

WILLIAMS BAY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
January 9, 2023

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

Absent: None

Administration Present: District Administrator Dr. White
MS/HS Principal E. Soley-Johnson
Elementary Principal Dr. Bond
Director of Special Education K. McOmber

Guests: 8

I. Call to Order

President J. Lothian called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

II. Adjourn Into Closed Session

At 6:30 p.m. E. Nichols / M. Schneider motion and second to adjourn into closed session. Roll Call Vote: J. Lothian, aye; K. Nelson, aye; E. Nichols, aye; P. Peyer, aye; M. Schneider, aye. Carried, 5-0.

The District Administrator's annual performance evaluation was discussed.

III. Reconvene Into Open Session

At 6:58 p.m. P. Peyer / E. Nichols motion and second to reconvene into open session. Roll Call Vote: J. Lothian, aye; K. Nelson, aye; E. Nichols, aye; P. Peyer, aye; M. Schneider, aye. Carried, 5-0.

IV. Communication and Public Comment

There were no public comments.

V. Reports

- A. Student Representatives – Ethan West and Rosa Jimenez updated the board on student activities that have happened throughout the month. They highlighted athletic events, various club activities as well as student council events. They also provided an update the board on the activities of the Principals Committee which included recognizing the first teacher of the month, Mr. Landers as well as working to upgrading the hallways with a student murals and areas for clubs to post information about what is going on in their clubs.
- B. Athletic Boosters – Dr. White advised that the Sports Booster’s fundraising cards are available for purchase in the school office as well as some new spirit wear has arrived.
- C. Athletic Director – No Report
- D. District Administrator – Dr. White reported that the Personnel Committee met last Wednesday. They discussed their thoughts on various topics such as proration of benefits and unpaid days, thoughts around compensation, open enrollment, and budget impacts.
- E. Middle/High School Principal – Mrs. Soley-Johnson shared information about two new course offerings that will be offered next school year as well as information on Thursday’s Comfy Cozy Cookies and Cram event where staff will be sporting their Bulldog apparel and working with students. She also wanted to give a shout out to the girls’ varsity basketball team for their very entertaining game last Friday night. Her family was having so much fun that they could not leave.
- F. Elementary Principal – Dr. Bond reported that the school had 12 works of art from elementary students that are moving onto the Southern Lake Anthology Project Competition. Third Grade students are learning about space and will have a space museum on the stage that their parents and family can come see the great work the students are doing and finally Mrs. Dowden and Mrs. Bailey are working hard on the Elementary Forensics Competition that will be held here in April.
- G. Student Services – Mrs. McOmber reported a change to her written report that a paraprofessional for the special education department has been hired.
- H. School Board – J. Lothian noted that he will be attending the WASB Delegate Assembly next week at the State Education Convention.

VI. Action Items

A. Approval of Consent Agenda

1. School Board Minutes

Approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting held on December 12, 2022, and the Special Board of Education Meeting held on December 21, 2022.

2. Bills Payable

Approve bills payable December 9, 2022, to January 5, 2023, for Funds 10, 21, 27, and 50, check numbers 83351 – 8383441, wire transfer numbers 421-437.

P. Peyer / E. Nichols motion and second to approve the consent agenda as presented.

B. Personnel Transactions

E. Nichols / M. Schneider motion and second to approve the personnel transactions listed on the January 9, 2023, Personnel Transaction sheet. Carried, 5-0.

C. Approve 2023-2024 School Calendar

M. Schneider / E. Nichols motion and second to approve the 2023-2024 School Year Calendar as presented. Carried 5-0.

D. Approve Tentative 2024-2025 School Calendar

K. Nelson / E. Nichols motion and second to approve the tentative 2024-2025 School Year Calendar as presented. Carried, 5-0

E. Approve 2023-2024 Open Enrollment Caps

E. Nichols / M. Schneider motion and second to set the Open Enrollment Caps for the 2023-2024 school year at the following levels:

4K	54 students
5K	54 students
1 st	36 students
2 nd	36 students
3 rd	38 students

4 th	38 students
5 th	60 students
6 th	60 students
7 th	60 students
8 th	40 students
4K-12 Speech	45 students
4K-12 Multi-categorical	60 students

Carried, 5-0.

VII. Discussion Items

A. Discuss Revisions to Policy 445 – Student Interviews and Searches

Dr. White presented the revised policy to the board. Our Dean of Students noticed that our handbook language did not match up with our policy and these changes allow clarity as well as aligning the two. Discussion followed.

B. Discuss Donovan Group Contract

Dr. White provided updates to his discussions with Donovan Group and working with the district for marketing a referendum in the Spring of 2024. Their recommendation was to wait until after this April's elections and start working on marketing in May of this year. Dr. White is also waiting on a proposal from the group to do a communication audit to determine where we stand as we arm communication with the public regarding the value the school district brings to their property values. He is also working on other avenues as well to improve communication. Discussion followed.

VI. Public Comments

None

VII. Adjourn

At 7:45 p.m. P. Peyer / E. Nichols motion and second to adjourn. Carried, 5-0.