

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
School District of Webster
Webster 5-12 IMC
January 17, 2022 – 5:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: President Mark Elliott via Zoom, Vice President Terry Larsen, Clerk Kim Johnson, Treasurer Brenda Rachner, Directors Bob Carlson, Melanie Johnson, and Katie Smith

Others Present: Superintendent Jeff Fimreite, High School Principal Josh Hetfeld, Middle School Principal Pam Peterson, Elementary Principal Ashley Nagel and Special Education Director Nathan White.

Board Vice President Terry Larsen called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Vice President Larsen was informed that the meeting was posted, and press was notified on January 13, 2022.

Motion by Melanie Johnson/Bob Carlson to approve the December 20, 2021, Regular and Executive Session meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Melanie Johnson/Kim Johnson to approve the financial report for the month ending December 31, 2021 as reported by Brenda Rachner. Motion carried.

Motion by Brenda Rachner/Bob Carlson to approve payroll expenditures of \$322,476.59 and vouchers numbered 1131947 through 1132043 plus ACH transfers totaling \$666,421.38 for December 2021. Motion carried.

Motion by Katie Smith/Brenda Rachner to approve and release vouchers numbered 1132045 through 1132082 and ACH payments dated January 17, 2022 totaling \$78,301.47. Motion carried.

Motion by Bob Carlson/Kim Johnson to approve and release voucher numbered 490116 through 490125 for Fund 49 dated January 17, 2022, totaling \$110,817.98. Motion carried.

Vice President Larsen welcomed those in attendance to address the board for public comment. Dennis Stadler addressed the board regarding a personnel concern.

Julie Steiner, school nurse, gave an update to the board on COVID-19 cases and the school testing program.

Along with Mr. Swenson, 4th grade students showed board members and audience how to run Sphero robots (coding robots) that encourage exploration, imagination, and perseverance.

Jeff Fimreite presented the Open Enrollment numbers for the 2022-23 school year for both general and special education.

Motion by Melanie Johnson/Bob Carlson to approve 2022-2023 general education space availability as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Kim Johnson/Katie Smith to approve 2022-2023 special education space availability as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Brenda Rachner/Bob Carlson to approve Jessica Jaskolka as Deputy Clerk. Motion carried.

Jeff Fimreite discussed the 2020-2021 audit report from Two Rivers Accounting. Mr. Fimreite outlined page 4 and stated overall the District is in good standing financially.

Committee Reports:

- Personnel: Terry Larsen– Vice Chair, reported that the committee had met on January 10, 2022. Items discussed were coaching resignations, employee compensation, hours of instruction and an update on the school resource officer.
 - i. Motion by Kim Johnson/Katie Smith to accept resignation of Middle School Volleyball Coach. Motion carried.
 - ii. Motion by Bob Carlson/Kim Johnson to accept resignation of Varsity Football Coach. Motion carried. Katie Smith abstained.
 - iii. Motion by Brenda Rachner/Melanie Johnson to accept resignation of Assistant Softball Coach. Motion carried.
 - iv. Motion by Kim Johnson/Bob Carlson to accept resignation of Middle School Baseball Coach. Motion carried.
- Policy: Kim Johnson – Clerk, reported that the committee met on January 12, 2022. Items discussed were the WASB Policy Audit, recording and livestreaming meetings, Policy #187 – Public Participation at Board meetings and a driver’s education rate increase.
 - i. Motion by Kim Johnson/Bob Carlson approve the 3rd reading of Policy #187, Public Participation at Board Meetings, as originally proposed at the December 2021 meeting. Roll call vote: Mark Elliott- Yes, Terry Larsen- Yes, Kim Johnson- Yes, Brenda Rachner- Nay, Bob Carlson- Yes, Melanie Johnson- Yes, Katie Smith- Yes. Motion carried 6-1.
 - ii. Motion by Melanie Johnson/Kim Johnson to approve the Driver’s Education rate increase from \$100 to \$160 for residents and from \$200 to \$260 for non-residents effective with the 2022 summer program. Motion carried.

Principal Reports:

- Elementary: Ashley Nagel – Principal, reported Fastbridge testing is complete for winter and groups are being set for interventions. Teachers are pushing forward with CKLA curriculum and have had a positive feedback from students. Term 2 is ending and a fun day is being planned.
- Middle School: Pam Peterson – Principal, reported that testing season has begun. Gracie Billings, Elementary Counselor, is working on completing ELL ACCESS Testing. They are putting in accommodations for the ACT test on March 8, 2022. ACP night will take place on January 31st, 2022
- High School: Joshua Hetfeld – Principal, also reported on ACP night and the ACT test. Preparations for the ACT test have begun in classes and evening prep sessions are being provided by CESA to Juniors at WHS over IT. January 24th, 2022 is a Teacher Inservice Day, however, Juniors are invited to come to school to take an ACT practice test. Snowball week is approaching as it is the first week of February. There will be an activity day on that Wednesday with the dance on Friday.

Superintendent, Jeff Fimreite, provided the board with an update on the School Resource Officer, Property Acquisition and the Referendum. Mr. Fimreite met with CESA 10 to review phase 2 of the referendum and they are starting to get bids on projects for the summer of 2022.

Motion by Kim Johnson/Brenda Rachner to adjourn to Executive Session at 5:56 p.m. Roll call vote, all members voting yes. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 6:25 p.m.

Motion by Bob Carlson/Katie Smith to approve the contract as presented for Josh Hetfeld, High School Principal. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Kim Johnson/Bob Carlson to approve the contract as presented for Pamela Peterson, Middle School Principal. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Brenda Rachner/Katie Smith to approve the contract as presented for Renee Ones, High School Guidance Counselor. Motion carried 7-0.

The board listened to a presentation by Attorney Kirk Strang where he covered several topics ranging from proper posting of meetings, what constitutes a quorum, open/closed sessions and public comment.

Motion by Melanie Johnson/Bob Carlson to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim Johnson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kim Johnson, School Board Clerk