

WILLIAMS BAY SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Saturday, July 17, 2019

Board Members Present: Jack Lothian, Dianna Woss, Dave Ripple, Kristi Granberg and Karolyn Nelson

Administration Present: District Administrator Dr. Wayne Anderson, Middle/High School Principal Dr. Bill White, Elementary Principal Ali Bond and Business Manager Ben Prather.

Guests: Richard Ford and Chris Schultz, Lake Geneva Regional News

Jack Lothian called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Dr. Anderson reviewed the two actions items with the Board of Education. He stated that though the Board has not traditionally done action items; it has acted on items in past meetings. The agendas are posted for the public to know what is being discussed and what will be acted upon by the Board. After this explanation, Kristi Granberg made the motion, seconded by David Ripple to move to approve the recommended changes to Policy #443.4 Student Use of Alcohol and Controlled Substances.” Motion approved 5-0. Next David Ripple made the motion, seconded by Dianna Woss to approve the 2019-2020 Emergency Plan as presented.” Motion passed 5-0.

Next, Richard Ford talked with the Board about doing an energy audit of the school buildings. Dr. Anderson explained that the lights had been retrofitted in the Middle/High School about three years ago, but that he would welcome an audit to see if there were additional money that the District could save. Dr. Anderson also explained that the Middle/High School gymnasium did get new lights, but that they were not LED lights when the building was retrofitted. He will work with Mr. Ford to schedule an energy audit and then they will review the findings with the Board of Education.

The Board then discussed the possibility of going to referendum in April 2020 for some maintenance item. Dr. Anderson explained that he had talked with Mike Clark from Baird and that a \$2,000,000 referendum would have tax impact of about \$5 per \$100,000 of equalized evaluation. Dr. Anderson also explained that he, Dr. White, Ben Prather and Ryan Quinn had met with representatives from Scherrer Construction to get some estimated costs of different building projects. Dr. Anderson estimated that the District could re-do both the student and staff parking lots, replace the remaining windows in the Middle/High School and remodel the current FACE and Technology Education rooms for about \$1,700,000. He went on to explain that Dr. White felt it would be important to build a six-room Science addition on the Middle/High School and remodel the current science classrooms into general classrooms. The cost for this addition was about \$6,000,000. Dr. Anderson also informed the Board that they had looked at solar

energy in the past and that a solar energy system would range in cost from \$260,000 - \$290,000 depending upon the size of the system. A fair amount of discussion took place and the Board felt that the idea of adding on a science wing and further looking at solar power was beneficial. Our school debt will start to fall off in 2024, which would allow a referendum at that time to have less of a tax impact on the District. Dr. Anderson informed the Board that the District's Fund Equity (Saving Account) would be increasing this year by about \$160,000, which would give us a Fund Balance of around \$2,100,000 or about 25% of our normal Fund 10 budget. The Board felt that it would make sense to draw down our Fund Equity to cover the cost of re-doing the parking lots – look at doing the student parking lot first and then the staff parking lot at a later date. Dr. Anderson stated that he would contact Brad Jors at Kapur & Associates and have them put out the bids for re-doing the parking lots in the spring/summer of 2020. The Board felt that their first priority now should be hiring the new District Administrator and then looking at a future referendum to occur around 2024 after the new District Administrator had a chance to become acclimated into the community and school district.

Finally, the Board discussed the District Administrator search process. The Board reviewed the draft staff/parent/community survey regarding the preferred qualities that they would like to see in the next District Administrator. After reviewing the survey, they had a few suggested modifications that Dr. Anderson said he would make and then send them out a revised survey. The Board would like to send this survey out to staff, parents and the general community. A copy of the survey will be sent to all staff by email and Dr. White and Mrs. Bond will send out a link to the survey to the parents and the survey will be put on the website for the community. It was suggested that we put a QR code at the bottom of the survey so that people can take the survey using their personal electronic devices. Dr. Anderson said he will work for Desirae and Gail to get this put on the bottom of the survey. The Board then set up two tentative meetings:

- 1) Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. for a Board/Parent/Community Conversation on the preferred qualities for the next District Administrator and
- 2) Saturday, September 28 at 8:00 a.m. for a Board Work Session to review the results of the survey and Board/Parent/Community conversation.

Dr. Anderson will not be attending the September 28 Board Work session since he will be out of town and the Board will be reviewing the survey results to determine the most important qualities that the new District Administrator should possess prior to re-examining the District Administrator's job description.

Kristi Granberg made a motion, seconded by Dianna Woss to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Meeting Minutes taken by Dr. Wayne R. Anderson