

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
School District of Webster
Webster 5-12 IMC
March 20, 2023 – 5:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: President Mark Elliott, Vice President Terry Larsen, Treasurer Melanie Johnson, Directors Bob Carlson, Katie Smith and Chaz Heinz

Members Absent: Clerk Kim Johnson

Others Present: Superintendent Jeff Fimreite

Board President Mark Elliott called the regular meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. President Elliott was informed that the meeting was posted, and press was notified on March 15, 2023.

Motion by Chaz Heinz/Melanie Johnson to approve the February 20, 2023 Regular and Executive Session meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Terry Larsen/Bob Carlson to approve the financial report for the month ending February 28, 2023 as reported by Melanie Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Melanie Johnson/Katie Smith to approve payroll expenditures of \$320,180.21 and vouchers numbered 1133019 through 1133101 plus ACH transfers totaling \$604,191.52 for the month of February 2023. Motion carried.

Motion by Bob Carlson/Melanie Johnson to approve and release vouchers numbered 1133105 through 1133164 plus ACH payments dated March 20, 2023 totaling \$178,162.37. Motion carried.

Motion by Terry Larsen/Katie Smith to approve and release voucher number 490181 through 490182 for Fund 49 dated March 20, 2023 totaling \$2,341.00. Motion carried.

Audience Recognition: Steve McConkey addressed the board with concerns regarding human growth and development instruction along with the impact that teachers have on students. Mark Elliott, Board President, encouraged the public to discuss any questions or concerns with the appropriate building principals.

Board Recognition of Webster's Class of 2023 Top 10 Honors: Renee Ones presented 8 of the 10 top honor students: Ava Washburn- Valedictorian, Felicity Lamb- Salutatorian, Esten Kuizenga, Dahlia Dorn, Justin Johnson, Petra Hamm, Talen Connor and Lexi Rosenbaum. Not in attendance was Gavin Preston and Hayden Halonie. Brody Hoffstrom, Technical Excellence Award Winner, was also present. Each student had the opportunity to introduce themselves and give a short preview of their future plans.

Counseling Department Update: Gracie Billings, Jeni Donath, Renee Ones and Kelly Ince presented a brief overview of the many initiatives the Guidance Department is working on throughout the district as well as at each building level.

Start College Now and Early College Credit Program Requests:

Motion by Terry Larsen/Melanie Johnson to approve ten Start College Now/Early College Credit Program applications. Motion carried.

Review and Approval of 2023-2025 Mowing Bid(s): The district received two mowing bids for the 2023-2025 service years. It is recommended by the property committee to approve Jeff Roberts' bid.

Motion by Chaz Heinz/Bob Carlson to approve Jeff Roberts' mowing bid of \$15.00 per hour using school equipment. This bid is valid from 2023-2025. Motion carried.

Staff Retirements:

Motion by Terry Larsen/Katie Smith to approve the retirement of Middle School Social Studies and Math Teacher, Wayne Watral, effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year per contract. Motion carried.

Staff Resignations:

Motion by Katie Smith/Melanie Johnson to approve the resignation of Middle School Instructional Assistant, Julie McMonigal, effective March 31st, 2023. Motion carried.

Motion by Bob Carlson/Chaz Heinz to approve the resignation of Bus Driver, David Hamilton, effective March 13th, 2023. Motion carried.

Board Development Workshop Discussion: Chaz Heinz and Mark Elliott presented to the board an 8-hour workshop for school board development. They presented two dates, June 10th or May 6th, which do not work for the full board. Chaz Heinz shared that the facilitator will not present if the full board is not present. Jeff Fimreite will reach out to the facilitator to discuss additional available dates.

Principal Reports:

- Elementary School: Ashley Nagel – Principal, shared that parent teacher conferences are approaching. She discussed Quarter 3 Reward Day along with the upcoming Forward testing. Tiny Tiger and Kindergarten Round Up is coming up on March 30th and 31st, 2023.
- Middle School: Pamela Peterson – Principal, informed the board that Monica Gunderson hosted a preservice teacher on Friday, March 10th that went well. She also stated that there were 16 staff members district wide that took part in a book study. Forward and PreACT testing window opened on March 20th, which requires many hours of testing for all staff. The Middle School is currently working on filling the open employment opportunities.
- High School: Joshua Hetfeld – Principal, reported on the recent Arena Scheduling and Career Speaker Day as well as the Drama Club School Play, The Beauty and The Beast. He also shared that the Juniors had 100% attendance during ACT testing on March 7th.

Superintendent Report:

Superintendent, Jeff Fimreite, provided the board with an update on the WIAA Football Realignment, Village/Town Hall meetings, Snow day make-up and the board reorganization meeting that has been scheduled for Monday May 1st, 2023 at 5:00 pm.

Motion by Katie Smith/Melanie Johnson to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:06 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion by Terry Larsen/Bob Carlson to approve Joe Formanek for the Middle School Track and Field Coaching position. Motion carried.

Motion by Katie Smith/Chaz Heinz to adjourn at 6:43 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Bob Carlson, Board Director
(In absence of the Board Clerk)