

PORT EDWARDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Business Meeting of the Board of Education

5:00 p.m., Monday, October 30, 2022 – Elementary IMC, Fifth Street, Port Edwards, WI

Minutes

Meeting called to order by President Daven at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

PRESENT: John Daven, Leo Thomasgard, Kathy McGrath, Cary Hildebrandt, Dana Duncan

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: James Bena, Superintendent, Lisa Miller, Business Director

1. Consider Approval of Agenda

Motion by McGrath, second by Duncan to approve the agenda as posted. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

2. Consideration of motion to adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute:

19.85(f) Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations.

A. Consider Approval of Past Executive Meetings – September 13, 2023

B. Student Update

Motion by Duncan, second by Hildebrandt to adjourn into closed session. Voting yes – Daven, Thomasgard, McGrath, Hildebrandt, Duncan. Motion carried.

3. Adjourn Executive Session and Reconvene into Open Session to take any action deemed necessary from the closed session.

Motion by McGrath, second by Hildebrandt to adjourn executive session and reconvene into open session. Voting yes – Daven, Thomasgard, McGrath, Hildebrandt, Duncan. Motion carried.

PRESENT: John Daven, Leo Thomasgard, Kathy McGrath, Cary Hildebrandt, Dana Duncan

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: James Bena, Superintendent, Lisa Miller, Business Director

OTHERS PRESENT: Donna Shroda, Jerene Sillars, Jeanne Bruener

5:30 – Business Session

4. President's Report

A. Board Member Attendance

President Daven reported that all Board members were in attendance.

B. Reading of the National School Lunch Week Proclamation

President Daven shared the National School Lunch Week Proclamation

C. Next Board Meeting

President Daven reported that the next meeting of the School Board will be November 15, 2023.

5 Administrative Reports

A. Elementary Principal Report – Principal Bena

Principal Bena reported that the most recent in-service day on October 26th, was very productive. He stated that the curriculum leadership committee did a presentation to all staff in the afternoon. This is a multi-year process and making sure there are no gaps in our curriculum and that it is aligned to the state standards.

Principal Bena stated that the character trait for November in the elementary school is gratitude. He also reported that there was a 90.2% attendance rate for Parent-Teacher conferences which Mr. Bena was very pleased with. Fall Fest was held on October 19th and Mr. Bena thanked the parent organization (PEPO) staff and student council for all of their work, it was a great family night, 265 people attended.

Principal Bena reported that the next PEPO event will be held on November 10th, Donuts with Grown-ups.

B. MS/HS Principal Report – Principal Shroda

Principal Shroda reported that the drama production, Par for the Corpse, will be performed on November 10th at 7:30 and November 11th at 3:00 and will be performing for the middle school on Friday afternoon. Ms. Shroda also stated that the in-service day was very productive, discussion regarding a school-wide SLO which will be beneficial to students and staff. Principal Shroda will share the goal once it is complete.

C. District Administrator Report – Superintendent Bena

Superintendent Bena reported on the 3rd Friday count to the Board, the district increased 24 over last year's number. Mr. Bena shared with the Board that he, Betsy Mancl and Jen Moore met with Dr. Mondeik from MSTC to view the building in the shopping

center in downtown Port Edwards as a possible MSTC center. The building is in need of renovation and they will continue discussion. Superintendent Bena stated that the week of October 1st was Wisconsin School Board Week and thanked the Board for their leadership. Mr. Bena reported that the state report cards will be made public on November 14th. Superintendent Bena introduced Mr. Bill Karberg, retired Lincoln High School art teacher, JEHS graduate and community member. Mr. Karberg presented the district with one of his paintings, "Sea Life". The district thanks Mr. Karberg for his generous donation.

6. Questions and Comments from People in Attendance

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

7. Consider Approval of Minutes of Past Meeting – September 13, 2023

Motion by Thomasgard, second by Duncan to approve the minutes of the past meeting. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

8. Consider Approval of Financial Reports

- A. Check SummariesSeptember 1-30, 2023
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- B. District Revenue ReportSeptember 1-30, 2023
- C. District Expenditures Report.....September 1-30, 2023
- D. Cash Receipt Summary.....September 1-30, 2023
- E. September Cash Balance Report
- F. September Substitutes Report
- G. Budget Revision
- H. Consider Approval of Gifts

Business Director reported the following:

Budget Revision:

Increase to Carl Perkins Grant Budget: 10 R 800 517 000000 962 - \$412.00 – 02/15/2023

Gifts:

Joyce Durrant – donation of school supplies to the elementary school

Crystal Rietveld – donation to PEEF to be used towards the purchase of the 911 app

Jean Kluender - donation of school supplies to the elementary school

Solarus - \$1400 – annual donation

Renaissance - \$1000 – annual donation

PE Fire Dept. Athletic Association - \$500 donation towards AED

ERCO - \$500 donation towards AED

Motion by Duncan, second by McGrath to approve the financial reports as presented. Voting yes – Daven, Thomasgard, McGrath, Hildebrandt, Duncan. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. None

NEW BUSINESS:

10. Referendum Update Presentation

Lindsey Schreiner & Luke Schultz, CESA 10, appeared virtually to update the Board on the current numbers for the upcoming referendum. A list of needs for both buildings was reviewed by the Board. The District is planning to place two questions on the ballot, an operational referendum in the amount of \$850,000/year for 5 years and a capital referendum in the amount of \$7,300,000.

11. Consider Approval of Placement of Statue

Jeanne Bruener came to the Board to request the approval of moving the historical statue of John Edwards to John Edwards Middle/High School at no cost to the district.

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by McGrath to approve the placement of the John Edwards Statue. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

12. Consider Approval of the Co-Curricular Coaching Positions:

- A. Kyle Olson – MS Boys Basketball
- B. Carey O'Connor – MS Boys Basketball
- C. Ben Martinson – JV/Asst. HS Boys Basketball
- D. Abby Seipel – JV/Asst. HS Girls Basketball

Motion by Duncan, second by McGrath to approve the coaching positions as presented. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

13. Consider Approval of Teaching Contract:

- A. Raneisha Keeling

Motion by Duncan, second by Hildebrandt to approve a teaching contract for Raneisha Keeling. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

13. Consider Approval of Start College Now Applications

Motion by McGrath, second by McGrath to approve the Start College Now applications. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

14. Consider Approval of Early Graduation

Motion by McGrath, second by Duncan to approve an early graduation request. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

15. Designate State Education Convention Board Delegate

Hildebrandt nominated John Daven as the State Education Convention Board Delegate, nomination seconded by Thomasgard.

John Daven will serve as the 2024 Delegate.

16. Opportunity for Individual Board Member Comment

Kathy – Thanked the three teachers that applied and were awarded PEEF Grants.

John – Stated he looks forward to the upcoming play and thanked all those in attendance for tonight's meeting.

17. Establish Future Board Meetings

Wednesday, November 15, 2023, Executive Session at 5:00 (if needed); Business Meeting at 5:30 p.m. – Elementary IMC

18. Call for Adjournment

Motion by McGrath, second by Hildebrandt to adjourn the meeting. Voting yes – Daven, Thomasgard, McGrath, Hildebrandt and Duncan. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Lisa Miller, acting secretary