

PORT EDWARDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Business Meeting of the Board of Education

5:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 13, 2019 – Elementary IMC, Fifth Street, Port Edwards, WI

Minutes

Meeting called to order by President Daven at 5:33 p.m.

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: Allison Dieckman, Cara Christy, Donna Shroda, Jennifer Moore, Max Ayres, Steve Birno, Tammy Parszewski, Jenny Breित्रick

1. Consider Approval of Agenda

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

2. Report from Student Representatives; Student & Staff Recognition

Student Council members Alex Hernandez, Maggie Searles, Jillian Searles and Jenna Zabel reported on the current JEHS activities. Drama club will be presenting the play "Dr. Evil and the Basket of Kittens" Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. The students reported that Student Council members worked at the elementary school for the Fall Festival helping with games. An update on fall sports was given; the football team was co-conference champions and had 12 athletes named to all-conference Elijah Bristow was voted Defensive Player of the Year; the volleyball team experienced few wins this year but look forward to next years' season, Taylor Martin and Madison O'Connor received honorable mention all-conference recognition; the cross country team included 4 Port Edwards students and Derek Coates earned a 2nd team all-conference recognition. Student Council members raked leaves at 12 local homes for Day of Caring and some students from NHS helped unload boxes at the Human Society for their fundraiser. Superintendent Cronan reported on the gift of \$4.3 million to UWSP from former Port Edwards School District teacher, Dorothea Harju. This donation will be used for the education of students from rural schools pursuing a career in elementary education.

3. President's Report

A. Board Member Attendance

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

B. Next Board Meeting

President Daven reported that the next meeting of the Board of Education will be December 11, 2019.

4. Administrative Reports

A. Inclement Weather Plans – Superintendent Cronan

Superintendent Cronan reported that the district consults with Lamer's Bus Company and other local school districts to make decisions as early as possible. The cold weather could also be a cause for days called depending on the wind chill. Our primary communication piece is thru Infinite Campus – Instant Alert, television stations, and radio stations, as well as social media. Make up time will depend on how many we days we must call off, two days are built into the calendar. Teachers must make up all days as they are contracted for those days. The calendar allows us to add two days at the end without going into the next week.

B. Report on Elementary School Activities – Principal Christy

Parent-Teacher conferences were held last week. Parents were able to sign up and choose their time to meet and reminders were sent. Only seven students were not represented at the conferences, a 96% turnout rate. Principal Christy reported that the elementary school has just started the BEST Screener, this gives data about social emotional issues students may be dealing with. Ms. Lisitza has started working with small groups; friendship group, girl power group, children in change and self-regulator groups.

C. Report on Teacher Recognition and Ecology Cub Holiday Meal – Principal Shroda

Principal Shroda reported that the Ecology Club will be hosting the Holiday Meal, led by Jeanne Bruener on Tuesday, December 10th. The Ecology Club students will be preparing the meal and all high school students, staff, board members and members of the Port Edwards Education Foundation are invited to attend. Mrs. Rebischke's class will be making the apple pies. The district appreciates all of the hard work that goes into preparing for this.

Jesse Van Dehy was a student teacher last year through UW-Stevens Point and has been awarded the Student Teacher of the Year. The district is very proud of Jesse's accomplishments and is very lucky to have him on staff.

5. Questions and Comments from People in Attendance

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

6. Consider Approval of Minutes of Past Meeting – October 9, 2019, October 28, 2019

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

7. Consider Approval of Financial Reports

- A. Check Summaries..... October 1-31, 2019
#29801-29878 & 201900174-201900475 - \$351,762.15
- B. District Revenues Report October 1-31, 2019
- C. District Expenditures Report October 1-31, 2019
- D. October Cash Balance Report
- E. October Fund 60 Activity Accounts Report
- G. October Budget Revisions
- H. Consider Approval of Gifts

Business Director Miller reported the following gifts:

Anonymous Donation - \$1762 for the purchase of cross country uniforms

Anonymous Donation - \$220 – Families Helping Families

Class of 1969 - \$80, Sets of towels – Families Helping Families

Nekoosa/Port Edwards Knights of Columbus - \$170 – winter clothing

PEPO - \$200 towards the purchase of Stacking Cups for Tina McLaughlin's physical education classes

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS:

8. Consider Approval of Co-Curricular Positions:

- A. Middle School Girls Basketball Coach – Angie Jochimsen
- B. JV Girls Basketball Coach – Tim Martin

Motion by McGrath, second by Daven to approve the co-curricular positions, Angie Jochimsen and Tim Martin. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

9. Review of Middle/High School Violence Drill

Principal Shroda shared information regarding the middle/high school violence drill.

10. Consider Approval of a .5 FTE Band Position Starting December 9, 2019. Reassign Jeffrey Erdman from 5th through 7th Grade Bands to RTI Interventions. Remove 8th through 12th Grade Band from Tammy Parszewski's Schedule Effective December 13, 2019

Motion by McGrath, second by Hildebrandt to approve the .5 FTE band position starting December 9, 2019, reassign Jeffrey Erdman from 5th through 7th grade bands to RTI interventions, remove 8th through 12th grade band from Tammy Parszewski's schedule effective December 13, 2019. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

11. Review of Proposed Changes to Employee Handbook

Superintendent Cronan and Attorney, Allison Dieckman reviewed the proposed changes to the Employee Handbook. The handbook is still in draft form, created the handbook to simplify. Will continue to work with Ms. Dieckman and will talk with union to review the handbook.

12. Opportunity for Individual Board Member Comment

McGrath – Stated how pleased she is with the parent support in our school district.

Thomasgard – Encouraged the community to get involved with the upcoming election.

Hildebrandt – Generous donations that the school has received are greatly appreciated.

Martinson – Thank you to the Alexander Foundation and the Port Edwards Lions for their donations.

Daven – Thanked those who attended the meeting and stated his appreciation for the donations that district has received.

13. Establish Future Board Meetings

Wednesday, December 11, 2019, Closed Session at 5:00 (if needed); Business Meeting at 5:30 p.m. – Elementary IMC

Wednesday, January 8, 2020, Closed Session at 5:00 (if needed); Business Meeting at 5:30 p.m. – Elementary IMC

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

120.13(1)(c) the school board may expel a pupil from school whenever it finds the pupil guilty of repeated refusal or neglect to obey the rules, or finds that a pupil knowingly conveyed or caused to be conveyed any threat or false information concerning an attempt or alleged attempt being made or to be made to destroy any school property by means of explosives, or finds that the pupil engaged in conduct while at school or while under the supervision of a school authority which endangered the property, health or safety of others, or finds that a pupil while not at school

or while not under the supervision of a school authority engaged in conduct which endangered the property, health or safety of others at school or under the supervision of a school authority or endangered the property, health or safety of any employee or school board member of the school district in which the pupil is enrolled, and is satisfied that the interest of the school demands the pupil's expulsion. In this subdivision, conduct that endangers a person or property includes making a threat to the health or safety of a person or making a threat to damage property.

19.85(1)(a) deliberating concerning a case which was the subject of any judicial or quasi-judicial trial or hearing before that governmental body.

A. Expulsion Hearing

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

14. Adjourn Executive Session and Reconvene into Open Session

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

15. Call for Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.