

**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
SCHOOL BOARD, DISTRICT #2342
WEST CENTRAL AREA SECONDARY SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
March 11, 2020**

Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm by Nessman. Members present were Grosz, Christenson, Strunk, Nessman, Beuckens, and Ulrich. Members Absent: Sabolik. Administration present: Hogie, Powers, Knutson, Prasch, Foslien, and McNamara. Administration absent: Amundson and Moerke.

Visitors: Nicole Hanson and Nate Wood

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

Motion by Strunk, seconded by Beuckens to approve the amended Job Descriptions and Job Point Values that has changes related to Custodian, Maintenance, Custodian, Secondary Secretary, Technology Support, Paraprofessional, Assistant Cook, Head Cook, and MARSS Coordinator. MCU

Motion by Strunk, seconded by Ulrich to approve possible FY20 calendar amendment for March 19th & 20th as no school days in conjunction with Boys State Basketball Tournament. MCU

Discussion

Ms. Knutson, Ms. Prasch, and Mr. Wood presented information on the Mental Health Needs of WCA Students. Mr. Wood gave students an assignment to write a letter to someone that has been a burden to their life. He read one letter from a WCA student that demonstrates the mental health crisis that students in our school are facing and sometimes face these issues alone. Statistics were presented showing the number of students that have missed school due to feeling sad, hopeless, stressed or angry; Students with three or more adverse childhood experiences (ACES) and students that don't have any adults to talk to. Information was also given on the number of Child Protection reports that have been filed this year so far. Ms. Knutson, Ms. Prasch, and Mr. Wood are proposing the hiring of a 1 FTE Middle School 5th-8th grade Licensed School Counselor or School Social Worker.

Mr. Hogie presented the updated board meeting sign-in sheet for visitors. It was suggested that verbiage be added mentioning data privacy issues.

Mr. Hogie presented the FY 21 Calendar. He noted that school would start on August 8th this year and that would push school into the first week of June, with the last day on June 3rd. Also, mentioned that three e-learning days have been added for snow make days for next year.

Mr. Hogie commented staff are working on ways of incorporating e-learning into next year's school year. These days would have teachers available to students from 10-3 via the internet or by phone. Each teacher would assign appropriate work for their students to complete and turn in when school resumes. More details will be provided to parents once finalized.

Mr. Foslien reported that he, Ms. Knutson, and Mr. Amundson recently met to discuss facility needs at the secondary school. With growing enrollment and staff needs at the secondary school, the district needs to start examining options on how this will impact the district. With the enrollment numbers as is or soon to be the secondary school will be almost exclusively a 3-section building and this will pose major space concerns for the building. Mr. Foslien commented on several options that could temporarily elevate spacing issues. South Elementary has no unused classrooms, North Elementary has 2 unused rooms. One room would need renovation to convert the old Grant County Room into a usable classroom space. First option is to 5th graders back to their respective buildings; second option would be to bring in portable classrooms for 5th grade, these would cost approx. \$60,000 each; third option would move 5th grade to North Elementary, fourth option would be create a 5th grade classroom at North to serve the current 4th grade students at North and provide two 5th grade classrooms at the Barrett School; lastly do nothing at the WCASS building. We can make 1 special education classroom, but will be short 1 math classroom as well a health classroom and space for a counselor.

Mr. Hogie presented drawing layouts from Zerr Berg Construction on the building options. These options have discussed some of the community concerns in regards to parking, demolition projections for elementary buildings, and space needs. Information was discussed regarding land acquisition. Dale has the names of several landowners in Kensington that will be approached to see if there is interest in selling or donating land to the school for a new elementary building for South. A building cost comparison was provided that compared the 2013 ICS projection with current single site projections. ICS left out several key areas that are being addressed with the current one site projections. A discussion was had on the importance of providing the public with the new information that we have on the building project proposals. It was suggested that we have a community meeting here at the Secondary School and then a possible second survey timeline was shared.

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

Sara Strunk
Clerk