

WILLIAMS BAY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
September 27, 2021

Board Members Present: J. Lothian, K. Nelson, E. Nichols, P. Peyer, D. Woss

Absent: None

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

Guests: 23

I. Call to Order

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

II. Communication and Public Comments

Kelly Lothian spoke to the board regarding the lack of mandatory masking in the district and inconsistent guidelines regarding those that are sick but not with COVID.

Heather Perkins spoke to the board regarding how masks are ineffective and dangerous.

Phil Reynolds addressed to the board regarding questions that his son was asked in class and if it was part of the SEL curriculum.

Jill Jackson addressed the board regarding public access to board meetings regarding being able to hear everyone, being able to participate in person and virtually and have recorded meetings available to watch at a later date.

Ann Fulmer spoke to the board regarding the flexibility of the current mask policy and her happiness with the communication of the SEL curriculum.

Tara Wegner spoke regarding the large body of information that supports the choice in masking and not requiring masks.

Chris Potsch addressed the board about how elected officials need to make sure that they reach out to experts when making decisions and making sure that those decisions are in the best interest of the children.

Melody Bartel commended the administration and staff for the wonderful open house that was held and that she would like to see more of that.

Sara Reynolds spoke to the board about people forcing people to wear masks and that she feels she was lied to regarding the contents of the SEL curriculum.

Heidi Stocking - before changes are made, a survey goes out. The job of the school board is to represent the desires of the community.

Katie Lensmith addressed the board regarding her feelings of being misled regarding the SEL curriculum.

III. Reports

- A. Student Representatives - None
 - B. Athletic Boosters – Dr. White reported that the volleyball tournament was held on September 11th and went well.
 - C. Athletic Director - None
 - D. District Administrator - Dr. White reported that his notes were as presented and included in agenda items.
 - E. Middle/High School Principal – Mr. Manksy reported that his notes were as presented.
 - F. Elementary Principal - Dr. Bond's notes were as presented.
 - G. Student Services – K. McOmber reported to the board about the status of the Special Education Audit and the positive feedback that has been received.
 - H. School Board – K. Nelson spoke about the WASB Regional Election that takes place on October 20, 2021 at Noon. She is available to cast the vote on behalf of the board. The board discussed the two candidates and J. Lothian appointed K. Nelson as the board representative to cast the vote.
- D. Woss - Noted that the October/November Our Wisconsin Magazine issue published an article regarding our 4K program.

IV. Action Items

A. Approval of Consent Agenda

1. School Board Minutes

Approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting held on August 23, 2021 and the Special Board of Education Meeting held on August 18, 2021.

2. Bills Payable

Approve bills payable for August 19, 2021 to September 23, 2021, for Funds 10, 21, 27, and 50 check numbers 81412 to 81542, and wire transfer numbers 112-124.

E. Nichols / D. Woss motion and second to approve the consent agenda as presented. Carried 5-0.

B. Personnel Transactions

K. Nelson / D. Woss motion and second to approve the personnel transactions listed on the September 27, 2021, Personnel Transaction sheet. Carried 5-0.

C. Approve Intergovernmental Agreement with Geneva Joint 4 School District for Shared Business Manager

P. Peyer / E. Nichols motion and second to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement Under Wisconsin Statutes § 66.0301 by and between the School District of Williams Bay and Joint School District Number 4, Towns of Geneva and Linn Regarding the Business Manager for the 2021-2022 school year. Carried 5-0.

D. Discuss and Approve Date and Time for Next Board Work Session

Discussion was held regarding dates and times for the next board work session.

E. Nichols / D. Woss motion and second to hold the next board work session on October 4, 2021 starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Middle/High School Lecture Center. Carried 5-0.

V. Discussion Items

A. Discuss Public Access to Board of Education Meetings

Dr. White gave the board an overview of what different districts in the area are doing regarding live streaming and recording board meetings. Dr. White reached out to Matt Dunlap regarding if our equipment would be sufficient and was told yes. Discussion followed. Dr. White suggests we should record and post the meetings on the website. P. Peyer asked about what the timeline for implementation would be. The October meeting will be recorded as a test and if everything goes well, postings of the videos would start in November.

B. Discuss Draft of ESSER III Plan and Public Input

Dr. White explained what ESSER III Funds are and that the district needs to formulate a written plan that then needs to be shared with the public to get their input. As of now, the district's draft plan focuses on continuing to improve the air quality, supporting kids with difficulty transitioning back to school and 20% of the funds are required to be used to close achievement gaps. The draft plan will be shared with the public prior to the October meeting where public input will be gathered.

C. Discuss Attendance at the WASB Regional Meeting

Attendance at the WASB Regional Meeting was discussed. K. Nelson, J. Lothian and E. Nichols will be attending.

D. Discuss COVID Leave Days

Dr. White and K. Nelson met with staff to discuss COVID 19 leave days. Last year was required by the federal government until Jan 1 at which time the district extended the leave until the end of the school year. The recommendation is to give the 10 days covid leave. Discussion followed. This will be an action item at the next regular meeting.

E. COVID-19 Update

Dr. White reported that currently things are going pretty well. There are currently 4 individuals positive in the district. Today there seems to have been a little spike

today in those home sick. Testing is going well, averaging about 5 tests a day, and seems to be helping with the spread. The dashboard on the website is up to date.

VI. Public Comments

The 30 minutes of public comment time was used at the beginning of the meeting.

VII. Adjourn

At 7:56, D. Woss / E. Nichols motion and second to adjourn. 0-5. Motion Failed

D. Woss / E. Nichols motion and second extent public comment 15 minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

Additional Public Comments:

Tom Lothian addressed the board regarding the discussion that took place around the public access to board meetings and the ramifications of live broadcasting as well as where to host it as well as concerns regarding our COVID status.

Heather Perkins addressed the board regarding her concerns about recommendations being accepted as mandate as well issues with some questions being asked in classes.

Ann Fulmer asked the board if it was possible to add a line to the agenda to follow up on parent concerns that have been brought forth during comments.

Heidi Stocking questioned if the issues that are addressed with an individual teacher are brought back to the entire staff.

Kellie Lothian encourages the board to use ESSER III funds to incentivize vaccinations.

Ethan Connley, a Geneva Lakes West Chamber Intern who goes to Big Foot. He thanked the parents for coming and doing everything for the kids.

Phil Reynolds asked will the ESSER III funds plan be sent out ahead of time. Dr. White addressed.

Heather Perkins - believe teachers should have the 10 COVID days

Larry Lensmith addressed the board regarding making their opinions known - get out of the status quo and the board's job is to listen to the public.

At 8:14 P. Peyer / D. Woss motioned and second to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, 5-0.

Ed Nichols, Clerk
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