

Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District

Official Minutes of the Board of Education

January 2025

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:(White Wing-ClarkOlson) moved to approve the minutes of the

Communications & Delegations: In attendance along with Board Members were: Garrett Rogowski, Jill Resch, Megan Marcks, Megan Rothmeyer, Adam Karkz, Matt Heindel, Nick Firari, Chris Kulas, Lee Pulaski, and Erin Tuskowski. A Thank You for the flowers from the Guy Murdock Family was read.

Public Comments: None

Board Concerns or Reports: Olson talked about the WASB Convention. A lot of sessions and networking.

Student Representative: None

Financial Report: (Magee-Olson) made a motion to pay the following as of January 28, 2025: Budgetary checks numbering 112183-112422 in the amount of \$278,570.13. Payroll checks numbering 143115-143152 in the amount of \$47,383.63. Direct deposit advices in the amount of \$726,018.29. ACH payments in the amount of \$ 569,503.89. Credit card payments in the amount of \$73,538.46

Roll Call: 8 yes, 1 absent. Motion carried.

Superintendent Rogowski shared Cash on Deposit as of November 30, 2024 of \$2,679,545.84 and Cash on Deposit as of December 31, 2024 of \$3,978,897.13 and an LGIP Account Balance as of December 31, 2024 of \$231,245.30 .

Approve Agenda: (Stewart-Hanson) moved to approve agenda as presented.

Administrative Reports:

-Nick Firari, Wittenberg Elementary and Middle School Principal, said there is a Gifted and Talented meeting coming up. 4K and Kindergarten registration will be in February 13. He gave a shout out to music teachers Jenni, Alex, and Melissa for helping fill in for Christmas Concerts And for taking over Christmas concert at his building. Right now they are refiguring concerts for next year. January 10th was school wide Alice training. Annette Walker is coming in to work with Ho-Chunk youth in the building. 5th grade did some onboarding with Orange Frog training. He also shared with the Board a potential layout of classrooms for next year.

-Chris Kulas, Birnamwood Elementary and Middle School Principal said the high school band and choir came and played and Cinderella will be coming to Birnamwood to perform some songs. He also shared the following important dates: January 31st - Middle School Dance, February 13th - 2nd graders visit Food + Farm Exploration Center, February 27th - School Forest Open House 4:30-6:30 pm, and February 28th - End of 2nd Trimester.

-Megan Rothmeyer, High School Principal, said the 8th graders came to tour the high school building and then they had an 8th grade parent night. Cinderella will be performed this weekend. She played in an alumni pep band at a basketball game and a staff pep band night will be coming up. The ag building's Sylvia the pig had piglets. A lot of music department success lately. Thanks to Matt Heindel for updating the emergency sound system. High School clubs have been really active. The Student Senate raised over \$500 for St. Jude Hospital. Right now she is looking for an alumni speaker for Senior graduation. The Fishing Club will be taking their first field trip to Pelican Lake. SkillsUSA has been very active. Quiz Bowl A Team is undefeated. Joanna Fradrick is doing a great job with the Quiz Bowl. The NHS will do Cookies For A Cause. All proceeds go to LA wildfire relief. She also updated the board on many high school sports victories.

-Megan Marcks, Director of Pupil Services, said the district is taking a collaborative approach with Ho-Chunk Siga Center, by having monthly meetings with them. Eighth grade night went very well and a lot of families participated. Will have an intern at the Wittenberg Elementary and Middle School. Mrs. Marcks also shared information on Act 20 with the Board.

-Rudy Rudeen, Aquatic Center Director, was not present.

-Molly Meverden, School District Nurse, said they completed vision screening thanks to Chris Pletz and Lions club. 140 students participated. Nurse Molly shared that Birnamwood's Lions Club donated to help a high school student get an eye exam and glasses. Thanks to Shane and Katie from Gwidt Pharmacy for helping with flu shots. Seal-a-smile will be visiting all schools. Szmanda Dental will be coming in to do some oral education for students. Implementing the stocked medications at school is going great. Szutkowski gave a shout out to Molly Meverden for being caring and helping. Dr. Rothmeyer said she also did a great job with the Code Blue Drill

-Matt Heindel, Director of Technology said 69 help tickets have been opened and closed since last report. Seven open tickets at the time of writing. He has repaired 27 Student Chromebooks. He has been working on the Student Side of the Skyward transition to Qmulativ. They are continuing the upgrade process on our camera systems and phone systems and he shared that redundant internet will be implemented by the next board meeting.

-Garrett Rogowski, Superintendent said in 2015 it was approved by legislature as to how reports cards are weighted

Old Business: None

New Business:

A. (Hanson-Stewart) moved to approve the 2025-2026 calendar with one change. Motion carried.

B. (Magee-Szutkowski) moved to approve the following staff transfers:

- a. Kari Hahn, Wittenberg Middle School Special Education Teacher to High School Special Education Teacher beginning with the 25-26 school year.
- b. Jeff Stelk, Wittenberg Elementary 4th Grade Teacher to High School Head Custodian beginning with the 25-26 school year.

Motion carried.

C. (Stewart-WhiteWing Clark) moved to approve the following coach resignations:

- a. Jeff Mill, JV Baseball Coach
- b. Mike Balliett, MS Football Coach

Motion carried. The Board would like to thank them for their service to our district.

D. (Szutkowski-Pietz) moved to approve the following coach hires:

- a. Brian Sippl, Varsity Baseball Coach
- b. Sam Steebbs, MS Football Coach
- c. August Barke, JV2 Baseball Coach
- d. Perry Hegewald, JV Baseball Coach

Motion carried.

E. (Olson-Magee) moved to approve the following field trips:

- a. SkillsUSA to Madison State Convention - April 1 to April 3rd, 2025
- b. Student Senate to Duluth, MN - May 26 to May 29, 2025

Motion carried.

F. (Magee-Hanson) moved to approve the addition of a chess team.

G. (White Wing Clark-Olson) moved to approve the following seats: Motion carried.

H. Safety Drill Evaluations were shared by the building principals for information.

I. The First Reading of Board Policies Special Update. These updates will be brought back in February for approval.

J. (Stewart-Magee) moved to approve making an exception to Policy 5223 by agreeing to host the youth wrestling tournament as presented.

(Stewart- Hanson) moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:36pm. Motion passes.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jill Resch".

Jill Resch
School Board Secretary