

West Fork Community School District Board Minutes
Official Proceedings – Regular Meeting – May 15, 2023 – Approved

The West Fork Board of Education met for its regular meeting in the Media Center in Rockwell. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Board Vice President, Rob Heimbuch. Board members present: Holly Henricks, Erin Suntken, and Amber Marzen. Absent: Grant Petersen. Also present were Superintendent Mike Kruger, High School Principal Daren Huisenga, and West Fork Board Secretary Lacey Pueggel.

Visitors: Destiny Hagenow, Tony Bogue, Jennifer Severin-Bogue, Tammy Berger, Onni Prestidge, Tyler Borchardt, and Coach Butler.

Constituent Communications: Tammy Berger addressed the board about policy of retrieval and storage of video footage taken with staff at the school and why. She also inquired how long the video footage is stored and why. The board will provide the details that are not specific in the board policy by the next board meeting.

Henricks made a motion to approve the Agenda, Minutes from April 17, 2023, April 2023 bills approved May, May 2023 bills, April 2023 Financials, and Open Enrollment Requests as presented; seconded by Marzen. Motion carried 4-0.

Coach Prestidge and Coach Butler thanked the board for their support of the Girls Wrestling program and shared how well sharing with H-D and B-K went this year for the first year of being a Sanctioned program. The Team wrote Thank You notes that were given to the board. They are looking forward to many more successful years!

Destiny Hagenow joined the meeting at 5:11pm.

Principals Report by Mr. Huisenga:

1. Graduation is Sunday May 21st at 2pm in the Gym
2. Thursday is the Senior Class Breakfast and Seniors Last day of School
3. Congrats to the Industrial Tech Kids and Mr. Kudej on a 3rd Place finish with their Building Project at NIACC
4. CTE meeting coming up for Perkins funding
5. Tues/Wed. May 23rd/24th 9th-11th graders will be out and about doing community service projects
6. Color run was a huge success, would really like to continue as an annual event
7. 2nd-3rd Concert 6pm on May 16th
8. 4th-5th Concert 7pm on May 16th
9. 5yr Prek-1st Concert 7pm on May 18th
10. Track and Field day – Rockwell Football Field 5yr Prek-2nd 9am-10:45am and 3rd-5th 1pm-2:20pm
11. May 23rd Preschool Graduation (4yr old) 6:30pm Rockwell Big Gym
12. May 22nd Last Day of 4 yr Preschool/May 23rd Last Day of 3yr Preschool/ May 25th Last Day of School Prek 5yr-12th Grade (Regular dismissal time)
13. May 24th No 2pm early out
14. Adams Family Musical was held first week in May – AWESOME JOB! Great work by our Students and Staff!

15. Festival of Nations by the 7th graders was held Friday May 12th, great work and a great event
16. JH Boys and Girls wrapping up track season today May 15th
17. MS/HS Band going to Valley Fair on Friday May 19th
18. May Term for Middle School on Wednesday May 24th – some classes will include: Kayaking, fly-fishing, Mad scientist, cribbage, e-sports, first aid, community service which will include planting flowers etc.
19. Congrats to the Boys Golf team on Qualify for State Golf!
20. Congrats to those events Qualifying for State Track!
21. Congrats to the E-Sports team for Qualifying for State!

Superintendent Report:

1. Legislative Updates
2. The Community Advisory Meetings have started, with great attendance

Transportation Report:

1. Having some issues with the Mini Bus w/Lift, will need some major repairs this summer

Buildings and Grounds Report:

1. Basement in Rockwell has taken on some water, working on finding the problem and a solution

Onni Prestidge and Coach Butler left the meeting at 5:22pm.

Old Business:

Supt. Kruger presented an update on the FEMA Safe room/Office Remodel in Rockwell and the Air Quality/Ventilation Project at both campuses’.

New Business:

Henricks moved to approve an agreement with Turning Leaf Counseling; seconded by Marzen. Motion carried 4-0.

Henricks moved to approve the 28E agreement with Clear Lake CSD for an Operational Sharing Agreement for Transportation Director. This will be a .20FTE; seconded by Marzen. Motion carried 4-0.

Henricks moved to approve the 28E agreement with Central Rivers AEA for an Operational Sharing Agreement for Curriculum Director. This will be a .20FTE and will be 1 day a week; seconded by Marzen. Motion carried 4-0.

Henricks moved to approve the 28E agreement with Central Rivers AEA for an Operational Sharing Agreement for Special Education Director. This will be a .20FTE and will be 1 day a week; seconded by Suntken. Motion carried 4-0.

Suntken moved to enter in to Public Hearing for the 2022-2023 Budget Amendment; seconded by Marzen. Ayes: Henricks, Marzen, Suntken, Heimbuch. Nays: N/A. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Hearing was held on the 2022-2023 Budget Amendment. Budget is being increased due to construction projects, Sales Tax Bonding, and ESSER Fund spending.

Suntken moved to exit Public Hearing; seconded by Marzen. Ayes: Henricks, Marzen, Suntken, Heimbuch. Nays: N/A. Motion carried 4-0.

Henricks moved to approve Budget Amendment for 2022-2023 as presented; seconded by Marzen. Motion carried 4-0.

Onni Prestidge joined the meeting via Zoom at 5:37pm.

Henricks moved to approve the second reading of Board Policy 102 E2 Equal Educational Opportunity – CTE; seconded by Suntken. Motion carried 4-0.

After discussion, Suntken moved to approve the first reading of Board Policy 704.02 R1 and the first reading Board Policy 704.02 R2; seconded by Marzen. Motion carried 4-0.

The board discussed two options for redistricting the board of director districts. This is due to the 2020 Census information. The next step will be to hold a public hearing on the information prior to voting.

Henricks moved to set the Public Hearing for Redistricting Board Director Districts for June 19th at 5pm in the Sheffield Media Center; seconded by Marzen. Motion carried 4-0.

After discussion, Marzen moved to approve the NGT contract for Technology services for 2023-2024 as presented; seconded by Henricks. Motion carried 4-0.

After discussion, Suntken moved to approve the used Bus Bid for a 2021 Gas Bluebird for \$76,500; seconded by Marzen. Motion carried 4-0.

Superintendent Evaluation and Superintendent Contract have been tabled to June 2023 Meeting.

Henricks moved to approve a contract to Amanda Huston to serve as an Elementary Special Education Teacher for the 2023-2024; seconded by Suntken. Motion carried 4-0.

Henricks moved to approve a contract to Madalyn Schott to serve as an Elementary Special Education Teacher for the 2023-2024; seconded by Suntken. Motion carried 4-0.

Henricks moved to approve a contract to Katie Kelley to serve as an Elementary Art Teacher/Home School Assistance Program Teacher for the 2023-2024; seconded by Suntken. Motion carried 4-0.

Henricks moved to approve a contract to Jason Andersen to serve as a Middle School/High School Special Education Teacher for the 2023-2024; seconded by Suntken. Motion carried 4-0.

Henricks moved to approve a contract to Penny Dahl to serve as a Middle School Special Education Teacher for the 2023-2024; seconded by Suntken. Motion carried 4-0.

Henricks moved to approve a contract to Jason Andersen to serve as an Assistant Football coach for the 2023-2024 season; seconded by Suntken. Motion carried 4-0.

Henricks moved to approve a contract to Doug Bacheldor to serve as the Middle School Strat II/Alternative Assessment Advisor; seconded by Suntken. Motion carried 4-0.

Marzen moved to approve the resignation due to Retirement of Pat Christopherson, Elementary Para Educator; seconded by Suntken. Motion carried 4-0.

Marzen moved to approve the resignation due to Retirement of Connie McDowell, Elementary Para Educator; seconded by Suntken. Motion carried 4-0.

Marzen moved to approve the resignation of JJV Girls Basketball Coach, Mary Schulz; seconded by Suntken. Motion carried 4-0.

Marzen moved to approve the resignation of Elementary Special Education Teacher, Wendy Noel; seconded by Suntken. Motion carried 4-0.

Marzen moved to approve the resignation of Assistant Boys Basketball Coach, Randy Bohman; seconded by Suntken. Motion carried 4-0.

Marzen moved to approve the resignation of Elementary Admin. Assistant, Samantha Sturges; seconded by Suntken. Motion carried 4-0.

May is School Board Appreciation Month! Thank you for your time, dedication and service to our district. We appreciate everything you do for the Staff and Students at West Fork. We continue to grow and improve because of you! Thanks!

Other Business: Athletic Director, Tyler Borchardt talked to the Board about a partnership with the School District, Coaches, and The Yard. Following a Coaches meeting held on April 16th, Cody Meyer with The Yard developed a program where he would provide Sports Performance Training for West Fork CSD. It would be monitored by The Yard with a partnership with the PE Program and Coaches at West Fork, and would have a regular check in with a representative from The Yard. It will fit West Fork Student Needs. It is the plan to incorporate into PE Classwork as well. This would be a 1 year commitment. Coaches are in favor of doing this and the PE teachers also are in favor of this program. After discussion, the Board agreed it is the best direction for West Fork Athletes and Students and they will support the Program.

Next Regular Board Meeting is June 19th at 5pm in the Media Center in Sheffield.

Henricks moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:22pm; seconded by Marzen. Motion carried 4-0.

Board Vice President – Rob Heimbuch

Board Secretary – Lacey Pueggel

