

PORT EDWARDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Business Meeting of the Board of Education

5:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 15, 2023 – Elementary IMC, 5th Street, Port Edwards, WI

MINUTES

Meeting called to order by President John Daven at 5:37 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

OTHERS PRESENT: Donna Shroda

1. Consider Approval of Agenda

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

2. Report from Student Representatives; Student & Staff Recognition

Student Council member Cari LaCour gave an update on the current activities at JEHS. The girls and boys basketball teams have started and Math League competed in their first competition of the year at UW-Stevens Point. Drama presented the play, Par for the Corpse last week and it was a huge success.

3. President's Report

A. Board Member Attendance

President Daven reported that all Board members were in attendance.

B. Next Board Meeting

President Daven reported that the next meeting of the Board of Education will be on December 13, 2023.

4. Administrative Reports

A. Elementary Principal Report - Principal Bena

Principal Bena reported that the DPI report cards were released on November 14th. Mr. Bena stated that the district as a whole and each of the three schools met expectations. Principal Bena reported that "Donuts for Grown-Ups" was held last week and 153 students and parents attended. Mr. Bena thanked PEPO for their help and Mrs. McGrath for attending.

B. MS/HS Principal Report – Principal Shroda

Principal Shroda reported that the annual holiday senior breakfast will be held on December 8th. On December 14th, the holiday lunch will be sponsored by the ecology club and held in the auditorium. Principal Shroda spoke about the drama production and thanked the Alexander Foundation/PEEF for all of the donations for the Dorothy Alexander Auditorium. Ms. Shroda stated that 225 tickets were sold and the performance was a huge success and thanked all those that attended.

C. District Administrator Report – Superintendent Bena

Superintendent Bena gave an update regarding the upcoming referendum, including information on videos created by CESA 10 with Building and Grounds Director, Frank Neve and Superintendent Bena. These will be added to the referendum link on school's website. Superintendent Bena reported that on November 6th, he, Scott Drew, Lisa Miller and Donna Shroda had a formal discussion with the Legacy Foundation regarding a grant to help fund a Community Resource Officer. Mr. Bena stated that the kitchen had an inspection by the Wood County Health Department on November 8th and no violations were found in either building. Mr. Bena thanked the kitchen staff for their great work.

5. Questions and Comments from People in Attendance

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

6. Consider Approval of Minutes of Past Meeting – October 30, 2023

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

7. Consider Approval of Financial Reports

A. Check Summaries October 1-31, 2023

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B. District Revenues ReportOctober 1-31, 2023

C. District Expenditures Report.....October 1-31, 2023

D. Cash Receipt Summary.....October 1-31, 2023

E. October Cash Balance Report

F. October Substitutes Report

G. October Budget Revisions

H. Consider Approval of Gifts

Business Director reported the following gifts:

Knights of Columbus – Donation to purchase winter apparel for children in need

Wisconsin Rapids Kiwanis Club – Donation of winter gear

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS:

8. First Reading of Neola Policy Updates

Motion by McGrath, second by Thomasgard to accept the first reading of Neola Policy updates. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

9. Opportunity for Individual Board Member Comment

Kathy McGrath – Thanked Mr. Bena for the weekly updates to the Board, much appreciated.

Cary Hildebrandt – Good to hear about the play and all the students that are involved.

10. Call for Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Lisa Miller, acting secretary