

PORT EDWARDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Business Meeting of the Board of Education

Wednesday, October 14, 2020

5:15p.m. to 5:30p.m. - Public Hearing on Board Request for Waiver of Instructional Hours and Educator Effectiveness
5:30 p.m.- Business Meeting of the Board of Education
Elementary IMC, Fifth Street, Port Edwards, WI

Minutes

Public Hearing Called to Order by Vice President Leo Thomasgard at 5:17 p.m.

1. A public hearing will commence for the purpose of obtaining public input on possible Board action to seek a waiver under state statute 118.38 (1) (b) regarding:
 - a. Waiver of the requirements of Wis. Stat. § 121.02(1)(f) and the administrative rules promulgated by the department regarding required instructional hours for students for the 2020-2021 school year only due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.
 - b. Waiver of the requirements to complete an Educator Effectiveness Cycle for educators in their Summary Year in 2020-21, including waivers of the requirements to meet PI 8.01 and Wis. Stat. §§ 115.415 and 121.02(1)(q) for the 2020-21 school year only due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.
2. Public comment period – members of the public who wish to comment on the proposed waivers may do so. Individuals should not expect to engage in discussion with members of the Board of Education. Each person will be allowed 2 minutes to make a statement with a maximum of 15 minutes total for this comment period.
No Public Comments
3. Adjournment of public comment period – Vice President LeoThomasgard

Business Session Meeting Called to Order by Vice President Leo Thomasgard at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

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

ABSENT: John Daven

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Donna Shroda, Cara Christy

1. Consider Approval of Agenda

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

2. President's Report

- A. Board Member Attendance
Vice President Thomasgard reported that board members Thomasgard, McGrath, Hildebrandt and Martinson were present, board member Daven, was absent.
- B. Reading of the National School Lunch Week Proclamation
Vice President Thomasgard read the Proclamation for National School Lunch Week.
Mr. Thomasgard praised the food service staff of our district for their efforts.
- C. Next Board Meeting
Vice President Thomasgard reported that the next meeting will be the Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing on October 26, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Elementary School IMC.

3. Administrative Reports

- A. Report on the Status of 2020-21 Budget, Enrollment and COVID-19 Response – Superintendent Cronan
Superintendent Cronan reported that the final figures needed to finalize the budget will be received tomorrow. Mr. Cronan reported that the district's budget is in a good position for the 2020-21 school year. Mr. Cronan reported that there will be an increase in state aid which will decrease the amount the district will need to tax for. Superintendent Cronan reported that the open enrollment number of students going out of our district and students coming into our district is still positive and the decrease in the number of students going out will be a savings on our expenditures.
Superintendent Cronan reported that the district continues to respond to Covid 19 each day. The nursing staff has been trained to administer the Covid 19 test and has received ten tests at this time, that can be administered to students as needed and parent approval. The district will be contacting parents of students that are affected by an identified case.
- B. Report on b.e.s.t. Screener – Principal Christy
Principal Christy reported on b.e.s.t. (behavioral emotional social traits) This is a universal screener for teachers designed to build on the behavioral health of students while helping to identify students who may benefit from additional support. This was developed by Dr. Hartwig from UW-Madison and he has worked with our staff on implanting these practices. Our staff stated

that working with Dr. Hartwig was one off the most beneficial professional development days they have had. Dr. Hartwig will be working with our staff again on October 30th. Last year the program was through 6th grade, this year, due to a grant written by our counselors, it will go through grade 8.

C. Report on Homecoming Activities – Principal Shroda

Principal Shroda reported on all of the activities that took place during Homecoming week.

Thanked all advisors for their work to make the week a success. The traditional Homecoming dance was cancelled along with the public pep assembly. With modifications, many other activities took place. The high school students participated in powder buff and powder puff. The parade was held during the day and the route went past the elementary school for all the students to see. The football game was on Friday afternoon and the Homecoming Court was announced at halftime.

4. Questions and Comments from People in Attendance

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

5. Consider Approval of Minutes of Past Meeting – September 9, 2020, September 28, 2020

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

6. Consider Approval of Financial Reports

- A. Check Summaries.....September 1-30, 2020
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- B. District Revenue ReportSeptember 1-30, 2020
- C. District Expenditures Report.....September 1-30, 2020
- D. Cash Receipt Summary.....September 1-30, 2020
- E. September Cash Balance Report
- F. September Fund 60 Activity Accounts Report
- G. September Substitutes Report
- H. Budget Revision
- I. Consider Approval of Gifts

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. None

NEW BUSINESS:

8. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing District Administrator to make an application to the Department of Public Instruction for a waiver of the following:

- a. Waiver of the requirements of Wis. Stat. § 121.02(1)(f) and the administrative rules promulgated by the department regarding required instructional hours for students for the 2020-2021 school year only due to the mitigation efforts the District has implemented to address the current COVID-19 public health emergency.
- b. Waiver of the requirements to complete an Educator Effectiveness Cycle for educators in their Summary Year in 2020-21, including waivers of the requirements to meet PI 8.01 and Wis. Stat. §§ 115.415 and 121.02(1)(q) for the 2020-21 school year only mitigation efforts the District has implemented to address the current COVID-19 public health emergency.

Motion by Martinson, second by Hildebrandt to approve the Resolution Authorizing District Administrator to make an application to the Department of Public Instruction a waiver of the above requirements. Voting yes – Thomasgard, McGrath, Hildebrandt, Martinson. Motion carried.

9. Consider Approval of Waiving the Advance Notice Requirement for Unpaid Leave of Absence Requested by a Teacher

Motion by Martinson, second by McGrath to approve waiving the advance notice requirement for unpaid leave of absence requested by a teacher. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

10. Consider Approval of Middle School Football Coach – Shane Steltenpohl

Motion by McGrath, second by Hildebrandt to approve Middle School Football Coach, Shane Steltenpohl. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

11. Consider Approval of Part-Time Health Aide

Superintendent Cronan gave a report to the board regarding the nursing services currently in place and what our future needs will be. Asking for approval of a part-time, temporary health aide.

Motion by Martinson, second by Hildebrandt to approve a part-time, temporary health aide. Voting yes – all. Motion Carried.

12. Consider Approval of Start College Now Applications

Motion by McGrath second by Thomasgard to approve the Start College Now Applications. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

13. Consider Approval of Port Edwards School District Calendars

A. 2021-2022 – Draft 2

B. 2022-2023 – Draft 1

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Martinson to approve Draft 2 for 2021-2022 and Draft 1 for 2022-2023. Voting yes - all. Motion Carried.

14. Designate State Education Convention Board Delegate

Due to President Daven's absence, this agenda item is tabled until the next board meeting.

15. Opportunity for Individual Board Member Comment

Board members commended the school district on all of the hard work that has been put in by everyone to keep our schools open safely. The members also commended the staff and students on the success of this year's Homecoming.

16. Establish Future Board Meetings

Monday, October 26, 2020, Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting, 6:00 p.m. – Elementary IMC

Wednesday, November 11, 2020, Executive Session at 5:00 (if needed); Business Meeting at 5:30 p.m. – Elementary IMC

Wednesday, December 9, 2020, Executive Session at 5:00 (if needed); Business Meeting at 5:30 p.m. – Elementary IMC

17. 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 – July 8, 2020

B. Discuss 2020-21 PEEA Negotiations

C. Discuss 2020-21 Support Staff, Administrative Support and Administrative Compensation

Motion by McGrath, second by Hildebrandt to adjourn into closed session. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

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

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

19. Call for Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.