

**Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District**  
**Official Minutes of the Board of Education**  
**November 28, 2022**

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:** Eight Board Members were present. Hanson was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approve the Minutes:** (Stuart-Olson) moved to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2022 regular meeting as circulated. Roll Call: 8 yes. Motion carried.

**Communications & Delegations:** In attendance along with Board Members were: Garrett Rogowski, Jill Resch, Cole Irish, Stuart Russ, Megan Marcks, Jill Meverden, Erin Tuskowski, Luke Reimer, Taylor Bergner, Nikki Steigerwald, Paul Yeager, and Amber Danielski. Thank you cards were received from the family of Patricia Wendler for a funeral arrangement, and from the family of Sonja Block for a funeral arrangement.

**Public Comments:** Superintendent Garrett Rogowski recognized President Chuck Wendler for his 20 Year Recognition Award from WASB. The Board thanked Chuck for his commitment to the district and Chuck thanked the Board for being a great team.

**Board Concerns or Reports:** Meredith attended the Cesa 8 meeting and gave a report. Magee and Wendler attended the WASB Regional Meeting.

**Student Representative:** Taylor Bergner, Student Senate Member, said for the week of Thanksgiving they had Turkey Bowling and other festivities and gave out treats. Coming up for Christmas they will decorate the commons, frost and distribute cookies and milk to all students and staff and the students will be able to watch a movie. The Snow Ball will be the next thing on their agenda.

**Financial Report:** (Magee-Schmidt) made a motion to pay the following as of November 28, 2022: budgetary checks numbering 107452-107643 in the amount of \$525,307.37, payroll checks numbering 142509-14531 in the amount of \$30,013.02, direct deposit advices in the amount of \$463,622.65, ACH payments in the amount of \$473,877.47 and credit card payments in the amount of \$26,209.76. Superintendent Rogowski reported a cash on deposit as of November 28, 2022 of \$2,993,641.14 and LGIP Account balance of \$3,347.48. Roll call vote: 8 yes. Hanson absent. Motion carried.

**Approve Agenda:** (Schmidt-Olson) moved to approve the agenda including closed session items: Motion passes.

**Administrative Reports:**

-Cole Irish, Birnamwood Elementary and Middle School Principal, said 94% of Elementary Students and 43% of Middle School Students attended Parent Teacher Conferences. PTO sponsored a great Halloween Party and the Alice Drill went well.

-Nick Firari, Wittenberg Elementary and Middle School Principal, shared that December 9th Santa's Workshop will be held. 91% of Elementary Students and 46% of Middle School Students attended Parent Teacher Conferences. The Veterans Day assembly went well and the School dance was very well attended.

-Stuart Russ, Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School Principal, shared important dates. Gave an update on the sports teams and thanked the School Board for allowing students and staff to take the day off for the Volleyball State Tournament. He also updated the board on the theatre program saying the play, "Little Women", just wrapped up and they are now working on the musical, "The Little Mermaid" that will be presented this spring.

-Megan Marcks, Director of Pupil Services, talked about ELL Professional Development. She also said the Admin Team attended the Annual Ho-Chunk Indigenous Gathering. Marcks talked about the DPI data pull coming in December and gave an update on Special Education numbers.

-Pool report was shared by Rudy Rudeen. They have been very busy with lessons and the 4th and 5th grade students will start swim classes soon. There are also several maintenance projects going on.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- A. Amber Danielski from CLA was here to give the 2020-2021 Fiscal Audit Results. This is done annually. She stated she appreciates the relationship they have with our district. She talked about Governmental activities, as well as major and smaller funds. Amber shared that everything checked out and she was very impressed with our Business Manager, Kim Moede, and her team. Amber also answered questions from the Board.
- B. Paul Yaeger, Transportation Director, gave a report on our transportation fleet conditions and numbers of bus drivers and subs. He said everything is running smoothly.
- C. Nikki Steigerwald, District Literacy Coordinator, facilitated the required Title I Stakeholders Meeting that is necessary to receive Title I funds. She also gave a background of Title I and told how the funds are used.
- D. Each building principal gave a Safety Drill Report and appropriate Evaluations Forms were filled out and signed.
- E. (Olson-Schmidt) moved to approve the Resolution for the 23-24 School Year Start Date Monday, August 28, 2024 as presented. Motion carried.
- F. (Stewart-Magee) moved to approve the resignation of Charity Fraaza, Varsity Head Softball Coach, and Sue Boldig, 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach. Motion carried.

**Adjournment:** (Stewart-Schmidt) moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:19pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Resch  
School Board Secretary