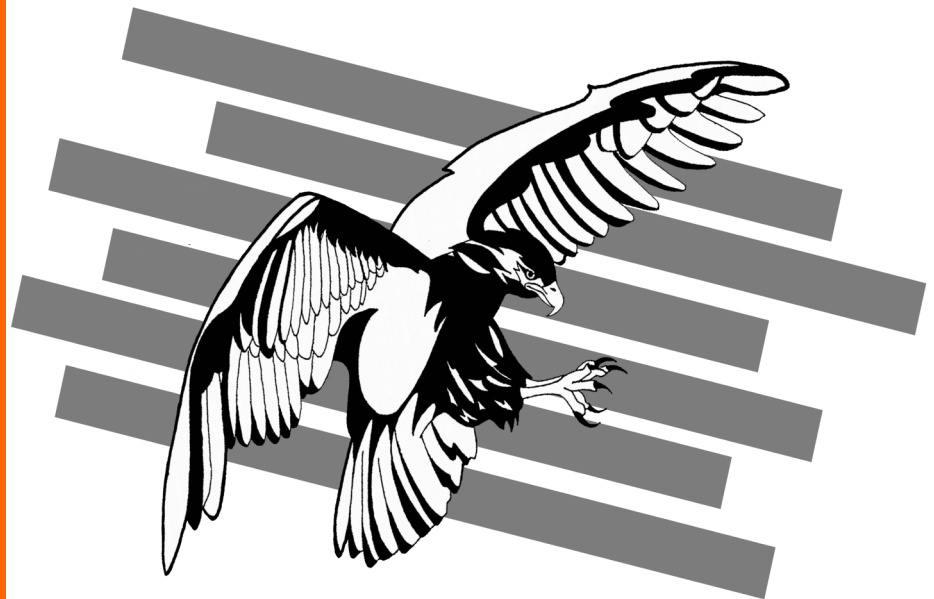


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The district encourages informal resolution of complaints under this policy. A formal complaint resolution procedure is available to address allegations of violations of the policy of the Port Edwards School District.

For assistance, please contact James Bena, Non-Discrimination Compliance Officer, at 801 Second Street, Port Edwards, WI 54469 or call 715-887-9000, ext. 102.

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## Public School Safety in Port Edwards and Across Wisconsin

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



Tragically, extreme violence has increased significantly in school systems across the United States over the past several years. The names of School Districts that were once known only locally (Sandy Hook, Columbine, and Uvalde, to name a few) have become known nationally due to acts of violence committed on their campuses. This school year, Apalachee High School in Winder, Georgia was the most recent campus that experienced the tragic effects of school violence.

It is an expectation from parents, staff and everyone living in our communities that our schools will be safe and welcoming environments for our children. In order to make our schools as safe as possible, the state of Wisconsin has significantly increased their efforts to keep our schools safe:

- The Wisconsin Department of Justice has a specific division, dedicated to teaching and implementing safety practices: *The Office of School Safety*. This department coordinates trainings, implements and teaches best practices for school safety, and coordinates threat assessments with both law enforcement and school districts.
- The Office of School Safety has also created a reporting tool available to members of the public 24 hours a day: the “Speak Up, Speak Out” hotline (1-800-697-8776). This phone number can be used by anyone who is made aware of a potential school threat; the Office will then work with our school district and local police to promptly assess and address the situation.
- Like all school districts in Wisconsin, the Port Edwards School District follows the safety guidelines that are found in Wisconsin state statute 118.07. This statute requires that schools conduct and report to their School Boards (on an annual basis) about school safety drills, consult with local law enforcement for safety assessments, and conduct school safety plan training.

The safety and well being of our students and staff is of critical importance to the Port Edwards School District. We are in contact with our local Police Department on a daily basis, assessing both school district campuses and surrounding areas to provide the safest environment possible. If you have any questions, thoughts or concerns about school safety, please contact myself or the Port Edwards Police Department.

**“It’s a GREAT DAY to be a Blackhawk!”**

## Embracing the Start of School and Homecoming Traditions

*Submitted by: Shane Steltenpohl, 6-12 Principal*



October is a month of school spirit, homecoming traditions, and settling into our routines. As autumn arrives, we're excited to bring you the latest happenings from John Edwards Middle and High School. Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm. Let's make October full of school spirit, achievement, and community! It truly does take a village!

- **Powderbuff Volleyball Tournament 9/28:** Powderbuff Volleyball will begin at 6:00 PM and chili drop-off will be inside the concession stand from 6:00-7:00 PM. Our Powderbuff will feature the following matchups:
  - ◊ Freshman vs. Sophomores      Juniors vs. Seniors
  - ◊ Winners vs. Winners      Staff vs. Seniors
- **Powderpuff Football Game and Chili Dump 9/29:** It's Back! Join us for some good ol' Powderpuff football games from 3:30-6:30 PM. Chili Dump to follow these matchups:
  - ◊ Freshman vs. Sophomores      Juniors vs. Seniors      Seniors vs. Staff
- **Varsity Volleyball 10/1:** Please join us as we cheer on our Lady Blackhawks as they take on the Pittsville Panthers in a CWC matchup. JV/JV2 begins at 5:45, Varsity 7:00
- **Dress-Up Days:** Show your school spirit by participating in our themed dress-up days:
  - ◊ **Monday:** Night In vs. Night Out
  - ◊ **Tuesday:** Decades—Seniors: 2000's, Juniors: 90's, Soph: 80's, Fresh: 70's, Staff: 2020
  - ◊ **Wednesday:** Iconic Duos (Batman/Robin)
  - ◊ **Thursday:** Jersey Day
  - ◊ **Friday:** Port Pride! Dress in orange and black!
- **Homecoming Parade:** Join us on 10/3 at 6:00 PM for our annual parade, featuring student floats, our Blackhawk Marching Band, and a lot of school spirit! The parade will begin on 1st Street, travel down Market Avenue, and end in front of the Kastner Gymnasium doors on 3rd Street!
- **Pep Rally:** Prepare to cheer on our teams at the pep rally on 10/3 following the parade. There will be fun games, performances, and a chance to show your school pride!
- **Bonfire:** Following the pep rally, please step outside and enjoy our bonfire tradition!
- **Homecoming Game:** Don't miss the big game on 10/4 at 4:00 PM. Our Blackhawks will be taking on the Newman Catholic Cardinals, and we'll need all our fans in the stands to cheer them on to victory.
- **Homecoming Dance:** The dance will be held on 10/5 from 8:00 to 12:00 in the Dorothy E. Alexander Auditorium. Dress to impress and get ready for a night of fun!

### October Upcoming Events

- **Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Mark your calendar for October 23rd from 4:30-7:00 PM. This is a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress and set goals for the remainder of the school year.
- **No School on October 24 and 25!** Enjoy a well-deserved break from a great start to the school

## MS/HS Counseling News

*Submitted by: Jennifer Moore, 6-12 Counselor*



### Senior Scholarships

Applying for scholarships is an important part of senior year for any student planning to continue with additional education. A scholarship list has been created and shared with the Class of 2025 via Google Drive. Any parent/guardian who is interested in seeing the list can be given access. Please send an email to [mooreje@pesd.k12.wi.us](mailto:mooreje@pesd.k12.wi.us) to request access. The list is updated often as new scholarship information becomes available. We encourage all seniors to check this list weekly. This is provided as a courtesy and only highlights some of the opportunities available to students.

### Financial Aid

All seniors continuing with 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 of [NCAA](#).



### 2024-25 ACT Test Dates:

Juniors will take the ACT on Wednesday, March 12, 2025.



Off Site Test Dates are as follows: Registration Deadline

October 26, 2024

September 20, 2024

December 14, 2024

November 8, 2024

February 8, 2025

January 3, 2025

To register for any of these additional test dates, at your cost, please go to [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

## Notes from the Nurse

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

I hope the transition back to school for your family has been a smooth one. For those of you who enjoy summer-like weather, it has been the perfect start to the school year for you!

One of the primary focus points during the month of October for school nurses is coordinating and running school based health screening services. These services are important for a variety of reasons:

- Screenings can identify concerns early, which may lead to faster care and improved treatment options
- Screenings can help to build awareness of the importance of health maintenance and resilience for those students who may struggle with medical appointments due to sensory issues or previous negative experiences
- School based screenings are cost effective - aka FREE
- School based screenings are less time consuming and more trauma sensitive than intervening later
- School-based health screenings increase access to care for students from low-income/minoritized families

The PESD is proud to offer hearing, vision and dental screenings each year for our students. The schedule for screenings for the 2024/25 school year is below:

**9/30-10/1 - Healthy Smiles** - Slips must be returned in order to participate.

**10/23 - Vision screening** - Students in grades 4K, K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 10, and 12 are eligible. Permission slips will be sent home in early October. All eligible students will be screened unless the "opt-out" slip is returned.

**10/28 Hearing screening** - This is for students in kindergarten only. Permission slips will be sent home as the date gets closer. All students will be screened unless the "opt-out" slip is returned.

As always, please let me know if there is anyway we can support your student's health!

## School Immunization Reporting

The Wisconsin Department of Health and Human Services requires schools to maintain and report on student immunization compliance each year.

Students who are found out of compliance on the 30th day of school are required to be excluded from school for 10 days starting on the 31st day (October 16) or until immunization compliance is achieved, whichever is sooner. Letters were sent home the middle of September and again at the end of the month. If you have questions about your students immunization compliance, you can contact the health office. Your primary care provider can also help.



Katie Bortz  
CESA 5 School Nurse  
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## Fall Athletics

*Submitted by: Max Ayres, Athletic Director*

The school year is off to a rip-roaring start and so is the sports action in our gymnasium, on the football field, and at various cross country settings. Our student-athletes continue to show the grit, perseverance, and sportsmanship that we all wish to see in our Blackhawks. Here is an update on all of the fall sports teams!

Our MS/HS cross country teams have been running this town for a couple of years now under the direction of running enthusiast Coach Tim Miller! The program continues to grow and now features seven MS students and six HS students. Recently, they won the team title at the Nekoosa HS meet led by 1st place finisher, Rylee Duckart. Impressive finishes, personal bests, and a growing program are all OUTSTANDING reasons to show up and support these runners at their upcoming meets! Good luck to the MS/HS Cross Country team for the rest of their season!

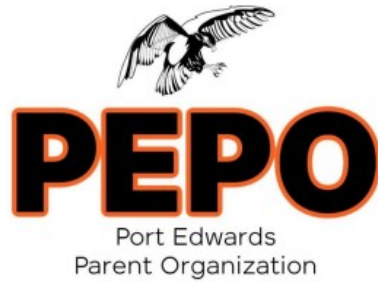
The MS/HS volleyball teams have been bumping, setting, and spiking their way through their busy schedules. We welcomed a brand new varsity coaching staff led by Brian Strnad, Angela Rogers, and Crissy Robinson, after many outstanding years led by Lisa Miller, Kali Mayek, and Ashley Miller. THANK YOU MILLER FAMILY FOR ALL THE GREAT YEARS! This years middle school team consists of twelve 7th grade students and nine 8th grade students. As for the high school team, they have 32 (!!!) girls out this year. The varsity team currently sits with a record of 5-11 and looks to build on some recent positive momentum as we near the end of the season.

Finally, the MS/HS football teams have been bringing all types of energy to the field as they are about halfway through their season. Under new coaches, Devin Peckham and Jeremiah Teske, the MS team has battled through some tough games and continues to make positive strides. The 14 student-athletes on the team continue to learn and build on their successes throughout the season. As for the HS team, they have started their season 4-0 with a recent BIG W vs. conference foe Almond Bancroft, 40-30. The team consists of 23 hard-working, passionate players who continue to work toward their team goals. They have a couple of home games coming up, homecoming and senior night, and the team hopes you can come out and show them your support!

If you haven't already, please follow the following social media pages for all information on athletics:

- Port Edwards Athletics (Facebook)
- Port Edwards Booster Club (Facebook)





We are looking forward to the new school year, and the fun family events that are being planned. Back to School night was a great opportunity to see old friends and meet new ones. Thank you to everyone that stopped by the PEPO table and learned a little more about becoming involved with our activities.

We are excited to continue our fundraising efforts through the year-round Apparel Store (<https://1stplace.sale/101560>) , the School Store ( [www.schoolstore.net](http://www.schoolstore.net), using our School ID: 50206), Cherrydale fundraising, and many other community involved events.

We will again be having our Fall Fest at the elementary school. This FREE event will be on Friday, October 18th and is open to all Port Edwards Elementary students. Halloween/Fall costumes are encouraged but not required. More details will be coming home as the date gets closer.

Future events will include Donuts with Grownups, Candy Cane Grams, Bingo Night, School Dance, Movie Night, Muffins in the Morning, and the end of the year carnival - a student favorite! Watch for more information on all of these great events throughout the upcoming months.

Thank you all for your continued support in our fundraisers, which help us put on these great family friendly events, provide special days for our students, and help our classrooms through field trip costs and added classroom supplies.

Please join us for our next meeting on **October 16th at 6:30pm**, as we continue planning these events.

**Port Edwards Parent Organization (PEPO)**

Sarah Schroeder – *President*

Stephanie Bennett – *Vice President*

Carly Peckham - *Treasurer*

April Nelson - *Secretary*





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## On-Site Childcare Available at Ed Heuer Elementary School

The South Wood County YMCA Child Development Center at Ed Heuer Elementary School currently has child care spots available for children ages 3 to 6.

If you are interested in more information or in enrolling your child, please contact Mrs. Tracy Vruwink, Senior Director of Childcare & Community Programs:  
[vruwink@swcymca.org](mailto:vruwink@swcymca.org) or 715-818-6019.

## Coalition Member Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes Provides Opportunities for Growth

Girl Scouts is the one activity where she can put on a play, go camping, explore the cosmos, and stand up for her beliefs—all with friends who share those values. Being a Girl Scout makes kids part of something bigger than themselves!

Girls can become Girl Scouts at any point from kindergarten through high school. For just \$25 plus any local fees, you'll join a group of girls and families called a troop and get a full year of adventures, including trips, events, and special programs. Troops in the Wisconsin Rapids area do exciting things like explore nature and the outdoors, camping, STEM, field trips, community service, travel abroad, and much more!

If you're interested in learning more, email [info@gsnwgl.org](mailto:info@gsnwgl.org) or [cvenzke@gsnwgl.org](mailto:cvenzke@gsnwgl.org), and come to the Girl Scouts Taylor Swift party on Monday October 22nd at Camp Sacajawea from 5:30–6:30pm!



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# October 2024 ES Breakfast Menu

## Elementary School

Breakfast Prices:

All Students: \$1.70 Adults: \$2.55

Menus Subject to Change

*This institution is a equal opportunity provider.*

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1 Omelet Bagel Fruit Juice Milk	2 Chex Mix Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	3 WG Glazed Donut Fruit Juice Milk	4 Frudel Fruit Juice Milk
7 Yogurt Bug Bites Fruit Juice Milk	8 Waffles Syrup Fruit Juice Milk 	9 Mini Donuts Fruit Juice Milk 	10 WG Banana Bread Fruit Juice Milk	11 Frudel Fruit Juice Milk
14 Fuel 4U Cereal Kit Fruit Milk	15 Breakfast Pizza Bagel Fruit Juice Milk	16 Mini Cinnis Fruit Juice Milk	17 Bagel Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	18 Frudel Fruit Juice Milk
21 Cereal Bar Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	22 Mini Pancakes Syrup Fruit Juice Milk	23 WG Muffin Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	24 No School	25 No School
28 Fuel 4U Cereal Kit Fruit Milk	29 Caramel Mini Cinni Fruit Juice Milk	30 Breakfast Bowl Bagel Fruit Juice Milk	31 Cereal Bar Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	

# October 2024 ES Lunch Menu

Alternate Lunch Choice:

Monday: Smuckers

Tuesday: Taco Salad

Wednesday: Pizza Roll Up

Thursday: Chef Salad




Friday: See Menu Below (in **Bold**) *This institution is an equal opportunity provider.*

## LUNCH PRICES:

Elementary: \$2.70 Middle School: \$2.85

High School: \$2.90 Adults: \$4.20

Menus Subject to Change

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1 Orange Chicken Rice Broccoli Pineapple Fortune Cookie	2 Hot Dog WG Bun French Fries Baked Beans Mixed Fruit	3 Rotini Meatballs & Sauce Garlic Bread Warm Apples Peas	4 Big Daddy's Pizza Green Beans Banana Ice Cream Sandwich  <b>No Alternate</b>
7 Hamburger WG Bun French Fries Baked Beans Slushie	8 Beef & Macaroni Casserole Corn Pears 	9 Hot Ham & Cheese Curly Fries Green Beans Peaches Sherbet Cup	10 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Grapes Sauces	11 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Cheez-Its Peas Apple Slices  <b>Mozzarella Dippers</b>
14 Pepperoni French Bread Pizza Green Beans Apple slices Ice Cream Cup	15 Chicken Noodle Soup Pretzel Bun Sandwich Cheez-Its Corn Pears 	16 Cheese Ravioli & Sauce Peas Pineapple Breadstick	17 Chicken Patty WG Bun Rotini Pasta Baked Beans Mandarin Oranges	18 Mozzarella Dippers Marinara Sauce Corn Banana  <b>Cheese Pizza</b>
21 Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Gravy Sweet Potatoes Peaches Dinner Roll	22 Taco Tuesday! Mini Tacos Spanish Rice Refried Beans Orange Wedges Salsa/Sour Cream	23 Baked Potato Bar Diced Ham Shredded Cheese Broccoli Blueberries Rice Krispie Treat	24  No School	25  No School
28 Chicken Tenders Sauces French Fries Peas Slushie	29 Taco Tuesday! Softshell Tacos Spanish Rice Refried Beans Pears Salsa/Sour Cream	30 Chicken Alfredo Penne Pasta Broccoli Peaches	31 Chicken Patty WG Bun Rotini Pasta Cooked Carrots Mandarin Oranges	

# October 2024 MS/HS Breakfast Menu




## Middle/High School

Breakfast Prices:

All Students: \$1.70 Adults: \$2.55

Menus Subject to Change

*This institution is a equal opportunity provider.*

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1 Breakfast Sand. On Croissant Fruit Juice Milk	2 WG Muffin Sunflower Seeds Fruit Juice Milk	3 WG Glazed Donut Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	4 Frudel Cheese Stick Apple Slices Juice Milk
7 Cereal Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	8 Omelet Bagel Fruit Juice Milk	9 Mini Donuts Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk 	10 WG Banana Bread Sunflower Seeds Fruit Juice Milk	11 Cinnamon Roll Cheese Stick Banana Juice Milk
14 Pop-Tart Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	15 Breakfast Sandwich On Croissant Fruit Juice Milk	16 Mini Pancakes Syrup Sunflower Seeds Fruit Juice Milk	17 Breakfast Pizza Bagel Fruit Juice Milk 	18 Cinnamon Roll Cheese Stick Apple Slices Juice Milk
21 Cereal Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	22 Omelet Bagel Fruit Juice Milk	23 WG Muffin Sunflower Seeds Fruit Juice Milk	24 No School	25 No School
28 Pop-Tart Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	29 Breakfast Bowl Bagel Fruit Juice Milk	30 Waffle Envy Syrup Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	31 WG Donut Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	

# October 2024 MS/HS Lunch Menu

Alternate Lunch Choice:

Monday: Smuckers

Tuesday: Taco Salad

Wednesday: Pizza Roll Up

Thursday: Chef Salad

Friday: See Menu Below (in **Bold**)

## LUNCH PRICES:

Elementary: \$2.70 Middle School: \$2.85

High School: \$2.90 Adults: \$4.20

Menus Subject to Change

*This institution is an equal opportunity provider.*

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1 Orange Chicken General Tso Rice/Egg Roll Broccoli Pineapple Fortune Cookie	2 Hot Dog WG Bun French Fries Baked Beans Peaches	3 Rotini Meatballs & Sauce Peas Warm Apple Slices Garlic Bread	4 Big Daddy's Pizza Pasta Salad Green Beans Banana Ice Cream Sandwich  <b>No Alternate</b>
7 Hamburger WG Bun French Fries Green Beans Slushie	8 Beef & Macaroni Casserole Corn Pears Breadstick 	9 Hot Ham & Cheese Curly Fries Pineapple Baked Beans Sherbet Cup	10 Beef or Chicken Burrito Bowl Rice/Chips Refried Beans Corn Grapes	11 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Cheez-Its Apple Slices Peas  <b>Mozzarella Dippers</b>
14 Pepperoni French Bread Pizza Green Beans Apple Slices Ice Cream Cup	15 Chicken Noodle Soup Cheez-Its Pretzel Bun Sand. Corn Pears	16 Cheese Ravioli & Sauce Breadstick Peas Pineapple 	17 Chicken Patty WG Bun Rotini Pasta Jell-O Baked Beans Mandarin Oranges	18 Mozzarella Dippers Marinara Sauce Corn Banana Ice Cream Sandwich  <b>Cheese Pizza</b>
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# PORT EDWARDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## Business Meeting of the Board of Education

5:00p.m., Wednesday, July 10, 2024 – Elementary IMC, Fifth Street., Port Edwards, WI

# Minutes

Meeting called to order by President John Daven at 5:00 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 Hildebrandt to approve the agenda as presented. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

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

**19.85(1)(c) 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 Hildebrandt, 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 – June 12, 2024

B. Discuss 2024-25 Absences from Work

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

Motion by Daven, second by McGrath 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:** Shane Steltenpohl, Bonnie Thomas, Erin Hess, Tim Birkhauser, Kristen Winters, Sheena Vitello, Jessica Ewert, Steve Birno, Jennifer Moore, Pam Sorbo, Kelly Hildebrandt, Wendy Henne

**5:30 p.m. – Business Session**

Per request, President Daven agreed to move agenda item #15

### 15. 4K Wrap-Around Daycare

Superintendent Bena presented information regarding opening a 4K Wrap-Around Daycare in the elementary building.

Representatives from the YMCA, including Tim Birkhauser, YMCA Board Member, were in attendance and shared details on the position of the YMCA and what would be required in order for the YMCA to operate the daycare. It was stated that there would need to be approximately seven children in attendance at the daycare to break even. The YMCA stated that the daycare operations including licensing cannot operate at a loss. The Board and Superintendent Bena discussed options to assure that this would not happen and discussed possible ways to subsidize the program possibly using Fund 80. Location of the daycare in the elementary school was also discussed.

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Daven to approve the YMCA to operate a Wrap-Around Daycare, provided licensing is granted and does not operate at a loss. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

### 4. President's Report

A. Board Member Attendance

President Daven reported that all Board members were present.

B. Next Board Meeting

President Daven reported that the meeting of the Board of Education will be August 21, 2024.

### 5. Administrative Reports

A. District Administrator Report - Superintendent Bena

Superintendent Bena reported that the Wisconsin DPI has released its preliminary estimate for the state general school aid. This year the district will see an increase of \$523,922 or 14.28% over last year.

Mr. Bena reported that the three-week summer school program was complete and thanked the teachers and staff for their hard work. He also stated that the food service department reported an increase of 300 meals over last year's summer school.

The 18th Annual Blackhawk Scramble was a success and Superintendent Bena stated that next year's outing is scheduled for June 16th.

Mr. Bena shared that he met with Officer Brandon Abbott regarding a therapy dog for next school year.

Superintendent Bena thanked the custodians and the summer help for all of the hard work preparing for the new school year.

### 6. Questions and Comments from People in Attendance

None

## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

### **7. Consider Approval of Minutes of Past Meeting – June 12, 2024**

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

### **8. Consider Approval of Financial Reports**

- A. Check Summaries June 1-30, 2024  
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- B. District Revenue Report June 1-30, 2024
- C. District Expenditures Report June 1-30, 2024
- D. June Cash Receipts Report.....June 1-30, 2024
- E. JuneCash Balance Report
- F. Budget Revisions
- G. Consider Approval of Gifts

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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **9. Consider Approval of 2024-25 Teaching Contracts**

- A. Jenny Hafermann – 1.0 FTE Elementary
- B. Katie Shaffer - .75 FTE Special Education

Motion by Duncan, second by Hildebrandt to approve the 2024-25 teaching contracts for Hafermann and Shaffer. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

### **10. Consider Approval of 2024-25 Co-Curricular Contracts**

- A. Brian Strnad – Varsity Volleyball
- B. Devin Peckham – MS Football
- C. Ethan Jensen – Varsity Girls Basketball

Motion by Duncan, second by McGrath to approve the 2024-25 co-curricular contracts for Strnad, Peckham and Jensen. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

### **11. Consider Approval of 2024-25 Wisconsin Academic Standards**

Motion by Duncan, second by Thomasgard to approve the 2024-25 Wisconsin Academic Standards. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

### **12. Consider Approval of 2024-25 Commercial Property, General Liability, Professional Liability, Crime, Inland Marine, Automobile, Umbrella & Worker's Compensation Insurance Plans**

Motion by Duncan, second by McGrath to approve the 2024-25 Commercial Property, General Liability, Professional Liability, Crime, Inland Marine, Automobile, Umbrella & Worker's Compensation Insurance Plans. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

### **13. Consider Approval of Co-Curricular Positions:**

- A. Art Club
- B. Instrumental Strings

Motion by McGrath, second by Duncan to approve the addition of Art Club and Instrumental Strings. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

### **14. Discussion: Sick Day Payout**

Superintendent Bena will create language and present to the board in August.

### **16. Consider Approval of Neola Policy Updates**

Motion by Duncan, second by Hildebrandt to approve the Neola policy updates as presented. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

### **17. Opportunity for Individual Board Member Comment**

McGrath – Thanked the staff that worked summer school, welcomed Shane Steltenpohl to his new position as principal and thanked Donna Shroda for her years of service.

Hildebrandt – Thanked all those for attending tonight's meeting.

Thomasgard – Thanked Donna Shroda for her service and stated she will be missed. Shared information on a one-day protective service program hosted by MSTC. The Port Edwards Fire Department will pay for a student to attend this unique opportunity.

Duncan – Shared that the district is doing a good job with leading our students in their chosen career paths. The programs offered by MSTC through the school district are a great benefit to the students to help prepare them for their plans after graduation.

Daven – Appreciated all those that attended tonight's meeting and all those that worked summer school.

### **18. Establish Future Board Meetings**

Wednesday, August 21, 2024, Executive Session at 5:00 (if needed); Business Meeting at 5:30 p.m. – Elementary IMC

### **19. Call for Adjournment**

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Lisa Miller, acting secretary

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