

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
School District of Webster
Webster 5-12 School IMC
February 19, 2024 - 5:00 pm

Board Members Present: President Kim Johnson, Vice President Terry Larsen, Clerk Chaz Heinz, Treasurer Melanie Johnson, Directors Mark Elliott, Katie Smith, and Galina Werdier

Others Present: Superintendent Jeff Fimreite

Board President Kim Johnson called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 pm. President Johnson was informed that the meeting was posted and the press was notified on February 15, 2024.

Motion by Katie Smith/Mark Elliott to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting and Executive Session of January 15, 2024 and the Special Board Meetings of January 29, 2024 and February 08, 2024. Motion carried.

Motion by Terry Larsen/Chaz Heinz to approve financial report for the month ending January 31, 2024 as reported by Melanie Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Mark Elliott/Melanie Johnson to approve payroll expenditures of \$341,244.19 and vouchers numbered 1133858-1133909 plus ACH Transfers totaling \$456,968.02 for the month of January 2024. Motion carried.

Motion by Mark Elliott/Katie Smith to approve and release vouchers numbered 1133911-1133960 plus ACH payments dated February 19, 2024 totaling \$203,868.03. Motion carried.

Motion by Terry Larsen/Katie Smith to approve the Start College Now and Early College Credit Program applications. Motion carried.

Motion by Melanie Johnson/Chaz Heinz to approve the 2024-2025 School Calendar as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Mark Elliott/Katie Smith to approve the SkillsUSA team's overnight competition in Madison from April 9-April 11, 2024. Motion carried.

Motion by Katie Smith/Melanie Johnson to approve the merging of the Business Club and Concessions Activity Fund accounts. Motion carried.

Motion by Terry Larsen/Mark Elliott to approve Kim Johnson, Board President; Jeff Fimreite, Superintendent; and Crystal Houman, District Accountant as signers on the new five-month CD in the amount of \$750,000.00 with Frandsen Bank approved at the January 2024 Regular School Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Chaz Heinz/Katie Smith to approve the resignation of Bus Driver, Elizabeth Bredesen, effective February 09, 2024. Motion carried.

Motion by Terry Larsen/Melanie Johnson to approve the resignation of Middle School Assistant Softball Coach, Madalyn Nichols, effective immediately. Motion carried.

Motion by Melanie Johnson/Katie Smith to approve the resignation of 1st Grade Teacher, Laura Eckart effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Policy: In the absence of Kim Johnson, Policy Chair, at the February 05, 2024 policy committee meeting, Chaz Heinz, Policy Member, reported that the committee met and discussed the Handbook Language Update Recommendation. The committee also received an informative presentation from a Wisconsin Neola representative. Chaz Heinz shared this information with the board and is asking for a motion to adopt the Neola Policy Management.

The committee presented the 3rd reading of the following:

- Handbook Language Update Recommendation – Post-Retirement Benefit Language

Mark Elliott/Katie Smith to approve the 3rd reading of the Handbook Language Update Recommendation – Post-Retirement Benefit Language with the addition of its legal definitions being printed on the bottom of that section of the handbook. Motion carried.

The adoption of the Neola Policy Management was tabled for a later date as the board is requesting an official contract to review prior to approval.

Budget: Terry Larsen, Budget Chair, reported that the committee met on February 12, 2024. The committee discussed 2023-2024 expenditures, and 2024-2025 staffing recommendations.

Wisconsin Association of School Board Association (WASB) Conference Presentation: Chaz Heinz reported on his recent attendance at the WASB Conference.

Audience Recognition: None

Achievement Gap Reduction (AGR) Report: Ashley Nagel, Elementary Principal, gave the semi-annual report on Achievement Gap Reduction (AGR). This is an update that is given twice a year reporting progress of growth in reading and math.

Principal Reports:

- **High School:** Principal, Josh Hetfeld, discussed the annual high school ACP day, recent staff in-service discussion/activities, as well as the annual snowball activity day.
- **Middle School:** Principal, Ron Stelson, reported on his attendance at a recent AWSA conference, student field trips, the leadership team's work on the 2024-2025 school year schedule, and this year's successes with the school honor roll system.
- **Elementary School:** Principal, Ashley Nagel, shared information on the elementary staff's activities during the recent in-service, along with the upcoming Tiny Tiger/Kindergarten Round Up, and Summer School planning.

Superintendent Report: Jeff Fimreite reported on the 2023-2024 Third Friday Pupil Count Enrollment Numbers. He also shared with the board that the District is in need of a new fleet vehicle due to a recent insurance claim status on the Suburban. He ended his report with an overview on the Tiger Tech Open House on February 01, 2024.

Motion by Melanie Johnson/Katie Smith to adjourn to Executive session per Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1)(c)(e) at 5:46 pm. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes. Motion carried.

The regular session of February 19, 2024 reconvened at 6:30 pm.

Motion by Mark Elliott/Katie Smith to adjourn at 6:31 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Chaz Heinz, Board Clerk

