

REGULAR BOARD MEETING DEC. 13, 2021 (Monday, December 13, 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

Truth-in-Taxation Presentation. Kirk Thorstenson gave a verbal presentation

Discussion: Open Forum no one spoke.

Approval of Minutes

Action, Minutes: Approval of Minutes November 8, 2021 Regular School Board Meeting

Recommended Action: Motion by: Jones; Second by: Roller to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2021 Regular Meeting to include the following: NA CU

Action, Minutes: Approval of Minutes Special Meeting Tuesday November 23, 2021

Recommended Action: Motion by: Second by: to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2021 Regular Meeting to include the following: NA CU

Approval of Agenda

Action, Procedural: Approval of Agenda

Recommended Action: Motion by: Steer Second by: Johnson to approve the agenda as presented or amended to include the following: NA CU

Approval of Finances

Action, Reports Approval of Finances

Recommended Action: Motion by: Westberg Second by: Boe to approve payment of the Bremer Credit Card in the amount of \$5,417.14; bills in the amount of \$249,511.23, to include Void Checks; checks #73295-73398; wires in the amount of \$267,412.49 and payroll in the amount of \$263,508.92; and activity report. CU

Enrollment

Information, Reports: 2021/22 Student Enrollment K-6 281; 7-12 226; TOTAL 507

Reports

Reports: High School Principal Report Ben Miska

Monday, 12.13.2021

Staffing

1. High School Teachers for the 21/22 school year & beyond
 - a. Pursuing universities for licensed teachers
 - b. Art, Special Education (2), Agriculture
 - c. Had interview for Agriculture and hoping to have a signed contract in the near future
 - i. Would start July 1, 2022 for the 22/23 school year
2. Paraprofessionals for the 21/22 school year
 - a. Will need to hire one after January 3 for Sarah Lura
 - b. Will need to hire one for Felicity Villanueva as she has indicated she has resigned
3. Need subs-Especially para subs

Events/Meetings

1. Career and Technical Education Site Visits-Wahpeton & Oakes
 - a. Mrs. Pribula, Mrs. Murray, Chair Peterson and I went
 - b. Both facilities were Co-ops amongst several North Dakota High Schools
 - c. Got many good ideas
2. Board Game Club with Mr. Relling starting in the future
 - a. Would be run after school for anyone who wants to attend
 - b. Other teachers are interested in assisting

Great Things at WAO High School the past month

1. 6th Graders sold \$13,851 in Pizza Corner and Brew Pub Pizza
 - a. 1st time selling Brew Pub and it was about 50/50 between the 2 brands

2. 23 students who have signed up for Esports
 - a. Josh Benson has volunteered to be the site manager for WAO
 - b. Students will start practices in December
 - c. Working to obtain devices to use for students who do not have them
 - d. Community member donated to cover the sign up fees for students
 - e. Playing Rocket League and Chess
3. COVID at Level 1 at the HS

Upcoming

1. 7-12 Band & Choir Concert Tuesday, December 14 @ 7:00 PM
2. WAO Staff Christmas Party Friday, December 17
3. 6th Grade Pizzas delivered Monday, December 20
4. Last day before Christmas break Wednesday, December 22
5. First day back after Christmas break Monday, January 3
6. End of Quarter 2/Semester 1 Friday, January 14
7. No School-Teacher Inservice Monday, January 17
8. Spelling Bee Grades 5-8, Tuesday, January 25 1:00-3:00 PM in Auditorium

Reports: Elementary Principal Report Kelsey Johnson

December 13th, 2021

School Board Meeting - ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

What's Happening at WAO Elementary

- WAO Elementary Christmas Music Program - December 9th - Thank you to Mrs. Nybo, Mrs. Fridstrom, and Ms. Becks! Great job to all the students and thank you to friends, families, and guests for coming and supporting our students.
- Sara Kostrzewski - Accepted ECFE Coordinator position for the remainder of the 21/22 school year and will begin after board approval. Sara will also join us as our Elementary social worker starting January 3rd.
- Preschool Programming Discussions underway - Future needs for 3 & 4-year-olds as well as special education students entering our preschool program.
- Partnership with the University of Minnesota Crookston - Student Teaching Opportunities & Staff Development.

Open Positions for 21/22 School Year

- Substitute Teachers & Paraprofessionals
- Long-Term Substitute Teachers - 4th Grade & Special Education

Upcoming Dates of Importance

- Thursday, December 16th @ 3:20 PM - Elementary QET
- Friday, December 17th @ 5:30 PM - District Christmas Party
- December 23rd - January 3rd - No School - Winter Break
- Friday, January 14th - End of Quarter 2
- Monday, January 17th - Staff Inservice - No School for Students
- Tuesday, January 25th @ 1:00 PM - HS Auditorium - Spelling Bee

Reports: Superintendent Report Kirk Thorstenson

Superintendent Board Report December 13, 2021 Kirk Thorstenson

Focus Area

Student Growth, Achievement, and Support

New World's Best Workforce / Curriculum committee:

Staff, Student, Admin. & Board membership (2 or 3 people)

A WBWF strategic plan is a multi-year, detailed document that illustrates how a district or charter school will execute its goals or initiatives concerning the five WBWF goals. The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) recommends that districts and charter schools develop goals that are specific, measurable, attainable, realistic and timely (SMART).

Five WBWF goals:

- All children are ready for school.
- All third-graders can read at grade level.
- All racial and economic achievement gaps between students are closed.
- All students are ready for career and college.
- All students graduate from high school.

Focus Area

Staff Growth, Achievement, and Support New High School Agricultural teacher - -begins 2022/23 school year

Focus Area

Community and Family Growth & Engagement New ECFE Coordinator - Sara Kostrzewski -begins January 3, 2022

Focus Area

Finance and Facilities Updates:

- fleet
- activities drivers schedule

- bus garage - portable classroom
- auditorium seating

Reports:

Board Committees

ED Foundation by Jordan Johnson-met on the 17th. Discussion on several small items. The main topic was a financial review of current investments and the baked potato feed has been retired.

Facility by Mark Jones-ICON came in and gave a progress report.

Policy Reading

Information First Reading of WAO District Policies

Information:Second Reading of WAO District Policies

Personnel

Action:Hire - Sara Kostrzewski - ECFE Coordinator

Recommended Action: Motion by: Jones Second by: Boe To hire Sara Kostrzewski as ECFE Coordinator for the remainder of the 2021/22 school year, at hourly rate \$29.58/hr. (BA 1 teacher rate) for approx. 90 hours. Sara will begin January. 3, 2022. CU

Action NA Hire - Agricultural Teacher-

Action: Hire - Bob Miller - Long Term substitute

Recommended Action: Motion by: Westberg Second by: Johnson to hire Mr. Robert Miller as long term substitute teacher, for Kaytelyn Desrosier (3rd Grade Teacher), during her 12 week maternity leave. Anticipated start date of January, 6 2022. CU

Action:Resignation - Dann Pagler (High School Custodian)

Recommended Action: Motion by: Boe Second by: Steer to accept the resignation of Dann Pagler, High School Custodian. CU

Action:Resignation - Denise Ortiz (Elementary Custodian)

Recommended Action: Motion by: Jones Second by: Roller to accept the resignation of Denise Ortiz, Elementary Custodian CU

Action:Resignation - Freddie Martinez (Transportation Director / Lead Custodian)

Recommended Action: Motion by: Steer Second by: Johnson to accept the resignation of Freddie Martinez, Transportation Director / Lead Custodian. CU

District Business

Action:2021 Payable 2022 Levy Certification Resolution

Final Property Tax Levy

School boards must adopt their final property tax levy and certify the levy to the home county auditor no later than five working days after December 20 (December 28 for the 2021 Payable 2022 levy).

Motion by:Johnson

Second by:Roller

to certify the 2021 payable 2022 Levy, by UNDER-LEVYING \$411,912.96 in Operating Referendum, for a NET Levy amount of \$1,403,782.85 for the 2022-23 school year. (Same dollar amount as last year's 2020 Pay 2021 Levy)CU (Roll Call)

Aye: 7

Nay: 0

Action, Procedural:Combined Polling Place Resolution

Motion by: Jones

Second by: Westberg

to approve combining all polling places in WAO School District #2176 and designating the sole polling place as the Multi-purpose Room of WAO High School as said combined polling place in the event any standalone or special elections need to be called in the coming year of 2022, per Minnesota Statute 205A.11 Subd. 2. (Roll Call) CU

Aye: 7

Nay: 0

Action:Overnight BBB Game approval

Motion by: Boe

Second by: Johnson

to approve the overnight stay of the varsity Boys Basketball team in Walker, MN on Dec. 29, for a 2 day tournament. CU

Dec. 29 @ 6PM

Dec. 30 @ 6 or 8PM

Mr. Christian Erickson & Mr. Tim Desrosier coaches/chaperones

Discussion:Technology updates - Heidi Thorstenson.
Met on Nov 17th, 2021.

- a. Upgrade on Cameras.
- b. WiFi-Install wire for access points and data runs.
- c. Device Upgrades for staff.
- d. Talked about interactive boards. Starting to see breakdown in smart boards.
- e. Phishing Campaign going better than when it started
- f. Submitted request for 2 grants- about \$17,000 and one for about \$23,000
- g. Repurpose devices. Recycled with a company and they will destroy hard drives and info.
- h. 6-12 student keeps the same item throughout life of school.

Next meeting Feb 9, 2022.

Discussion:Discussion - ICON Facilities Committee. First meeting will be held This Thursday, Dec 16 @ 2pm and 7pm. Several employees and community members will be on this committee.

Discussion:Discussion - Curriculum / World's Best Workforce Committee Kirk gave an update on the goals and implementation.

Discussion:Discussion - Technology Coordinator position. Heidi Thorstenson will be moving to part-time. A full time Technology Coordinator will be in the works for future date.

Discussion:Discussion - Auditorium Seating. Update on the auditorium seating; there are some samples to look at.

Important Dates

Information:December Communication & Events

December:

- Dec. 13 - BBB @ Newfolden
GBB 7th & 8th vs. EGF @ WAO
School Board meeting @ 7PM
- Dec. 14 - Pony Booster Club meeting @ 7AM
7-12 Band/Choir Christmas Concert
- Dec. 16 - GBB @ Red Lake Falls
BBB vs. Climax-Fisher @ WAO
- Dec. 18 - GBB vs. Win-E-Mac @ TRF
BBB @ Win-E-Mac
- Dec. 20 - GBB @ BGMR in Greenbush
BBB @ KCC in Hallock
- Dec. 21 - GBB vs. GGG @ WAO
- Dec. 23 - Jan. 2 - No School
- Dec. 29 - GBB vs. N-K @ WAO
BBB Tourney @ Walker
- Dec. 30 - BBB Tourney @ Walker
- Jan. 3 - School Resumes after break

Adjourn

Action: Adjourn. Next Meeting will be January 10, 2022 at 7:00 pm in the H.S. Multipurpose room.

Recommended Action: Motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm. Next Meeting will be January 10, 2022 at 7:00pm in the H.S. Multipurpose room.