

PORT EDWARDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Business Meeting of the Board of Education

5:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 9, 2020 – Elementary IMC, Fifth Street, Port Edwards, WI

Minutes

Meeting called to order by Vice President Leo Thomasgard at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call

PRESENT: John Daven (arrived at 5:05), Leo Thomasgard, Kathy McGrath, Cary Hildebrandt, Ben Martinson

ABSENT: None

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

1. Consider Approval of Agenda

Motion by McGrath, second by Martinson 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 – November 11, 2020

B. Discuss Supplemental Compensation

C. Discuss Compensation Guide

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

5:30 p.m. – Business Session

4. Report from Student Representatives; Student & Staff Recognition

None

5. President's Report

A. Board Member Attendance

President Daven reported that all 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 January 13, 2021.

6. Administrative Reports

A. Report on Covid-19 Response Updates - Superintendent Cronan

Superintendent Cronan reported that the District now has a Covid-19 Dashboard on our homepage. This data is updated daily. Superintendent Cronan also reviewed the protocols for Covid-19. Mr. Cronan stated that virtual Wednesdays will end first semester. Superintendent Cronan stated that the guidance office staff has worked to make sure that all teachers will have a prep each day, therefore, we will have students in person five days and would not bring the virtual Wednesdays option back to the Board until possibly in February.

B. Report on Elementary Card Activity– Principal Christy

Principal Christy reported that every year the elementary students do a holiday activity. This year, each grade level is making holiday cards for ICU units for nurses and doctors for area hospitals to thank them for all they do. The elementary school will also be doing holiday dress-up days three days before break; dress your best, holiday shirt or silly Christmas sweater, comfy clothes or Christmas pajamas.

Principal Christy also shared that the Library Donor wall was complete. The wall features donors names along with beautiful butterflies.

C. Report on Middle/High School Update– Principal Shroda

Principal Shroda gave an update on how we have tightened up some procedures to continue to help control Covid-19.

Ms. Shroda stated that the middle/high school will be having modified Christmas activities; movies in the classrooms and ordering treats from the movie theater. We are in the process of finalizing the course offerings for 2021-22. Looking at what we like about this year and possibly taking some of those ideas into next year.

7. Questions and Comments from People in Attendance

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

8. Consider Approval of Minutes of Past Meetings – November 11, 2020

Motion by McGrath, second by Thomasgard to approve minutes of past meeting. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

9. Consider Approval of Financial Reports

- A. Check Summaries..... November 1-30, 2020
#30919 – 30917 & 202000342 – 202000513 - \$404,065.34
- B. District Revenues Report November 1-30, 2020
- C. District Expenditures Report November 1-30, 2020
- D. Cash Receipt Summary.....November 1-30, 2020
- E. November Cash Balance Report
- F. November Fund 60 Activity Accounts Report
- G. November Substitutes Report
- H. November Budget Revisions
- I. Consider Approval of Gifts

Business Director Miller reported the following gifts/donations:

Hats and mittens for the students at the Elementary School – Nicole Martinson Family

\$175 for Coats for Kids program – Nekoosa Port Edwards Knights of Columbus

\$100 for Christmas Cheer program – Mr. Clare Searles

\$200 for the Families Helping Families account – Marshall and Pat Buehler Advised Fund

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS:

10. Consider Approval of 2021-22 Course Description Changes

Motion by McGrath, second by Thomasgard to approve the 2021-22 course description changes. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

11. Review of School Violence Drill – Middle/High School

Principal Shroda reviewed the school violence drill.

12. Consider Approval of Changes to Supplemental/Incentive Compensation Programs

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Thomasgard to approve the changes to the Supplemental/Incentive Compensation Programs. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

13. Consider Approval of 2020-21 Compensation Guide

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Thomasgard to approve the 2020-21 Compensation Guide. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

14. Opportunity for Individual Board Member Comment

McGrath – Thank you to all of the organizations and individuals of our community for their generosity.

Thomasgard – Wished all families of the district a Merry Christmas. Thank you to everyone for their hard work and response to the current situations.

Hildebrandt – Expressed appreciation for all of the effort put in by all staff during these times.

Martinson – Look forward to seeing basketball back in motion. Thanked the teachers for all of their support.

Daven – Merry Christmas and good health to all.

15. Establish Future Board Meetings

Wednesday, January 13, 2021, Closed Session at 5:00 (if needed); Business Meeting at 5:30 p.m. – Elementary IMC

Wednesday, February 10, 2021, Closed Session at 5:00 (if needed); Business Meeting at 5:30 p.m. – Elementary IMC

16. First Reading of the Following Updated Policies

POLICY UPDATE	
0162	Quorum
0164.2	Special Meetings
0167.3	Public Comment at Board Meetings
0172	Legal Counsel
1130	Conflict of Interest
3230	
4230	
1260	Incapacity of District Administrator
2260.02	English Language Proficiency

2412	Homebound Instruction Program
2460	Programs for Students with Disabilities
2700.01	School Performance and Accountability Reports
3120.04	Employment of Substitutes
3120.10 4120.10	Job Sharing
3122.01 4122.01	Drug-Free Workplace
3131 4131	Staff Furloughs
3215 4215	Use of Tobacco and Nicotine by Professional Staff
3231 4231	Outside Activities of Professional Staff
3362.01 4262.01	Threatening Behavior Toward Staff Members
4130	Assignment and Transfer
5200	Attendance
5512	Use of Tobacco and Nicotine by Students
5630.01	Use of Seclusion and Physical Restraint with Students
6145	Rescind this policy on Borrowing as it is included with Debt Management Policy
6147	Debt Management
7230	Gifts, Grants and Bequests
7434	Use of Tobacco and Nicotine on School Premises
7440.03	Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems
8390	Animals on District Property
8710	Insurance
8900	Fraud

Superintendent Cronan reviewed the policy updates with the Board of Education.

17. 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 7:25 p.m.

Lisa Miller, Acting Secretary