

PORT EDWARDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Business Meeting of the Board of Education

5:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 9, 2020 – Elementary IMC, Fifth Street, Port Edwards, WI

MINUTES

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

Roll Call

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Kyle Cronan, Superintendent, Lisa Miller, Business Director

OTHERS PRESENT: Donna Shroda, Cara Christy, Jen Moore, Max Ayres, Walter Iwanski

1. Consider Approval of Agenda

Motion by Thomasgard, second by McGrath to approve the agenda as posted. Voting yes – all. 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 Board of Education will be October 14, 2020.

3. Administrative Reports

A. Report on 2020-21 Budget Planning and District Procedures When Students/Staff Are Sick – Superintendent Cronan

Superintendent Cronan gave an update on the 2020-21 budget. Final figures will not be set until later this fall but currently, it appears the district will receive an additional \$200,000 to \$300,000 in revenue, however there is still a chance that the legislature will adjust this. An increase in state aid will mean a possible lower mill rate. The District will not receive the final general aid amount until October 15th. The operating budget is currently being worked on. The District looks to continue with plans to update curriculum and facilities while responding to the needs of Covid 19.

Superintendent reviewed healthcare procedures that are in place for Covid 19. Communication with parents is a priority and the District has shared guidelines to be used should students experience symptoms or become a contact of someone who has been diagnosed with Covid 19.

B. Report on Start of School at the Elementary School – Principal Christy

Principal Christy stated that the start has been successful. Ms. Christy assured the Board that measures are being taken to assure the safety of all children and staff, i.e. social distancing, zones for recess, lunch and dismissal one grade at a time.

Principal Christy noted that lunch and recess time is the same as previous years.

C. Report on Start of School at JEMS/JEHS – Principal Shroda

Principal Shroda reported that the middle/high school is running smoothly. Ms. Shroda updated the Board with the precautions that are being taken to assure the safety of all students and staff. Principal Shroda stated that the students have been amazing and have been cooperating with all of the new adjustments. Principal Shroda stated that she impressed with the hard work our custodial staff has put in to keeping our buildings clean.

4. Questions and Comments from People in Attendance

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

5. Consider Approval of Minutes of Past Meeting – August 12, 2020

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

6. Consider Approval of Financial Reports

A. Check SummariesAugust 1-31, 2020

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B. Cash Receipt Summary.....August 1-31, 2020

C. District Revenue ReportAugust 1-31, 2020

D. District Expenditures Report.....August 1-31, 2020

E. August Cash Balance Report

F. August Fund 60 Activity Accounts Report

G. Budget Revision

H. Consider Approval of Gifts

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS:

7. Consider Approval of 2020-21 Co-Curricular Positions:

A. Paul Liebherr – Assistant Football

Motion by Martinson, second by McGrath to approve Paul Liebherr, Assistant Football Coach. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

8. Consider Approval of Amendment to Compensation Guide

Motion by Martinson, second by Hildebrandt to approve the Amendment to Compensation Guide. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

9. Consider Approval of Early Graduation

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Thomasgard to approve the applications for early graduation. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

10. Consider Approval of 66.03.01 Agreements – Nekoosa School District

Motion Daven, second by Hildebrandt to approve the 66.03.01 agreements with Nekoosa School District. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

11. Receive 2019-20 Seclusion & Restraint Report

Superintendent Cronan reviewed the 2019-20 Seclusion & Restraint Report with the Board of Education.

12. Preliminary Review of 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 District Calendars

Superintendent Cronan discussed the drafts of the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 District Calendars.

13. Consider Approval of District Guidelines for Fan Attendance at Athletic Events

Superintendent Cronan discussed the options for fans at our venues.

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Martinson to approve attendance for football games (ms/hs) to allow fans, social distance, wear masks; volleyball matches to allow 4 tickets per athlete and coach along with 25 students for the home team and 2 tickets per athlete/coach for visiting team, social distance, wear masks; middle school volleyball to allow 2 tickets per athlete (home and visiting team), social distance, wear masks; no charge to attend fall athletic events. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

14. Opportunity for Individual Board Member Comment

McGrath – Reported that she is very happy the renaming of the elementary school, Port Edwards Ed Heuer Elementary School, is finished. She thanked everyone for their hard work and pleased school is off to a good start.

Thomasgard – Appreciates all of the staff for their hard work they have put into the school year despite these trying times.

Reminded all to be safe.

Hildebrandt – Thanked the staff and faculty for a good plan and for making adjustments as needed to open school successfully.

Means a lot to the students to be in school and to the seniors to have a year as normal as possible.

Martinson - Thanked all staff and the Wood County Health Dept. for all they have done to get our schools started. Great to see that athletics has started. The district is doing their best to keep all students and staff safe.

Daven – Stated there were many challenges opening schools and appreciates all that everyone has done to have a successful start.

15. Establish Future Board Meetings

Wednesday, October 14, 2020, Executive Session at 5:00 (if needed); Business Meeting at 5:30 p.m. – Elementary IMC

Monday, October 26, 2020, Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting, 6:00 p.m. – Elementary IMC

Wednesday, November 11, Executive Session at 5:00 (if needed); Business Meeting at 5:30 p.m. – Elementary IMC

Wednesday, December 9, Executive Session at 5:00 (if needed); Business Meeting at 5:30 p.m. – Elementary IMC

16. Call for Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.