

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020
WATERLOO SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMUNITY ROOM
6:30 P.M.

Call to order

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE WATERLOO SCHOOL DISTRICT, City of Waterloo, Towns of Elba, Lowell, Milford, Portland, Waterloo, Shields, and York, Jefferson County, Wisconsin held on May 11, 2020.

A regular meeting of the Board of the Waterloo School District Waterloo, et al, was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:30 P.M. by President Schneider in Waterloo School District Community Room located in the City of Waterloo, Jefferson County, Wisconsin. Roll call being taken the following were present: Kegler, Schneider, Stangler, Stein present in person and Lewandowski, Setz, and Thompson present virtually.

Others present in person: Brian Henning, Sharon Peterson, and Beth Karnick

Others present virtually, either via phone or web meeting: Brad Donner, Shawn Bartelt, Elizabeth Gould, and Victoria Kalscheuer. Media present: Amber Gerber, The Courier. Public present: Makenna Holtzheuter, Mac Chopin, Sonja Jacobson, Jennifer Porter, Cory Calvert, and Cassie Poehnelt.

Proof in the form of a signed/oral statement by District Administrator Henning that notice of said meeting was given and posted on May 8, 2020 to the public pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, was presented.

Approval of agenda and minutes

Motion by Kegler, seconded by Stein, to approve the agenda. Motion carried on a voice vote: 7-0.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Stangler, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting, with revisions, of the Waterloo School Board held on April 27, 2020. Motion carried on a voice vote: 7-0.

Presentation to the Board:

Victoria Kalscheuer gave an update on the YRBS data, focusing on showing areas of growth the district should focus on.

Board Reports: N/A**Administrative Reports:**

Brad Donner gave an update on scholarship awards. He shared that there is a slideshow featuring all students and scholarships they are receiving. This will be available on Wednesday, May 13th.

Elizabeth Gould gave a curriculum update, including the new math program: Into Math, which includes academic language.

Shawn Bartelt shared the plan for the 8th grade promotion ceremony. There will be a slideshow of the 8th graders, as well as a teacher drop off event to give each 8th grader a certificate and a treat to recognize their hard work. He also informed everyone that there will be a virtual talent show with videos submitted by students.

Victoria Kalscheuer shared ideas about what may happen with summer school. There are still alternative dates in place and discussion of a possible virtual option.

Sharon Peterson gave an update on total amounts spent in the construction project. There is good news in that the soils in the parking lot are suitable and do not need to be replaced before the new asphalt is poured. She also gave a verbal report on the amount of memberships sold, as well as an update on key cards are ready to use as soon as the door is available.

Brian Henning gave information about health and dental insurance. Health insurance rates will not increase over the next two years. He reminded everyone that the renewal date is September 1 annually. Dental is still self-funded and will continue to be such.

Motion by Kegler, seconded by Stein to approve the April 2020 Treasurer's Report, Disbursements, and Receipts. Motion carried on a roll call vote: 7-0 Yes: Kegler, Lewandowski, Schneider, Setz, Stangler, Stein and Thompson.

Public Input: none

Announcements:

Debra Stein gave a legislative update. She reported that the lawsuit is still being challenged, and if overturned, may change things for schools. She also reported the WASB put out some information about funds coming in being way down. WI is \$2 billion in the red as of two weeks ago, based on COVID19.

Lynette Diercks's thank you was read regarding the staff appreciation gift card sent out.

Brian Henning took time to thank people under unusual and unprecedented circumstances: students, teachers and support staff, custodians, food service staff, admin and IT staff. He specifically thanked Ken Schimmel, Tammy Renforth, Sharon Peterson, Carleen Benninger, Beth Karnick, and the School Board.

Matt Schneider then thanked Brian Henning for his time, effort, and leadership.

New Business

Motion by Kegler, seconded by Stein, to approve the 2nd Reading Policy 188 Board Member Participation in Meetings via Technology and Policy 189 Virtual Board Meetings in Emergency Situations Motion carried on a voice vote: 7-0.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Stein, to approve the presented staff position resignations. Resignations from Danielle Donnelly, high school special education teacher, Keith Setz, high school math teacher, and Cassie Poehnelt, middle school teacher. Motion carried on a voice vote: 6-0-1 (Setz) for the resignation of Keith Setz and 7-0 for the resignations of Ms. Donnelly and Ms. Poehnelt.

Motion by Kegler, seconded by Stein, to approve the renewal with Dean SSM Health as district health insurer for the next two years at a zero percent increase. Motion carried on a voice vote: 6-0-1 (Schneider).

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Kegler, to approve the renewal with Delta Dental as presented for the district dental insurer. Motion carried on a voice vote: 6-0-1 (Schneider).

Motion by Kegler, seconded by Stein, to approve the increase in support staff wages as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote: 7-0.

Motion of action on the construction project plaque was tabled before final approval.

Discussion of donations and sponsorships. The Board is looking for some guidance to tell admin how to handle. They would like to see how other schools have come up with policies to address this issue.

Discussion of summer school. The district will be polling parents to gauge parent interest regarding potential summer school dates in July or August.

Discussion of board goals. The meeting date to discuss board goals will be on June 22, 2020.

Discussion of senior graduation/commencement ceremony. Mr. Donner talked about a plan for a 'drive-through' graduation ceremony to celebrate graduating seniors. McKenna Holzheuter (current senior) spoke up and added most students would prefer to have a drive-through event on June 7th, 2020 and then a virtual event later that day.

Discussion of instructional minutes. This will be an action item after there has been required notice for the meeting.

Adjournment

Motion by Kegler, seconded by Stein, to adjourn. Motion carried on a voice vote: 7-0 at 9:30 p.m.



Debra Stein, Clerk