

Wentworth School District
School Board Meeting
9.12.22

School Board Present: Lauren Young, Duane Brown
Administration: Dana Andrews, Assistant Superintendent
Tami Keyes, Principal

Public: Beth Bean, Nate Bean, Shawn Leone, Chris Misavage, Rick Ducheneau, Omer C. Ahern Jr., Moreen

Meeting opened at 5:54 pm Lauren made a motion to open the meeting, Duane seconded.
Lauren made a motion to move to non-public session at 5:54 pm, Duane seconded.

Lauren made a motion to come out of non-public session at 6:00 pm, Duane seconded.
Lauren made a motion to go back to public session at 6:00 pm, Duane seconded.

Agenda Review and disposition- None

Lauren motioned to accept the co-curricular slate as presented, Duane seconded.
Lauren motioned to accept Karen Pfeiffer's resignation, Duane seconded.
Lauren motioned to accept Hannah Heath as new para hire at a rate of 15 dollars per hour, Duane seconded.
Lauren made a motion to accept financial reports, Duane seconded.

Dana presented a policy change for public participation at board meetings. The current policy states that, privilege of the floor will not exceed 15 minutes. By law we must now allow for a minimum of 30 minutes. This policy will be reviewed for a second reading at the October meeting.

6:09 pm Privilege of the Floor:

Shawn Leone asked Federal guidelines about the bathrooms, this was also brought up at the June meeting. He wanted to know if there was any new Federal information regarding single stall bathrooms. Dana replied that we do not discriminate, we follow the law and we have a boys room, a girls room and a bathroom in the nurse's office. PRHS and RES have single stall bathrooms only because those were projects that were already happening. Shawn asked if Wentworth parents could be given more information regarding what is happening at the high school, like the bathroom project, since Wentworth taxes go to support the high school and we send students to the high school. Lauren and Dana advised the audience to attend the Pemi Baker board meetings if they want information regarding the high school. Moreen talked about the federal law regarding bathrooms and states that the nurse bathroom is okay to use for students who do not feel comfortable using the bathroom and therefore all schools in our SAU are in compliance with the law.

Rick briefed the board on issues of snow removal. The highway department is understaffed and therefore can not do snow removal for the school this year. Lauren shared that we are aware of this situation. Dana shared that Jason Bergeron is working on securing a company for this year. They are hoping to jump in with another district this year and then put it out to bid next year for a multi-year contract for snow removal.

Principal's report (Principal Tami Keyes)

- Our Teacher inservice days at the High School "keys to literacy" were very informative and did a great job getting the whole SAU on the same page for our new literacy initiative.
- When we got back to school for teacher day, the staff worked hard getting their rooms ready and working together on scheduling.
 - This year the middle school has new opportunities. (Health, Robotics and enrichment)

- Students also have study hall or RTI each day
- Students are excited about the band and chorus. We have about 15 students in each!!
- Student council is a hit. Mrs. Toomey has already met with students twice and we have 13 members, grade 4-8.
- I have been working closely with the SAU office on both building maintenance and technology to get our school up and running. We are still working on some technology issues.
- We had our first fire drill and walk away, it was successful
 - Safety team will begin meeting next week
- Soccer team has had their first 2 games and are working hard together as a team.
- 8th graders have started fundraising for their class trip and are doing well. We have already have 1 8th grade parent meeting.
- Impact testing is tomorrow for middle school
- Voting is tomorrow.
- Dental clinic is September 14-16
- 1-8 NWEA testing will be next week on the 20-21
- Open house and spaghetti dinner is 5-6:30 on Wednesday 21

Duane asked a few questions:

Asked about citrus free school, Tami explained

School needs to update website; school board tab and school calendar dates

Asked about Constitution week (September 17-23) and that next board meeting Tami let the board know that the school will learn about the Constitution that week.

Discussion Items:

1. Covid Guidance: Currently we are following the Covid-19 Guidance recommended by the Department of Health and Human Services who is following the latest CDC guidelines for schools. There was a discussion regarding mandating masks when students or staff return to school on day 6 after testing positive for Covid-19. Dana let the board know that masks are not mandated and that students are welcome to quarantine at home for the full 10 days if they do not want to wear a mask on day 6-10. Duane is going to work on some wording to help make the guidelines easier to understand for families.
2. Inclement weather update: Due to feedback from families and staff, In the event of inclement weather, Mrs. Welch will no longer be having remote learning days for weather. We will stick with traditional snow days.
3. Grant update: Dana gave the board and updated the grant paper with all grants we currently have and how much money we have available.

Privilege of the Floor #2:

Shawn Leone: Asked why we have to follow SAU guidelines the same as other schools if Mrs. Welch's welcome video stated that all our schools are different and will not be treated the same.

Motion to adjourn was made by Lauren at 6:44 pm (2-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Tami Keyes
Wentworth Principal