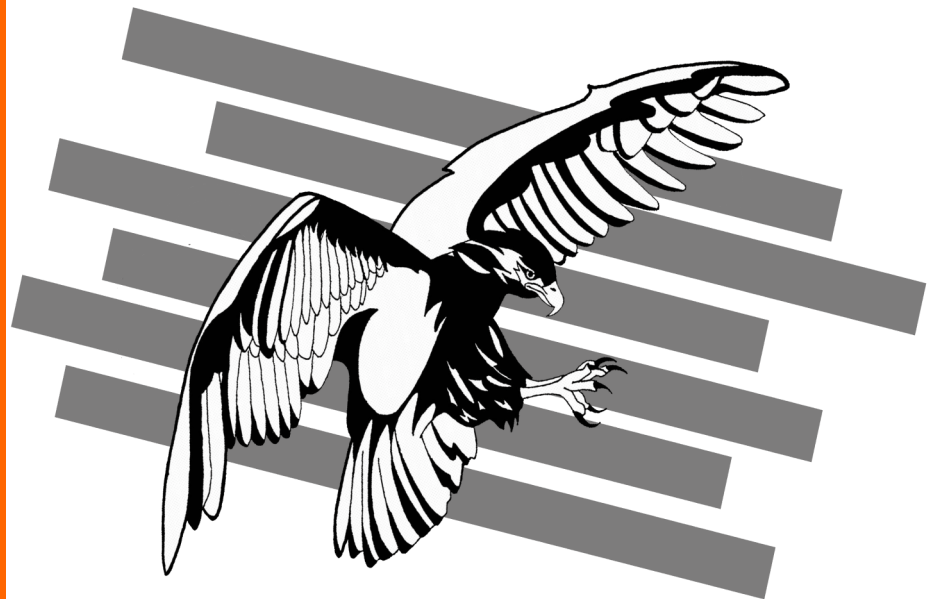


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One Student at a Time*

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Port Edwards Facilities Committee Update

Submitted by: James Bena, Superintendent & 4K-5 Principal



The 2023-24 school year marks the 5th and final year of school district funding from an operational referendum which was passed by Port Edwards taxpayers on April 2, 2019. This \$600,000 annual amount has allowed the Port Edwards School District to maintain educational programming and pay for operational and maintenance expenses, which funding from the state of Wisconsin falls short of paying for.

In order to continue quality operations of our schools, the Port Edwards School District is seeking approval from voters on a second 5-year operational referendum, as part of the April 2024 election ballot. This referendum would run from the 2024-25 school year through the 2028-29. In addition to operational funds, the District's facilities committee of 25 community and staff members have identified a number of significant building and grounds needs that will require a second, capital referendum question on the April ballot as well. The passing of a capital referendum question would allow our district to perform much-needed major maintenance to Ed Heuer Elementary School (built in 1969) and John Edwards Middle & High School (built in 1932). Some of these upgrades include significant brick and masonry maintenance, safety upgrades, and the updating of heating and cooling systems and their electronic controls.

On Tuesday, August 22, the first meeting of the P.E.S.D. Facilities Committee took place. Community and staff members were given extensive tours of both academic buildings and were shown several areas at both buildings which are in need of upgrade or more modern, functional equipment. The second meeting of the Facilities Committee took place on Monday, September 11. At this meeting, committee members discussed the need for both an operational (daily operations and maintenance) and a capital (large-scale maintenance) referendum.

With the conclusion of our facilities meetings, all Port Edwards School District residents will now have the opportunity to learn more about the referendum questions which will be on the ballot next April. Over the course of the next several months, district residents will receive emails, mailings, and opportunities to meet with school leaders in person to learn about the referendum.

The short-term future of our district will be largely determined by the voice of our voters next April. We are hopeful that our community wants to continue to help make Port Edwards Schools one of the best small districts in the state, with outstanding opportunities for all students! If you would like to discuss next April's referendum, please feel free to contact me at any time: 715-887-9000 ext. 101 or benaja@pesd.k12.wi.us

Together, we are BLACKHAWK STRONG!

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Submitted by: Donna Shroda, 6-12 Principal



Since it seems everybody is in tune with social media platforms, I decided to use the craze of challenges and apply it to school. Some of the top challenges include dancing, # self-care '23, and bottle flipping. My challenge to our Blackhawk families is to talk about your child's school day for 5 minutes every day. Ask your child the greatest highlight of their day, something new they learned, or who they worked with in the science lab. Those 5 minutes will impact your child tremendously! By demonstrating your interest in your child's school life, you're sending the message that school is important! We would love to see the impact it makes on your child's attitude in school.

October 13th is the first-grade check and will reveal students' grades halfway through the trimester. This is also an eligibility check for sports and privileges for HS students. October 18th, 4:30-7:00 p.m. has been designated for MS/HS parent-teacher conferences for the first trimester. Further information is to follow. While Infinite Campus provides letter grades, a conversation about your child's abilities and class participation is also important. Quick conversations and/or emails can be an efficient communication tool. If you still are struggling to log into Infinite Campus please contact Mrs. Neve in the guidance office.

Next, school attendance is a powerful predictor of student outcomes. Students who regularly attend school and graduate from high school build a foundation for more positive life outcomes. Knowing this, please set clear expectations for your child about attendance rules and the consequences of missing school. Teachers, counselors, and administrators may be able to provide additional information that helps determine what is causing a child to miss school. For support, please contact us to start that conversation. Next week attendance records will be reviewed and processed. Please review the attendance policy in the student handbook under Attendance on pg. 8, 9 and 10.

On a final note, thank you to all who participated in keeping our Homecoming traditions strong. It was nice to see everyone enjoying the parade, the gym packed for the pep assembly, and everyone in orange and black at the football game. The Blackhawks are so thankful for such a supportive community.

Counseling News

Submitted by: Jennifer Moore

Senior Scholarships

Applying for scholarships is an important part of senior year for any student planning to continue on with additional education. A scholarship list has been created and shared with the Class of 2024 via Google Drive. Any parent/guardian who has interest in seeing the list can be given access. Please send an email to mooreje@pesd.k12.wi.us to request access to the scholarship list. The list is updated often as new scholarship information becomes available. We encourage all seniors to check this list weekly.

Financial Aid

All seniors going on to additional educational endeavors should complete the FAFSA. This year, the window to apply for FAFSA doesn't open until December. [Linked](#) is an informational sheet on the FAFSA and some of the changes to the application process.

NCAA Eligibility

Any high school student considering playing sports at a Division I or Division II school should visit the NCAA Clearinghouse website to review academic eligibility. It is the student's responsibility to comply with all requirements. The website is www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/future/eligibility-



2023-24 ACT Test Dates:

Juniors will take the ACT on March 19, 2024 at John Edwards High School.

Off Site Test Dates are as follows:

October 28, 2023
December 9, 2023
February 10, 2024
April 13, 2024

Registration Deadline

September 22, 2023
November 3, 2023
January 5, 2024
March 8, 2024

To register for any of these additional test dates, at your cost, please go to www.actstudent.org

Notes from the Nurse

Submitted by: *Katie Bortz, CESA 5 School Nurse*

Fall is in the air! It is hard to believe that school will have been in session for about a month now. Time flies!

We have started to see an uptick in the amount of illness within our buildings, which is correlating with the change in season and the fact that students are back together in close quarters for a large portion of the day. Did you know that children are 2-3 times more likely than adults to get sick with the flu, and on average, one in three children in the U.S. is affected by the virus each year. Usually, the flu is spread from person to person through coughing and sneezing. Occasionally, people get the flu from touching a germ-infested surface.

It is important to know the difference between cold and flu. Common symptoms of the flu include high fever, severe headache, muscle and body aches, chills, sore throat, exhaustion and dry cough. Children may also have nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. Symptoms often start abruptly. Often cold symptoms come on more gradually and they include stuffy nose, sneezing, sore throat and hacking cough.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the best way to prevent your child from getting the flu is to take him/her to get a flu vaccine. Washing hands frequently with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds is the second best way to prevent all spread of germs. If you haven't already - teach your student to sneeze/cough into the inside of the elbow or into a tissue, disposing of the tissue immediately, to avoid touching their eyes, nose, and mouth, and to not share food/beverage with others. Together we can keep kids healthy and learning!

Until next time - please reach out to myself or Betsy Mancl with any questions, concerns or needs!

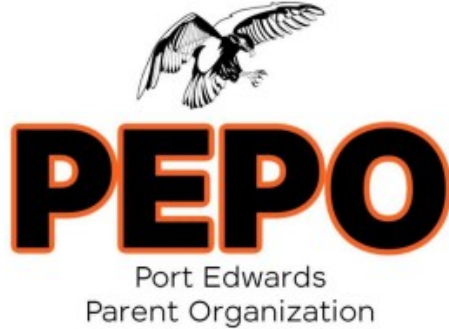
Immunization Reminder:

Immunization reporting in the health office is in full swing! If your student brings home or you receive a letter in the mail regarding immunizations, PLEASE return to school ASAP. One change this year is that the dose of Tdap typically required for entry to 6th, has been changed to 7th grade.

That means that those 7th graders who signed a waiver for the Tdap vaccine last year will need to sign a new waiver this year. You will receive a letter if this is the case for your student.



Katie Bortz
CESA 5 School Nurse
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We are very excited and looking forward to this new school year with everyone! There has already been some planning for fun family events for this year! We are hoping we can build a strong group of involved parents to work together to offer amazing benefits to our students and teachers, now and in the future.

First, we are again having our famous Fall Fest!! We hope you can join us for this FREE event on Thursday, October 19th from 5:30-7:00pm. There will be games, food, friends, and a small donated pumpkin or gourd for the kids to take home! We encourage you to wear a costume and show your Halloween spirit (there is no requirement to dress up though). You will be able to come as a family, eat dinner, play games, and have a blast with your Port Edwards Elementary friends! Keep a lookout for more details to come home as the date gets closer.

PEPO is hoping to have a delicious and free Donuts with Grown-ups come Friday, November 10th. A signup sheet will be sent home so that we can plan accordingly! There will be another fun Bingo night on Thursday, January 18th. We are also hoping to have another movie night this year, a dance, and some end of the year fun! More details will follow as dates become closer.

For fundraisers this year we will again have the School Store, which started Monday, September 25th. This fundraiser is a wonderful way to help support our teachers! They earn 100% of the donations. The teachers are then able to purchase supplies for their classroom from the School Store. There is also the option when you do your Online Shopping to go through School Store and then PEPO earns a portion of the online sale which helps us continue to do free events throughout the school year and helps us donate money to pay for field trips, or pay for fun treats for the students.

PEPO also has a new year-round Apparel Store this year! For each item purchased, PEPO will receive a portion of that payment to help fund our exciting activities and help us support our teachers. [Port Edwards School Store](#)

We will also again be having our Fall Fundraiser with Cherry Dale coming October 19th– November 2nd. The products will be delivered the week of December 11th, just in time for all the holiday gifts!

Without these fundraisers, we would not be able to continue the great things we are able to do for your children, the teachers and this school.

Please join us for our October meeting on Wednesday the 11th at 6:30pm to help us finalize plans for Fall Fest.

Port Edwards Parent Organization

Sarah Schroeder - President
Jennie Breitrack - Vice President
Carly Peckham - Treasurer

Elementary Spotlight

Submitted by: Kala Dorshorst, Elementary Teacher

September's character trait was Respect. The PK-5th grade students did a great job. Continue to show respect towards yourself, others, and belongings. These were the students who were recognized for showing Respect.



3rd-5th Grade Students

Anna, Katelyn, Holly, Michael, Lauren, Trevor, Josalyn, Shelby, Luke, Erik, Ella, Jaxon

Our Spotlight Teachers for the month of September were Mr. Bena, Mrs. Melvin, Mrs. Mancl, and Mrs. Sorbo



Mr. Bena - Mr. Bena's favorite color is blue. He loves to eat steak and drink milk. Mr. Bena has a wife, 2 daughters, and a dog named Buddy. He loves sports, chocolate, and pretzels. When he's not at school, he likes to hunt and watch football. He enjoys working with the staff and a quote he likes is, "Above all else, be kind."

Mrs. Melvin - Mrs. Melvin's favorite colors are shades of green. She loves to eat Greek food and drink coffee. Mrs. Melvin has a husband, 1 daughter with a boyfriend, a son Brett, a daughter-in-law, and a dog named Buck. She loves Mike & Ike's and Ritz Chips. When she's not at school, she likes to go on motorcycle rides and spend time with her kids. She loves seeing her kids happy and a quote she likes is, "Treat others as you would have them treat you!"



Mrs. Mancl - Mrs. Mancl's favorite color is teal. She loves to eat pizza and drink grape juice. Mrs. Mancl has a husband, 1 step-daughter, 2 sons, 1 daughter, a grandson, 2 dogs, 6 cats, 5 ducks, and a bunch of chickens. She loves softball, Swedish Fish, and Chips and dip. When she's not at school, she likes to garden. She enjoys her family and a quote she likes is, "Happiness can be found, even in the darkest times, if one only remembers to turn on the light."

Mrs. Sorbo - Mrs. Sorbo's favorite color is blue. She loves to eat Mexican food and drink Unsweetened Ice Tea. Mrs. Sorbo has a husband, and 3 daughters. She loves to golf and watching basketball. She enjoys Baby Ruth, Almond Joy, Popcorn, and Trail Mix without walnuts. When she's not at school, she likes to read, go for walks/hikes and sew. Her world are her 3 daughters, in which all 3 of them graduated with double majors and played college sports. A quote she likes is, "Love your family, work super hard, live your passion. The most important thing in the world is family and love."



October 2023 ES Breakfast Menu


Elementary School

Breakfast Prices:

All Students: \$1.60 Adults: \$2.45

Menus Subject to Change

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 Fuel 4U Cereal Kit Fruit Milk	3 Omelet Bagel Fruit Juice Milk	4 Chex Mix Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	5 Glazed Donut Fruit Juice Milk	6 Frudel Fruit Juice Milk
9 Yogurt Granola Fruit Juice Milk	10 Mini Waffles Syrup Fruit Juice Milk	11 Chocolate Crescent Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	12 WG Banana Bread Fruit Juice Milk	13 Frudel Fruit Juice Milk
16 Fuel 4U Cereal Kit Fruit Milk	17 Bug Bites Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	18 Mini Cinnis Fruit Juice Milk	19 Bagel Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	20 Frudel Fruit Juice Milk
23 Cereal Bar Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	24 Mini Pancakes Syrup Fruit Juice Milk	25 WG Muffin Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	26 No School	27 No School
30 Fuel 4U Cereal Kit Fruit Milk	31 Chocolate Crescent Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk			

October 2023 ES Lunch Menu

Alternate Lunch Choice:

Monday: Smuckers

Tuesday: Taco Salad

Wednesday: Turkey Wrap

Thursday: Chef Salad

Friday: Cheese Pizza

LUNCH PRICES:

Elementary: \$2.60 Middle School: \$2.75

High School: \$2.80 Adults: \$4.08

Menus Subject to Change

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 Chicken Nuggets Smiles Cooked Carrots Apple Slices Pudding Cup	3 Orange Chicken Rice Broccoli Pineapple Dinner Roll Fortune Cookie	4 Hot Dog WG Bun French Fries Baked Beans Mixed Fruit	5 Rotini Meatballs & Sauce Garlic Bread Warm Apple Slices Peas	6 Big Daddy's Pizza Green Beans Banana Ice Cream Sandwich No Alternate
9 Hamburger WG Bun French Fries Baked Beans Slushie	10 Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Gravy Corn Pears	11 Hot Ham & Cheese Curly Fries Green Beans Peaches Sherbet Cup	12 Chicken Nuggets Sauces Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Grapes	Grilled Cheese Tomato soup Cheez-Its Peas Apple Slices
16 All American Chicken Wrap Mashed Potatoes Mixed Veggies Applesauce	17 Baked Potato Bar Diced Ham Cheese Broccoli Peaches Dinner Roll	18 Pretzel Bun Sandwich Baked Chips Baked Beans Mandarin Oranges	19 Chicken Patty WG Bun Pasta Cooked Carrots Pears	20 Mozzarella Dippers Marinara Sauce Corn Banana
23 Calzone Marinara Sauce Pears Peas Pudding Cup	24 Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Gravy Sweet Potatoes Peaches Dinner Roll	25 C Chicken Quesadilla Spanish Rice Refried Beans Orange Wedges Salsa/Sour Cream	26 No School	27 No School
30 Chicken Tenders Sauces French Fries Peas Slushie	31 Chicken Alfredo Penne Pasta Broccoli Peaches Cookie			

October 2023 MS/HS Breakfast Menu

Middle/High School

Breakfast Prices:
 All Students: \$1.60 Adults: \$2.45
 Menus Subject to Change

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 Pop-Tart Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	3 Breakfast Sandwich on Croissant Fruit Juice Milk	4 WG Muffin Sunflower Seeds Fruit Juice Milk	5 WG Glazed Donut Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	6 Frudel Cheese Stick Apple Slices Juice Milk
9 Cereal Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	10 Omelet Bagel Fruit Juice Milk	11 WG Banana Bread Sunflower Seeds Fruit Juice Milk	12 Strawberry Cream Cheese Bagel Fruit Juice Milk	13 Cinnamon Roll Cheese Stick Banana Juice Milk
16 Pop-Tart Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	17 Breakfast Sandwich on Croissant Fruit Juice Milk	18 Chex Mix Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	19 Mini Pancakes Syrup Sunflower seeds Fruit Juice Milk	20 Cinnamon Roll Cheese Stick Apple Slices Juice Milk
23 Cereal Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	24 Omelet Bagel Fruit Juice Milk	25 WG Muffin Sunflower Seeds Fruit Juice Milk	26 No School	27 No School
30 Pop-Tart Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	31 Breakfast Sandwich on Croissant Fruit Juice Milk			

October 2023 MS/HS Lunch Menu

Alternate Lunch Choice:

Monday: Smuckers

Tuesday: Taco Salad

Wednesday: Turkey Wrap

Thursday: Chef Salad

Friday: Cheese Pizza


LUNCH PRICES:

Elementary: \$2.60 Middle School: \$2.75

High School: \$2.80 Adults: \$4.08

Menus Subject to Change

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 Chicken Nuggets Smiles Cooked Carrots Apple Slices Rice Krispie Treat	3 Orange Chicken Rice Broccoli Pineapple Fortune Cookie	4 Chicken Fajitas Spanish Rice Refried Beans Peaches Salsa/Sour Cream	5 Rotini Meatballs & Sauce Garlic Bread Warm Apple Slices Peas	6 Big Daddy's Pizza Pasta Salad Green Beans Banana Ice Cream Sandwich No Alternate
9 Chicken Drumsticks Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Dinner Roll Slushie	10 Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Gravy Corn Pears Dinner Roll	11 Hot Ham & Cheese Curly Fries Pineapple Baked Beans Sherbert Cup	12 Beef or Chicken Burrito Bowl Rice/Chips Refried Beans Corn Grapes	13 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Cheez-Its Apple Slices Peas
16 All American Chicken Wrap Mashed Potatoes Mixed Veggies Applesauce	17 Baked Potato Bar Ham/Taco Meat Broccoli Peaches Dinner Roll	18 Pretzel Bun Sandwich Baked Chips Baked Beans Mandarin Oranges	19 Chicken Patty WG Bun Pasta Jell-O Cooked Carrots Pears	20 Mozzarella Dippers Marinara Sauce Corn Banana Ice Cream Sandwich
23 Calzone Marinara Sauce Pears Green Beans Pudding Cup	24 Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Gravy Sweet Potatoes Peaches Dinner Roll	25 Mini Tacos Spanish Rice Refried Beans Orange Wedges Salsa/Sour Cream	26 No School	27 No School
30 Chicken Tenders Sauces French Fries Peas Slushie	31 Chicken Alfredo Penne Pasta Broccoli Peaches Breadstick			

PORT EDWARDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Business Meeting of the Board of Education

5:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 14, 2023 – Elementary School, 5th Street., Port Edwards, WI

Minutes

Meeting called to order by at 5:00 p.m by President John Daven.

Roll Call

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

ABSENT: Dana Duncan

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

1. Consider Approval of Agenda

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

2. Consideration of motion to adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)© for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility

Motion by McGrath, second by Thomasgard to adjourn into closed session. Voting yes—Daven Thomasgard , McGrath, Hildebrandt. Motion Carried.

A. Consider Approval of Minutes of Past Executive Session—May 10, 2023

B. Personnel

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

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

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

ABSENT: Dana Duncan

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Donna Shroda, Kala Dorshorst, Kristen Winters, Teresa Guillemot, Jennie Breitrack

5:30 p.m.—Business Session

4. President's Report

A. Board Member Attendance

President Daven reported that Board members Daven, Thomasgard, McGrath, Hildebrandt were in attendance. Board member Duncan was absent due to personal obligations.

B. Next Board Meeting

President Daven reported that the next meeting of the School Board will be Wednesday, July 19, 2023.

5. Administrative Reports

A. District Administrator Report - Superintendent Bena

Luke Schultz and Lindsey Schreiner of CESA 10 joined the meeting virtually and updated the Board on referendum planning which included the timeline for the facility committees, the community survey this fall as well as final figures that will be discussed once the state budget is set. Superintendent Bena congratulated the graduates and shared the end-of-year activities at both school. Staff appreciation gifts were distributed and a staff appreciation reception was held and several staff were recognized for years of service:

Tim Miller – 25 years Steve Birno – 10 years Amy McMillen – 5 years Kala Dorshorst – 5 years

Joe Hintz – 5 years Danielle Peters – 5 years Jamie Tuttle – 5 years

Superintendent Bena stated that the District has four positions open: 2 – special education teachers; 1 – elementary library aide; 1 – elementary lead cook.

B. Middle School/High School Principal Report - Principal Shroda

Principal Shroda updated the Board on summer school and stated that Amy McMillen and Joe Hintz are the summer school teachers this year and will finish on Friday. Max Ayres and Riley Thomas are running the weight room this summer and are offering two different times during the day for students to attend. Principal Shroda reported that handbooks are being updated in preparation for the new school year.

C. Guest Speaker - Kala Dorshorst

- Administrative Grad Presentation

Ms. Dorshorst did a presentation to the Board on the graduate program she has completed. Mrs. Dorshorst shared a PowerPoint showing many of the projects she has created. Mrs. Dorshorst has been very successful with her activities in the elementary school.

6. Questions and Comments from People in Attendance

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

7. Consider Approval of Minutes of Past Meeting – May 10, 2023.

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

8. Consider Approval of Financial Reports

- A. Check Summaries May 1-31, 2023
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- B. District Revenue Report May 1-31, 2023
- C. District Expenditures Report May 1-31, 2023
- D. May Cash Receipts Report.....May 1-31, 2023
- E. May Cash Balance Report
- F. May Substitutes Report
- G. Budget Revisions
- H. Consider Approval of Gifts

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS:

9. Consider Approval of 2023-24 Co-Curricular Staffing Plan

Motion by McGrath, second by Daven to approve the 2023-24 Co-Curricular Staffing Plan. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

10. Authorize 2023-24 Spending at 2022-23 Budget Levels Beginning July 1, 2023

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Thomasgard to authorize 2023-24 spending at 2022-23 budget levels beginning July 1, 2023. Voting yes- all. Motion carried.

11. Consider Approval of Release of 2023-24 Purchase Orders

Motion by McGrath, second by Hildebrandt to approve the release of 2023-24 purchase orders. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

12. Consider Approval of District HSA Contribution for 2023-24

The Board tabled this approval until October.

13. Consider Approval of Food Service Elementary Lead Cook

Motion by McGrath, second by Thomasgard to approve Food Service Elementary Lead Cook, Delores Ballerstein. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

14. Notification of Retirement

- A. Jill Weiland
Superintendent Bena notified the Board of Jill Weiland’s retirement effective June 2023.

15. Notification of Resignation

- A. Cara Christy
Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Thomasgard to accept Cara Christy resignation for the 2023-24 school year. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

16. Consider Approval of WIAA Senior High Membership Renewal

Motion by McGrath, second by Daven to approve the WIAA Senior High Membership renewal. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

17. Opportunity for Individual Board Member Comment

- McGrath – Thanked Jennie Breitrack for her years as the President of PEPO. Board member McGrath stated that she enjoyed attending the 4K graduation and the orchestra concert.
- Thomasgard – Reported on the State budget that is being currently proposed. The proposal is not in favor of public education and encouraged tax payers to educate themselves on the process.
- Hildebrandt – Thanked Kala Dorshorst for her presentation.
- Daven – Thanked Kala Dorshorst for all that she has been doing in our schools.

18. Establish Future Board Meetings

- Wednesday, July 19, 2023, Executive Session at 5:00 (if needed); Business Meeting at 5:30 p.m. – Elementary IMC
- Wednesday, August 16, 2023, Executive Session at 5:00 (if needed); Business Meeting at 5:30 p.m. – Elementary IMC

19. Call for Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Lisa Miller, Acting Secretary

PORT EDWARDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Business Meeting of the Board of Education

5:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 10, 2023 – Elementary IMC, Fifth Street., Port Edwards, WI

Minutes

5:00 p.m.—Meeting called to order by President John Daven at 5:30p.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 - Daven, Thomasgard, McGrath, Hildebrandt, Duncan. Motion carried.

2. 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 School Board will be August 16, 2023.

3. Administrative Reports

A. District Administrator Report –Superintendent Bena

Superintendent Bena reported that the PEEF golf outing was a success and profited just over \$7000 for its education fund and thanked all those that participated and sponsored the event.

Superintendent Bena shared information on the state 2023-25 biennial budget that Governor Evers signed July 5th. The budget gives an additional \$325 per pupil for the next two school years and well into the future and an overall increase in school funding of approximately one billion dollars state-wide.

The Port Edwards Police will be sponsoring a blood drive in the Dorothy Alexander Auditorium on July 28 from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Superintendent Bena reported that new playground equipment was installed at the elementary school by Dan Henne this summer.

Mr. Bena stated that the first meeting of the referendum facilities committee will be in August and this meeting will include a walk-through of the buildings.

Superintendent Bena thanked the maintenance staff and summer help for all of the work they have done this summer.

4. Questions and Comments from People in Attendance

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

5. Consider Approval of Minutes of Past Meeting – June 14, 2023

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Thomasgard to approve the minutes of the past meeting. Voting yes - Daven, Thomasgard, McGrath, Hildebrandt. Member Duncan abstained. Motion carried.

6. Consider Approval of Financial Reports

A. Check Summaries June 1-30, 2023

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B. District Revenue Report June 1-30, 2023

C. District Expenditures Report June 1-30, 2023

D. June Cash Receipt Report.....June 1-30, 2023

E. June Cash Balance Report

F. Budget Revisions

G. Consider Approval of Gifts

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 7. Consider Approval of 2023-24 Co-Curricular Code of Conduct**
Motion by Duncan second by Hildebrandt to approve the health plan for the 2023-2024 school year. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.
- 8. Consider Approval of 2023-24 JEMS & JEHS Student Handbooks**
Motion by Duncan, second by Hildebrandt to approve the 2023-24 JEMS & JEHS Student Handbooks. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.
- 9. Consider Approval of 2023-24 JEMS & JEHS Athletic Code of Conduct**
Motion by Duncan, second by Hildebrandt to approve the 2023-24 JEMS & JEHS Athletic Code of Conduct. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.
- 10. Consider Approval of 66.0301 Program Agreements – Nekoosa School District**
Motion by Duncan, second by McGrath to approve the 66.0301 Program Agreements with Nekoosa School District. Voting yes –all. Motion carried.
- 11. Consider Approval of 2023-24 Wisconsin Academic Standards**
Motion by Duncan, second by Hildebrandt to approve the 2023-24 Wisconsin Academic Standards. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.
- 12. Consider Approval of Title IX Coordinator – Heather Lisitza**
Motion by Duncan, second by McGrath to approve Heather Lisitza, Title IX Coordinator. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.
- 13. Consider Approval of 2023-24 Commercial Property, General Liability, Professional Liability, Crime, Inland Marine, Automobile, Umbrella & Worker’s Compensation Insurance Plans**
Motion by Duncan, second by Daven to approve the 2023-24 Commercial Property, General Liability, Professional Liability, Crime, Inland Marine, Automobile, Umbrella & Worker’s Compensation Insurance Plans. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.
- 14. First Reading of Neola Policy Updates**
Superintendent Bena discussed the updates to the Neola policies.
- 15. Consider Approval of the 2023-24 Lamers Bus Contract**
Motion by Thomasgard, second by Duncan to approve the 2023-24 Lamers Bus Contract. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.
- 16. Opportunity for Individual Board Member Comment**
Leo Thomasgard – Stated that is great to see all the good things happening this summer.
Kathy McGrath – Thanked the staff that taught summer school and the maintenance staff for their work this summer.
- 17. Establish Future Board Meetings**
Wednesday, August 16, 2023, Executive Session at 5:00 (if needed); Business Meeting at 5:30 p.m. – Elementary IMC
Wednesday, September 13, 2023, Executive Session at 5:00 (if needed); Business Meeting at 5:30 p.m. – Elementary IMC
- 18. 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 6:02 p.m.

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