

MINUTES
SCHOOL BOARD, DISTRICT #2342
WEST CENTRAL AREA SECONDARY SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
November 20, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Nessman. Members present per roll call: Ulrich, Christenson, Nessman, Grosz, and Strunk. Members absent: Beuckens and Sabolik. Administration present: Hogie, Prasch, McNamara, Knutson, Foslien, and, Powers Moerke. Administration Absent: None

Visitors: Chris Ray, William Holmes, Nicole Hanson, Students, and Mary Reedy

Motion by Christenson, seconded by Strunk to Modify the agenda of item 3 under new business to change polling places to Elbow Lake City Hall and Kensington Community Center. MCU

Motion by Christenson, seconded by Ulrich, to approve the minutes of the regular school board meeting held on October 23, 2019, and make a change to the committee minutes from November 6th to show the meeting was called to order by Sabolik. MCU

Motion by Strunk seconded by Grosz, to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$597,442.48. MCU

Technology Coordinator: (Kevin McNamara) – Mr. McNamara reported that Alextronics will install speakers for our paging systems at North and South in the hallways, lunchrooms, gymnasiums, and playgrounds. Teachers will be going to Impact Education Conference in the Twin Cities on December 15-17th. We have a higher student device breakage rate this year than in the past. We believe it is mostly due to the age of our devices. The majority of students devices are covered by accidental damage protection so the devices are repaired or replaced at no cost to the district.

Community Education: (Naomi Moerke) – Ms. Moerke reported AARP class was postponed to January 21 due to low attendance. Spring date for Hoffman is April 14. The Co-Ed Volleyball League starts November 20th and will run for 13 weeks and we have 13 teams registered, we will be offering adult walking at our schools from 6:30 am- 8 am. Walking passes will be available to those that participate. We are currently offering the following classes: Chef's Academy, Sewing, Steam, Thursday Ski Night and elementary basketball camps. Play and Learn was held on November 19th, we had good attendance at each school. Gearing up for Kindergarten was held on November 18th and we had 4 families attend. Deb Hengel was the guest speaker and spoke on Resilience.

Activities Director: (Jacob Foslien) – Mr. Foslien thanked all parents and community members for their support of our fall sports. Winter sports teams have all started with exception of Junior High Girls Basketball which will start on January 2. Local FFA Officers attended the National Convention with Mr. Ben Johnson and Mr. Eric Sawatzke and Ms. Knutson in Indianapolis from 10/28-11/1. Upcoming events are National Honor Society will be decorating the Barrett Care Center, Senior High A Cappella Choir will sing at West Acres Shopping Mall in Fargo, Grant County Wrestling Invite and Band & Choir Concerts. Looking to do another Corporate Partner Recognition Night during the basketball season, date to be determined.

Buildings & Grounds Director: (Pete Amundson) – Mr. Amundson reported new flashing school crossing signs were installed at South, continued heating repairs are going on at North, we are having more warranty items for heat pumps system at Secondary School and also more repairs that were not included in the current project. There will be owner training for heating system for Secondary School this week. The start date for the organic recycling is December 2nd.

Elementary School Principal: (Natalie Prasch) – Ms. Prasch reported that Operation Gratitude was a great success again this year. We will be starting a pilot of the Go Math! resource in January. Jake Allen will be piloting the resource in 2nd grade and Vanessa McNamara in 7th grade. We have conferences scheduled for November 25th & 26th. Six staff members attended the Minnesota Rural Education Association (MREA) conferences this week. It was a great conference.

Secondary School Principal: (Susan Knutson) - Ms. Knutson reported that we had a great turn out for the Veterans Day Program. Thank to Mr. Zdrzil for your hard work and the WCA Students that performed. First Quarter was all-in-all a success. Conferences will take place on November 25th & 26th. We also ended the quarter by inducting ten new members to the WCA National Honor Society. Concert season is upon us starting December 9th. The Secondary Committee is reviewing the 8 hour day schedule and reviewing alternate options for the greatest impact on student learning and opportunities.

Business Manager: (Diane Powers) - Ms. Powers reported Title funds have been reallocated for FY 20 by MDE: Title I \$218,402.26 about \$5,088.49 more than expected & Title II grants projected to be around \$22,246.50 and Title IV \$22,778.73 which is new this year. District Revenue and Expenditure Report for FY 19 & 20 was available and will be published in the paper next week. Budget vs Actual numbers were also available. Thank you to the staff for the work during the audit.

Superintendent: (Dale Hogie) - Mr. Hogie commented the community survey is complete and has been sent to the printers. It is scheduled to hit mailboxes early December. Free admission for WCA Athletic events for WCA students. Mr. Foslien pulled gate receipt information for the last two years and had event averages and totals calculated. Estimated attendance was 70% adults and 30% students. Based on assumptions student admissions would average less than \$10,000 annually. Mr. Foslien and I support free admission of students from co-op schools as well. Mr. Hogie met with special education staff recently. They talked about their 2018-2019 caseloads that prompted a decision to advertise for another special education instructor last spring. There were no applicants with the desired qualifications. Cooperative Director, Natalie, and Susan confirm that an added staff member is justified. Herman-Norcross, Ashby and WCA superintendents are requesting support from board members to send a letter to grant county commissioners regarding support for the purchase age of tobacco products changed to 21 years of age. Mr. Hogie reported that they received the pay equity report from Baker-Tilly and found some discrepancies between the job the job descriptions and the report. Diane has emailed questions to the Baker-Tilly contact for clarification. Safety walkthroughs of all three sites were completed over the last month.

Mary Reedy from Clifton Gunderson presented the 2018-2019 Financial Audit Report. Motion by Strunk, seconded by Ulrich to approve the 2018-2019 Financial report. MCU

Motion by Grosz, seconded by Strunk to approve the following general consent item: free passes for Veterans & 1st Responders to Athletic Events. MCU

New Business:

1. Motion by Strunk, seconded by Grosz to approve the Resolution Accepting Donations. Roll call vote 5 yes, 0 no. MCU
2. Motion by Ulrich, seconded by Christenson to set the reorganizational meeting for January 6th at 6:30 pm. MCU
3. Motion by Grosz, seconded by Strunk to approve the Polling Place Designation Resolution. Roll Call Vote: 5 yes, 0 no. MCU
4. Motion by Grosz and seconded by Ulrich to approve the Tobacco 21 letter to Grant County Commissioner. MCU
5. Motion by Ulrich, seconded by Strunk to approve WCA Students and Staff with free admission to athletic events. MCU
6. Motion by Ulrich, seconded by Strunk to advertise for a Special Education Teacher 1.0 FTE. MCU

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

Michelle Nessman – Clerk