

Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District
Official Minutes of the Board of Education
March 27, 2023

Meeting called to order by President Chuck Wendler, pursuant to WI.STATS.1984 (1). Superintendent Rogowski verified that this meeting was posted and published as required by law.

Roll Call of the Board: All 9 Board members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve the Minutes: (stewart-schmidt) moved to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2023 Regular Meeting as circulated. Roll Call: 9 yes, Motion carried.

Communications & Delegations: In attendance along with Board Members were: Garrett Rogowski, Cole Irish, Stuart Russ, Nick Firari, Megan Marcks, Nikki Steigerwald, Luke Reimer, Nikki Steigerwald, Jill Meverden, Erin Tuskowski, Trevor Szutkowski and Taylor Bergner.

Public Comments: Erin Tuskowski, district resident, expressed her concerns with the district's Math and Reading proficiency rates. She also asked questions and voiced her concerns with the SEL program that concentrates on social and emotional learning. She asked questions about the current budget for SEL compared to the current budget for academics.

Board Concerns or Reports: Meredith has been going to the Cesa 8 meetings. She reported that there is nothing really concerning our district at the moment.

Student Representative: Student Senate member, Taylor Bergner, talked about doing a fundraiser to help with the end of year activities and to be able to start out the next year good financially. Ms. Bergner said the applications are out for next year's Student Representatives. On May 21 Student Senate will have an end of year banquet where they will recognize students and staff.

Financial Report: (Magee-Schmidt) made a motion to pay the following as of March 27, 2023: Budgetary checks numbering 1082252-108415 in the amount of \$216,122.67, payroll checks numbering 1422610-142610 in the amount of \$28,929.34, direct deposit advices in the amount of \$457,239.86, ACH payments in the amount of \$457,239.86, and credit card payments in the amount of \$50,143.21 Roll Call: 9 yes

Superintendent Rogowski reported a cash on deposit as of January 31, 2023 of \$4,058,799.48. Cash on Deposit as of February 28, 2023 of \$3,148,848.33 and LGIP Account balance as of February 28, 2023 of \$1,305.30.

Approve Agenda: (Olson-Magee) moved to approve the agenda including a closed session item for purpose of considering employment status of School District employees over which the Board of Education exercises jurisdiction, including discussion regarding possible nonrenewal of employment contract of support staff due to financial and students aging out reasons.

Administrative Reports:

-Cole Irish, Birnamwood Elementary and Middle School Principal, told about their Spirit Week which included penny wars, hallway decorating and a dodgeball tournament. Chargers of the Month were able to have lunch with parents at school and the 4k classes did a restaurant theme that ended with a tour and waffles at Truck's Restaurant.

-Nick Firari, Wittenberg Elementary and Middle School Principal, talked about parenting classes that are being held on Tuesdays through the middle of May. They will host a 4K Registration night on March 4. Wittenberg School also participated in Read Across America. Mr. Firari said that there are 7 education students coming to the building to get practicum hours.

-Stuart Russ, Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School Principal, said students will be taking ACTs and Pre ACTs in the near future. The high school will hold a Junior Night Tuesday on April 4 for parents and students to learn about and post secondary planning and setting up for senior year. Planning is underway for graduation on May 26 at 6pm.

-Megan Marcks, Director of Pupil Services, said the weekend food program has 62 students participating. Last year at this time there were only 37. There are plans for 8th grade Special Ed students to tour the high school, eat lunch and meet teachers

-Superintendent Rogowski gave a presentation on budget changes between 22-23 and 23-24 and talked about the process of hiring a new high school principal.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

- A. (Olson-Stewart) moved to approve the resignation of Stuart Russ, High School Principal, at the end of the 22-23 school year. Motion carried. The Board would like to thank Stuart for his time here at WB.
- B. (Stewart- Hanson) moved to approve the retirement of Cathy Easker, Wittenberg School Phy. Ed Teacher. Mrs. Easker will continue as HS cross country coach. Motion carried. The Board would like to thank her for her 34 years of service and for all that she has done for students.
- C. (Schmidt-Magee) moved to approve the hiring of Brad McKay as Middle School Golf Coach. Motion carried. 1 Abstain
- D. (Magee-Schmidt) Moved to approve the 23-24 Staffing and Transfers as presented. Motion carried.
- E. (Stewart-Olson) moved to approve the drivers education changes to include AJ's Driving for behind the wheel beginning with the 23-24 school year.
- F. (Olson-Hanson) moved to approve the following out of state trips: Student Senate to Capstone in Minnesota and Senior Trip to Illinois for six flags.
- G. (Magee-Schmidt) moved to approve repairs to the aquatic center in the amount of \$32,375. The cost of repairs will be covered by the Helping Foundation. The Board would like to thank the Helping Foundation for their generous support.
- H. There was discussion about the Shawano County Consolidated Library System Lease Agreement Terms. This item will be moved to a future agenda.
- I. The following Board members will serve as Canvassers for the 2023 School Board Spring Election: Chuck Wendler, Chris Pietz and Corey Schairer.

Adjournment: (Stewart-Hanson) moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:02. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Resch
School Board Secretary