraprofessional Training Step 6 for 2021-22 School Year. CU

Action:Resignation - Maria Martinez

Recommended Action: Motion by: Roller Second by: Jones to approve the resignation of Maria Martinez. CU

Action:Resignation - Melissa Martinez

Recommended Action: Motion by: Boe Second by: Steer to approve the resignation of Melissa Martinez. CU

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Action: Resignation - Elle Ford

Recommended Action: Motion by:Steer Second by:Roller to approve the resignation of Elle Ford. CU

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### **District Business**

Action: New Roof Section - District Office & MPR

Recommended Action: Motion by:Jones, Second by:Boe to approve the bid by Northwest Roofing Inc. of \$46,624.80 to perform the following roof repair above the district office & multipurpose room:

Remove metal, rock & old rubber roofing membrane.

Remove and replace all wet insulation.

Lay one layer of 1/2" thick fiberboard on top of insulation and anchor to decking using screw & plate.

Glue down new 60 mil. rubber roofing on top of fiberboard surface and up walls and over edge of roof areas.

Re-flash all vents and pipes and seal with lap sealant.

Add water cut-off mastic to drain

Add new pre-painted metal to outside areas or roof where needed.

Ten year warranty on materials and labor.

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Action: Approve Elementary & High School Handbooks

Recommended Action: Motion by: NA Second by:NA to approve the Elementary & High School Handbooks for 2021-22 school year. Table to next meeting. Die lack of motion.

Informational: Interior Design presentation/proposal moved to 3.1- Jerrica Pribula gave a verbal presentation. Interior Design 2 Class proposal to remodel on classroom during the second semester of the school year with a budget of \$1,000. Sending a letter to teachers with the information how to apply and what to expect.

Action:Bremer CD Renewal

Recommended Action: Motion by: Boe Second by: Jones to renew the Bremer CD of \$1,582,258.37 (plus interest at maturity \$1,983.27) at .25% for 6 months.

Action:Approve new Financial Report format

Recommended Action: Motion by:NA Second by:NA to approve the new Financial Report format which reflects the prior month activity. Action to Approve New Fianical Report Format moved to 3.2 and included in the Financial Report for approval.

### **Important Dates**

Information:Communication & Events

#### November

Nov. 8 - NO SCHOOL - Staff In-service

Nov. 9 - Pony Booster Club @ 7AM

Nov. 11 - Veterans' Day  
COVID-19 Team @ 7:45AM

Nov. 17 - Technology Committee @ 5:15PM  
WAO Ed. Foundation @ 5:30PM

11/9/21, 3:40 PM

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Nov. 18 - COVID-19 Team @ 7:45AM  
Facilities Committee @ 5:15PM

Nov. 23 - District QET @ 3:20PM

Nov. 24 - Policy Committee @ 7:00AM  
COVID-19 Team @ 7:45AM

Nov. 25 & 26 - NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving

## **Adjourn**

Action: Adjourn.

Recommended Action: Motion to adjourn at pm. Motion by:Johnson Second by: Steer Next Meeting will be November 8, 2021, at 7pm in the H.S. Multipurpose room.