

**MINUTES**  
**SCHOOL BOARD, DISTRICT #2342**  
**WEST CENTRAL AREA SECONDARY SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER**  
**January 14, 2019**

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm by Sabolik. Members present per roll call: Ulrich, Sabolik, Christenson, Grosz, and Strunk. Members Absent: Beuckens and Nessman Administration present: Schmidt, Powers, Prasch, Vincent, and Moerke. Administration Absent: Foslien and McNamara

Visitors: Teri Christenson, Chris Ray, Eric Sawatzke

Motion by Ulrich, seconded by Christenson to adopt the agenda as written. MCU

Motion by Strunk, seconded by Grosz, to approve the minutes of the regular school board meeting held on December 19th, 2018. MCU

Motion by Christenson seconded by Ulrich, to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$518,662.97. MCU

Good Things Happening at WCA include JA Wedum Foundation is donating \$15,000 in scholarships to 4 current seniors, Students in Mr. VanKempen's students were working Myth Busters for the semester finals and Mrs. Anderson's class is writing an I Spy book.

Mr. Sawatzke gave an update on the things happening with FFA. Leadership Conferences - students participated in four different leadership conferences ranging from single day to 5 day long conferences. Career Development Events (CDE's) first competitions last week, small animals placed 4th out of 12 teams and advance to state. Supervised Experiences (SAE's) - Kalli Gilbertson earned a \$1000 grant to purchase a bred heifer to bein her own cow-calf operation and Taylor Prahll earned \$1000 grant to help cover input costs for her 2019 soybean crop. So far \$10,000 has been raised for the South Africa trip with many community group meetings coming soon. Up and coming - Kate Wrolson is applying to serve as Region 3 President and represent over 20 schools. WCA will be hosting a regional FFA Alumni Development Conference January 26th, FFA week is February 18-23. WCA FFA Banquet will be May 11th. Update on the greenhouse, the temporary greenhouse has been permanently removed and we are working on permanent structure plans, grant writing 2019, looking to partner with Grant County Food Shelf. Cost range is looking like \$200-300,000 for at 24'x48' structure, future high tunnel construction to extend the growing season.

Technology Coordinator: (Kevin McNamara) – Mr. Schmidt reported we will be filing our E-rate forms by the end of January, our primary focus this year will be revamping our WiFi infrastructure. Unesco will be coming to provide information on how to improve sound quality for the gym sound system. With the help of Claire and Natalie, we will be implementing a three-phase digital citizenship plan.

Community Education: (Naomi Moerke) – Ms. Moerke reported the many classes available currently through community education. Wrap around currently has 8 children registered and after-school care are averaging 20+ each day. There are preschool screenings in Kensington on January 15th, appointments need to be made through public health. Ms. Moerke reported she will be meeting with Jessica Beyer to go over numbers for the wrap-around and afterschool programs.

Activities Director: (Jacob Foslien) – Mr. Schmidt reported Sub-Section 21 and Section 6A One Act Play competition to be held at Barrett on January 26th and February 2nd. Mr. Foslien has advertised for spring sport assistant coaches and hopes to have filled by February board meeting.

Buildings & Grounds Director: – None

Elementary School Principal: (Natalie Prasch) – Ms. Prasch reported the curriculum cycle has been updated and is reflective of prior purchases and future needs. It has been set up in the stages of Review/Purchase, Implement and Re-Evaluate. We are in our second round of probationary teacher observations. The third round will take place during the end of February/beginning of March. January 17th is the end of quarter two, report cards will be coming home with students on Friday, January 25th. STEAM courses continue to well attended at both schools and Melissa Anderson and Mikaylah Stark have been doing a fantastic job creating interesting, challenging and fun activities for our students.

Secondary School Principal: (Claire Vincent) - Ms. Vincent reported we are wrapping up the first semester, starting second semester and planning has started for next year. Mr. Wood has met with all high school students to ensure that all schedules are ready to go for the second semester. Ms. Vincent met with staff teaching college courses in our school to begin developing a rotation process for classes. Also, next year we are going to try our first flipped class next year - EMT. A flipped classroom will allow students to only lock in one period a day for this important course.

Business Manager: (Diane Powers) - Ms. Powers reported that there should be no disruption in funding for the USDA income funding due to the government shutdown. Also, reported that budget revision numbers should be available for the February meeting.

Superintendent: (Barry Schmidt) - Mr. Schmidt reported negotiation seminar is February 20th at Lakes Country Service Co-op, MSBA conference is this week. We have received a letter of intent to negotiate from Teachers (EA) for early March. We may be looking at hiring an additional custodial position. Principal Interviews will begin shortly we currently have 13 applicants and we are currently accepting applications for the buildings and grounds director. Ms. Mau and Mr. Wood will be sharing student survey results and future counseling needs. February 6th we will give the board update on Finances, Curriculum, Facilities, wrap around care/after school and before school. Board Retreat will be on February 6th at 7 pm at Knotty Pine, the regular board meeting is at 5:30. Crisis Plan we plan to share with staff in February or March. We will be meeting with the Knights team members to discuss roles. We have one person looking at early retirement, maybe two will have more information to come.

Motion by Strunk, seconded by Christenson to approve the following general consent items: Accept the following gifts: Barrett Fire Department and Flames Auxiliary of \$500 for SPED; approve the hiring of Tobi Seland as Reading Interventionist, consider and approve resolution directing the administration to make recommendations for reductions in programs and positions and reason therefore and consider and approve the Prairie Fire Children's Theatre Contract. MCU

Motion by Beuckens, seconded by Grosz to approve the following unfinished business (MCU):

1. Final reading of the following policies:
  - a. Policy #612.1 - Development of Parental Involvement Policies for Title I Programs
  - b. Policy #613 - Graduation Requirements
  - c. Policy #614 - School District Testing Plan & Procedure
  - d. Policy #615 - Basic Standards Testing, Accommodations, Modifications Exemptions for IEP, Section 504 Accommodation & LEP Students (and form)
  - e. Policy #617 - School District System Accountability
  - f. Policy #618 - School District Ensurance of Preparatory & High School Standards

New Business:

Motion by Christenson, seconded by Ulrich to approve the transfer of \$600,000 from unassigned funds to committed funds for long-range capital improvements.

Motion by Ulrich, seconded by Christenson to approve the lane change for Nate Wood from BA30 Step 8 to MA Step 8. MCU

Motion by Grosz, seconded by Christenson to approve adding administrator designee to Field Trip Chaperone Procedure. MCU

1. First Reading of the following policies:
  - a. Policy #616 - School District System Accountability
  - b. Policy #619 - Staff Development of Standards
  - c. Policy #620 - Credit for Learning
  - d. Policy #623 - Mandatory Summer School Instruction
  - e. Policy #624 - Online Learning Options

Motion by Ulrich, seconded by Strunk, to adjourn. MCU