

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
School District of Webster
Webster 5-12 School IMC
October 16, 2023 - 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 5:01 pm. President Johnson was informed that the meeting was posted and the press was notified on October 12, 2023.

Motion by Mark Elliott/Katie Smith to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting and Executive Session of September 18, 2023. Motion carried.

Motion by Terry Larsen/Katie Smith to approve financial report for the month ending September 30, 2023 as reported by Melanie Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Mark Elliott/Melanie Johnson to approve payroll expenditures of \$273,311.95 and vouchers numbered 1133564-1133655 plus ACH Transfers totaling \$909,631.68 for the month of September 2023. Motion carried.

Motion by Katie Smith/Melanie Jonson to approve and release vouchers numbered 1133659-1133713 plus ACH payments dated October 16, 2023 totaling \$168,170.15. Motion carried.

Audience Recognition: None

Jeff Fimreite announced that the Webster School District was featured in an article by WCCO news regarding our Cascade Reading program. This news clip was shared with those in attendance.

Principal/Leadership Team Report (Overview of School Data and Improvement Plan):

- **Elementary School:** Principal, Ashley Nagel, and leadership team members Gracie Billings, Heidi Hanson, Jessica Hedrick, Kari Roppe and Wendi Morris presented on FastBridge testing for Reading and Math, student behavior, restorative practices, the Elementary successes and areas of improvement along with ACT 20.
- **Middle School:** Principal, Ron Stelson, and leadership team members Rachel Derosier and Ashley Schmidt presented on Fastbridge testing for Reading and Math, student behavior, “circle-ups”, SNAPP mentors, the Tiger Paw Program, staff PLC’s, Middle School challenges and vertical alignment.
- **High School:** Leadership team members Renee Ones, Travis Pyke, Scott Swendiman and Greg Widiker presented on student scholarships, college credits, staff PLC’s, Academic and Career Planning, ACT scores, curriculum that is in place and what needs attention, student behavior challenges, attendance, vaping and cell phones.

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

Motion by Mark Elliott/Chaz Heinz to approve the 2023-2025 snow plow bid provided by Backcountry Custom Builders for \$100/hour. Motion carried.

Motion by Terry Larsen/Melanie Johnson to certify our Tax Levy for the 2023-2024 school year at \$7,585,187.01 Motion carried.

Motion by Katie Smith/Mark Elliott to approve the high school cross country team's potential overnight stay in Wisconsin Rapids with the District to provide transportation if anyone is to qualify for the State meet. Motion carried.

Motion by Mark Elliott/Chaz Heinz to approve the high school volleyball team's two night stay in Green Bay for the state competition. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Personnel: Personal chair, Mark Elliott, stated personnel committee met on October 3, 2023 and had reviewed the staff handbook, staff compensation, event staff and PLU's. More to be discussed in the executive session.

Transportation: Transportation chair, Galina Werdier, stated the transportation committee met on October 10, 2023.

- The committee discussed updates to the transportation routes and that we are down one route.
- Owl bus ridership is down and will continue to be tracked.
- They reviewed the bus policies and recommend that the policy reviews further.
- The District's aging fleet was discussed and the recommendation was made to forgo the annual bus purchase for 2024 and to replace two fleet vehicles instead.

Motion by Katie Smith/Mark Elliott to forgo the 2024 bus purchase and replace fleet vehicles. Motion carried.

Superintendent report:

Jeff Fimreite, presented the 2023-24 Third Friday Pupil Count Enrollment Numbers of 595 students as of September 2023.

Motion by Katie Smith/Mark Elliott to adjourn to Executive session per Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1)(c) at 6:26 pm. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes. Motion carried.

The regular session of October 16, 2023 reconvened at 6:55 pm.

Motion by Katie Smith/Melanie Johnson to approve the support staff longevity increases. Motion carried.

Motion by Terry Larson/Chaz Heinz to approve the new event supervision compensation. Katie Smith abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Melanie Johnson/Terry Larsen to approve the class coverage compensation. Katie Smith abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Mark Elliott/Terry Larsen to adjourn at 6:55 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Chaz Heinz, Board Clerk

