

WILLIAMS BAY SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Monday, April 13, 2020

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 W. White
Elementary School Principal A. Bond
Director of Special Education K. McOmber
Business Manager B. Prather

Absent: None

Guests: 1

I. CALL TO ORDER

President J. Lothian called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, and a moment of silence was observed.

II. COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

None

III. Reports

A. District Administrator

Dr. Anderson recognized K. Nelson for her reelection to the Board and congratulated Patrick Peyer for winning his election. Dr. Anderson then thanked K. Granberg for her three years of service to the District.

B. MS/High School Principal

Dr. White advised the board that the District will be holding a graduation ceremony for the Seniors. At this time, he is unsure when it would be and that the administrators are talking about options. Dr. White also update the Board regarding grading for Quarter 4 and the semester. The administration is thinking about different options including keeping the current system, going to a pass/fail option or a combination of each. He will be talking with teachers to get their options and will have a recommendation for the Board at the May meeting.

C. Elementary Principal

Mrs. Bond updated the Board regarding the walking path project. She heard from the Village Board and is happy to report that no special approval will be needed. The project will start when the grass dries.

D. Student Services

Ms. McOmber shared with the Board that a staff virtual spirit week was held the week before Spring Break and was well received. Mrs. Williamson is organizing a virtual staff check in and Mrs. Pye is working on a student spirit week for the elementary students.

E. School Board

K. Granberg thanked the staff and the board for everything the last three years.

IV. Conduct a public hearing per WIS STAT. SEC 118.38 Regarding Waiver of Instructions Hours Requirements For the 2019-2020 School Year.

A public hearing was held.

V. Action Items

A. Approval of Consent Agenda

1. School Board Minutes

Approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting on March 9, 2020 and the Special Board of Education Meeting held on March 20, 2020.

2. Bills Payable

Approve bills payable for March 2020, Funds 10, 27, 50, check number 71450-71549 and Fund 60 Check numbers 6661-6671 for a total of \$546,833.54

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

B. Personnel Transactions

K. Nelson / D. Woss motion and second to approve the personnel transactions as presented. Motion Carried 5-0.

C. Accept Monetary Donation from Environmental Education Foundation in the amount of \$860 to be used for Outdoor Education

D. Ripple / D. Woss motion and second accept the monetary donation from the Environmental Education Foundation in the amount of \$860 to be used to defray the costs of our outdoor education program. Motion carried, 5-0.

D. Approve Electronic Sign Design

K. Nelson / K. Granberg motion and second to approve electronic sign option 1 at a cost of \$45,906 to bring to the Planning Commission for approval, and if approved purchase and installation. Motion carried, 4-1. D. Ripple voted no.

E. Approve Fall 2020 Gateway Technical College – Start College Now Applications

D. Ripple / K. Granberg motion and second to approve the Gateway Technical College requests for Fall of 2020 for the following students: Maria Anhold, Marygrace Thomas, Tanner Farnham, Parker Johnston, Julian Klein, Sam Norton, Robert Pollak, Raul Rojas, Gideon Viss, Ava Kelly and Paige Gilbert. Motion carried, 5-0.

F. Consideration and action regarding proposed resolution approving request for waiver of instructional hours requirements for 2019-2020 school year and submission of same to DPI

K. Granberg / K. Nelson motion and second to approve the attached School Board Resolution for the Waiver of the Requirements of Direct Pupil Instructional Hours Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 118.38 (1) and (1m). Motion Carried, 5-0.

VI. Discussion Items

A. Update on Virtual Learning

Mrs. Bond updated the Board on the virtual learning that has taken place in the Elementary School. The teachers are doing an amazing job, rising to the challenge and being unbelievable flexible. The first week went well. There were lots of breaks and flexibility. A survey was sent out to parents during spring break. A majority of the results were favorable with the amount of time that students are spending on schoolwork. There was also some feedback regarding changing the template used and adding some new things. Mrs. Bond also noted that the parents are also doing amazing with this process.

Dr. White echoed Mrs. Bond's praise for the teachers. He said the middle/high school experienced some growing pains the first week but have made great progress. Student concerns that have arisen revolve around balancing due dates. Teachers are great at giving work but are still working on ways to provide instruction. The teachers are working hard and being creative.

Ms. McOmber is receiving different guidance daily from the state regarding providing services to the Special Education Students. She is also impressed with the creativity and flexibility of the Special Education staff.

B. Prather provided the Board an update from the Business Office, including different aspects related to the HR and financial portion of the COVID-19 crisis. He advised the Board that the situation is very fluid and there is a steep learning curve.

D. Woss wanted to ensure that teachers were sensitive to things that may be discovered during the time students are learning virtually. Ms. McOmber advised that information regarding Mandatory Reporting during virtual learning was sent to staff in the staff newsletter.

J. Lothian commended the Administration for their outstanding leadership during this difficult time. D. Woss added that she was impressed with the messages of positivity and that it is impressive what the Bay can do.

B. Discuss 2020-2021 Co-Curricular Plan

Dr. Anderson updated the Board regarding the status of updating the Co-Curricular. Revisions to the plan are mostly completed and will be approved by the Board of Education when you approve the 2020-2021 Employee Handbook later this summer.

C. Discuss 2020-2021 Budget Process

Dr. Anderson advised the board that the first draft of the District Budget is move along. Staff have completed their requests for the supplies and materials they will need to run their departments and classrooms for the next school year and have turned them into the building principals for their review. The principals are providing Ben Prather, our Business Manager, with their building budget requests. Ben in inputting this data and then we will start the process of matching our anticipated revenues with our expenditure requests. At this point, it is the hope to send a completed first draft of the Fund 10 budget to the Board in early May.

D. Discuss the Possibility of Future Emergency Board of Education Meetings

Since the coronavirus (COVID -19) is changing our society in new ways every day, it may be necessary to hold an emergency Board meeting prior to our May meeting. Currently, we will not be scheduling any meetings at this time, just updating everyone that this may be necessary.

VII. ADJOURN

At 7:38 p.m., D. Woss/K. Granberg motion and second to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, 5-0.

Karolyn Nelson, Clerk
ds: 04/20/2020