

WILLIAMS BAY SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
JOINT SCHOOL BOARD AND VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
Monday, June 13, 2022

School Board Members Present: J. Lothian, K. Nelson, E. Nichols, P. Peyer, M. Schneider

Village Board Members Present: B. Duncan, J. D'Alessandro, R. Umans, L. Wright, G. Vlach, A. Jaramillo, M. Stanek

Administration Present: District Administrator Dr. W. White, Business Manager J. Frederick, Police Chief J. Timm, Village Administrator B. Tobin, Park and Rec Director D. Rowland

Guests: 7

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Comprehensive Planning / Future Projects and Needs of the Village and School District

The Village Board and School Board discussed issues facing each of the entities. J. Lothian shared the school district is facing declining enrollment and fiscal concerns. The district may need to consider a referendum, which will greatly depend on the next State of Wisconsin biannual budget. The village is considering a referendum for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and additional staffing for the police department. The Village is also working on improvements to water and sewage. The boards discussed the comprehensive planning process and feedback that was received during that process. They discussed housing prices and the difficulty for young families to purchase homes in the community. Dr. White reiterated the district concern regarding declining enrollment but also the challenges of retaining young professionals when they are unable to reside in the community in which they work. Mrs. Frederick provided a brief overview of school finance and the levy rate. There was also a discussion regarding district programs and how to attract more students.

B. Williams Bay Business Association Survey

Mr. Duncan invited Mr. D'Alessandro to talk about the Williams Bay Business Association survey. The Boards discussed steps they are taking to respond to feedback received from the survey. Dr. White spoke about steps the school district is taking to improve communication. This includes placing articles in the village newsletter and improving the district's website. The district is also taking steps to make school facilities and programs accessible to community members.

C. Collaboration between Village (Park and Rec, Library, PD), community organizations and the School District

Dr. White shared that members of the school district, Park and Recreation Department, Barrett Memorial Library and the Williams Bay Police Department are working together to provide activities for members of the community. Recently, the group worked together to provide Summer Bash and are working to plan more activities. Dr. White also shared that the district is reaching out to George Williams University, Yerkes, Kishwauketoe Nature Conservancy, and other community organizations to work on partnering and providing opportunities for students and the community. There was conversation about plans for Theater Road and other public spaces in the village. There was also discussion about how the district and village can share facilities.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Community member Connie Gluth as about steps being taken to make our schools safe in wake of the recent school shooting in Texas. Police Chief Timm spoke about the collaboration between the school district and police department and the steps being taken to keep the children in school safe. He also spoke about the benefits of the School Resource Officer.

III. ADJOURN

At 8:32 pm., P. Peyer/E. Nichols motion and second to adjourn the meeting, carried 5-0.