

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
School District of Webster
Webster 5-12 School IMC
March 17, 2025 - 5:00 pm

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

Board President Chaz Heinz called the regular meeting to order at 5:01 pm. President Heinz was informed that the meeting was posted and the press was notified on March 13, 2025.

The full board and audience recited the pledge of allegiance.

Motion by Mark Elliott/Galina Werdier to approve the minutes of the Policy Ad Hoc Committee Meeting of February 13, 2025, the Regular Board Meeting and Executive Session of February 17, 2025, and the Special Board Meeting of February 24, 2025. Motion carried.

Motion by Terry Larsen/Katie Smith to approve financial report for the month ending February 28, 2025 as reported by Pamela Peterson. Motion carried.

Motion by Pamela Peterson/Mark Elliott to approve payroll expenditures of \$323,547.46 and vouchers numbered 1134596-1134648 plus ACH Transfers totaling \$1,314,381.43 for the month of February 2025. Motion carried.

Motion by Terry Larsen/Pamela Peterson to approve and release vouchers numbered 1134652-1134700 plus ACH payments dated March 17, 2025 totaling \$965,610.30. Motion carried.

Due to current attendance of extra-curricular activities, the board tabled the Recognition of Webster's Class of 2025 Top 10 Honors and Technical Excellence Award Recipients to appear later in the meeting.

Motion by Terry Larsen/Pamela Peterson to approve the Start College Now and Early College Credit Program applications as presented. Motion carried, 6 Yes – Katie Smith abstained.

Motion by Katie Smith/Pamela Peterson to approve the High School State Forensics Overnight Trip as proposed. Motion carried.

Audience Recognition: On behalf of the Knights of Columbus Webster Council 8985, Richard Haffely presented a donation to the District to support children with intellectual disabilities. Chk # 35762, Memo: Early Childhood Disabilities Program.

Review and Approval of 2025-2027 Mowing Bid(s): The School District of Webster put out an advertisement for bids on February 27, 2025 with a closing date of March 14, 2025. We received three qualified bids.

Motion by Mark Elliott/Pamela Peterson to approve Jeff Robert's bid of \$18.00 per hour using the school equipment. This bid is valid from 2025-2027. Motion carried.

Board Recognition of Webster's Class of 2025 Top 10 Honors and Technical Excellence Award Recipient: Jason Wolf, High School Principal, introduced nine of the Top 10 Honor students, as well as the Technical Excellence Award Recipient. One student was unable to attend. Each present student shared their future plans with the board and audience.

Consideration of CESA #11 Shared Services Contract 2025-2026: The board reviewed the CESA #11 Shared Services Contract for the upcoming school year. Joshua Hetfeld, District Administrator, shared that the Administration is still reviewing the cyber security service, and is asking the board to approve the contract with the final decision regarding cyber security to be made by the administration.

Motion by Katie Smith/Galina Werdier to approve the CESA #11 Shared Services Contract 2025-2026, with the final decision regarding cyber security to be made by the administration. Motion carried.

Discussion on Tech Ed Scholarship Investments: At the request of Roy Ward, the administration is asking the board to invest \$100,000 of Tech Ed raised funds into a high quality balanced portfolio account with RBC Wealth Management for student scholarships. This account will be self-sustaining with the ability to withdraw a percentage each year to fund this scholarship. Signers on the account will be Joshua Hetfeld, District Administrator, and Crystal Houman, District Accountant.

Motion by Terry Larsen/Katie Smith to approve the investment of Tech Ed funds for student scholarships as presented. Motion carried.

Roy Ward was in attendance and was able to give a brief overview of his goals regarding the Tech Ed Program.

Retirements:

Motion by Chaz Heinz/Galina Werdier to approve the retirement of Steve Holmquist effective June 6, 2025. Motion carried.

Resignations:

Motion by Terry Larsen/Mark Elliott to approve the resignation of Jill Lamb effective March 16, 2025. Motion carried.

Motion by Katie Smith/Pamela Peterson to approve Dan Swenson's resignation of Middle School Boys Basketball Coach effective immediately. Motion carried.

Policy – Ad Hoc Committee

Neola Process Update: Chaz Heinz, Committee Member, provided an update to the full board regarding the current Neola transition progress. He shared that the committee met on February 13, 2025 to wrap up their initial review of Neola series 0000 – Bylaws, 3000 – Professional Staff, and 4000 – Support Staff. There are no Policy Ad Hoc Committee meetings scheduled at this time due to policies currently being reviewed at the administration level. Once the administration has completed their review, it will be brought to the committee.

Transportation – Committee of the Whole

Consideration of New Bus Purchase: The administration is recommending the purchase of a new 71 passenger gas bus with a spending budget of not more than \$134,050.00 to allocate in the 2025-2026 budget. A quote was received from Wisconsin Bus Sales for a 2026 Blue Bird, however, the price could fluctuate from the date of the quote to the date of purchase due to the possibility of tariffs.

Motion by Pamela Peterson/Mark Elliott to approve the purchase of a school bus up to \$134,050.00 in the 2025-2026 budget. Motion carried.

Property – Committee of the Whole

Public Meeting Notification: Chaz Heinz provided a verbal invitation to attend the Public Meeting that is set to follow the Regular School Board Meeting. This Public Meeting is in regards to the leasing of school property for the Sturgeon Park Project.

Land Acquisition Update: The District closed on the Dedman property on March 10, 2025. The board was provided with a copy of the Settlement Statement showing the administrative fees that were incurred.

Tiger Construction Housing Project Introduction: The board was introduced to the Tiger Construction proposal for a new housing project. Roy Ward and his Tiger Construction class will be presenting at the April Regular School Board Meeting with the project details.

Alder Street Rental Property Report and Consideration: The state of the District's Alder Street rental property was discussed. Due to its' age and condition, it has been recommended by the Administration to demolish the home on the property. Currently, two staff members are renting this home and have been made aware of the possibilities. It is in the opinion of the Administration that the house as it sits now is limiting future development possibilities while continuing to age. A preliminary quote from a local business regarding the cost to demolish the property was received. Roy Ward provided additional comments regarding this because this property is of interest to Tiger Construction for their housing project proposal.

Due to several questions regarding the process and logistics of district property demolition, the board decided to table this possible action item for further review.

Principal Reports

- Elementary School: Ashley Nagel, Principal, reported on recent events at the elementary school. She shared information on the recent 2nd trimester reward day.
- Middle School: Ron Stelson, Principal, not in attendance. Joshua Hetfeld informed the board and public of the upcoming Senior Citizen Breakfast on March 19, 2025 on behalf of Mr. Stelson.

- High School: Jason Wolf, Principal, discussed the recent performance from the Lion Heart Experience. He also gave an overview of winter sports, as well as the Tiger Tech's program attendance at a competition called 'Project MFG'.

District Administrator Report

Joshua Hetfeld shared information on upcoming events that could be of interest to the board. These events included the Joint PAC/Board Meeting, the Board Reorganization Meeting, and WASB's New Board Member Gathering. He finished with reminding the board and public of the upcoming annual Webster Education Foundation's Taco Bingo.

Possible Future Agenda Items: None.

Motion by Pamela Peterson/Katie Smith to adjourn to Executive session per Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1)(c)(e) at 6:03 pm. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes. Motion carried.

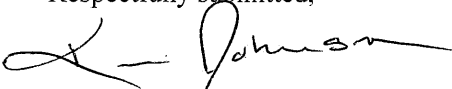
The regular session of the February 17, 2025 meeting reconvened at 6:52 pm.

Motion by Terry Larsen/Katie Smith to approve Spring Volunteer Coaching Contracts with Laura Jack and Ben Treichel for Middle School Track, and Ashley Schmidt for Middle/High School Softball. Motion carried.

Motion by Galina Werdier/Katie Smith to approve Kara Winter for the Full-Time Cook position. Motion carried.

Motion by Katie Smith/Pamela Peterson to adjourn at 6:53 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kim Johnson', written over a horizontal line.

Kim Johnson, School Board Clerk