

PORT EDWARDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Business Meeting of the Board of Education

5:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 18, 2019 – Elementary IMC, Fifth Street, Port Edwards, WI

Minutes

Meeting called to order by President John Daven at 5:02 p.m.

Roll Call

PRESENT: John Daven, Leo Thomasgard, Kathy McGrath, Cary Hildebrandt, Ben Martinson

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Kyle Cronan, Superintendent/9-12 Principal, Lisa Miller, Business Director

OTHERS PRESENT: None

1. Consider Approval of Agenda

Motion by Thomasgard, second by McGrath to approve the agenda as posted. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

2. Consideration of motion to adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute:

19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

A. Consider Approval of Past Executive Session Minutes – August 14, 2019

B. Discuss 2019-20 Professional Staffing

Motion by Thomasgard, second by Hildebrandt to adjourn into closed session. Voting yes – Daven, Thomasgard, McGrath, Hildebrandt and Martinson. Motion carried.

3. Adjourn Executive Session and Reconvene into Open Session pursuant to section 19.86 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Thomasgard to adjourn the executive session and reconvene into open session. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

PRESENT: John Daven, Leo Thomasgard, Kathy McGrath, Cary Hildebrandt, Ben Martinson

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Kyle Cronan, Superintendent/9-12 Principal, Lisa Miller, Business Director

OTHERS PRESENT: Cara Christy, PK-6 Principal, Donna Shroda, 7-12 Principal, Jennifer Moore, Max Ayres, Steve Birno

5:30 p.m. – Business Meeting

Roll Call - all

4. Consider Approval of Agenda

Motion by McGrath, second by Thomasgard to approve the agenda as posted. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

5. Report from Student Representatives & Student Recognition

Student Council members Derek Coates, Kailer Lyp, Jayden Kessler and Alli Delasky reported on the current activities at JEHS. Homecoming activities begin on Saturday and continue throughout the week with the parade, public pep rally and bonfire on Thursday, football game on Friday and the dance on Saturday. Students reported that fall sports have been going well.

6. President's Report

A. Board Member Attendance

President Daven reported that all members Daven, Thomasgard, McGrath, Hildebrandt and Martinson were in attendance.

B. Next Board Meeting

President Daven reported that the next business meeting of the Board of Education will be held on October 9, 2019.

7. Administrative Reports

A. Report on 2019-20 Budget and Curriculum – Superintendent Cronan

Superintendent Cronan shared statistics on enrollment growth relative to other districts in our area. He stated that Port Edwards at one time had the fastest declining enrollment and as of today, we have a three year growth of 22.75%. The third Friday count is this Friday and we are looking at approximately 461 students in seats. With more students, which we did not predict, we will have more revenue authority. However, we will not get our equalized value until October 1st, we are estimating a 3.55% increase. Superintendent Cronan discussed what the district has done with this year's budget. The district has closed the deficit, will be purchasing a school van, numerous maintenance projects and will focus on updating curriculum.

B. Report on Start of School at the Elementary School – Principal Christy

Principal Christy reported that the elementary school is off to a great start, still registering new students. This year's theme is Super Hero and staff wore Super Hero shirts on the first day of school. Biggest change at this point is the end of the day procedure. Parents are no longer allowed to park in the side of the road and busses will not leave until all students are off the sidewalk. This new procedure is working well and is much safer.

- C. Report on Port Edwards School District Staff Member on State Test Review Committee and the Start of School at JEMS/JEHS – Principal Shroda
Principal Shroda reported that the high school has 16 new students and 2 foreign exchange students and the middle school has reached a total of 153 students. Veteran teachers are wearing many hats to help with the many new teachers we have. Principal Shroda reported that Beth Willcome applied last spring to be on the Forward Exam Committee in Madison. She was accepted and she along with 7 other teachers from around the state, examined questions to be used for the exam. This was an honor for Mrs. Willcome to be chosen to participate in the process.

8. Questions and Comments from People in Attendance

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

9. Consider Approval of Minutes of Past Meeting – August 14, 2019, August 19, 2019

Motion by McGrath, second by Martinson to approve the minutes of past meetings at posted. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

10. Consider Approval of Financial Reports

- A. Check SummariesAugust 1-31, 2019
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- B. Cash Receipt Summary.....August 1-31, 2019
- C. District Revenue ReportAugust 1-31, 2019
- D. District Expenditures Report.....August 1-31, 2019
- E. August Cash Balance Report
- F. August Fund 60 Activity Accounts Report
- G. Budget Revision
- H. Consider Approval of Gifts

Business Director Miller reported the following donations:

The Technology and Engineering Education Dept. received an anonymous donation of kiln dried red oak lumber valued at approximately \$620. The Port Edwards Lions donated \$1050 to the district's Families Helping Families account.

Motion by Thomasgard, second by McGrath to approve the financial reports as presented. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS:

11. Consider Approval of 2019-20 Co-Curricular Positions:

- A. Hailey Wilhorn – MS Volleyball
- B. Justin Beck – Boys Varsity Basketball
- C. Jesse Van Dehy – Sophomore Class Advisor

Motion by McGrath, second by Martinson to approve the 2019-20 Co-Curricular Positions. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

12. Consider Approval of 2019-20 Lamers Bus Lines Contract

Motion by McGrath, second by Thomasgard to approve the 2019-20 Lamers Bus Lines Contract. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

13. Opportunity for Individual Board Member Comment

McGrath – Stated how impressed she was with the in-service and all of the new faces.

Thomasgard – Year is off to a good start and stated the new principal is doing a good job. Likes to see that the enrollment is increasing which is a sign we are doing things right.

Hildebrandt – Good to have the students back in school and at our meetings.

Martinson – Great to see the sports back in action and encouraged everyone to support our teams.

Daven – Great start, impressed with our increased enrollment.

14. Establish Future Board Meetings

Wednesday, October 9, 2019, Executive Session at 5:00 (if needed); Business Meeting at 5:30 p.m. – Elementary IMC

Monday, October 28, 2019, Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting, 6:00 p.m. – Elementary IMC

Wednesday, November 13, 2019, Executive Session at 5:00 (if needed); Business Meeting at 5:30 p.m. – Elementary IMC

15. Call for Adjournment

Motion by Thomasgard, second by Hildebrandt to adjourn the meeting. Voting yes – Daven, Thomasgard, McGrath, Hildebrandt, Martinson. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.