

PORT EDWARDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Business Meeting of the Board of Education

5:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 10, 2021 – John Edwards Middle/High School Cafeteria, 3rd Street, Port Edwards, WI

Minutes

Meeting called to order by Vice President Thomasgard at 5:00 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

1. Consider Approval of Agenda

Motion by Hildebrandt, 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, and 19.85 (1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

A. Consider Approval of Minutes of Past Executive Session - January 13, 2021

B. Discuss 2021-22 Staffing Plan

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

3. Adjourn Executive Session and Reconvene into Open Session to take any action deemed necessary from the closed session.

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

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, Jen Moore, Max Ayres, Marissa Rebischke

4. Student & Staff Recognition

Superintendent Cronan reported the girls' basketball team just concluded their season with a 7-12 overall record. The boys' basketball team still have few games prior to their tournament game.

5. President's Report

A. Board Member Attendance

Vice President Thomasgard reported that board members Thomasgard, McGrath, Hildebrandt, Martinson were in attendance. Board member Daven was absent due to prior obligation.

B. Next Board Meeting

Vice President Thomasgard reported that the next meeting of the Board of Education will be March 10, 2021.

6. Administrative Reports

A. Report on ESSER (Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund) – Superintendent Cronan

Superintendent Cronan reported on the Cares Act Funding/ESSER. In late spring, the District received an ESSER grant in the amount \$63,595. The district has used all of those funds to date. Expenditures included HVAC upgrades, PPE, technology equipment and other cleaning supplies. ESSER 2 is the second relief package and the District will be receiving approximately \$250,000. The allocation is determined by the federal formula for Title. We will offset technology, nursing and extra maintenance costs with these funds. The District will carry forward \$80-\$100,000 to be available for next school year for intervention or other outstanding items needed. There is a possibility for a third round and at this time we are unsure of the amount but it could be a significant amount.

B. Report on Life Tools Group – Principal Christy

Principal Christy reported that the Life Tools Group just recently began. This is a social/emotional group lead by Heather Lisitza. Heather Lisitza applied for the grant and received it through the Marshfield Clinic. This is an after school program. There are two 8-week sessions, the first session is for girls and the second is for boys. The students learn tools to use in their day to day lives to help achieve goals and to learn relationship skills. The program is to help kids be more successful at home and at school. Pam Sorbo is assisting Heather Lisitza with the program.

C. Report on CTE Month – Principal Shroda

- Marissa Rebischke

Principal Shroda reported that February is CTE month. Principal Shroda stated that our three CTE instructors, Steve Birno, Marissa Rebischke and Gary Spencer, continue to strengthen our Career and Technical Education program.

Marissa Rebeschke reported that there are a number of CTE courses available to our students in many pathways. Many of the classes are life-long learning and some are for dual-credit which can be taken through Mid-State Technical College. These credits will carry with the student when they move on from John Edwards High School.

7. Questions and Comments from People in Attendance

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

8. Consider Approval of Minutes of Past Meeting – January 13, 2021

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

9. Consider Approval of Financial Reports

- A. Check Summaries. January 1-31, 2021
#31096 – 31239 & 202000794 – 202000917 - \$325,763.58
- B. District Revenues ReportJanuary 1-31, 2021
- C. District Expenditures Report.....January 1-31, 2021
- D. January Cash Balance Report
- E. January Cash Receipt Report
- F. January Substitutes Report
- G. January Budget Revisions
- H. Consider Approval of Gifts

Business Director Miller reported the following gifts/donations:

Ginnie Oliver – Hand-knit hats for the elementary school students

Boys and Girls Club – Held a can drive to raise money for the Backpack Program

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 10. None

NEW BUSINESS:

11. Consider Approval of Amendment to 2021-22 Course Description Book

Principal Shroda reported that Tim Miller, Tami Griffith and Carla Leonhardt are working to be certified to teach dual-credit courses at JEHS beginning fall 2021. These college credits will be transferable to a technical college or university.

Motion by Martinson, second by McGrath to approve the amendment to the 2021-22 Course Description Book. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

12. Consider Approval of 2021-22 Wisconsin School Nutrition Purchasing Cooperative

Motion by McGrath, second by Martinson to approve the 2021-22 Wisconsin School Nutrition Purchasing Cooperative. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

13. Set Annual Reimbursement Rates for Per Diem Meals and Mileage

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Martinson to set the annual reimbursement rates for per diem meals and mileage. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

14. Authorize the District Administrator to Change the Remaining In-Service Days on the 2020-2021 School Calendar to Coincide With Potential Mass Vaccination Dates for School Staff

Motion by Martinson, second by Hildebrandt to authorize the District Administrator to change the remaining in-service days on the 2020-21 school calendar to coincide with potential mass vaccination dates for school staff. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

15. Opportunity for Individual Board Member Comment

McGrath – Stated she was very impressed with all of the great things that are going on at both buildings. She reminded everyone to vote on the 16th.

Hildebrandt – It is great to see all of the programs we have going on at both buildings. Tune into Facebook Live to watch the boys' basketball team.

Martinson – Thanked our support staff for all that they do.

Thomasgard – Reminded all of the election on the 16th. Praised everyone for all that they have done during the past year during the pandemic.

16. Establish Future Board Meetings

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

Wednesday, April 14, 2021, Closed Session at 5:00 (if needed); Business Meeting at 5:30 p.m. – Elementary IMC

17. Call for Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Lisa Miller

Acting Secretary