

WILLIAMS BAY SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Monday, September 9, 2019

Board Members Present: K. Granberg, J. Lothian, K. Nelson, D. Ripple, D. Woss

Absent: None

Administration Present: District Administrator Dr. W. Anderson
Middle/High School Principal Dr. W. White
Elementary Principal A. Bond
Director of Special Education K. McOmber
Business Manager B. Prather

Absent: None

Guests: 5

I. CALL TO ORDER

President J. Lothian called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

II. COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Public Comments - None

III. REPORTS

- A. Student Representatives – This year’s student representatives are Hannah Rabinhorst and Emily Schultz. H. Rabinhorst provided a first day of school re-cap. There was an all-school assembly, a presentation of school rules and a rapport building activity. This year the students are looking to revamp the culture by concentrating on positivity to make the school a place that students can learn and enjoy themselves. E. Schultz talked about the changes that are being made to Homecoming. Student leaders want to generate more excitement and make students feel like they are missing out if they do not attend.
- B. Parent-Teacher Organization – Dr. Anderson presented notes from PTO President Jessica Sylfest: The PTO is excited to continue to cultivate and expand the relationship with our MS/HS families. The first meeting is Thursday, September 19 and a committee will be put together to develop a MS/HS strategy for the year. This will include things like events, scholarships, funds, etc. for the middle and high schools. The PTO encourage families and community members interested in the growth of this partnership to come to the meeting. The PTO is also partnering with the Wishtree Committee and will be involved with the kick off at Trucks and Treats on October 5 at Kishwauketoe
- C. Athletic Boosters – Dr. Anderson noted that the 2nd Annual Volleyball Tournament was held last weekend. It was a success. Our Williams Bay High School team took fourth place.
- D. Athletic Director – None
- E. Fine Arts/Music Boosters – None
- F. District Administrator – Dr. Anderson noted that on Thursday, September 11 he, Dr. White and K. Granberg will be attending the Parks & Lakefront Committee meeting at Village Hall. The main topic of discussion will be Lions Park and the village’s possible desire to use our baseball fields for recreation department activities.

- G. Middle/High School Principal – Dr. White reported that the school year was off to a good start. He highlighted the new attendance policy that was included with his board notes. The policy clarifies how pre-arranged absences and partial day absences are handled.
- H. Elementary Principal – A. Bond reported that the year is off to a fun start. The in-services days were incredible and productive. She mentioned the staff bulletin board outside the office with introductions and pictures of all the elementary staff. She also highlighted the results from last year’s Forward Testing. Despite the number of curriculum changes, there was noted growth and progress.

K. McOmber introduced the next “The Bay Reads” book which is Wishtree. She noted that invitations to the student kick-off event that will be held September 26 in the elementary gym were given to each board member. Some classrooms have already started reading the book and staff is planning to finish the book by December 1. The PTO is helping to promote Wishtree at their Trucks and Treats event at Kishwaukee on October 5.

- I. School Board – D. Woss asked for information regarding the Stay & Play program. K. McOmber explained that the Stay & Play program will be beginning in October and is for children in the district that are not school age. The program will be run by K. McOmber, Sam Molitor and Dana Syring. The program will give children a chance to socialize with each other with no technology and will allow child find activities to take place. K. McOmber said that the district worked with the Rec Department as well as the library to ensure there are activities for this age of children every day of the week. Currently, there are not plans for evening hours. It was also noted that East Troy has a similar program.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Consent Agenda

1. School Board Minutes

Approve the minutes of the Regular School Board meeting held on August 13, 2019 and the Special Board of Education meeting on August 20, 2019.

2. Bills Payable

Approve bills payable for August 2019, Funds 10, 27 and 50 check numbers 70340-70474, Fund 60 check numbers 6520-6527 for a total of \$566,286.48.

D. Ripple/K. Granberg motion and second to approve the consent agenda as presented, carried 5-0.

B. Personnel Transactions

None

C. Approve Policy #720.1 – Unusually Hazardous Transportation Plan

D. Ripple/D. Woss motion and second to Policy #720.1 – Unusually Hazardous Transportation Plan as present, carried 5-0.

D. Attendance at WASB Regional Meeting in Elkhorn on October 3, 2019

On Thursday, October 3, the WASB Region 13 annual meeting will be held at the Monte Carlo Room in Elkhorn, Wisconsin. There is a pre-meeting workshop on “Strategies to Retain and Compensate Teachers.” Registration will start at 6:00 p.m. with the dinner starting at 6:30 p.m. and the program starting at 7:30 p.m. J. Lothian, K. Nelson and D. Woss will be attending. K. Nelson and D. Woss will also be attending the pre-session.

E. Approve resolution authorizing temporary borrowing in an amount not to exceed \$1,700,000 pursuant to Section 67.12(8)(a)1 Wis. Stats.

Dr. Anderson stated that seven bids were sent out for our short-term borrowing needs. Two companies responded, BOK Financial Services and Robert W. Baird & Co. Discussion followed regarding the reasons for short-term borrowing and the District’s plan to not have to short-term borrow in the future. After discussion, D. Ripple wanted the record to show that he is against short-term borrowing.

K Granberg / K. Nelson motion and second to approve the resolution providing for short-term borrowing for cash flow purposes in the amount of \$1.6 million and accept the bid from Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated with a premium of \$7,959.90 providing a net interest rate of 1.507093%, carried 5-0.

F. Approve Fall 2019 Youth Options

D. Ripple/D. Woss motion and second to approve the open enrollment requests for the fall semester at Gateway Technical College for Kayla Wittliff, Annika Pfeil, James Spalding and Ian Karcher, carried 5-0.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Review the School Improvement Plan

Elementary School – A. Bond said that the elementary school is focusing on climate and culture this year. All classrooms will have to have one classroom meeting per week. She also updated the board that they are adjusting the math S.M.A.R.T. goal after last year’s progress was a little less than desirable. The 4th and 5th grades did not get the Go Math curriculum right away.

Middle/High School – Dr. White said that the middle/high school’s first goal came from the students, which is to increase the student voice and getting more students involved. The middle school has changed FAST to Advisory which will allow students to connect more with their peers and teachers. The results of these changes will be measured by attendance, which is another goal that the Middle/High schools are working on. 50% of students missed 7th period, ten or more times last school year. Students are under the mindset that they are given 10 “free” days so that might as well use them. In the middle school, math scores are also a major concern. Students seem to either really do well or really struggle in the subject. The changes being made to foster improvement here are realigning math classes, a new math curriculum and teacher training.

B. Superintendent Succession Timeline

Community Conversations will be held on Wednesday, September 18th at 7:00 p.m. The Board will then have a work Session on Saturday, September 28th to discuss both the results of the survey as well as the information gained at the community conversations. Currently, the major themes in the survey results is to keep going what we have concentrating high achievement and culture. Discussion followed regarding the timeline. It was decided to move all items up one month. J. Lothian will make the adjustments and re-send the calendar out to the Board.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mary Sorenson gave Dr. White and A. Bond a compliment for having an understanding on how kids are feeling. It is appreciated. She would like to see a decrease in testing explaining that no one wants to grow up and be a test taker.

Jen Galvin said that she has heard a lot of positive comments from the elementary school this year. She does feel that the 5th grade mornings are so long, as they only get a 20-minute recess and lunch. A. Bond said she would talk with the teachers and see if more “brain breaks” were possible.

VII. ADJOURN

At 8:12 pm., K. Granberg/D. Woss motion and second to adjourn the meeting, carried 5-0.