

West Fork Community School District Board Minutes
Official Proceedings – Regular Meeting – August 19, 2024 – Approved

The West Fork Board of Education met for its regular meeting in the Media Center in Sheffield. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Board Vice President, Amber Marzen. Board members present: Holly Henricks, Erin Suntken, Grant Petersen, and Travis Butler. Also present were Superintendent Mike Kruger, MS Principal Lance Thompson, HS Principal Daren Huisenga, Elementary Principal Ashley Flatebo, and West Fork Board Secretary Lacey Pueggel.

Visitors: Joel Pedersen

Henricks made a motion to approve the Agenda, Minutes from July 15th, 2024, July 2024 bills, August 2024 Bills, Accrued Bills FY24, and Online Academy Open Enrollment requests; seconded by Marzen. Motion carried 5-0.

Principals Report:

1. Elementary Playground install will be September 2nd
2. New Teachers were back today (Monday) for their first day
3. All staff will be back tomorrow (Tuesday)
4. Working on the new attendance policy from the State of Iowa and will be updating the Handbooks
5. Thursday, August 22 is back to school night from 4-7pm, also will be Freshman and 6th grade orientation
6. Wednesday, August 28th at 9:30am there will be a ribbon cutting for the FEMA room and new office area
7. Update on being a peanut aware/free campus in Rockwell

Superintendent's Report

1. FEMA awarded the district with some additional funds for the Saferoom structure
2. Reviewed the changes to Open Enrollment laws
3. Staff will be participating in CRAZE training on the 20th
4. Wellness Center pipe issues were discussed

Athletics Report

1. Reviewed Summer weights program

Old Business:

Update on the buildings and summer projects.

New Business:

NIACC President, Joel Pederson, addressed the board regarding the Regional Academy with West Fork, Belmond-Klemme, and Hampton-Dumont. The academy will be located in Hampton and a grant was received to build the structure. West Fork will hold 12 seats and the academy will feature courses specific to Nursing, Business/Ag Business, and Manufacturing. This will be a program specifically for Senior students. Following discussion, Marzen moved to approve West Fork's participation in the Regional Academy and partnership with NIACC; seconded by Henricks. Motion carried 5-0.

Joel Pedersen left the meeting at 5:30pm.

Henricks moved to approve the petitions presented to call an election on the issuance of General Obligation School Bonds in the amount of \$16,865,000.00; seconded by Butler. Motion carried 5-0.

The Board of Directors of the West Fork Community School District, in the Counties of Cerro Gordo, Franklin, Hancock, and Wright, State of Iowa, met in Regular session, in the Media Center, 504 Park Street, Sheffield, Iowa 50475, at 5:00 P.M., on the above date. There were present President Grant Petersen, in the chair, and the following named Board Members: Erin Suntken, Amber Marzen, Travis Butler, Holly Henricks.

The President of the Board called the meeting together and stated that a Petition had been filed purporting to be signed by eligible electors of the School District numbering at least 25% of those voting at the last election of school officials. The Petition requests that an election be called on the issuance of bonds in an amount not to exceed \$16,865,000, to provide funds to remodel, repair, and improve the HVAC and electrical systems at the Rockwell elementary building and the Sheffield middle school / high school building, including related remodeling and improvements; to replace roof sections at both facilities; to replace horizontal runs of the domestic water system piping at the Sheffield facility; and to add a secure entrance at the Sheffield facility.

The President submitted the Petition to the Board which examined the Petition. 947 qualified electors voted at the last election of school officials; the number of eligible electors who have signed the petition is 303.

Director Henricks introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption. Director Marzen seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called, and the vote was: AYES: Butler, Suntken, Henricks, Marzen, Petersen. NAYS: N/A. Motion carried 5-0.

The President declared the Resolution adopted as follows:

**RESOLUTION ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION ON THE ISSUANCE OF
\$16,865,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS**

WHEREAS, there has been filed with the President of this Board a Petition of eligible electors of this School District asking that an election be called to submit the question of contracting indebtedness and issuing bonds of the School District in an amount not to exceed \$16,865,000 to provide funds to remodel, repair, and improve the HVAC and electrical systems at the Rockwell elementary building and the Sheffield middle school / high school building, including related remodeling and improvements; to replace roof sections at both facilities; to replace horizontal runs of the domestic water system piping at the Sheffield facility; and to add a secure entrance at the Sheffield facility; and

WHEREAS, this Board has examined the Petition and finds that it is signed by eligible electors of the School District numbering at least 25% of those voting at the last election of school officials and that the purposes set forth in the petition cannot be accomplished within the limit of one and one-quarter percent of the assessed value of the taxable property in the School District; and

WHEREAS, the proposal for the issuance of Bonds or any other proposal incorporating any portion of it has not or will not have been submitted to the qualified electors of the School District for a period of at least six months prior to the date of election being called in these Proceedings;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE WEST FORK COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTIES OF CERRO GORDO, FRANKLIN, HANCOCK, AND WRIGHT, STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. That an election is called of the qualified electors of the West Fork Community School District in the Counties of Cerro Gordo, Franklin, Hancock, and Wright, State of Iowa, on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. The following public measure is approved, and the Secretary is authorized and directed to submit and file the public measure for the Ballot with the Cerro Gordo County Commissioner of Elections at least 69 days prior to the election.

PUBLIC MEASURE 1-25

Shall the Board of Directors of the West Fork Community School District in the Counties of Cerro Gordo, Franklin, Hancock, and Wright, State of Iowa, be authorized to contract indebtedness and issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$16,865,000 to provide funds to remodel, repair, and improve the HVAC and electrical systems at the Rockwell elementary building and the Sheffield middle school / high school building, including related remodeling and improvements; to replace roof sections at both facilities; to replace horizontal runs of the domestic water system piping at the Sheffield facility; and to add a secure entrance at the Sheffield facility?

[END OF BALLOT LANGUAGE]

Section 2. That the notice of the election and ballot form used at the election shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Iowa Code and Iowa Administrative Rules.

Section 3. That the Election Board for the Voting Precinct or precincts be appointed by the County Commissioner of Elections for each County conducting an election, not less than 15 days before the election.

Section 4. The Commissioner of Elections for each County conducting an election is requested and directed to make publication of the Notice of Election at least once, not less than four days nor more than twenty days prior to the election, in a newspaper that meets the requirements of Section 49.53(2), Code of Iowa.

Section 5. The Commissioner of Elections for each county conducting an election is requested and directed to mail, to each registered voter in the District, a Notice of Election that includes the full text of the public measures to be voted on, not less than ten days nor more than twenty days prior to the election.

Section 6. Cerro Gordo County, Iowa is the Controlling County for this election.

Section 7. That the County Commissioner of Elections for each County conducting an election shall prepare all ballots and election registers and other supplies necessary for the proper and legal conduct of this election and the Secretary of the Board is directed to cooperate with these Commissioners of Elections in the preparation of the necessary proceedings.

Section 8. That the Secretary is directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution in the Office of the County Commissioner of Elections of the Controlling County to constitute the "written notice" to the County Commissioner of Elections of the election date, required to be given by the governing body under the provisions of Chapter 47, Code of Iowa.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 19th day of August, 2024

Following discussion, Marzen moved to approve the Professional Development Agreement Amendment with SiteLogiQ for the Phase II project as presented; seconded by Suntken. Motion carried 5-0.

Following discussion, Henricks moved to approve the Professional Service Agreement Amendment with SiteLogiQ for the Phase II project as presented; seconded by Butler. Motion carried 5-0.

Following discussion, Marzen moved to approve the Open Enrollment in and out requests as presented; seconded by Henricks. Motion carried 5-0.

Henricks moved to approve the first reading of Board Policy 505.05, Graduation Credits; seconded by Butler. Motion carried 5-0.

Butler moved to approve a contract to Abe Maske to serve as Head Boys Basketball Coach; seconded by Marzen. Motion carried 5-0.

Butler moved to approve a contract to Peterson Jean-Pierre to serve as Assistant Boys Basketball Coach; seconded by Marzen. Motion carried 5-0.

Butler moved to approve a contract to Abe Maske to serve as Assistant Varsity Football Coach; seconded by Marzen. Motion carried 5-0.

Butler moved to approve a contract to Matt Otten to serve as a Volunteer Girls Wrestling Coach; seconded by Marzen. Motion carried 5-0.

Butler moved to approve a contract to Lance Thompson to serve as MS Athletic Director; seconded by Marzen. Motion carried 5-0.

Butler moved to approve a contract update for Yuki Heimer, Sheffield Kitchen staff; seconded by Marzen. Motion carried 5-0.

Butler moved to approve Ryan Kruger and Para Support to do the Sheffield Campus south end cleaning; seconded by Marzen. Motion carried 5-0.

Butler moved to approve the resignation of Abe Maske Assistant Boys Basketball Coach; seconded by Marzen. Motion carried 5-0.

Butler moved to approve the resignation of Peterson Jean-Pierre J/JV Boys Basketball Coach; seconded by Marzen. Motion carried 5-0.

Next Regular Board Meeting is September 16, 2024 in Rockwell in the Band Room at 5:00pm.

Marzen moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 pm; seconded by Butler. Motion carried 5-0.

Board President – Grant Petersen

Board Secretary – Lacey Pueggel

