

PORT EDWARDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Business Meeting of the Board of Education

5:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 13, 2020 – Dorothy Alexander Auditorium, 801 2nd St., Port Edwards, WI 54469

MINUTES

5:30 p.m. – Meeting called to order – President John Daven

Roll Call

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Kyle Cronan, Superintendent, Lisa Miller, Business Director

OTHERS PRESENT: Donna Shroda, Cara Christy (virtually), Max Ayres, Jen Moore

1. Consider Approval of Agenda

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Martinson to approve the agenda as posted. Voting yes – all.

2. Conduct Reorganization of Board

A. Elect President

Motion by McGrath, second by Thomasgard to elect John Daven as President. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

B. Elect Vice-President

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by McGrath to elect Leo Thomasgard as Vice President. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

C. Elect Clerk

Motion by Martinson, second by McGrath to elect Cary Hildebrandt as Clerk. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

D. Elect Treasurer

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Martinson to elect Kathy McGrath as Treasurer. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

3. Student Recognition

Superintendent Cronan reported that our social media sites have had a series of art shows and we have also been featuring the senior class. Mr. Cronan commended the senior class and their advisor, Jennifer Moore, on their work on the #2020RiseAbove campaign. All donations will be donated to four area organizations: South Wood County Emerging Food Pantry, South Wood County Humane Society, The Neighborhood Table and United Way of South Wood County.

4. President's Report

A. Board Member Attendance

President Daven reported that all board members were in attendance. Daven, Hildebrandt and Martinson attended meeting in person. Thomasgard and McGrath participated remotely.

B. Next Board Meeting

President Daven reported that the next business meeting of the Board of Education will be held June 10, 2020.

C. Legislative Report

President Daven reported that the state budget will effect schools. There will be a cut to offset the loss of revenue and all items that were slated for increases will not receive those. President Daven stated it is important to advocate for public schools.

5 Administrative Reports

A. Report on School Closure Status, 2020-21 Budget and Facility Work – Superintendent Cronan

Superintendent Cronan updated the board on the recent updates to the school closure. School closure has been extended to June 30. The state will be experiencing a budget shortfall which will affect schools, however, the situation holds uncertainty.

Mr. Cronan stated that the project at the elementary school is nearing completion, and projects at the middle/high school are underway. The kitchen freezer will be worked on at the end of June and the roof work will take place in July.

Superintendent Cronan updated the board on the progress of the Legacy Foundation grant application for a Fitness Lab in the amount of \$1 to \$1.2 million. This grant would allow the district to construct a facility with approximately 2500 square feet and would be located south of the auditorium. A second grant is also being written in case the initial grant is not awarded. This grant will be in the amount of \$40-\$60 thousand for improvements to our current facility. Cesa 10 is assisting with the grant writing.

B. Report on Elementary End of the Year Plan – Principal Christy

Principal Christy reported that the last day of school will be June 3rd and that materials will be collected, curbside, on May 27th & 28th. The teacher aides will assist the teachers with the process. Summer school has been scheduled for the first weeks of August depending on the order from the state at that time.

C. Report on MS/HS End of the Year Plan – Principal Shroda

Principal Shroda shared the trials and tribulations of the past several weeks during this pandemic. Ms. Shroda stated that graduation has been set for August 8th and prom will be July 25th depending on the order from the state.

Material pick up and drop off for the middle/high school will be the same as the elementary school, May 27th & 28th. Principal Shroda reported that this year's Senior Dessert will be held virtually on May 20th.

CONSENT AGENDA:

6. Consider Approval of Minutes of Past Meeting – April 8, 2020

Motion by McGrath, second by Martinson to approve the minutes of the past meeting. Voting yes – Daven, Thomasgard, McGrath, Hildebrandt, Martinson. Motion carried.

7. Consider Approval of Financial Reports

- A. Check Summaries..... April 1 – 30, 2020
#30399 - 30446 & 201901107 – 201901184 - \$248,720.40
- B. District Revenue Report..... April 1 - 30, 2020
- C. District Expenditures Report April 1 – 30, 2020
- D. April Cash Balance Report
- E. April Fund 60 Activity Accounts Report
- F. April Substitutes Report
- G. Budget Revisions
- H. Consider Approval of Gifts

Business Director Miller reported the following:

Budget Revisions: PEEF Grants revised in Fund 21; Common School Funds received supplemental pay of \$2557, this amount revised to reflect this increase.

Gifts: Ben & Katie Martinson \$200 Food Service; Raymond Weber \$500 Library; Ellen Kobs \$50 Family Helping Families
Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Martinson to approve the financial reports as presented. Voting yes - Daven, Thomasgard, McGrath, Hildebrandt, Martinson. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS:

8. Consider Approval of 2020-21 Support Staffing Plan

Motion by McGrath, second by Thomasgard to approve the 2020-21 Support Staffing Plan. Voting yes – Daven, Thomasgard, McGrath, Martinson. Motion carried. Hildebrandt abstained.

9. Consider Approval of High School Athletic Pay Plan at 25% for Spring of 2020

Motion by Thomasgard, second by Hildebrandt to approve the high school athletic pay plan at 25% for spring 2020. Voting yes – Daven, Thomasgard, McGrath, Hildebrandt, Martinson. Motion carried.

10. Consider Approval of Graduation Date Change for the 2019-20 School Year to August 8, 2020

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Martinson to approve the graduation date change to August 8, 2020. Voting yes – Daven, Thomasgard, McGrath, Hildebrandt, Martinson. Motion carried.

11. Consider Approval of Instructional Materials for K-12 Science and 3-9 English Language Arts

Superintendent Cronan and Principals Shroda and Christy shared information on the instructional materials for both Science and English language arts.

Motion by Martinson, second by Hildebrandt to approve the instructional materials for K-12 Science and 3-9 English Language Arts. Voting yes – Daven, Thomasgard, McGrath, Hildebrandt, Martinson. Motion carried.

12. Consider Approval of 2020-21 Student Handbooks

- A. High School
- B. Middle School

Motion by Martinson, second by Daven to approve the 2020-21 Student Handbooks for the High School and Middle School. Voting yes – Daven, Thomasgard, McGrath, Hildebrandt, Martinson. Motion carried.

13. Consider Approval of 2020-21 Lunch, Breakfast & Milk Prices

Motion by Thomasgard, second by Hildebrandt to approve the 2020-21 lunch, breakfast & milk prices. Voting yes – Daven, Thomasgard, McGrath, Hildebrandt, Martinson. Motion carried.

14. First Reading: Update to Policy #6116 Time and Effort Reporting

Superintendent Cronan reviewed the update to Policy #6116.

15. Commemoration of Elementary School Facility to Honor Retired Elementary School Principal and Port Edwards Education Foundation Founding Member, Ed Heuer

Motion by Daven, second by McGrath to rename the elementary school to the Ed Heuer Port Edwards Elementary School. Voting yes – Daven, Thomasgard, McGrath, Hildebrandt, Martinson. Motion carried.

16. Opportunity for Individual Board Member Comment

Martinson – Thank you to all involved in – hope – good things happening – come back to school in the fall

Hildebrandt – Credited the senior class for their efforts to run the fundraiser to help others.

McGrath – Stated she is very excited to see all of the signs for the seniors around town and the messages on social media

Thomasgard – Thanked Superintendent Cronan for reaching out to Senator Testin and Representative Krug

Daven – Thanked everybody for a great year.

17. Establish Future Board Meetings & Policy Review Meeting Dates

Monday, June 10, 2020, Executive Session at 5:00 (if needed); Business Meeting at 5:30 p.m. – Elementary IMC

Monday, July 8, 2020, Executive Session at 5:00 (if needed); Business Meeting at 5:30 p.m. – Elementary IMC

18. Call for Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.