

MINUTES
SCHOOL BOARD, DISTRICT #2342
WEST CENTRAL AREA SECONDARY SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
December 19, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Ulrich. Members present per roll call: Ulrich, Bueckens, Sabolik, Biss, Christenson, and Strunk. Members Absent: Nessman. Administration present: Schmidt, Powers, Prasz, McNamara, Nibbe, and Moerke. Administration Absent: Foslien

Visitors: Jacklyn Kramer, Chris Ray, and Darin Grosz

Motion by Strunk, seconded by Beuckens to modify the agenda as written. MCU

Motion by Christenson, seconded by Sabolik, to approve the minutes of the regular school board meeting held on November 20, 2018. MCU

Motion by Beuckens seconded by Biss, to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$535,966.54. MCU

Good things Happening at WCA include PBIS - Positive Behavior Intervention & Support has received some recognition from MDE for working with our community/ county; Community Education has started a STEAM class at South and Eric Sawtzke is now going to attend a National Seminar for CTE in Washington, DC and also received \$2,000 grant.

Mr. Sabolik reported that Public Engagement Committee has been active, handing out window clings, working on putting together community members to team up as an advisory committee, Facebook initiative. We are looking at doing a few Videos to use for advertising to highlight things that are going on within WCA. The billboard has lead to 7 clicks to our website.

Technology Coordinator: (Kevin McNamara) – Mr. Schmidt reported Frontline Absence Management is fully functional. We are continuing daily maintenance and looking at a few proposed changes. An update on VPN's - Virtual Private Network apps do not work the same as traditional VPN's. We need to focus on educating our students than limiting access to students. With the Early Childhood Grant funds, 30 iPads with a 3 year Apple Care and 75" Smart Panels with iRover 2 carts were purchased. Mr. McNamara is currently looking at flexible learning spaces, such as desks/tables. Mr. McNamara reported that the winter concerts are on the school's website.

Community Education: (Naomi Moerke) – Ms. Moerke reported that Duane Samuelson has picked up teaching AARP courses in Elbow and Hoffman. A survey has been sent out to North & South parents regarding utilization of before school childcare. We had 24 responses, 15 - North & 9 - South. Still working with Jessica Beyer regarding child care program. We had 52 students up from 17 sign up for skiing at Andes, Cheer Camp we had 28 and wrestling camp 64.

Activities Director: (Jacob Foslien) – Mr. Schmidt reported numbers are good in all activities. Junior high boys basketball starts on January 3, Speech will be starting in January, One Act has been practicing with WCA hosting subsection and section performances this year. Mock Trial events start in January. Corporate Sponsorship Committee met on December 18 and have agreed on the future purchases; Band and Choir Formal Wear (\$2,500) and WCASS Commons (\$2,500) - Decals, Artwork, Photos, Historical Items, Media, etc. and Enclosed Trailer (\$5,000). Mr. Foslien reported the following upcoming events: Wrestling and Girls and Boys Basketball winter tournaments, Fishing League meeting on 12/19 in Fergus Falls and custodians will be re-waxing the Secondary School gym on 12/28.

Buildings & Grounds Director: (Wade Nibbe) – Mr. Nibbe reported that there has been a lot of activity in our district and buildings. The custodians deserve a huge pat on the back as they do what is needed to get thru these activities. The holiday break will be used to catch up cleaning and minor fixes that need to be completed and general fix-it items. We have received and approved a quote to replace one of the geo heat pumps. This is one of four dedicated as a source to heat our domestic hot water. The quote to replace the unit was \$25,314 for labor and materials. The second quote was to replace the pump with an electric booster heater this was for \$7,436. My recommendation was the electric booster which was approved and ordered. Currently, UNESCO is looking at data they collected during the building assessment. Items that would be great to add are things such as freezer and cooler function and temp readings, water meter monitor, and also the ability to monitor door sensor system. Mr. Nibbe reported that the boilers have been working normally.

Elementary School Principal: (Natalie Prasch) – Ms. Prasch reported Christmas concerts at North & South were wonderful. There was standing room only at both schools. Thank you to Darla Storm and Jennifer Johnson, our music teachers, on their hard work and dedication. We are having a pajama/movie day on Thursday. Also, 4th graders had a field trip at Andes Tower Hill on Friday. Thank you to Andes staff for doing a great job with our students introducing many to skiing for the first time. Ms. Prasch commented that Mikalah Stark has started STEAM class at South and it has been wonderful for the students. Also, we received a few curriculum samples and will start the math review process after the break.

Secondary School Principal: (Claire Vincent) - Ms. Vincent reported that staff is working on learning targets and how do we grade and what do we grade. What are our practices? Ms. Vincent reported that staff is doing a great job at being very attentive to students needs at this time of year. Christmas and breaks are very stressful times of the year for students.

Business Manager: (Diane Powers) - Ms. Powers reported that the audit report has been sent to the state auditor. We have updated our registration with the US Government's System for Award Management (SAM). This is in order to receive federal funding for Title I & II and Food Service. This was done on December 12. Ms. Powers reported we are working on budget revisions and will bring the beginning of February.

Superintendent: (Barry Schmidt) - Mr. Schmidt reported they are looking at the curriculum cycle and trying to get it back on track. MASA legislative platform - talk of increasing formula for general education, board authority and also special education. MREA is concerned with finding teachers, we currently have a shortage. The Secondary Principal position has been posted and we have received several applications. Looking at possibly hiring a ½ time counselor to help Cindy Mau and Nate Wood. Mr. Schmidt commented that we are currently preparing for negotiations and looking at language in contracts. Work on the crisis plan is going well and will be presented at the January 18th all staff meeting. We have set up Knights Teams at each building and will start promoting to the public. January 7th is the organizational meeting followed by the committee meeting and January 14th will be the regular board meeting. There will be a board workshop on January 14th at 5:30 prior to the regular meeting. Choir concerts were well attended.

Motion by Strunk, seconded by Biss to approve the following general consent items: Accept the following gifts: Barrett Fire Department and Flames Auxiliary of snow pants, coats, mittens, and hats; Kensington Fireman Relief Association for \$1,000 for transportation to Andes; BFD Flames for \$652 for negative lunch accounts. MCU

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

1. Final reading of the following policies:
 - a. Policy #432 - Animals in the School
 - b. Policy #498 - Procurement Card (PCard) Program
 - c. Policy #608 - Instructional Services - Special Education
 - d. Policy #609 - Religion
 - e. Policy #610 - Field Trips
 - f. Policy #611 - Homeschooling

New Business:

1. Motion by Biss, seconded by Beuckens to approve the resolution establishing combined polling places. MCU 6-0
2. Motion by Strunk, seconded by Sabolik to approve the maximum 2018 Levy Payable in 2019 of \$2,211,790.11. MCU
3. Motion by Beuckens, seconded by Christenson to approve the hire of William Aufdenkamp as Head Softball Coach and Dave Schleicher as Head Track Coach. MCU
4. Motion by Sabolik, seconded by Strunk to allow the district to go out for formal bids for health insurance bids for non-certified and administrative staff. MCU
5. Motion by Sabolik, seconded by Christenson to accept resignation from Wade Nibbe. Vote 4-1-1
6. First Reading of the following policies:

- a. Policy #432 - Animals in the School
 - b. Policy #498 - Procurement Card (PCard) Program
 - c. Policy #608 - Instructional Services - Special Education
 - d. Policy #609 - Religion
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 - f. Policy #611 - Homeschooling
7. Motion by Christenson, and Seconded by Sabolik to close the meeting at 7:59 pm to evaluate the superintendent performance as permitted by Minnesota Statute 13D. MCU
 8. Motion by Beuckens, and seconded by Christenson to open the meeting at 10:03 pm to evaluate the superintendent as permitted by Minnesota Statute 13D. MCU

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

Michelle Nessman – Clerk/Treasurer