

**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
SCHOOL BOARD, DISTRICT #2342
WEST CENTRAL AREA SECONDARY SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
November 14, 2018**

Meeting called to order at 6:37 p.m. by Beuckens. Members present: Ulrich, Beuckens, Sabolik, and Strunk. Members Absent: Nessman, Biss, Christenson. Administration present: Schmidt, Powers, Vincent, Prasch, and Moerke. Administration absent: McNamara

Visitors present: Courtney Puchalski

Motion by Ulrich, seconded by Strunk, to modify the agenda. MCU

General Consent Items

- 1) Mr. Schmidt discussed the leave of absence request from Julie Schultz.
- 2) Mr. Schmidt reported on the hiring of Virginia Brehmer as a cook at WCASS.
- 3) Mr. Schmidt discussed the Early Childhood Screening Agreement with New Horizons. The cost of the screenings is increasing to \$75 per child. This will be an approximate increase of \$600.
- 4) Mr. Schmidt discussed the need for the district to participate in a demographic study to analyze student enrollment. This would help us to better understand trends and what may lay ahead in the future. He is looking at two different companies to do the study; School Finances.com and Hazel Reinhardt Consulting Services. He has information from a couple of schools that he will share with board members.
- 5) Ms. Beuckens discussed the communications position currently held by Kari Kreft and the different things that have taken place. Kari has been working on informing the public about the great things that are happening around WCA. A recommendation was made to continue the position until the end of the year and they will reevaluate it at that time. This would still require an overload for Megan McDonald.
- 6) Mr. Schmidt discussed the upcoming MSBA annual conference will be held January 17 & 18th. Mr. Schmidt encouraged all board members to attend.
- 7) Mr. Schmidt discussed the snow removal bids that were voted on the last board meeting. Mr. Schmidt requested more information from both companies that bid on the contracts for additional clarification on several line items. A vote will be taken at the next board meeting.
- 8) Mr. Schmidt reported that a meeting will be held for the annual World's Best Workforce assessment on November 19th.
- 9) Mr. Foslien discussed the Fishing League. There are currently 14-15 schools that participate in the league. This would consist of a boat captain and 2 students per boat. The cost to us is zero with students at \$50. This would be 3 hrs fishing at a predetermined location beginning around June and would meet 3-4 times. This would be catch, photo, and release.
- 10) Mr. Schmidt reported that they have been working with Tina Lindquist on common terminology. She is also working on a letter to send to parents to discuss the common terminology that is going to be used by us and surrounding school districts. Mr. Schmidt, Ms. Prasch and Mr. Nibbe recently toured St. Olaf Catholic Church and United Lutheran Church in Elbow Lake. These would be reunification sites if needed.
- 11) Motion by Sabolik, seconded by Strunk to accept the resignation of Paula Hamm as Kindergarten teacher at North Elementary. MCU
- 12) Second reading of the following policies:
 - a. Policy #601- School District Curriculum & Instructions Goals

- b. Policy #602- Organization fo School Calendar & School Day
- c. Policy #603 - Curriculum Development
- d. Policy #604 - Instructional Curriculum
- e. Policy #605 - Alternative Programs

13) Mr. Ulrich commented the City of Elbow Lake had done a walk around of North Elementary and on the North West side the sidewalk looked like it had spots that were lifting. Mr. Nibbe hadn't heard of anything but would check it out.

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

Michelle Nessman - Clerk/Treasurer