

Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District
Official Minutes of the Board of Education
August 22, 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: All nine Board Members were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve the Minutes: (Olson-Schmidt) moved to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2022 regular meeting as circulated. 8 yes, Magee abstained. Motion carried.

Communications & Delegations: In attendance along with Board Members were: Garrett Rogowski, Jill Resch, Cole Irish, Nick Firari, Stuart Russ, Megan Marcks, Taylor Bergner and Evan Pretzer. A thank you card was received from Lynne Seljan for a retirement gift. A thank you card was received from Randy Berndt for supporting his request to transfer to Special Education Teacher.

Public Comments: None

Board Concerns or Reports: Wendler stated that everything looked great during the building and grounds walk through. Olson said Birnamwood community members have expressed that the new black top and garden fence look very nice.

Student Representative: Taylor Bergner said that there has already been a couple of meetings to revamp homecoming and return to precovid procedures. This year, festivities will be held all day on the Friday of Homecoming. They also plan to have a Homecoming Dance on Saturday.

Financial Report: (Magee-Schmidt) made a motion to pay the following as of August 22, 2022: budgetary checks numbering 106844-106931 in the amount of \$374,318.85, payroll checks numbering 142450-142455 in the amount of \$5,881.08 direct deposit advices in the amount of \$205,832.22, ACH payments in the amount of \$107,025.45 and credit card payments in the amount of \$43,931.21. Superintendent Rogowski reported a cash on deposit as of July 31, 2022, of \$3,389,400.93 and LGIP Account balance as of July 31, 2022 of \$1,036.05. Roll call vote: 9 yes, 0 Motion carried.

Approve Agenda: (Olson-Magee) moved to approve the agenda.

Administrative Reports:

-Cole Irish, Birnamwood Elementary and Middle School Principal, shared some important upcoming dates including picture day and First Grade Orientation. Mr. Irish also updated the Board on the ChargerWay Committee and shared all of the updates that have been done in the building.

-Nick Firari, Wittenberg Elementary and Middle School Principal, also shared important upcoming events including Open House and McTeacher's Night. Mr. Firari said the school supply pick-up was very well attended and shared a pictured of his staff collaborating what the Birnamwood Staff.

-Stuart Russ, Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School Principal, talked about how his building is preparing for the 2022-2023 school year like getting back to school information to the students and families, and having new teacher and substitute teacher training.

-Megan Marcks, Director of Pupil Services, updated the Board on the number of new entry students and the number of students participating in the Backpack Program. She also stated that Dr. Van Oss will continue to service students in our district on Wednesdays.

Old Business: None

New Business

-New Business A: (Meredith-Stewart) moved to approve the following hires:

- Cole Irish as Birnamwood Elementary and Middle School Principal with a start date of August, 12, 2022, compensation being \$75,000 annually.
- Gabby Stank as Wittenberg Elementary Kindergarten Teacher, compensation being \$41,100 annually.
- Greg Luedtke as Birnamwood School Art Teacher, compensation being \$40,200 annually.
- Bernard Holsey as High School Paraprofessional, compensation being \$17.05 per hour.
- Tammy Bushman as Wittenberg School Gen Ed Paraprofessional, compensation being \$13.64 per hour.
- Becky Hauser as Wittenberg School Gen Ed Paraprofessional, compensation being \$13.64 per hour.
- Elaine Spranger as Part Time High School Custodian with a start date of August 22, 2022, compensation being \$15.43 per hour.
- Amanda Taylor as Middle School Volleyball Coach.
- Kaden Schmidt as Middle School Football Coach.
- Bernard Holsey as Middle School Football Coach.

Motion carried.

-New Business B:(Meredith-Stewart) moved to approve a request from Sherry Groshek to transfer from Special Ed Paraprofessional to Literacy Interventionist and Special Ed Paraprofessional. Sherry will stay at her current hourly wage when working as a Para and will receive \$22.00 per hour when working as Literacy Interventionist. Motion carried.

-New Business C:(Stewart-Schmidt) moved to approve a quote from Hanson Sanitation and Excavating for the high school field top soil screening and application for \$45,000.

-New Business D: (Schmidt-Hanson) moved to approve the resignations of Julie Hoffman, Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant and Jennifer Kronberger, Family and Consumer Ed. Teacher. Motion Carried. The Board would like to thank both Julie and Jennifer for their hard work and time in our district!

Adjournment: (Stewart-Hanson) moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:10pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Resch
School Board Secretary