

TRUTH in TAXATION MEETING December 18, 2023 at 6:00PM in the multipurpose room. REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD meeting December 18, 2023 at 6:30 PM in the WAO High School multipurpose room. (Monday, December 18, 2023)
Generated by Natasha Kotowicz on Monday, January 8, 2024

Opening

Procedural: Call to Order at 6 pm.

Truth In Taxation Presentation

In Attendance: Nikki Peterson-Chair; Sally Roller-Vice Chair; Mark Jones-Clerk; Jeff Steer-Director, Darby Boe Treasurer, Ashley Reinier- Director.

Absent: Jordan Johnson-Director;

Procedural: Pledge of Allegiance was spoken

Discussion: Open Forum no one spoke.

Approval of Minutes

Action, Information, Minutes, Procedural, Reports: Approval of Minutes November 13, 2023

Recommended Action: Motion by: Reinier Second by: Boe to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting Monday November 13, 2023; Work Session Meeting Monday, December 4 2023 to include the following: MC

Approval of Agenda

Action, Procedural: Approval of Agenda

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

1. FCCLA- pulled off agenda

2. Kirk's mid-year evaluation added to closed meeting.

Approval of Finances

Action, Reports: Approval of Finances

Recommended Action: Motion by: Boe Second by: Roller to approve payment of the Bremer Credit Card in the amount of \$5,550.06; bills in the amount of \$94,252.92, checks #75638-75721; wires in the amount of \$388,109.77; payroll in the amount of \$378,590.08; and student activity report. MC

1. correction on the financial report. Add current to meeting; last years was added in error.

Enrollment

Information, Reports: 2023/24 Student Enrollment K-6 304; 7-12 229; total 533

Reports

Reports: High School Principal Report by Ben Misak

Monday, 12.18.2023

Staffing

1. High School Staffing Needs for 23/24 school year & beyond

a. Math Teacher-Plan next to look at international programs

b. Full Time Paraprofessional-Increased Needs

c. JH Girls Basketball Coach-Recommend Lily Bayne

d. Robotics Coach

e. Head Golf Coach

f. FCCLA Co-Advisor

g. Assistant Musical Director

Events/Meetings

1. Speaker at SAC hosted by NVHC-Jordan Toma November 29

2. Area Principals meeting in TRF December 6

3. Pop Choir sang at Digikey December 7

4. Mid Quarter December 8

Great Things at WAO High School the Past Month

1. Student Council partnered with Marshall County and raised \$1,400 for gifts for families

2. 6th Grade Pizza fundraiser-\$15,890 sold in pizzas, We had several students sell over \$1,000 and one sell over \$2,000

3. Winter Band & Choir concerts

Upcoming

1. Meeting with Crystal Sugar reps to talk about student opportunities December 19

2. HS PLC Meetings December 19

3. Facilities Meeting December 20 at 7 AM

4. NHS Induction Ceremony December 20 at 2:30 PM

5. District QET December 20 at 3:20 PM

6. Christmas Vacation December 22 through January 1

7. Steering Committee January 3 at Noon

8. Spelling Bee January 8 from 1-3 PM in Auditorium

Reports: Elementary Principal Report by Kelsey Johnson

December 18th, 2023 School Board Meeting - ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

What's Happening at WAO Elementary

● Intervention Data Fall 1 - Fall 2

○ Utilized Curriculum & Intervention ■ Literacy - Spire & Fastbridge Intervention ■ Math - Bridges Intervention

○ 6-week screening for all students receiving intervention

○ Next screening window for all students - January 8th-12th

○ Great job to the students, intervention, and teaching staff for their hard work!

● WAO Sealent Program - 21 students provided dental service

● Congratulations to Adrianna Korgel who received the Quarter 1 Pony Pride Staff Member of the Quarter last month!

● We held a wonderful Elementary Christmas program on December 11th! Thank you to the following:

○ Directors - Mrs. Nybo, Ms. Becks, Ms. Fridstrom

○ All staff members who helped with student supervision

○ Maintenance staff for their support with set up and take down

○ Amber Schoepp - Lights & Sound

Staffing

● Recommending the hire of Emmy Heisler - 1st Grade Classroom Teacher

● Seeking the following positions for the 23/24 school year:

○ Subs - Teachers & Paraprofessionals

○ Paraprofessional - Fulltime

Upcoming Dates of Importance

● December 22nd - January 1st - Winter Break

● Tuesday, January 2nd - School Resumes

● Thursday, January 4th - Elementary QET

● Monday, January 8th - WAO Spelling Bee @ 1:00 PM - HS Auditorium

● January 8th-12th - Fastbridge Screening Window

- Tuesday, January 9th - District Technology Meeting @ 3:20 PM
- Friday, January 12th - End of Quarter 2
- Monday, January 15th - Staff Inservice
- Wednesday, January 17th - Kelsey in TRF for TeamWorks Training
- Wednesday, January 17th - WBWF Meeting @ 3:20 PM

Reports: Superintendent Report Kirk Thorstenson

December 18, 2023

Finance & Facilities

- Revised Fund 1 (23/24) Updated fund 1 (23/24) FY24 Revenue \$9,455,508.33; FY24 Expense \$9,159,007.00; Over/Short \$286,501.33
- Auditorium seating - seat floor plan revisions
- Lunch balance calls/procedure
- (?) Special Board Meeting - (W) Feb. 21 @ 7:00 p.m. - approve sale of Facilities Maintenance bonds.

Reports: Board Committees

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

Negotiations- Peterson. working with the Principals.

Community Education-

Curriculum-

Technology- Reinier reported, gave update.

Education Foundation- Roller. met, gave update.

Facilities- Jones reported from meeting.

Financial- Boe met, gave update.

Policy-

Quality Education Team **QET**-

Steering- Peterson reported, gave update.

Reports: Activities Report submitted by Tony Gullickson

From the Activity Director's Desk 12/7/2023

Softball Fields: We are meeting on Dec. 20 to discuss the plan for the softball fields. We are super excited to be able to get to work on this project!

Garden Valley has committed to sponsoring WAO's esports program for \$3000. They will purchase team jerseys featuring our logo and the remainder of money will go towards program costs.

Winter coaches are in place and practices has begun for most winter activities. Boys basketball has 15 players and 1 manager in Junior High and 22 players and 3 managers for 9th - 12 grade. Girls Basketball has 23 players and managers in 7th and 8th and 15 players and 2 managers in 9-12 grade. FCCLA has 28 active members, and E-Games has 14 participants. FFA started up and elected officers and it was reported that 15 students will partake in the extracurricular activities involved with FFA. One Act Play has started rehearsals and 14 actors getting the performance ready. Knowledge bowl has also started and 17 students are on the team.

WAO's belief statement highlights the importance of participation. We have 169 students out for winter extra curricular activities not counting pep band and choir. Our coaches and advisors are working hard on recruiting students to come out and join their organization/club/sport. A huge thank you to our coaches and advisors.

WAO is in need of transportation personal. Getting our participations to and from events is has been a challenge. Thank you to the route drivers who do extra and Miranda Knoll for organizing travel for our teams.

WAO hosted an eight team boys basketball jamboree on Nov. 26. The day went well. MSHSL rules state that 2 clock operators are needed for games. The additional staff was difficult to find on Thanksgiving weekend. I recommend that WAO rotates hosting the conference jamboree with other teams in the conference moving forward.

The booster club ordered another set of bleachers seats and racks. They have been assembled and at our last home game with Sacred heart nearly all were used from the two racks. Thank you again boosters! Your generosity is amazing. We had a 6 students and 4 student helpers participate in bowling as part of Special Olympics Unified Sports in TRF.

Respectfully submitted, Tony Gullikson

Policy Reading

Information: First Reading of WAO District Policies

First Reading of District Policies:

[709.23.01 - Student Transportation Safety Policy](#)

Information: Second Reading of WAO District Policies

Second Reading of District Policies:

[425.23.01 - Staff Development and Mentoring](#)

[513.23.01 - Student Promotion, Retention, and Program Design](#)

[516.5.23.01 - Overdose Medication](#)

[534.23.01 - School Meals](#)

Action (Consent): Adoption of WAO District Policies

Recommended Action: Motion by: Boe Second by: Jones to approve the adoption of district policies

roll call vote

Steer-aye

Jones-aye

Peterson-aye

Roller-aye

Reinier-aye

Boe-aye

Johnson was absent.

MC

Adoption of District Policies:

[102.23.01 - Equal Education Opportunity](#)

[419.23.01 - Tobacco-Free Environment](#)

[424.23.01 - License Status](#)

[532.23.01 - Use of Peace Officers & Crisis Teams](#)

[602.23.01 - Organization of School Calendar & Day](#)

[603.23.01 - Curriculum Development](#)

[618.23.01 - Assessment of Student Achievement](#)

Personnel

Action, Procedural: Hire - Emmy Heisler - First Grade teacher

Recommended Action: Motion by: Roller Second by: Reinier to approve the hire of Emmy Heisler as First Grade teacher at BA Step 1 for the remaining 23/24 school year. MC

Action: Hire - Lily Bayne - 7th Girls BB Coach

Recommended Action: Motion by: Jones Second by: Boe to to hire Lily Bayne as Jr. High (7th grade) Girls Basketball Coach at 4.875% of BA Step 1. MC

District Business

Discussion, Information: Discussion - [Pre-Sale Report / Facilities Maintenance Bonds](#)

Shelby McQuay from Ehlers Financial will give a report on the selling of Facilities Maintenance Bonds.

Action: 2023 Payable 2024 Levy Certification

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 2023 Payable 2024 levy).

Motion by: Steer

Second by: Jones

to certify the 2023 payable 2024 Levy, by UNDER-LEVYING \$554,884.67 in RMV (Referendum Market Value),

for a NET RVM Levy amount of \$727,868.00 for the 2024-25 school year. (Same dollar amount as last year's 2022 Pay 2023 Levy)

Roll call vote

Reinier-aye

Roller-aye

Peterson-aye

Jones-aye

Steer-aye

Boe-aye

Johnson was absent.

MC

Action: Combined Polling Place Resolution

Recommended Action: Motion by: Boe Second by: Steer 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 2024, per Minnesota Statute 205A.11

(Roll Call vote)

Jones-aye

Peterson-aye

Roller-aye

Reinier-aye

Boe-aye

Steer-aye

Johnson was absent.

MC

Action, Discussion: Certificate of Deposit renewal

Recommended Action: Motion by: Jones Second by: Steer to approve and invest \$1,250,000 with Bremer, if they are able to match the rate of 5.25% at 6 mn; if they are not then invest with the rate from American Federal at 5.25% for 6mn term.

Discussion: discussion - Donlar Contract- clarification on project cost- increase of fees for field superintendent, due to the timeline extension.

motion by boe

second by jones.

to approve the increased rate of \$96.00 to \$103.00 for field superintendent due to extended project timeline.

Action: Approve WAO Boosters Donation

Recommended Action: Motion by: Reinier Second by: Roller to approve the donation of \$50,000 from the WAO Sports Boosters for the Athletic Department. Thank you! MC

Action: Approve Prom Donations

Recommended Action: Motion by: Boe Second by: Steer to approve the donation of \$100 from Warren Eye Care (and) \$2000 from Damon and Ashley Stroble for the Prom. Thank you! MC

Discussion: Meeting Closed for Negotiations

Recommended Action:

motion: Roller

second Steer

to closed at 8:04pm. MC

open meeting at 9:17pm

motion: Jones

second: Boe

MC

Important Dates

Information: Communication & Events

December

18 - Truth in Taxation mtg. @ 6:00 p.m.

Regular Board mtg. @ 6:30 p.m.
BBB @ KCC

19 - GBB @ GGG

20 - Facilities Committee mtg. @ 7:00 a.m.
District QET mtg. @ 3:20 p.m.
Ed. Foundation mtg. @ 5:30 p.m.

21 - GBB vs. RLCC at WAO
BBB @ N. Freeze

22 - No School

25 - No School Christmas Day

26 - No School

27 - No School
GBB & BBB @ WHA

28 - No School
GBB & BBB @ WHA

29 - No School

January

1 - No School New Year's Day

2 - School Resumes
GBB vs. KCC @ WAO

4 - BBB vs. BGMR @ WAO

5 - GBB @ Fertile-Beltrami

Adjourn

Action: Adjourn. Next Meeting will be Monday, Jan. 8 at 7pm in the H.S. Multipurpose room.
Recommended Action: adjourn motion by: Steer Second by: Boe to adjourn at: 9:20pm.