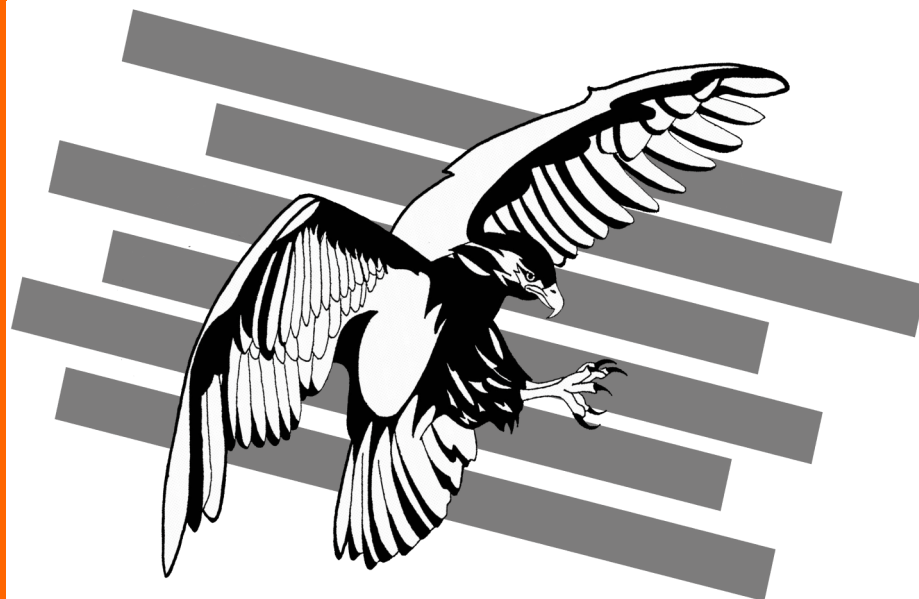


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One Student at a Time*

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## Enrollment Update

*Submitted by: Kyle Cronan, Superintendent*



First, a very enthusiastic thank you for Ed Heuer, who recently retired from his position on the Port Edwards Education Foundation Board. Ed helped establish the foundation twenty-five years ago and has given so generously of his time to help make sure that teachers in the District have been supported through grants to give our students an enriched educational experience. We are hoping to see Ed in the Homecoming parade this year, if you do, make sure to thank him and congratulate him on a job well done!

Each year we welcome new students and families to the school district, this year was no different as we have seen so many new faces. Our enrollment has rebounded as compared to a year ago. We certainly are happy students and families have chosen the Port Edwards School District as their home. The chart below demonstrates the path our membership count has taken over the past several years. To put this in perspective, the chart below shows the actual number of students sitting in classrooms at two points each year over the past several years.

School Year	# of Students on 3rd Friday September	# of Students on 2nd Friday January
2012-2013	418	411
2013-2014	381	395
2014-2015	369	367
2015-2016	354	361
2016-2017	388	389
2017-2018	408	436
2018-2019	443	438
2019-2020	458	463
2020-2021	439	422
2021-2022	<b>454</b>	

As you may note, this year there has been an increase in the number of students in our seats. While the 2019-2020 school year was a peak year in enrollment that stretches the past decade, this year we have experienced healthy growth. There are several factors that certainly can go into our enrollment numbers and as you can see even within a given year our enrollment can fluctuate wildly as it did in the 2017-2018 school year when we gained 28 students between September and January. We will continue to keep a close eye on our enrollment numbers as this has a direct impact on our staffing needs and fiscal position. At this time though, we enjoy the benefits of having growth in enrollment in four of the past five years.

As always, we will work to bring you the latest school happenings on our Facebook page @portedwardsSD and through Twitter with our hashtag of #PESDHawks. If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please contact me at the school at 715-887-9000.

## 6-12 SCHOOL NEWS

*Submitted by: Donna Shroda, 6-12 Principal*



School is in full swing and students have already established their routines. These routines are important for students to be successful in school. Please encourage your child to utilize their Blackhawk planner, schedule a study time/place, and get plenty of sleep. We also encourage the students in MS, especially in HS, to start becoming an advocate for themselves. In and out of classes, teachers will prompt students to identify their strengths and weaknesses as learners, communicate their needs and wants, make decisions about their learning, and problem solve. This will allow the students to realize teachers, parents and friends support them in their journey as they learn and grow. As we begin this year's journey, the following are important pieces of information to make note of:

- The trimester ends on November 23rd. Therefore, grade check will be on October 13th. Parent-teacher conferences will be on Monday, October 18th from 4:00 – 8:00 pm. Parents are always encouraged to review grades in IC, communicate with teachers via email, and/or schedule an appointment to meet.
- The library is open and staffed after school from 3:20 to 4:00 if your child would like resources, a place to study, or some help.
- Communication about your MS/HS student, including absences, should be reported to Callie Kulinski, our building's new administrative assistant at 715-887-9000, ext. 109. Her email is [kulinca@pesd.k12wi.us](mailto:kulinca@pesd.k12wi.us)
- Please update your Infinite Campus information. This is so important! This information is referenced for ALL important reasons: academics, health situations, and behavior issues. It is also crucial that you have a backup plan and contacts.
- Fall sports are in full swing. We are so lucky to have such a great group coaching. At the HS, our volleyball coach is in her 34th year of coaching, and has recruited both of her daughters to assist. Our football coach is a former JEHS player who is 100% invested and energetic. Our Cross Country Team has a coach who has completed 2 WI Iron Man Competitions: what a wonderful example! The MS football team has a father son duo who has been constantly complimented for instilling good sportsmanship. The MS volleyball coach has also teamed up with her daughter and enters her fifth year of coaching.
- Homecoming kicks off Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup> with Powderpuff. Through the week the kids will dress up for spirit days, build floats, plan a parade, pep assembly, and a formal dance: all while getting an education and playing sports! While it's a chaotic week, kids have lots of fun and school spirit is in abundance!
- Picture re-take day is October 20th.



## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

*Submitted by: Cara Christy, 4K-5 Principal*



What a wonderful start to the school year we have had this fall! It has been an absolute joy to see all of the smiling faces as they enter our school each day, ready to learn. It has been so great having our fifth grade students in our building this year setting a positive example for our younger students. We have also welcomed many new faces to our building this school year and are happy to have these new students join our Port Edwards family.

Our theme this year at Ed Heuer Elementary School is “Splash Into a New Year”. Our staff welcomed our students back to school on the first day with a beach theme and handed out leis to each student as they entered the building. We will continue this theme all school year with some creative and fun activities and dress-up days.

At the elementary school, we are once again focusing on two of the five Rs this year: Respect and Responsibility. We are discussing not only respecting each other, but also respecting ourselves and our school environment. We are also talking about what it looks like to be a responsible student at our elementary school. Students will learn about the other three Rs once they get to middle school to round out all five during their career here in the Port Edwards School District. Our goal is for our students to have not only a great academic foundation, but also the social and emotional tools they need to be successful as well.

Elementary parent-teacher conferences will be coming up in November. Our teachers will be offering several options, including meeting in-person or virtually. Please look for updates and instructions for how to sign up from your student’s teacher in the near future. Have a wonderful fall!

### **Important Note Regarding District Communications to Parents**

The District wants to make sure that parents have access to the communications that we send via our Infinite Campus Messenger system. There are times when messages are sent as attachments. These messages with attachments go to the email that is on file in Infinite Campus for a student's primary contact. Unfortunately, if you access Infinite Campus and view the message through the inbox in the program, the attachment will not show up. The District will work to limit attachments as part of our messages and we will try to make sure that the body of the message itself contains the vital information that we are trying to communicate to parents. There are times when attachments may be necessary and we will make sure that the message directs you to view that attachment through your email. Thank you for your patience as we work to improve our systems.

## Meet the Health Staff

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

Hello! My name is Katie and I am the CESA5 School Nurse for the PESD. This is my first ever start to the school year! I have loved getting to know the students & staff better. I've been an Emergency Department nurse for 15 years prior to transitioning into my new role. I am in the district on Mondays and Wednesdays and look forward to meeting you and your students! Please feel free to reach out if needed.



Hi there! My name is Betsy and this is my second school year as the health aide for the school district. I am in the office every day and go between the school buildings when Katie is not in the district. Give a shout if you have any questions or concerns!



### COVID Corner

Once again, we will be offering a school based COVID testing program for symptomatic students and staff this year. Prior to testing, students and staff must have a one time paper consent form on file. In addition, each time your student meets criteria to test, the health office staff with contact you for registration prior to testing. Paper forms have already been sent home with your student. We will not test your student until we have this consent returned. We appreciate your prompt attention to this. Please stop in the office or contact a member of the health office staff if you need additional forms or have questions.

## September 2021 Update to COVID Protocols for School

On Wednesday evening (September 8, 2021) the Board of Education met to consider an adjustment to the fall opening plans as those plans relate to the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, the Board considered and approved a change to the plans related to face coverings in the schools. At this time, the Board has implemented a plan based on local in-school metrics as described below:

- Masking will remain optional, but the District Administrator is directed to implement mandatory masking at a school building level when either of the following conditions exist:
  - ◊ Positive case count at a school is 1.5% or greater of the total occupancy by students and staff

And/or

- ◊ Quarantine count at a school is greater than 8% of the total school occupancy by students and staff.
- Masking will remain in place for a minimum of two weeks, and for masking to return to optional, the case and quarantine counts must fall below those levels listed above.

As is stated above this plan is implemented at the building level, so it is possible that one school building is masking while the other is not. In implementation of this plan, if masking should be required, the District will work to notify students, staff and parents the day prior to masking being implemented using our Infinite Campus messaging system and through in-school announcements.

The goal of the District is to keep school open. This measure is meant to try to slow the spread of COVID once it has been documented in the school buildings in an effort to keep classrooms and school in session in person. To monitor our current COVID status of cases and quarantines, you can visit the District's COVID Dashboard on the District's website homepage: <https://www.pesd.k12.wi.us/> Further, in an effort to keep school open and staffed, our teachers and aides will begin masking when in close proximity of students, many already do this, but this will be universal for staff starting on Monday.

As was the case last year, we ask for your continued patience as we make adjustments to the ever-changing situation. This has not been easy on our students, parents and staff alike. We realize that this is not the ideal plan for all people, but your cooperation is critical in helping us keep school open.



## Counseling News

*Submitted by: Jennifer Moore, MS/HS Guidance Counselor*

Greetings from the Counseling Department! We are excited to be back in school and working with students, grades 6-12. One quick note: please make an appointment if you need to meet with someone in the counseling department. We have meetings scheduled throughout most days; therefore, we are often unavailable for unexpected drop-ins from parents. In order to give each student and family the time they deserve, it is important to schedule that time in advance. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. We appreciate involvement from our families and look forward to working with each of you this school year!

### Scholarships

Scholarship season is just kicking off for high school seniors. A scholarship list has been created and shared with the Class of 2022 via Google Drive. Any parent/guardian who has interest in seeing the list should request so by emailing [mooreje@pesd.k12.wi.us](mailto:mooreje@pesd.k12.wi.us). 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. October 1<sup>st</sup> is the first day to file. It is best to apply early. To apply, go to [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov). If you need additional resources, please contact the counseling office for assistance.

### 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-](http://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/future/eligibility-)

### Stuff the Bus/Stuff the Desk

Each year, our school, as well as other South Wood County schools, partners with United Way of South Wood County to run the Stuff the Bus/ Stuff the Desk campaign. This program provides school supplies to those students and families in South Wood County who may not have the financial means to do so. Thank you to all of the community members who support this program through donations.

This year, as in past years, members of the John Edwards High School Football team, along with other area students, helped with the Stuff the Bus event as well as pre packing backpacks for Stuff the Desk. Great job to these student volunteers!





## PEPO [Port Edwards Parent Organization]

*Submitted by: Jennie Breitrick*



We hope you have been able to jump right back into the routine of school!

Thank you to everyone who purchased their new Blackhawk apparel. It's the best way to show your Blackhawk spirit and we can't wait to see you wearing it. If you missed this sale, keep an eye out for our next sale.

By the time this newsletter comes out, our 2021-2022 School Store campaign will be well under way. Remember your families and friends are able to donate gift cards through the School Store that go directly to their teacher. Your child's teacher receives 100% of the amount donated. Thank you to everyone who makes this an awesome fundraiser for our organization and teachers. Last year, we had 54 students participate. The teachers were given \$2,825 in gift cards. Another great thing about School Store is that when you shop online and use our school code, we receive a percentage of the sale. There are plenty of stores to choose from. You need to use [www.schoolstore.net](http://www.schoolstore.net) and our school code is 50206. Last year PEPO was able to earn \$59.32. **We would love to increase our student participation and increase our profits in both areas. This is a really easy fundraiser to participate in.**

If you are unable to support us through our fundraisers, please consider joining us for our monthly meeting. We meet for about an hour each month and it's a great way to become involved in your students' school. Our next meeting is October 20th at 6:30 p.m. in the Elementary School library. We hope to see you there!

We are hoping to get back to normal where we can sponsor some great family fun sometime during this school year. Bring your ideas to the next meeting. We would love to hear them!

**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**

# October 2021 ES Breakfast Menu


## Elementary 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 Frudel Fruit Juice Milk
4 NO SCHOOL	5 Yogurt Granola Fruit Juice Milk	6 WG Mini Donuts Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	7 WG Banana Bread Fruit Juice Milk	8 Frudel Fruit Juice Milk
11 Fuel 4U Cereal Kit Fruit Milk	12 WG Muffin Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	13 Mini Cinnis Fruit Juice Milk	14 Bagel Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	15 Frudel Fruit Juice Milk
18 Cereal Bar Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	19 Mini Pancakes Syrup Fruit Juice Milk	20 Bug Bites Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	21 Breakfast Pizza Fruit Juice Milk	22 Frudel Fruit Juice Milk
25 Fuel 4U Cereal Kit Fruit Milk	26 WG Mini Donuts Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	27 Smuckers Fruit Juice Milk	28 Cereal Bar Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	29 Frudel Fruit Juice Milk

# October 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**

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1 Big Daddy's Pizza Green Beans Banana Ice Cream Sandwich  No Alternate Choice
4 NO SCHOOL	5 Pancake on a Stick Hash Brown Patty Applesauce Juice	6 Hot Dog WG Bun French Fries Baked Beans Peaches	7 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Pineapple Pudding	8 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Crackers Sweet Potatoes Slushie
11 Chicken Patty WG Bun Pasta Pears Peas	12 WG Nachos Ground Beef Cheese Sauce Refried Beans Mandarin Oranges	13 Teriyaki Chicken Fried Rice Stir Fry Veggies Pineapple Fortune Cookie	14 French Toast Sticks Syrup Applesauce Juice	15 Mozzarella Dippers Pizza Sauce Coleslaw Banana
18 Chicken Nuggets Sauces Smilies Cooked Carrots Apple Slices	19 Chicken Alfredo Pears Broccoli	20 Mini Tacos Salsa Sour Cream Spanish Rice Refried Beans Orange Wedges	21 Lasagna Roll Garlic Bread Green Beans Pineapple	22 Pulled BBQ Pork WG Bun Baked Chips Applesauce Corn
25 Chicken Tenders Rice Peas Slushie Cookie	26 Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Gravy Sweet Potatoes Dinner Roll Peaches	27 Softshell Taco Spanish Rice Pears Green Beans	28 Chicken Patty Pasta WG Bun Broccoli Mandarin Oranges	29 Mini Corn Dogs Hash Brown Patty Baked Beans Eeek! Slushie

# October 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 Frudel Cheese Stick Apple Slices Juice Milk
4 NO SCHOOL	5 Cereal Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	6 WG Mini Donuts Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	7 Omelet Bagel Fruit Juice Milk	8 Cinnamon Roll Cheese Stick Banana Juice Milk
11 Poptart Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	12 Breakfast Sandwich on Croissant Fruit Juice Milk	13 Chex Mix Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	14 Mini Pancakes Sunflower Seeds Syrup Fruit Juice Milk	15 Frudel Cheese Stick Apple Slices Juice Milk
18 Cereal Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	19 Omelet Bagel Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	20 WG Muffin Sunflower Seeds Fruit Juice Milk	21 WG Glazed Donut Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	22 Frudel Cheese Stick Banana Juice Milk
25 Poptart Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	26 Breakfast Sandwich on Croissant Fruit Juice Milk	27 Mini Waffles Syrup Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	28 WG Banana Bread Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	29 Cinnamon Roll Cheese Stick Apple Slices Juice Milk

# October 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**

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1 Big Daddy's Pizza Pasta Salad Mixed Veggies Banana Blackhawk Cookie  No alternate choice
4 NO SCHOOL	5 Chicken Drumsticks Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Slushie Dinner Roll Rice Krispie Treat 	6 Hot Ham & Cheese Curley Fries Pineapple Baked Beans Sherbet Cup	7 Beef or Chicken Burrito Bowl Rice/Chips Fiesta Beans Corn Apple Slices	8 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Cheez-Its Peas Grapes
11 All American Chicken Wrap Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Peaches	12 WG Nachos Ground Beef Cheese Sauce Refried Beans Mandarin Oranges M & M Cookie	13 Teriyaki Chicken Stir fry Veggies Fried Rice Pineapple Fortune Cookie	14 Chicken Patty WG Bun Pasta Jell-O Pears Peas	15 Hamburger WG bun Cheese Tray Tator Tots Baked Beans Banana
18 Chicken Nuggets Sauces Smiles Cooked Carrots Apple Slices Rice Krispie Treat	19 Chicken Alfredo Breadstick Broccoli Peaches	20 Mini Tacos Salsa Sour Cream Spanish Rice Refried Beans Oranges	21 Lasagna Roll Garlic Bread Green Beans Pineapple	22 Pulled BBQ Pork WG Bun Baked Chips Applesauce Coleslaw Pudding
25 Chicken Tenders Sauces French Fries Baked Beans Slushie	26 Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Gravy Dinner Roll Sweet Potatoes Peaches Sugar Cookie	27 Softshell Tacos Spanish Rice Refried Beans Pears	28 Chicken Patty WG Bun Pasta Jell-O Cooked Carrots Mandarin Oranges	29 Mini Corn Dogs Hash Brown Patties Peas Eeek! Slushie

## Food Service Department

*Submitted by: Lisa Moen, Food Service Director*

Dear Port Edwards Families,

Port Edwards School District is participating in the United State Department of Agriculture (USDA) Seamless Summer Option (SSO) for the entirety of the 2021-22 school year. This means that our school provides *free meals to all students!* *This program provides additional support and flexibility for our district to continue serving meals to children while maintaining safety measures and managing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.*

Included in the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic are nationwide supply chain and product availability shortages. Disruptions are due to a lack of availability of raw ingredients and labor to produce, unload, and transfer food products. Some food and/or beverage products normally provided to students may not be available or arrive as scheduled. Due to unforeseen circumstances, last-minute menu changes and product substitutions may occur. Be assured meals will remain balanced, healthy, and plentiful. We ask for patience and understanding as we do our best to meet the needs of your children.

Our breakfast and lunch menus are included in this newsletter.

Please contact me with any questions at 715-887-9000 or email me at [moenli@pesd.k12.wi.us](mailto:moenli@pesd.k12.wi.us).

Sincerely,

Lisa Moen  
Food Service Director  
Port Edwards School District

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# PORT EDWARDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## Business Meeting of the Board of Education

5:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 21, 2021 – Elementary IMC, 5<sup>th</sup> Street., Port Edwards, WI

# Minutes

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

Roll Call

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

**ABSENT:** John Daven

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** None

### 1. Consider Approval of Agenda

Motion by McGrath, second by Martinson 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 and Martinson were in attendance. Board Member Daven was absent due to a prior obligation.

#### B. Next Board Meeting

Vice President Thomasgard reported that the next meeting of the Board of Education will be Wednesday, August 18, 2021.

### 3. Administrative Reports

#### A. Possible Future Facility Projects for the Summer of 2022 and Review In-Service Schedule for 2021-22 School Year - Kyle Cronan, Superintendent

Superintendent Cronan did a presentation to the Board of Education showing future plans for district projects including; roof and gutter repair, upgrade to elementary school gymnasium, renovations to the chemistry lab, and upgrades to grades 3, 4 and 5 to include lighting and carpeting. Superintendent Cronan stated that the summer work in the library, art room and middle school hallway is near completion. Superintendent Cronan reported that In-Service will begin on August 25<sup>th</sup>. Back-to-School Night will be held August 30<sup>th</sup>.

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

None

## CONSENT AGENDA:

### 5. Consider Approval of Minutes of Past Meeting – June 9, 2021

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

### 6. Consider Approval of Financial Reports

#### A. Check Summaries June 1-30, 2021

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#### B. District Revenue Report June 1-30, 2021

#### C. District Expenditures Report June 1-30, 2021

#### D. June Cash Receipt Report.....June 1-30, 2021

#### E. June Cash Balance Report

#### F. Budget Revisions

#### G. Consider Approval of Gifts

Superintendent Cronan reported on a donation from Kolo Trucking for the upgrades to the baseball diamond.

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

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

## NEW BUSINESS:

### 7. Consider Approval of the Declaration and Parent Notice of District's Student Academic Standards

Motion by McGrath, second by Martinson to approve the Declaration and Parent Notice of District's Student Academic Standards. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

**8. Consider Approval of Fall 2021 Staying Open Plan in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic**

Superintendent Cronan reviewed the Staying Open Plan in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic. School will be every day, in person with safety measures in place. Superintendent Cronan reviewed the plans for quarantine and the use of technology. Plans are in place for staggered passing times in the middle/high school to reduce interaction. K-5 will remain in cohorts and passing times will be staggered. Face coverings will be optional but recommended for those not vaccinated. Students will be required to wear face coverings on buses. Superintendent Cronan stated that visitors will be allowed and will be required to self-screen.

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by McGrath to approve the Fall 2021 Staying Open Plan in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic.

Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

**9. First Reading of Update to Policy**

A. #5460.02 – Graduation Date

B. #5451.01 – Wisconsin Academic Excellence Scholarship

C. #5451.02 – Technical Excellence Higher Education Scholarships

Superintendent Cronan presented updates on the presented policies.

**10. Consider Approval of Altered 2022-23 School Year Calendar**

Motion by McGrath, second by Hildebrandt to approve the altered 2022-23 school year calendar. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

**11. Consider Approval of Early Graduation – Malya Wrycha**

Motion by McGrath, second by Thomasgard to approve early graduation for Malya Wrycha. Voting yes – all Motion carried.

**12. Consider Approval of Course Description Change for 2021-22**

A. Introductory Statistics – Change from one trimester to two trimesters

B. Intermediate Algebra with Applications – Change from one trimester to two trimesters

Motion by McGrath, second by Hildebrandt to approve the course description changes for 2021-22 as presented.

Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

**13. Opportunity for Board Member Comment**

Kathy McGrath – Praised the maintenance staff for their hard work.

Cary Hildebrandt – Stated that it is great to see some normalcy again in the community.

Leo Thomasgard – Thanked Ed Heuer for his many years of service to the Port Edwards Education Association.

**14. Establish Future Board Meetings**

Wednesday, August 18, 2021, Executive Session at 5:00 (if needed); Business Meeting at 5:30 p.m. – Middle/High School Building

Wednesday, September 8, 2021, Executive Session at 5:00 (if needed); Business Meeting at 5:30 p.m. – Elementary School

**15. Call for Adjournment**

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

# PORT EDWARDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## Business Meeting of the Board of Education

5:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 18, 2021 – John Edwards Middle/High School, Dorothy Alexander Auditorium, 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

### 1. Consider Approval of Agenda

Motion by McGrath, second by Thomasgard to move agenda item #8 to follow #4. Voting yes – all. Motion carried Motion by McGrath, second by Thomasgard to approve the agenda with approved changes. 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 September 8, 2021

### 3. Administrative Reports

#### A. Report on In-Service – Superintendent Cronan

Superintendent Cronan reviewed the plans for the in-service days. New teacher in-service will be held on Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. All staff will report on Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at the elementary school. Teachers will then have in-service on Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday August 31<sup>st</sup>.

#### B. Report on Back to School – Principal Shroda

Principal Shroda reported that the school looks great with all the renovations and the teachers have started to come in to prepare for the new year. Principal Shroda reported that Back-to-School night will be held on Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. With the help of the Student Council members, a cookout will be held in the parking lot. Principal Shroda stated that both football and volleyball have started and both teams will have a scrimmage this week.

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

Krissy Flugaur – Has a 11.5-year-old daughter that attends PESD and stated that our staff and students should not be exposed to this virus. Today we have vaccinations for people 12 years and older and encourages the district to mandate masking for those grades that are not able to be vaccinated.

Nick Flugaur – Asked that we buy some time so that students have the choice to get the vaccination.

Kristina Morey – Has been a part of the district for many years, has three children. Stated that masks should be optional and feels masks hinder learning.

Shad Sparks – Stated that he believes the district should keep masks optional, stated that masks are not worn properly.

Kristi Mancl – Son going into high school and feels masks should be optional.

Larry Zabel – Masks that are worn are not viral masks. In order to be effective, must be official mask.

Matt Tranel – Raised in this community and has three children. Shared a packet of information with the board members. Asked if the school board has the legal authority to mandate masks. He stated that the mental health of students needs to be tracked as well. Forcing children to wear masks is illegal and immoral and should have the right to choose.

Hannah Bialas – Has worked in an elementary school and has seen how elementary students take care of masks. Masking should be optional.

Danny Shay – Masking should be the parent's choice. Explained the damage that can be done by wearing masks and shared data on the virus. There is no greater investment than a child's education and if there is masking, they will choose to home-school.

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by McGrath to extend the time for public comment. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

Joe Busch – Stated that the real issue is parental rights. Has a daughter in kindergarten and stated masks should be optional and it's a parents right to make that decision.

Shane Robinson – If there is going to be a mask mandate then we need to push to boost children's immune system. Masking compromises the immune system. Masking should be optional.

Aaron Bakovka – Is a village resident and stated that actions speak louder than words, do the right thing and make masking optional.

Debbie Dix – The past two years have been very tough on the children and the kids need to be normal. Let parents make the choice for their own children.

- 8. Discussion to review, affirm or consider taking action regarding possible amendments to Fall 2021 Staying Open Plan in response to COVID-19 Pandemic.** (Agenda tem #8 moved to follow agenda item #4) Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Martinson to keep the current optional masking plan in place. Roll call vote: Martinson – yes, Hildebrandt – yes, Thomasgard – no, McGrath – no, Daven – no. Motion failed.

Motion by Thomasgard, second by McGrath to adopt a K-6 masking rule as of the first day of the school year through the first trimester. The Board of Education can revisit this if conditions change based on data.

Motion was withdrawn by Thomasgard. No other action was taken.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**5. Consider Approval of Minutes of Past Meeting – July 21, 2021**

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by McGrath to approve the minutes of the past meeting. Voting yes – all. Motion carried. **6.**

**Consider Approval of Financial Reports**

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

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**7. Second Reading Updated Policies**

- A. #5460.02 – Graduation Date
- B. #5451.01 – Wisconsin Academic Excellence Scholarship
- C. #5451.02 – Technical Excellence Higher Education Scholarships

Superintendent Cronan reviewed the updates to the policies. Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Martinson to approve the policy updates as presented. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**9. Consider Approval of 2021-22 Property, Liability, Linebacker, Crime, Inland Marine, Automobile, Umbrella & Worker's Compensation Insurance Plans**

Motion by McGrath, second by Thomasgard to approve the 2021-22 Property, Liability, Linebacker, Crime, Inland Marine, Automobile, Umbrella & Worker's Compensation Plans. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

**10. Consider Approval of Cooperative Agreements (66.03.01)**

- A. Nekoosa School District

Motion by McGrath, second by Thomasgard to approve the Cooperative Agreements (66.03.01) with the Nekoosa School District. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

**11. Consider Approval of 2021-22 Compensation Guide**

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by McGrath to approve the 2021-22 Compensation Guide. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

**12. Consider Approval of 2021-22 Co-Curricular Positions:**

- A. Cross Country – Tim Miller
- B. MS Football – Mike Martinson

Motion by McGrath, second by Thomasgard to approve the 2021-22 co-curricular positions, Tim Miller and Mike Martinson. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

**13. Consider Approval of Early Graduation**

- A. Nolan Olsen
- B. Cody Elmhorst

Motion by McGrath, second by Martinson to approve Nolan Olsen and Cody Elmhorst for early graduation. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

**14. Consider Approval of Resignation**

- A. Shelby Lutz – 6-12 Band Instructor

Motion by McGrath, second by Hildebrandt to approve the resignation of Shelby Lutz. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

**15. Consider Approval of Contract with Lamers Bus Lines, Inc. for 2021-2022 Services**

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Martinson to approve the 2021-22 Lamers Bus Lines, Inc. contract. Voting yes – all.  
Motion carried.

**16. Opportunity for Individual Board Member Comment**

Martinson – Stated that we have a good plan in place and a good education for our students is what is most important.

Hildebrandt – Stated it was good to see so many people here and express their opinions. He moved to this community for this school and wants nothing but the best for the students.

Thomasgard- Thanked all that attended the meeting. Meetings are held every month and invited people to attend all meetings to get involved. He stated that he hopes this works and wished everyone the best.

McGrath – Stated her heart is in this school district, taught 34 years and her main concern is keeping everyone safe. There are many different opinions and she stated she wants to do what's best for this district.

Daven – Thanked all and stated that this is a difficult decision. Daven stated how important this school was to him, he and his children attended this school and wants nothing more than the students to have a great experience and for everyone to stay safe.

**17. Establish Future Board Meetings**

Wednesday, October 13, 2021, Executive Session at 5:00 (if needed); Business Meeting at 5:30 p.m. – Elementary IMC

Monday, October 25, 2021 Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting, 6:00 p.m. – Elementary IMC

**18. Call for Adjournment**

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Martinson to adjourn the meeting. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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