

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
WESTONKA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MAY 1, 2023
MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The May 1, 2023, regular board meeting was called to order by Chair Gary Wollner at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room at the Educational Services Center, 5901 Sunnyfield Road East, Minnetrista, MN 55364.

The following board members were in attendance: Kelle Bowe, Brian Carlson, Loren Davis, Ralph Harrison, Heidi Marty, Brian Roath and Gary Wollner

Also present: Superintendent Kevin Borg and other staff and visitors.

II. NEW BOARD MEMBER OATH OF OFFICE

Brian Roath recited the new board member oath of office.

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Chair Wollner, second by Vice Chair Marty, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The staff and retiree program will take place on Wednesday, May 3 at 3:30 p.m. The Facilities Committee will meet Wednesday, May 17 at 7 a.m. at the Educational Services Center. Graduation is scheduled for May 31 at 6 p.m. at Haddorff Field. The Finance Committee will meet June 1 at 7:30 a.m. via Zoom. The next Regular Board Meeting is June 5 at 6 p.m. in the community room of the ESC.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A Westonka parent shared her student's IQ score with the School Board.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. **Treasurer's Report:** Due to the early meeting, the April donations report was postponed to the June meeting. Harrison said he had reviewed March's donations and the check ledger for the previous month and all was in order.

b. **Student Rep Report:** Serenity Bownik, student representative, reported that Brekken Thompson and Chloe Bjorlin were crowned king and queen at prom coronation. In the arts, concert choir members and MaddJazz both earned excellent and superior ratings at the solo and ensemble competition in April. In athletics, Peyton Casper set a new school record in the pole vault. In academics, DECA sent 28 students to the 2023 International Career Development Conference in Orlando, Florida.

c. **School Board Committee Reports:** None

d. **Teaching and Learning Report:** Mark Femrite, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, provided an update on state testing and reported that over 1,400 Westonka students were tested. Femrite mentioned, state tests provide our schools a snapshot on our student learning and mastery of MN academic standards. Additionally, Westonka is beginning the review of the 2020

State English Language Arts Standards with the high school English Department and will expand this work into the elementary and middle schools next school year.

- e. **Finance Report:** Kathy Miller, finance director, reported that enrollment has surged the past few months with Westonka gaining 13 students. Revenues and expenses are still tracking similarly to previous years. The adopted budget for the 2023-24 school year will be presented at the June meeting. Miller also reported that the district has secured some leftover dollars from a Covid Testing Grant. The funds will be used this summer at Hilltop Primary to improve indoor air quality in the building.
- f. **Superintendent's Report:** Superintendent Kevin Borg highlighted the various action items on the agenda and noted a retirement within the technology team allows the district to combine the District Operations Specialist and Technology Support Specialist roles.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Chair Wollner, second by Member Davis, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent agenda items included the approval of the April board meeting minutes; acceptance of April committee meeting minutes, acceptance of donations; the payment of monthly bills; general personnel activities such as resignations, leaves of absence and contract approvals; approval of the list of 2022-23 MWHS graduates; date change for May Facilities Committee meeting, and approval on single reading of Policies 1000, 2001, 2005, 8000, 8105, 8150, 8230, and 8240.

VIII. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

a. APPROVAL OF THE ADDITION OF A D1 POSITION

Motion by Chair Wollner, second by Member Davis to approve the addition of a D1 position to support student participation in the MSHSL One-Act Play. Motion carried unanimously.

b. APPROVAL OF THE UPDATED WESTONKA FACILITIES USE AGREEMENT AND CORRESPONDING AR 1335

Motion by Chair Wollner, second by Member Bowe, to approve the revised Westonka Facilities Use Agreement and corresponding AR. Motion carried unanimously.

c. MOTION TO RESCIND FEB. 2, 2023 APPROVAL OF MICHELLE BOROWICZ'S RESIGNATION WITH A JUNE 5, 2023 RESIGNATION DATE AND MOTION TO APPROVE MS. BOROWICZ'S RESIGNATION WITH A JULY 1, 2023 RESIGNATION DATE

Motion by Chair Wollner, second by Member Davis, to rescind Michelle Borowicz's original resignation date and approve a July 1, 2023 resignation date. Motion carried unanimously.

d. APPROVAL OF THE ELIMINATION OF THE DISTRICT OPERATIONS SPECIALIST POSITION

Motion by Chair Wollner, second by Member Harrison to approve the elimination of the district operations specialist position and combine it with another position

within the technology team to streamline efficiency and save money. Motion carried unanimously.

e. APPROVAL OF THE ELIMINATION OF THE TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT SPECIALIST POSITION AT GRANDVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

Motion by Chair Wollner, second by Member Davis to approve the elimination of the technology support specialist position at Grandview Middle School. Motion carried unanimously.

f. APPROVAL OF THE ADDITION OF A DISTRICT OPERATIONS AND SUPPORT SPECIALIST POSITION

Motion by Chair Wollner, second by Member Bowe, to approve the addition of a district operations and support specialist position. Motion carried unanimously.

g. APPROVAL OF INCREASING THE HOURS OF THE TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT SPECIALIST POSITION (SHIRLEY HILLS AND HILLTOP) FOR FY 2024

Motion by Chair Wollner, second by Member Harrison, to approve the increase of hours for the Technology Support Specialist position from 7 hours per day to 8 hours per day for FY 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

h. APPROVAL OF GROUP MEDICAL INSURANCE RENEWAL WITH NO PREMIUM INCREASES

Motion by Chair Wollner, second by Member Harrison, to approve the group medical insurance renewal with no premium increases. Motion carried unanimously.

i. APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION PLACING AURORA F. MEUNIER ON A 1.0 FTE UNREQUESTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Motion by Chair Wollner, second by Member Bowe, to approve the resolution placing Aurora F. Meunier on a 1.0 FTE unrequested leave of absence. Motion carried unanimously.

j. APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TERMINATION AND NON-RENEWAL OF THE TEACHING CONTRACT OF MARGARET V. SUNDQUIST, A 1.0 FTE PROBATIONARY TEACHER

Motion by Chair Wollner, second by Harrison to approve the resolution relating to the termination and non-renewal of the teaching contract of Margaret V. Sundquist, a 1.0 FTE probationary teacher. Motion carried. Member Roath Abstained.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, Chair Wollner moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Member Carlson. Motion Carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Submitted by Emily Labuz
School Board Secretary

Signed: Chair _____

Date _____

Clerk _____

Date _____

(Minutes to be approved June 5, 2023)