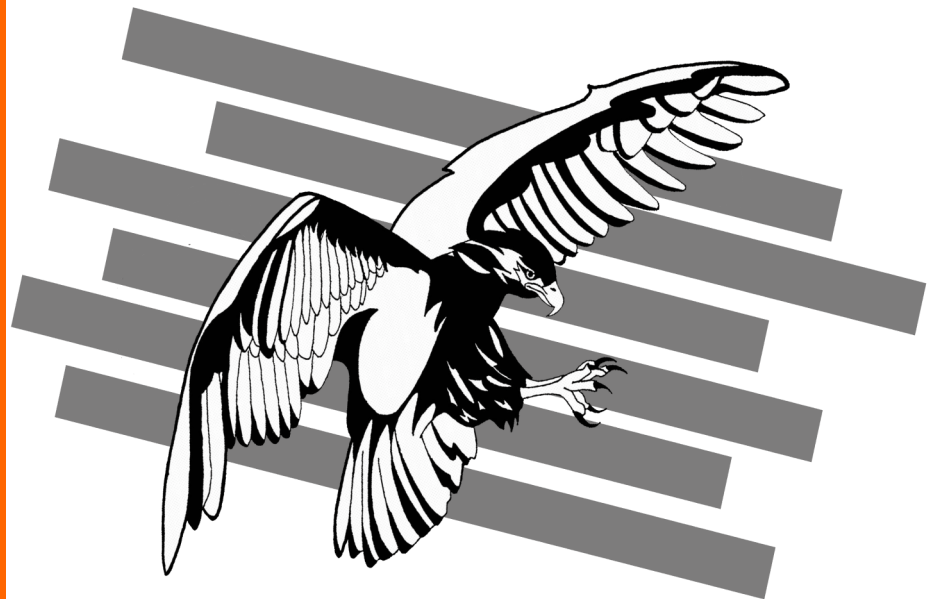


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*Improving America's Future...
One Student at a Time*

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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 Kyle Cronan, Non-Discrimination Compliance Officer, at 801 Second Street, Port Edwards, WI 54469 or call 715-887-9000, ext. 102.

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Budget Message

Submitted by: Kyle Cronan, Superintendent



This article contains information related to the financial portion of the 2021 Port Edwards School District’s October 25 Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting. In order to have consistency from one year to the next, the following information will be presented in a similar manner as in the past.

Two questions often surface regarding this information; the first one is, “What will be the impact of this budget on my property taxes?” The second question is, “How will this budget impact the education of our students?”

First, the impact of our budget on the taxpayer. The District operates with two major sources of revenue – state equalization aid and local property taxes. The total amount of revenue we can generate from these two sources is set by the State of Wisconsin. In other words, the state-established revenue limit minus the state-legislated equalized aid equals the local property tax limit, as illustrated below.

<u>2020-21</u>	<u>2021-22</u>
Revenue Limit \$5,583,582	Revenue Limit \$5,628,878
<u>Equalized Aid \$-3,552,599</u>	<u>Equalized Aid \$-3,499,483</u>
Tax Levy Limit \$2,030,983	Tax Levy Limit \$2,127,204

Several other areas which affect the tax levy such as: Fund 38 - Debt Service; Fund 80 - Community Service; the passage of the Non-Recurring Referendum; an adjustment made for open enrolled pupils who are not initially enrolled at the time of the enrollment count and an exemption in which the District can tax to fill the voucher deduction. The following chart illustrates these calculations for the local property tax levy.

	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>2021-22</u>
Fund 10 Levy w/out exemptions	\$1,278,471	\$1,498,504
Fund 10 Referendum	+ \$600,000	+ \$600,000
Prior Year Open Enrollment (uncounted)	+ \$0	+ \$0
Private School Voucher Aid Exemption	+ \$62,777	+ \$63,675
<u>Fund 38 Debt Service</u>	<u>+ \$89,735</u>	<u>+ \$92,375</u>
Total Fund 10 Levy	\$2,030,983	\$2,127,204
<u>Fund 80 Levy</u>	<u>\$15,000</u>	<u>\$20,000</u>
TOTAL TAX LEVY	\$2,045,983	\$2,147,204

The result is that the school district’s total tax levy will increase by \$101,221. The equalized property value in our taxing district went up by approximately \$15,839,853 or 7.3% as compared with last year when the value only rose 0.9% or \$1,972,138. This means that the mill rate for the taxing district as a whole will be 9.83. This is a decrease of 27cents per thousand dollars in property value as last year the tax rate for the district was 10.10. This year’s decrease in the tax rate is primarily due to the increased property value of the district. The tax rate this year is the lowest rate since 2006.

This year, we have more students than we did a year ago in our Full Time Equivalent count. This fall we have approximately 459 students in our seats, however due to the way the state calculates funding, we are receiving revenue cap funding as if we have 445 students. This is the case because enrollment is calculated as a 3-year average. Last year, we were funded as if we had 441 students.

One question that has come up from time to time is, “What is the effect of vouchers on the school district?” For this year, the District will have an aid deduction of approximately \$63,675 for voucher students attending private schools (Wisconsin Parental Choice Program and the Special Needs Scholarship Program). This is an increase of \$898 over last year. The District does not receive specific information about what voucher eligible schools the money will ultimately go to or exactly how many

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students are receiving vouchers in the District. Ultimately, this deduction in aid is passed to the taxpayer in the form of \$63,675 in taxes collected as an offset. This is calculated into the tax levy projections listed above.

The District has worked to fulfill what was outlined in the referendum plan with regard to the main priority areas. We worked again this past year to address many of the deferred maintenance projects that have accumulated. We replaced flooring in the middle/high school building in several areas that dated to the 1950s, painted several areas, continued to update lighting to LED fixtures in many areas, continued to replace carpeting in several areas and continued to make upgrades and improvements in the heating system at the middle/high school building.

This is the way Wisconsin and subsequently Port Edwards fund the education of their children. We continue to work to find the means so that our property taxpayers bear less of the cost, but under our current system, the State and the homeowner/taxpayer share the cost of educating our children. As always, we are aware of our dual mission to provide an excellent education and to do it within our communities' ability and willingness to support our students.

In order to ensure our success in the future we will need your continued commitment to our community's school district. If you have any questions about the budget or the tax levy, please call me at 715-887-9000, ext. 102 or e-mail cronaky@pesd.k12.wi.us.

Kyle Cronan, Superintendent

6-12 SCHOOL NEWS

Submitted by: Donna Shroda, 6-12 Principal



Educational experiences are abundant here at John Edwards High school. As I walk through the school, I'm so impressed with the teachers and students. It is very common to have a classroom of students on their tech devices interactively learning with their teacher. Five years ago teachers were happy to have an hour in the computer lab and today every 6-12 grade student has their own device.

High school students are currently taking classes in our classrooms and earning MSTC credits. This year we will offer 8 dual credit classes through the three trimesters. We had 12 students take classes this trimester. This is all possible because of the dedicated staff who are taking additional classes themselves to be certified at the college level. Thank you to Carla Leonhardt, Tami Griffith, Tim Miller, and Ethan Jensen who will join CTE teachers Marissa Rebeschke and Steve Birno.

The Home Maintenance class, instructed by Steve Birno, is building a shed this trimester. Ten students learned how to frame and roof the shed; excellent real life skills! Best of all, the shed is being donated to our local PE Lions Club. The plan is to auction the shed off and use the proceeds to support the community. This proves to be a win for all involved.

Port Edwards has four high school students participating in a Teen Leadership program. Dakota Bares, Nate Gibbs, Austin Martinson, and Aubree Shroda will meet monthly with other area teens from the South Wood County area to develop their leadership potential to make a difference in their community.

At all ends of the building, the fine arts departments are engaged. Just recently through a grant, the Art and Spanish classes created luminaries with Hilda Marquez, a famous artist who visited our school earlier this month. A special thank you to all who made this experience happen for our students.

As the next trimester begins, classes and activities will continue to advance students and staff to the next level of learning.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

Submitted by: Cara Christy, 4K-5 Principal

Our elementary students learned a lot about safety this fall. Our Port Edwards Volunteer Fire Department visited our school to talk about fire safety and some of our younger Blackhawks took walking field trips to the fire department. In addition, Officer Abbott joined us to talk about bus safety and every student practiced the evacuation drill on a Lamers bus. In addition, Officer Fleisner visited the school with K-9 Officer Lex, to talk to students about the job of a police dog and how they keep us safe.



Our own Ed Heuer Elementary School Students are keeping us safe as well. This year, some of our fifth grade students joined our school safety patrol. Their jobs include helping students cross the street safely at VerBunker and 5th Street, helping students cross during pick-up and drop-off times in front of the school, properly putting up and taking down the American and state flags, and showing leadership throughout the school. Our safety patrols have done a great job learning their roles. A special thanks to Kristi Bossert, our crossing guard, who has helped assist our safety patrols each and every day.

Elementary parent-teacher conferences are also being held on November 15th, 16th, and 17th. Our teachers will be offering several options, including meeting in-person or virtually. If you didn't sign up for a time to meet with your child's teacher, please do so soon. Having constant communication with home is key to student success. Have a wonderful fall!

ANNUAL NOTICES UPDATE

Educational Records

Federal law requires that the district annually state the district policy regarding the release of student records. The district policy is as follows:

- Parents, guardians, and adult age of students have the right of access to each education record that the school district keeps on that student.
- The school has a written policy covering access, maintenance and disclosure of these records. A copy of this policy may be obtained through the superintendent's office.
- The school may disclose "personally identifiable information" known as directory information (name, activities, sports, weight & height for programs, photographs, degrees and awards received and date of graduation) without obtaining parental or adult-student permission, unless the school superintendent is requested in writing not to release specified directory information. The written request must be received in the superintendent's office within fourteen days of filing this notice.
- Parents/guardians or adult students have the right to file a complaint with the Family Policy Compliance Office of the U.S. Department of Education alleging district noncompliance with FERPA requirements.
- School Districts are required to make student records available to "law enforcement officers who are individually designated by the school board and assigned to the school district, in addition to district employees who are required by the DPI to hold a license, and to other school district officials who have been determined by the school board to have legitimate educational interests, including safety interests, in the records.

Notes from the Nurse

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

November is Diabetes Awareness Month – Talk to your health care provider about the risk factors in your family, take precautions, & support the people you know with Diabetes!

Continue to say “BOO” to the Flu! – The Centers for Disease Control advise everyone 6 months of age and older to get a flu shot during the months of October and November. Talk to your doctor about getting one for yourself and your family.

Allergy & Asthma season is hitting us HARD this year. Monitor all symptoms closely and follow your health care provider’s advice. If your child has asthma, it is extremely important to keep an inhaler at school.

We can protect and strengthen our own immunity by eating nutritious foods, taking daily walks, sleeping 8 –10 hours a night, reducing stress, and smiling daily :)

As always, if you have any questions or feel we may be able to help your student in any way - please feel free to contact myself or Betsy Mancl.

COVID Corner

Thank you for your continued patience as we navigate yet another challenging school year. Here are a few things to keep in mind:

- If 1 family member is ill or getting a COVID test, please keep all school aged children home.
- If your student has received the COVID-19 vaccine, please send a copy of their card into the health office for us to keep on record.
- Review your phone numbers and contacts in Infinite Campus to make sure they are accurate, functional and in the order you would like them to be. Staff utilize this information for health and non-health related reasons.
- Keep encouraging your students to monitor for symptoms and practice good hygiene.





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Dear Friends of the Foundation,

For the past 26 years, the Port Edwards Education Foundation (PEEF) has been providing money to enhance creative and diverse educational experiences for Port Edwards students. To date, the Foundation has provided grants totaling \$318,378 for this purpose. This year alone we have already provided \$7,054 to fund grants for the following opportunities for Port students:

- Color My World: Giving Color to Our Thoughts in a Pandemic World
- Cardio Boxing
- Planting Pear Trees for Future Healthy Snacks
- Strings for Beginners (Grades 4 & 5)



As a result of the pandemic, we had fewer grant requests than usual last spring, so we will be offering a second opportunity for teachers to submit grants this fall.

It is through our fundraising campaign each fall and our golf scramble each summer that we are able to provide these grants. The Foundation is deeply appreciative of the time and effort put in by staff to write the grant proposals that provide so many wonderful enrichment activities for Port students. We are equally appreciative of you, our donors, whose generosity helps fund these grants.

We thank you for your past support and hope you will continue to support us with your contributions this year and in the future. With your help, we promise to continue our efforts to provide enhanced learning experiences for the children of the school district.

Sincerely,

Corey Searles,
PEEF President



Our special thanks to Ed Heuer for 25 years of service to the Foundation. He and his wife, Mary, are shown enjoying a ride in the homecoming parade.

PEPO [Port Edwards Parent Organization]

Submitted by: Jennie Breitrick



As I am writing this article, the School Store program has had an overwhelming response. We currently have 98 students participating and have raised over \$4,000 for the teachers. To put things in perspective, last year we had 54 students participate and raised \$2,825 for the teachers. A **GREAT BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who is supporting this program. Please remember when you do your online shopping for the holidays, go through www.schoolstore.net. Our school code is 50206. PEPO receives a portion of each sale.

The elementary school students and staff were able to help celebrate Homecoming! We were able to purchase Blackhawk cookies from Treats by Torie.



During the month of October, we had a fundraiser selling Rubi Red products. We are hoping for a very successful sale! PEPO earned 40 percent of each sale. Our tentative pick up date is the week of November 15th. We will keep you posted on an exact date when it is known.

Don't forget to download the Box Tops for Education app and scan your receipts. All proceeds from Box Tops go directly into our playground fund. We are looking to use these funds to bring some new playground equipment and toys to the playground this year. **Keep on scanning!**

Thank you for your continued support!

Remember to stay connected with us on Facebook!

Above all, we want to build a stronger group of involved parents so that we can work together to bring additional benefits to our students, now and in the future.

Jennie Breitrick- President
Nikkie Krause- Vice President
Charlene Goodwin- Treasurer

Christmas Tree Walk

Dec 4, 5 & 6
12 p.m.-4p.m.

(Saturday-Monday)

Dec 10
5 p.m.-8p.m.
(Friday)

Dec 11, 12
12 p.m.- 4
p.m.

(Saturday-Sunday)

South Wood County
Historical Museum
540 Third Street South
Wisconsin Rapids



November 2021 ES Breakfast Menu

Elementary School

Breakfast Prices:
All Students: FREE Adults: \$2.00
Menus Subject to Change

This institution is a equal opportunity provider.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 Yogurt Granola Fruit Juice Milk	2 French Toast Sticks Syrup Fruit Juice Milk	3 Poptart Fruit Juice Milk	4 Yogurt Crunch Mania Graham Snacks Fruit Juice Milk	5 Frudel Fruit Juice Milk
8 Fuel 4U Cereal Kit Fruit Milk	9 Omelet Bagel Fruit Juice Milk	10 Chex Mix Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	11 Glazed Donut Fruit Juice Milk	12 Frudel Fruit Juice Milk
15 Yogurt Granola Fruit Juice Milk	16 Egg & Bacon Sandwich Fruit Juice Milk	17 WG Mini Donuts Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	18 WG Banana Bread Fruit Juice Milk	19 Frudel Fruit Juice Milk
22 Fuel 4U Cereal Kit Fruit Milk	23 WG Muffin Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	24 NO SCHOOL	25 NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL
29 Cereal Bar Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	30 Mini Pancakes Syrup Fruit Juice Milk			

November 2021 ES Lunch Menu

Alternate Lunch Choice:
 Monday: Smuckers
 Tuesday: Taco Salad
 Wednesday: Turkey Wrap
 Thursday: Chef Salad
 Friday: Cheese Pizza

LUNCH PRICES:
Elementary: FREE Middle School: FREE
High School: FREE Adults: \$3.95

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 Chicken Nuggets Potato Wedges Baked Beans Pudding Cup Apple Slices	2 Mac-N-Cheese Dinner Roll Pineapple Jell-O Green Beans	3 Pepperoni French Bread Broccoli Slushie	4 Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Gravy Corn Pears	5 Big Daddy's Pizza Green Beans Banana Ice Cream Sandwich No Alternate Choice
8 All American Chicken Wrap Mashed Potatoes Baked Beans Peaches	9 Ravioli Cheese Filled Pretzel Stick Green Beans Blueberries Cookie	10 Orange Chicken Rice Dinner Roll Broccoli Pineapple Fortune Cookie	11 Spaghetti Meatballs Garlic Bread Warm Apple Slices Peas	12 Mozzarella Dippers Pizza Sauce Coleslaw Banana
15 Hamburger WG Bun Curley Fries Baked Beans Apple Slices	16 Pancake on a Stick Hash Brown Patty Applesauce Juice	17 Hot Dog WG Bun French Fries Peas Peaches	18 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Pineapple Pudding	19 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Crackers Sweet Potatoes Slushie
22 Chicken Patty WG Bun Pasta Pears Peas	23 WG Nachos Ground Beef Cheese Sauce Refried Beans Mandarin Oranges	24 NO SCHOOL	25 HAPPY THANKSGIVING	26 NO SCHOOL
29 Chicken Nuggets Smilies Cooked Carrots Apple Slices	30 Chicken Alfredo Pears Broccoli			

November 2021 MS/HS Breakfast Menu

Middle/High School

Breakfast Prices:
 All Students: FREE Adults: \$2.00
 Menus Subject to Change

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 Cereal Bar Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	2 Breakfast Sandwich on Croissant Fruit Juice Milk	3 Crunch Mania Graham Crackers Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	4 Cinnamon Cream Cheese Bagel Sunflower Seeds Fruit Juice Milk	5 Frudel Cheese Stick Juice Milk
8 Poptart Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	9 Bagel Cream Cheese Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	10 WG Muffin Sunflower Seeds Fruit Juice Milk	11 WG Glazed Donut Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	12 Frudel Cheese Stick Apple Slices Juice Milk
15 Cereal Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	16 Omelet Bagel Fruit Juice Milk	17 Strawberry Cream Cheese Bagel Cheese Stick	18 WG Banana Bread Sunflower Seeds Fruit Juice Milk	19 Cinnamon Roll Cheese Stick Banana Juice Milk
22 Poptart Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	23 Breakfast Sandwich on Croissant Fruit Juice Milk	24 NO SCHOOL	25 NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL
29 Cereal Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	30 Omelet Bagel Fruit Juice Milk			

November 2021 MS/HS Lunch Menu

Alternate Lunch Choice:

Monday: Smuckers

Tuesday: Taco Salad

Wednesday: Turkey Wrap

Thursday: Chef Salad



Friday: Cheese Pizza

LUNCH PRICES:

Elementary: FREE Middle School: FREE

High School: FREE Adults: \$3.95

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 Pepperoni French Bread Apple Slices Green Beans Ice Cream Cup	2 Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Gravy Corn Pineapple Dinner Roll	3 Mac-N-Cheese Bar Applesauce Broccoli Sugar Cookie 	4 Hamburger WG Bun Cheese Tray Tator Tots Baked Beans Grapes	5 Big Daddy's Pizza Pasta Salad Cooked Carrots Banana Ice Cream Sandwich No Alternate Choice
8 Chicken Fajitas Salsa Sour Cream Spanish Rice Refried Beans Peaches	9 Orange Chicken or General Tso Chicken Rice Broccoli Pineapple Fortune Cookie	10 Pretzel Bun Sub Sandwich Baked Chips Mandarin Oranges Peas 	11 French Toast Sticks Syrup Omelet Applesauce Juice	12 Mozzarella Dippers Pizza Sauce Coleslaw Banana Ice Cream Sandwich
15 Chicken Drumsticks Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Slushie	16 Chili Cheese Filled Pretzel Stick Mixed Veggies Pears Mandarin Orange Fluff	17 Hot Ham & Cheese Curly Fries Pineapple Baked Beans Sherbet Cup	18 Beef or Chicken Burrito Bowl Rice/Chips Fiesta Beans Corn Grapes	19 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Cheez-Its Apple Slices Peas
22 All American Chicken Wrap Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Peaches	23 WG Nachos Ground Beef Cheese Sauce Refried Beans Mandarin Oranges Sugar Cookie	24 NO SCHOOL	25 HAPPY THANKSGIVING	26 NO SCHOOL
29 Chicken Nuggets Sauces Smiles Cooked Carrots Apple Slices	30 Chicken Alfredo Broccoli Peaches Rice Krispie Treat			

PORT EDWARDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Business Meeting of the Board of Education

5:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 8, 2021 – Dorothy Alexander Auditorium, 801 2nd St., Port Edwards, WI

Minutes

5:30 p.m. – Meeting called to order by Vice President Leo Thomasgard at 5:32 p.m.

Roll Call

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

ABSENT: John Daven (arrived at 5:49 p.m.)

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

1. Consider Approval of Agenda
Motion by McGrath, second by Hildebrandt to approve the agenda as posted. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.
2. President's Report
 - A. Board Member Attendance
Vice President Thomasgard reported that Board members, Thomasgard, McGrath, Hildebrandt were in attendance. Board member Daven was delayed due to work obligations.
 - B. Next Board Meeting
Vice President Thomasgard reported that the next business meeting will be held on October 13, 2021.
3. Administrative Reports
 - A. Report on 2021-22 Preliminary Enrollment Review and Report on Proposal to Implement Metrics Based Mitigation Strategies in Exigency Circumstances– Superintendent Cronan
Superintendent Cronan updated the Board of Education on the preliminary enrollment numbers. Approximately, there are 450 students in seats, this number will provide a bump to our three-year average, which the state uses in its aid calculations. Superintendent Cronan discussed the plan for masking in the district based on a metrics based mitigation strategy. Masking as needed when confirmed COVID-19 cases reaches 1.5%. This will slow the spread down and allow us to remain in school.
 - B. Report on Start of School at the Elementary School – Principal Christy
Principal reported on the first day of school and shared the activities they have planned for the school year's theme "Splash in a New Year". Principal Christy reported, new to the elementary school this year is Safety Patrol. The safety patrol will be working with the crossing guard on Ver Bunker Avenue helping students cross the road, putting the flag up in the morning and they will help get students off the buses. This is a great new program for our 5th graders. Principal Christy reported that there approximately 30 new students to the elementary building.
 - C. Report on Start of School at JEMS/JEHS – Principal Shroda
Principal Shroda reported on the start of school and stated that the school climate is great. Back to School night was very successful. Ms. Shroda stated that high school and middle school sports are underway and the plans for Homecoming, September 27 – October 1, are underway.
4. Questions and Comments from People in Attendance
 - Jessica Hansen – Stated that she attended Port Edwards schools and shared information that she has researched regarding COVID-19. Stated if we follow the trends, the cases in Wood County will continue to rise. Masking should be enforced for those unable to vaccinate.
 - Sara Krueger – Stated both of her children attend Port Edwards. Ms. Krueger shared data on cases throughout the United States. She stated that both students and staff should be protected and should wear masks until they can be vaccinated.
 - Amanda Erdman – Shared statistics and feels that people have the right to choose.
 - Sandy Razner – Ms. Razner stated that she is a registered nurse. Shared COVID-19 data from the past year. Stated that wearing a face mask and washing hands has been scientifically proven to reduce the transmittal.
 - Joe Busch – Stated that this topic can be debated all night and that it comes down to parental rights and the choice should be up to the parents when it comes to wearing masks.
 - Karen Isaacson – Is resident of Port Edwards and a former Port Edwards teacher. Thanked the board members, administration and staff for all they did last year to keep our kids safe and in school last year. We need to continue to do what we did last year.
 - Shane Robinson – Stated if the district mandates masks, constitutional rights are being taken away.
 - Trenton Morey – Is a freshman at John Edwards High School and stated that masking is not the answer and asked that students be given the choice to mask or not. Students want to be in school.
 - Matt Tranel – Thanked the board of education for allowing comments from the public. He stated that both sides will have to give and take to come to an agreement. Mr. Tranel stated the board members are appointed and according to the job description for a board member, their job is to carry out the wishes of the voters and consensus of the community.

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Martinson to extend the time for public comment for an additional 15 minutes. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

Aron Bakovka – Former student and community member stated that we need to find a middle ground that fits everyone. Mr. Bakovka asked the percentage of students that are being masked and then stated that it is evident that parents have a choice and a majority of students do not mask.

Terry Lindholm – Is a retired respiratory therapist. She shared experiences of taking care of patients. Ms. Lindholm asked that kids wear a mask and social distance for a bit longer until students under 12 can receive the vaccination. Thanked the school board for all that they have done.

Dave Gibbs – Mr. Gibbs has been a resident of Port Edwards for 9 years. Thanked the board of education for their work and stated that they deserve respect regardless of any decisions made. Mr. Gibbs stated that school districts do all sorts of things to keep children safe and supports the idea of continuing to keep our children safe by wearing masks.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS:

5. Discussion and Possible Action on Implementing a Metrics Based COVID Mitigation Strategy in Exigency Circumstances
Motion by Thomasgard, second by Daven to approve Implementing a Metrics Based COVID Mitigation Strategy in Exigency Circumstances. Voting yes – Thomasgard, McGrath, Daven Voting no – Hildebrandt, Martinson. Motion carried.
6. Consider Approval of CESA 10 Facilities Representative Agreement for Renovation of High School Chemistry Lab
Motion by Martinson, second by Thomasgard to approve the CESA 10 Facilities Representative Agreement for Renovation of the High School Chemistry Lab. Voting yes – all. Motion carried
7. Consider Approval of Early Graduation
 - A. Owen Mortensen

Motion by McGrath, second by Hildebrandt to approve the early graduation for Owen Mortensen

CONSENT AGENDA:

8. Consider Approval of Minutes of Past Meeting – August 22, 2021

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

9. Consider Approval of Financial Reports
 - A. Check Summaries August 1-31, 2021
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 - B. Cash Receipt Summary.....August 1-31, 2021
 - C. District Revenue Report August 1-31, 2021
 - D. District Expenditures Report August 1-31, 2021
 - E. August Cash Balance Report
 - F. Budget Revision
 - G. Consider Approval of Gifts

Business Director Miller reported the following gifts/donations:
Samantha Pember – school supplies to the elementary school
Blackhawk Football – purchase of weights for the weight room
Solarus – Community Outreach Grant

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

10. Opportunity for Individual Board Member Comment
Hildebrandt – Stated that even though the approval this evening was not unanimous, he still stands behind the board 100%.
Martinson – Good to see all the sports in action and encouraged everyone to attend.
Daven – Thanked those in attendance for coming and for sharing their thoughts.
11. Establish Future Board Meetings
Wednesday, October 13, 2021, Executive Session at 5:00 (if needed); Business Meeting at 5:30 p.m. – Dorothy Alexander Auditorium
Monday, October 25, 2021, Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting, 6:00 p.m. – Dorothy Alexander Auditorium
Wednesday, November 10, 2021, Executive Session at 5:00 (if needed); Business Meeting at 5:30 p.m. – Elementary IMC
12. Call for Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

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