

Minutes of Regular School Board Meeting

Monday, February 10, 2020

The Board of Trustees

Boscobel Area Schools

A Regular School Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Boscobel Area Schools was held Monday, February 10, 2020, beginning at 6:30 PM in the District Office Board Meeting Room at 1110 Park Street, Boscobel, WI with Closed Session beginning at 6:00 PM, followed by Open Session.

Present: Todd Miller, Tim Haines, Roger Knoble, Derek Zimpel, Wendi Stitzer, Kim Trumm, Kelly Trumm

1. Call To Order – Proof of Public Notice- Todd Miller, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda

The closed session was ordered by Zimpel, second by Kim Trumm at 6:01 p.m. in the district office board room. Motion carried.

Roll Call: Miller- Yes, Haines- Yes, Knoble- Yes, Kelly Trumm- Yes, Kim Trumm- Yes, Stitzer- Yes, Zimpel- Yes

4. The School Board May Adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec. 19.85(1)(c) for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of a public employee and pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec. 19.85(1)(f) to discuss student record related matters, including open enrollment; to discuss and take action, if appropriate, concerning: A) Retirement/Resignation(s); B) Employment; and C) Alternative Open Enrollment Application(s)
5. Return to and reconvene in open session- Motion by Stitzer, second by Kim Trumm to reconvene into open session at 7:10 PM. Motion carried.

Roll Call: Zimpel- Yes, Miller- Yes, Haines- Yes, Knoble- Yes, Kelly Trumm- Yes, Kim Trumm- Yes, Stitzer- Yes

6. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence
7. Action, if any is required by law to be taken in open session on items in closed session.
 - A) Retirement/Resignation(s)- Motion by Zimpel, second by Stitzer to approve the resignation of Henry Bray for Head Baseball Coach. Motion carried.

B) Employment

- 1) Spring Coaches- None
- 2) Fall Coaches- Motion by Kim Trumm, second by Knoble to approve Crystal Krachey as the Middle School Volleyball Coach. Motion carried.

- C) Alternative Open Enrollment Application(s)- Motion by Zimpel, second by Stitzer to approve both alternative open enrollment applications. Motion carried.

8. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

A) Administrative Report

- 1) Elementary School Report- Danelle Schmid reported that the 100th day of school was on February 6th. She recommended checking out the elementary school's Facebook page to see how the different classes celebrated the 100th days. We are working on wrapping up the winter testing and finalizing the state testing schedule. There is illness everywhere and we are working hard to stay ahead of it, but it's hard when you have that many bodies. The Title I department is working on implementing Jan Richardson's Literacy Footprints. Tabitha Devine and Bridget Bender presented to the board what students and staff like about the program, including the 2nd graders are enjoying the writing unit, in 3rd grade they like how easily they can differentiate the program, and Kristi Burch-Zimmerman loves the word strategies they use. Tabitha's 3rd grade son is enjoying the books and was a reluctant reader beforehand. Bridget shared with the board a comparison of where students were at last year compared to this year.
- 2) Middle/High School Report- Wally Byrne updated the board that Rhonda Scallon has met with all the 8th-11th grade students for scheduling for next year. Wendi asked about a meeting with the 8th grade parents. Wally informed the board that the meeting didn't happen, but Rhonda is open to meeting individually with parents. Trenea Knowles is our Valedictorian and Rebecca Yahn is the Salutatorian. They will be invited to the next board meeting along with the recipients of the Academic Excellence Award and Vocational Excellence Award. Our varsity football coach, Dustin Johnson, held a Super Bowl party in the Bulldog Café and invited football players and their families. It was very well attended. Reality check for the senior class will be at the end of April. We will be hosting a career day on April 24th for our students. There will be a vaping presentation on April 20th that will be more interactive than the previous presentation. Wally reported that some of our student athletes will start reading at elementary school. He also wanted to let the board know that our middle school student council have donated money to Teamwork Africa and the Boscobel Ice Rink. These students are a great group of young individuals.
- 3) Special Education Report- Laurie Genz Prien reported that the transition grant applications are coming out by the end of this month and she plans on applying for it if we can. Last year we used the grant for Project Search tuition and the van. She will be attending the federal funding conference at the beginning of March. Child development days are at the end of February.

4) District Office Report- Greg Bell informed the board that we have received a technology infrastructure grant for this year. He has worked with Dependable Solutions to apply for this grant. The administrative team is considering making a book study chosen by the district to be a mandatory 7 hours of professional development for teachers. The teachers would still have flexibility for the remaining 9 hours of professional development flex they need in order to fulfil their contract. Greg has continued to work with Chief McCullick and Boscobel Gundersen on a mock active shooter training. We are currently looking making the training as part of our in-service day. Wendi and Greg sat in a session at the school board convention about a FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant that the Spencer School District had received. They were able to use the grant to add on to their school by building a dome that will double as a tornado safe-room. The building has to be able to withstand a F5 tornado and aspects of it would have to be open to the community in the evenings. Currently, Grant County is the 3rd highest tornado prone county in the state and we have a high population of low-income community members. Greg showed the before and after pictures of what Spencer did with their different spaces. Greg has been in contact with Steve Braun, Emergency Management Department Head for Grant County, about the necessary requirements of the grant and if we would be able to write a competitive grant. Comments by the board on how to bring the community and school together.

9. Community Comments- None

10. **ACTION ITEMS - OLD BUSINESS**

- A) Board Minutes- Motion by Kim Trumm, second Kelly Trumm to approve the January 2 and January 20, 2020 board minutes as presented. Motion carried.
- B) Budget Report- Crystal Brown reported that January is a busy month in the business office getting annual reconciliations done and sending out W2s and 1099s. We are currently expecting the HRA to come in about \$77,000 under budget. We have been working to get vendors paid via ACH rather than paper checks. Crystal informed the board that we are currently looking at different vendors who are able to accept online payments. We would start with food service payments and consider other types of payments in future. Roger asked is officials are currently using True Time. Officials now are paid via direct deposit rather than paper checks, so the process is different, but we have not set them up with True Time. Motion by Zimpel, second by Kelly Trumm to approve the budget report. Motion carried.
- C) Dean of Students- Assistant Principal/Activities Director Position Consideration- Motion by Zimpel, second by Haines to move forward with the Assistant Principal/Activities Director position. Kim asked what the difference between the Dean of Students and the Assistant Principal is. Greg informed the board that the Assistant Principal would have the ability to help with evaluations and discipline, including suspensions. In order to be an Assistant Principal, they would need a principal license, where the Dean of Students would not need that license. For the Assistant Principal, the primary job during the day would be

attendance and discipline. Discussion about co-curricular/extra-curricular evaluations and paraprofessional evaluations. Motion carried 6-1.

11. ACTION ITEMS - NEW BUSINESS

- A) Credit Reimbursement for Dual Credit Certification- Greg informed the board that the requirements to teach dual credit classes have changed in the past few years and we currently do not have an incentive for teachers to get their certification. We're proposing that if the teacher gets dual credit certified at the request of administration, we would pay for the credits. Included in the proposal is a tuition reimbursement schedule if a teacher would leave within 5 years of the district paying for the required credits. Greg would also ask for consideration to reimburse Jean Salzgeber for the credits she has already taken towards the dual credit certification. Motion by Stitzer, second by Zimpel to approve the handbook language, form, and payment to Jean Salzgeber as presented. Motion carried.
- B) Bus Bids- Greg explained that we had sent out requests for proposals for a new bus to a few bus companies to bid. John Paetz explained some of the specifications that went out with the requests for proposals, including under storage. Motion by Zimpel, second by Stitzer to approve the 77-passenger Blue Bird bus from Wisconsin Bus Sales with the addition of an air-operated door. Motion carried.
- C) Unpaid Time Off- Motion by Kelly Trumm, second by Zimpel to approve the unpaid time off requests for Arni Buchholz and Bridget Bender. Motion carried.
- D) Donations- None
Greg Loos had questions about the estimated balance in the HRA and as a citizen, where he would be able to see the money coming in and the money going out for the district. Greg Bell responded that we could get him a copy of the handout from the annual meeting. Greg Loos asked questions about who puts the budget together, where does money come from, what is the process, etc. Greg Bell informed Greg Loos that he can come to him with questions and that the administrative team works with the business office to put together the budget.
- E) Adjourn- Motion by Stitzer, second by Haines to adjourn at 8:39 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Tim Haines, Clerk