

BLACKHAWK BULLETIN

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

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A Successful Year Begins With Great Attendance in 2022-2023!

Submitted by: James Bena, Superintendent



The school year has begun! Although our school campuses are busy with activity almost year-round, there is nothing quite like the first few weeks of school, when our students return to class. As we begin our new school year, the month of September is the ideal time to plan for and establish our student's habits for the year ahead.

One of the most critical habits that students and their families can establish for success in school at the beginning of each school year is the very basic habit of strong daily attendance. According to the Nation Center for Education Statistics,

“Teacher effectiveness is the strongest school-related determinant of student success, but chronic student absence reduces even the best teacher's ability to provide learning opportunities. Students who attend school regularly have been shown to achieve at higher levels than students who do not have regular attendance. This relationship between attendance and achievement may appear early in a child's school career. A recent study looking at young children found that absenteeism in kindergarten was associated with negative first grade outcomes such as greater absenteeism in subsequent years and lower achievement in reading, math, and general knowledge.”

Going to school every day of the school calendar year may seem easy to do, but in reality it's not simple to achieve without perseverance and determination for meeting the goal. Students who have very strong attendance rates typically not only achieve at a higher academic level than their peers while in school, but they also statistically have higher rates of high school graduation, as well as better long-range outcomes in the areas of overall mental and physical health, employment, and financial stability.

With the daily impacts of the COVID pandemic lessening, the Port Edwards School District has returned to pre-pandemic expectations for school absences related to illness. Due to the learning loss that took place as a result of interrupted or virtual education during the pandemic, consistent classroom attendance is more important than ever during the 2022-23 school year.

On behalf of our teachers and staff, thank you for doing your part to help make the Port Edwards School District a great place to live, work, and educate our children. If you have questions or concerns about our schools, please don't hesitate to contact a building or district office. Working together, we can be Blackhawk Strong!

Yours in Education,

Mr. Jim Bena
Port Edwards District Administrator

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Submitted by: Donna Shroda, 6-12 Principal



The beginning of the school year was highly anticipated and shortly after starting, students, sports, and activities are in full swing. October 13th is the first grade check and will reveal student's grades half way through the trimester. October 20th has been designated for MS/HS parent teacher conferences for first trimester. Research has shown that collaboration between parents and teachers not only improves academic achievement but behavior, social, and emotional skills. While Infinite Campus provides letter grades, a conversation about your child's abilities and class participation are also important. Quick conversations and/or emails through the trimester can also serve as communication. Contact information for teachers can be found on our new website under family information and then staff directory. Please utilize these resources.

Another important piece of data is the direct correlation that attendance has on student achievement. A missed school day is a lost opportunity for students to learn. We encourage you to keep the school calendar as a reference when making appointments and planning vacations. There are 5 days designated as professional development for the teachers. Students have off these days which would be great days to make dentist and eye doctor appointments. If you're looking to travel, Christmas break is December 26th-30th and Spring break is April 3rd-7th.

Finally, it's important for your child to be present and ready at the start of a class for optimal learning. When a child arrives late they are required to check in at the office often missing important announcements. Their entrance may cause a disruption and distract other students from learning. A reminder if your child is more than 10 minutes late they are required to make up that academic time missed (per student handbook).

We appreciate all of your support at home. "Parents and teachers working together creates the best educational experiences for kids." Let's make that a goal for the 2022-2023 school year.

Just a reminder:

If you are changing addresses or changing phone numbers, it is extremely important to inform your child's school office so we can update your Infinite Campus account!

**For the Elementary office, please contact Tina Melvin at 715-887-9000 ext. 304
For the MS/HS office, please contact Callie Kulinski at 715-887-9000 ext. 109**

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

Submitted by: Cara Christy, 4K-5 Principal



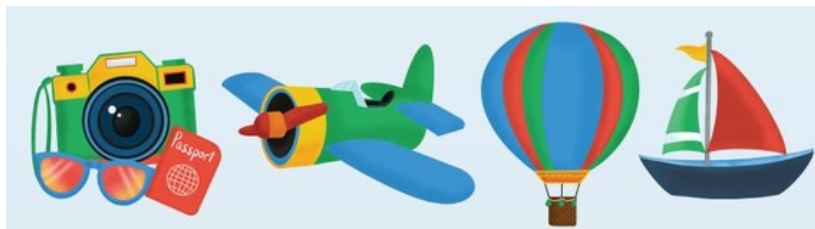
What a wonderful start to the school year we have had this fall! It has been an absolute joy to see all of the smiling faces as they enter our school each day, ready to learn. We have also welcomed many new faces to our building this school year and are happy to have these new students join our Port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

Our theme this year at Ed Heuer Elementary School is “Say Yes to New Adventures”. Our staff welcomed our students back to school on the first day with an adventure/travel where students could take their picture in front of the school with some fun props! We will continue this theme this school year, along with some other creative and fun activities and dress-up days, so keep your eyes open for our dress-up days calendar in your child’s folder.

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.

We are so excited to bring our Fall Festival back to the elementary school this year! Thanks to PEPO, the festival will be taking place on Thursday, October 20th. We are always looking for more parents to join PEPO and to help out with these events, so please contact the elementary office if you would like more information. If you are not a parent of an elementary student, but you would still like to be involved in our elementary school, please contact us as well! We always appreciate community volunteers who would like to come in and read to our students or help out in our classrooms during the school year.

Elementary parent-teacher conferences will be coming up during the week of November 14th-17th. 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!



Notes from the Nurse

Submitted by: Katie Bortz, CESA 5 School Nurse

I hope your family has had a good start to the 2022-2023 school year! I've gotten to connect with many students already this year and am enjoying getting to know our new faces.

The start of the fall season brings one thing to my mind: cold/flu viruses. Did you know that the best way to prevent these viruses takes less than 30 seconds? **Handwashing is a fast, easy, cheap, and effective way to prevent the spread of germs and keep kids and adults healthy. When your family is healthy, you don't have to worry about missing work, school or other activities.** Remind your children of the 5 easy steps for handwashing: Wet, Lather, Scrub, Rinse and Dry. Also be sure to set a good example for your student by doing your own 20 seconds of hand hygiene often.

Another way to ward off a common fall/winter virus is to get your annual flu shot. In recent years, it is estimated that 18 million medical visits and 410,000 hospitalizations resulted from illness related to the virus that causes influenza. Getting vaccinated significantly lowers your risk of severe disease, hospitalization and death. Flu vaccines are covered by most insurances and have relatively few side effects for most individuals. Nasal sprays are also available for people who have a hard time with shots.

Please contact the health offices at any time if there are concerns you have for your child that we may be able to assist with.



Home Covid Test Kits Available!

As part of the Department of Health Services K-12 School Testing Program, all schools in Wisconsin are eligible to receive 1 home test for each student and staff member in the district. The Port Edwards School District was able to get these kits and health office staff have been working to distribute them to students and staff. If you have not yet received a kit for your student, please reach out to the health office to secure one. As a reminder, home test results are accepted.

In addition to offering home test kits to all students and staff, the district also offers in-house COVID testing. At this time, the testing is only for students and staff and does not include direct household members like last school year. Please contact the health office if you are in need of a test.

News from the Counseling Department

Submitted by: Jen Moore and Ernestine Neve



Greetings! Colleges and universities are now accepting applications for next fall. If needed, please make an appointment in the Counseling Department with any questions you may have about applying. Early application is strongly encouraged, housing options fill quickly.

Check the UW college/university websites for Preview Days. Many colleges are still offering both virtual and in person tours.

Scholarship opportunities are becoming available. Various scholarships will be shared with seniors via Google Drive. Seniors are reminded to check this on a regular basis as it is updated frequently. The list is just a sampling, seniors are encouraged to search out other scholarship opportunities on their own as there are many.

2022-23 ACT Test Dates: To register for any of these test dates, please go to ACT online at actstudent.org. Off site test dates have a fee. Juniors will be tested, in school, on March 7th at no cost.

Off Site Test Dates are as follows:

October 22, 2022
December 10, 2022
February 11, 2023
April 15, 2023
June 10, 2023
July 15, 2023

Registration Deadline

September 16, 2022
November 4, 2022
January 6, 2023
March 10, 2023
May 5, 2023
June 16, 2023



College Goal Wisconsin - 2022 VIRTUAL EVENTS

This event offers free and professional assistance in completing the FASA form as it pertains to grants and loans. For information and virtual event information, go to: collegegoalwi.org

College Goal Wisconsin will take place virtually on the following dates:

Wednesday, October 5, 2022
Wednesday, October 12, 2022
Wednesday, October 19, 2022
Wednesday, October 26, 2022
Tuesday, October 11, 2022 - In Person, Stevens Point

Informational websites for secondary education:

Federal site for grants FAFSA: studentaid.gov/
Application for admission: apply.wisconsin.edu/homepage
Student site to find out which colleges offer specific majors: majormania.uwex.edu
UW Help: uwhelp.wisconsin.edu

The following college preparatory credit requirements are part of the University of Wisconsin's admission requirements:

- 4 English
- 3 Mathematics: must include at least one credit of algebra and the equivalent of one credit of geometry.
- 3 Natural Science
- 3 Social Science/History
- 4 Electives: chosen from the above areas, foreign language, fine arts, computer science and other academic areas.

NCAA Eligibility

Any high school student considering playing sports in 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. Visit: ncaa.org

Mental Health Resources

Below is a non-comprehensive list of mental health and grief resources in the area. This list is informational only. The school district is not advocating for any specific counseling or grief services. This is only provided as a resource to families.

Crisis Resources:

Wood County Crisis 715-421-2345
Suicide & Crisis Lifeline 988
Crisis Text Line Text HOPELINE to 741741

Clinical Counseling Services:

American Telepsychiatry 414-376-5577
Aspirus Grief Support Group Program 715-847-2703
Aspirus Riverview Behavioral Health Clinic 715-422-9319
Behavioral Health Clinic 715-842-9500
Central Wisconsin Counseling Associates 715-424-6960
Clinical Services 715-424-3400
Compass Counseling 715-712-1523
Grief Share/Christian Life Fellowship 715-909-0181
Northwest Journey 715-424-5040
ODC Mental Health Services 715-818-6443
Wood County Human Services 715-421-8400



Fall Update from Coalition Partner McMillan Library

Here at McMillan Memorial Library, we had a great summer full of fun and exciting experiences for the teens between the ages of 11 to 18. We had a wide variety of programs including Anime Otaku, Teen Book Club, Monday Makers, Game Days, and The McMillan Teen Garden Club - With Miss Alicia. We also had some special events like a 'Magic the Gathering' gathering and a long challenging Bike trip to Nekoosa. The Summer Reading program was very successful, the teens read for over 128,000 minutes, earning 796 badges in our online program.

This Fall we have even more fun planned for our teens. We will be painting the community garden on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4- 5:30PM in September. Aside from our regularly scheduled Anime Otaku, Teen Book Club, Monday Makers, and Game Days, we will also start Teen Cookery again where teens will have a chance to create delicious meals from organic hydroponically grown food. Additionally, we will have a short History Bike Trip to the north of Wisconsin Rapids, and Teens can look forward to an Anime Art competition and a Gingerbread house competition in late Fall.

Check out our webpage at www.mcmillanlibrary.org and our social media presence for more updates on all of the great things you and your family can do with the McMillan library.



The JEHS Ecology Club is excited to announce that we are participating in Farmshed's Local Food Tastes Great School Fundraiser this year! This alternative school fundraiser supports local farmers and businesses. It provides healthy options and keeps your hard-earned dollars right here in Central Wisconsin. Products will be available shortly before Thanksgiving. Orders are placed online this year with the option to make a direct donation to our school or Farmshed.

Easy to participate:

- Ordering is online this year!
- Find the Local Food Fundraiser on the Farmshed website under "programs"
- Click on John Edwards Ecology Club
- Fill in your order

OR

Use the URL below:

<https://centralriversfarmshed.secure.nonprofitsoapbox.com/johnedwards>

IMPORTANT DATES

Order now through:

Thursday, November 10

Pick up items:

Friday, November 18

JEHS Room 212 from 3:30-5:30 p.m.

The JEHS Ecology Club strives to build relationships within our district and greater community. We appreciate your continued support in building these traditions.



PEPO (Port Edwards Parent Organization)

We are off to a great start! We are planning some fun and exciting family events for this year!

First, we are bringing back our famous Fall Fest. Join us for a fun and FREE event on October 20th from 5:30-7:00 p.m. There will be games, food, friends and costumes (if you choose to dress up). You will be able to come as a family, have dinner, play games and mingle with your friends. Look for more details to come home as the date gets closer.

Mark your calendars for: Family Movie Night on November 18th, Family Bingo Night on January 13th and fun in the snow at Ripple Creek on February 10th. More details will follow as details are available.

Fundraiser news: School Store started on September 23rd. This fundraiser is a great fundraiser because the money is sent directly to your child's teacher(s) and they earn 100% of the donation. The teachers are then able to purchase supplies for their classroom from the School Store. There is also the option when you do online shopping to go through School Store and then PEPO earns a portion of the sale.

Look for our Fall Fundraiser through Cherry Dale to come on October 11th. The sale will run through October 25th and the delivery will be the week of December 5th, just in time for holiday gifts. There will be something for everyone in this fundraiser. We are hoping to have a great sale so that we can continue to bring the free events to your family and also support your teachers and continue to bring events to the school or help with field trips. Without these fundraisers, we will not be able to continue the great things we do for your children.

We will not be having a normal meeting in October, rather we will be having a meeting on October 12th at 6:30 p.m. to finalize plans for Fall Fest. If you are interested in making Fall Fest a GREAT night, come to this meeting.

We are looking forward to a great year!

Jennie Breitrack-President
Charlene Goodwin-Treasurer

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.



**Mark Your Calendars
For Parent-Teacher Conferences!**

Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences
November 14th-17th

By Appointment Only - Teachers will be in contact to
set up times with families

In-Person Appointments: Nov. 14th & 15th, 3:30-5pm

Other times available virtually or by phone per
teacher during the week of Nov. 14th-17th

Middle/High School Parent-Teacher Conferences
October 20th from 4:30-7pm

All conferences will be in-person only
More information to follow in Infinite Campus

October 2022 ES Breakfast Menu

Elementary School

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

This institution is a equal opportunity provider.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 NO SCHOOL	4 Yogurt Granola Fruit Juice Milk	5 Chocolate Crescent Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	6 WG Banana Bread Fruit Juice Milk	7 Frudel Fruit Juice Milk
10 Fuel 4U Cereal Kit Fruit Milk	11 Bug Bites Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	12 Mini Cinnis Fruit Juice Milk	13 Bagel Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	14 Frudel Fruit Juice Milk
17 Cereal Bar Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	18 Mini Pancakes Syrup Fruit Juice Milk	19 WG Muffin Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	20 Breakfast Pizza Fruit Juice Milk	21 Frudel Fruit Juice Milk
24 Fuel 4U Cereal Kit Fruit Milk	25 Chocolate Crescent Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	26 Smuckers Fruit Juice Milk	27 Cereal Bar Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	28 Frudel Fruit Juice Milk
31 Yogurt Granola Fruit Juice Milk				

October 2022 ES Lunch Menu

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

LUNCH PRICES:
Elementary: \$2.60 Middle School: \$2.75
High School: \$2.80 Adults: \$4.08
Menus Subject to Change

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 NO SCHOOL	4 WG Nachos Taco Meat Cheese Sauce Fiesta Beans Mandarin Oranges	5 Hot Ham & Cheese Curly Fries Corn Peaches	6 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Pineapple Pudding Cup	7 Big Daddy's Pizza Green Beans Banana Ice Cream Sandwich No Alternative
10 All American Chicken Wrap Mashed Potatoes Mixed Veggies Applesauce	11 Pretzel Bun Sub Sandwich Baked Chips Baked Beans Mandarin Oranges	12 Baked Potato Bar Diced Ham Cheese Sauce Broccoli Peaches	13 Chicken Patty WG Bun Pasta Cooked Carrots Pears	14 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Cheez-Its Peas Strawberry Cup
17 Calzone Pizza Sauce Green Beans Pears	18 Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Gravy Sweet Potatoes Peaches Dinner Roll	19 Chicken Quesadilla Spanish Rice Fiesta Beans Orange Wedges Salsa Sour Cream	20 Lasagna Roll Garlic Bread Green Beans Pineapple	21 Sloppy Joes WG Bun Baked Chips Corn Applesauce
24 Chicken Tenders Rice Peas Slushie	25 Chicken Alfredo Broccoli Pears Cookie	26 Softshell Taco Spanish Rice Fiesta Beans Pears	27 Chicken Patty WG Bun Pasta Broccoli Mandarin Oranges	28 Mini Corn Dogs Hash Brown Patty Baked Beans Banana
31 Pepperoni French Bread Pizza Broccoli Halloween Slushie Halloween Cookie				

October 2022 MS/HS Breakfast Menu

Middle/High School

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

This institution is a equal opportunity provider.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 NO SCHOOL	4 Cereal Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	5 WG Banana Bread Sunflower Seeds Fruit Juice Milk	6 Strawberry Cream Cheese Bagel Fruit Juice Milk	7 Cinnamon Roll Cheese Stick Banana Juice Milk
10 Pop-Tart Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	11 Croissant Sandwich Fruit Juice Milk	12 Chex Mix Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	13 Mini Pancakes Syrup Sunflower Seeds Fruit Juice Milk	14 Frudel Cheese Stick Apple Slices Juice Milk
17 Cereal Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	18 Omelet Bagel Fruit Juice Milk	19 WG Muffin Sunflower Seeds Fruit Juice Milk	20 WG Glazed Donut Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	21 Cinnamon Roll Cheese Stick Banana Juice Milk
24 Pop-Tart Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	25 Croissant Sandwich Fruit Juice Milk	26 Waffle Envy Syrup Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	27 WG Banana Bread Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	28 Frudel Cheese Stick Apple Slices Juice Milk
31 Cereal Bar Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk				

October 2022 MS/HS Lunch Menu

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

LUNCH PRICES:
Elementary: \$2.60 Middle School: \$2.75
High School: \$2.80 Adults: \$4.08
Menus Subject to Change

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 NO SCHOOL	4 WG Nachos Taco Meat Cheese Sauce Fiesta Beans Mandarin Oranges Sugar Cookie	5 Hot Ham & Cheese Curly Fries Green Beans Pineapple Sherbet Cup	6 Beef or Chicken Burrito Bowl Rice/Chips Corn Black Bean Fiesta Grapes	7 Big Daddy's Pizza Pasta Salad Green Beans Banana Ice Cream Sandwich No Alternate
10 All American Chicken Wrap Mashed Potatoes Mixed Veggies Applesauce	11 Pretzel Bun Sub Sandwich Baked Chips Baked Beans Mandarin Oranges	12 Baked Potato Bar Diced Ham Taco Meat Cheese Sauce Broccoli Peaches	13 Chicken Patty WG Bun Pasta Cooked Carrots Pears Jell-O	14 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Cheez-Its Peas Strawberry Cup
17 Calzone Pizza Sauce Green Beans Pears	18 Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Gravy Sweet Potatoes Peaches Dinner Roll	19 Mini Tacos Spanish Rice Fiesta Beans Oranges Salsa Sour Cream	20 Lasagna Roll Garlic Bread Green Beans Pineapple	21 Sloppy Joes WG Bun Baked Chips Corn Applesauce Pudding Cup
24 Chicken Tenders Sauces French Fries Peas Slushie	25 Chicken Alfredo Penne Pasta Broccoli Peaches Garlic Bread	26 Softshell Tacos Spanish Rice Fiesta Beans Pears	27 Chicken Patty WG Bun Pasta Cooked Carrots Mandarin Oranges	28 Mini Corn Dogs Hash Brown Patties Baked Beans Banana Sugar Cookie
31 Pepperoni French Bread Pizza Green Beans Halloween Slushie Halloween Cookie				

PORT EDWARDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Business Meeting of the Board of Education

5:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 17, 2022 – Elementary School, 5th Street., Port Edwards, WI

Minutes

Meeting called to order by President 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 to 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 Duncan, second by McGrath to adjourn into closed session. Voting yes – Daven, Thomasgard, McGrath, Hildebrandt, Duncan. Motion carried.

A. Consider Approval of Past Executive Minutes - July 13, 2022

B. Discuss Personnel Matter

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

Motion by Duncan, second by McGrath to 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: Cara Christy, Donna Shroda, Marissa Rebischke, Kala Dorshorst, Theresa Hanneman, Caleb McGregor

3a. Action Taken Following Closed Session:

Motion by Thomasgard, second by Duncan to approve framework of goals as discussed in closed session. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

4. President's Report

A. Board Member Attendance

President Daven reported that all members were in attendance.

B. Next Board Meeting

President Daven reported that the next meeting of the Board of Education will be Wednesday, September 14, 2022

5. Administrative Reports

A. District Administrator Report – Superintendent Bena

Superintendent Bena gave an update to the Board on the plans for the in-service days; new teachers will be in August 24th & 25th and the entire staff will have in-service August 29th with the teaching staff continuing in-service on August 30th and 31st. Superintendent Bena reported that the remodeling in chemistry lab continues to progress, the drywall is finished and the ceiling and floor are next. The parking lot and playground at the middle/high school will be repaired and striped before school starts. Mr. Bena stated that he attended a meeting the Wood County Health Department and shared the protocols that the district will follow. This information will be communicated to parents before school begins.

B. Elementary Principal Report - Principal Christy

Principal Christy reported on the new staff that has been hired for the 2022-23 school year. There are 4 new teachers along with a long-term sub to begin the year. Principal Christy stated that the theme for this school year is adventure/camping and the teachers are busy preparing. Ms. Christy reported that the morning reading program will return this year, Blackhawk Early Birds. Mrs. Sorbo and Mrs. Hildebrandt will be supervising the program. She stated that the Boys & Girls Club will be held again after school and that volunteers are welcome in the school again.

C. Middle/High School Principal Report – Principal Shroda

Principal Shroda gave a report to the Board on summer school. Summer school numbers were down for recovery classes from the previous years due to the decreased number of students required to attend. Other summer school classes were held, weight lifting, choir boot camp and band.

Principal Shroda reported on upcoming events:

Code of Conduct Meeting – August 15th

Freshman Orientation – August 22nd

6th Grade Orientation – August 22nd & 23rd

Back to School Night – August 30th

Principal Shroda shared stats on the number of students that will be taking dual credit courses in the upcoming school year. She stated that the Port Edwards School District has the largest percentage of students in the area participating in the program.

6. Questions and Comments from People in Attendance

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

7. Consider Approval of Minutes of Past Meeting – July 13, 2022

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

8. Consider Approval of Financial Reports

- A. Check Summaries..... July 1-31, 2022
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- B. District Revenue Report July 1-31, 2022
- C. District Expenditures Report July 1-31, 2022
- D. July Cash Receipt Report..... July 1-31, 2022
- E. July Cash Balance Report
- F. Budget Revision
- 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 2022-23 Property, Liability, Linebacker, Crime, Inland Marine, Automobile, Umbrella & Worker's Compensation Insurance Plans

Motion by Duncan, second by Hildebrandt to approve the Property, Liability, Linebacker, Crime, Inland Marine, Automobile, Umbrella & Worker's Compensation Insurance Plan as presented by Superintendent Bena. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

10. Consider Approval of Cooperative Agreements (66.030)

- A. Nekoosa School District

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Duncan to approve the 66.030 Cooperative Agreement as presented. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

11. School Resource Officer Update

Superintendent Bena updated the Board of Education on the status of the School Resource Officer. Superintendent stated that he met with Chief Drew and the hiring of the SRO will be at a later time. The village will not be hiring a new officer until 2023.

12. Consider Approval of 2022-23 Co-Curricular Positions:

- A. JV2 Volleyball Coach – Jordyn Kok

Motion by McGrath, second Duncan to approve Jordyn Kok as JV2 Volleyball Coach. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

13. Consider Approval of Handbooks

- A. Employee Handbook

Motion by McGrath, second by Hildebrandt to approve the employee handbook. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

- B. Elementary School Student Handbook

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Thomasgard to approve the elementary school student handbook. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

- C. Technology Handbook

Motion by Duncan, second by Thomasgard to approve the technology handbook. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

14. Consider Approval of Contract with Lamers Bus Lines, Inc. for 2022-2023 Services

Theresa Hanneman, from Lamers Bus, presented to the Board requesting a 9.5% increase to the contract for the 2022-23 school year. Ms. Hanneman stated that they are experiencing driver shortages and have raised the driver's wage 24.5% to be competitive. This is a one-time agreement to increase above the original contract agreement.

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Duncan to approve the 9.5% increase for the 2022-23 school year. Lamers will provide the District with a new agreement for the year to follow with the length of the agreement shortened. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

15. Opportunity for Individual Board Member Comment

McGrath – Thanked all of the staff that taught summer school and stated she is excited that the elementary school will be holding the early bird program again.

Thomasgard – Welcomed everyone back to a new school year.

Daven – Thanked the attendees for coming to the Board Meeting.

16. Establish Future Board Meetings

Wednesday, September 14, 2022, Executive Session at 5:00 (if needed); Business Meeting at 5:30 p.m. – Elementary IMC

Wednesday, October 12, 2022, Executive Session at 5:00 (if needed); Business Meeting at 5:30 p.m. – Elementary IMC

Monday, October 24, 2022 Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting, 6:00 p.m. – Elementary IMC

17. Call for Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Lisa Miller, acting secretary

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