

Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, June 14, 2021 6:30 PM Central

District Office Board Meeting Room
1110 Park Street
Boscobel, WI 53805

Present: Todd Miller, Roger Knoble, Kim Trumm, Wendi Stitzer, Kaye Woodke, Tim Haines, and Casey Updike (via zoom)

1. Call To Order - Proof of Public Notice- Todd Miller, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:33pm. Motion to go into closed session right away by Kim Trumm, second by Stitzer. Motion carried.

4. Roll Call - Haines-Yes, Woodke-Yes, Stitzer-Yes, Trumm-Yes, Updike-Yes, Miller-Yes, Knoble-Yes

5. 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); and B) Employment

6. Return to and reconvene in open session 6:45

Motion to go into open session by Woodke, second by Trumm. Motion carried.

Roll Call - Haines-Yes, Woodke-Yes, Stitzer-Yes, Trumm-Yes, Updike-Yes, Miller-Yes, Knoble-Yes

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

3. Approval of Agenda

Miller stated he wanted to take time to recognize Suzanne Brinkman for all her hard work with the COVID Pandemic this past year. It was a hard year and her extra work is appreciated. He then mentioned he wanted to thank Bryce Bird for filling in at the last minute last fall and helping our district through the rough times. They are both very appreciated.

7. Action, if any is required by law to be taken in open session on items in closed session.

7. A) Retirement/Resignation(s) - None

7. B) Employment(s)

7. B) 1) MS/HS Custodian- 2nd Shift – No action

7. B) 2) Summer School Para -

Motion to approve Allie Picket as Summer School Para by Stitzer, second by Trumm.
Motion carried.

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7. B) 3) Elementary Special Ed Teacher

Motion to approve Robyn Muller as presented for the Special Ed Teacher by Stitzer, second by Woodke. Motion carried.

Motion to amend the agenda order to allow the presentation to be before the reports by Trumm, second by Knoble. Motion carried.

11. A) Preliminary Facilities Evaluation Presentation- Smith Rosenfeld *

There is a shared screen for people joining via zoom. The presenters (Mario & Trenton) - Presented the things they were able to see during the walk through of the buildings that were in need of repair. Examples, boilers, air handlers, roofs, tucpointing, sidewalk, air conditioning added, etc... The blanket estimate for Elementary is 1 million plus and at MSHS the budget is estimated at 6 million plus. Trenton also mentioned the water quality at the MS/HS. It was stated it had been about five or six years since the school has done any big projects that, they have approached the public. Discussion on how to pay for upgrades that do not include a tax levy. Trenton discussed the software system that is used and how it updates. The software can sort the items that need fixed in the next 2 years or what is top priority. It helps the public understand what the needs are for the buildings. The software could be shared on our website. They identified multiple funding strategies (not all the taxpayer)

Bryce then talked about the different buckets of funds that we will have that could be used. He then talked about how we need to prioritize the items and how if we close one building how the savings could be used for other projects. It was discussed how there would need to be a team assembled to make the right decisions given multiple choices.

Miller talked about the last couple of referendums, discussion on what the public wanted to know. Bryce mentioned how the board has been planning and saving money in Fund 46 to help pay for a referendum. Stitzer talked about the meetings that are happening in the City and the ideas that the community has mentioned.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

8. A) Administrative Reports

8. A) 1) Special Education Report – Laurie Genz-Prien talked about her report.

8. A)2) Elementary Principal Report – Danelle Schmid talked about her report and the end of the year wrap up events. Danelle also mentioned that the playground still needs some repairs so it will remain closed for now.

8. A) 3) MS/HS Principal Report – Wally Byrne discussed his report; he stated the report cards were sent out last week. He wanted to say a big Shout out to his office staff and how much they do and they are appreciated for all the work they do. He talked about Graduation and said how well the speeches were this year. Wally then talked about the summer projects that are happening at the MS/HS right now, also wanted to thank the board for being involved in project search program and how great that graduation was.

8. A) 4) Athletic Director Report – Rob Scherrer talked about his report, and thanked everyone who helped to make our sports seasons happen this year. He also mentioned how Chelsi and Kathy and Bernie have been doing great work and doing extra to help out. He mentioned the softball team was Conference champions and they won tonight so we play Wednesday for the regional championship. He mentioned the track team and how well they did at conference. He said there will be approximately 44 teams coming to track regionals on Thursday. Rob talked about the weight room and the progress with a training program. Rob also mentioned that there was a backstop donated by Larry Davidson to the softball team.

8. A) 5) District Administrator Report – Bryce Bird talked about the transition of District Administrators and how he has two more days left. Bryce believes Lisa is off to a great start. He mentioned the lighting grant and the progress being made and that the district is in a good financial position at this time.

9. Community Comments- None

10. **ACTION ITEMS - OLD BUSINESS**

10. A) Board Minutes

Motion to approve both sets of board minutes as presented by Stitzer, second by Haines. Motion carried.

10. B) Budget Reports

Motion to approve as presented by Haines, second by Trumm. Motion carried.

11. **ACTION ITEMS - NEW BUSINESS**

11. B) Middle School Concept – Lisa Wallin-Kapinus discussed the letter that was sent out on June 3 to the incoming sixth graders parents. She mentioned the area districts have a 6-8th grade middle school concept. It would get them classes that are more exploratory and it would lessen the instruction time that is lost when going from building to building. Then the extra-curricular events would also be expanded to them also. Wally mentioned that they have designated three rooms for the use of adding 6th grade. He mentioned there is locker space for them, and the bulldog café would still be spit up between the middle school classes. Approx. 154 in MS, total 378 in MS/HS combined for student counts next year. The 5th grade would be doing the safety patrol at the elementary. The schedules were discussed and how once a decision is made the schedules would be a top priority. A member of the audience was in favor of their child not walking between the annex and the high school.

Motion to move the sixth grade as presented by Haines, second by Trumm. Motion carried.

11. C) Food Service Policy - Negative account balances- Bryce talked about the proposed changes to the policy. He explained that there are balances that are not being paid. Lisa talked about the policy and the changes that are proposed. The district attorney was also contacted while working on the policy to see what the final step could realistically be. The policy will be in the newsletter this year. Updike is asking how much the school would be reimbursed if it went to small claims court, also a discussion on how the meals have been free this year and

will continue to be free next school year so the parents should be using this time to pay down those balances while no additional charges are accruing.

Motion to approve as the first, second and final reading by Knoble, second by Trumm. Motion carried as presented on action sheet.

11. D) Fund 10 to Fund 50 Transfer

This bad debt is partially what is owed on negative food service balances.

Knoble made a motion to transfer the funds as presented, second by Woodke. Motion carried.

11. E) Overnight Activity Requests for 2021-2022 School Year

Motion to approve as presented by Knoble, second by Stitzer. Motion carried

11. F) AGR End of Semester Report

This information was walked in tonight, Danelle handed it out and it was emailed to Updike since he is attending via zoom. The biggest difference since the last report is the last column that ask how we responded to COVID. Bryce talked about how there is funding that is attached to being in this program.

Motion to receive the report by Trumm, second by Knoble. Motion carried.

11. G) Reading Series

Lisa and Danelle talked about this topic. Right now the Journeys series is being used, however it is time to look at a new reading series. It allows to do more differentiation. It is a highly regarded program. There is also a writing component. Sara Richter mentioned that it will be the newest version available. Bryce stated Esser funds would be used for this purchase.

Motion to approve as presented by Haines, second by Woodke. Motion carried.

11. H) Job Description Approval-Director of Facilities and Grounds

Lisa discussed what was placed in the job description. Looking for someone to help with all the long term planning that was discussed earlier with Mario and Trenton. Knoble discussed some concerns with a few of the lines that will need to be revised. Two items are the same so we need to delete one and one item that matches the maintenance description that will need updated. Trumm mentioned it does not make any sense to hire a manager when we cannot even have the custodian positions filled. Bryce mentioned that he has never seen a school that did not have a head of maintenance. He said it is much needed. Stitzer mentioned that it would be nice to have a director to hire and train the custodians in their own field.

Motion to approve the job description with fixing the two errors that were pointed out and re looking at the general maintenance worker job description by Knoble, second by Haines. Motion carried.

11. I) Next Year's Preliminary Budget

Bryce stated we would not know the exact amount of money until October. He explained that the budget will be balanced next year but he explained the differences would include the virtual server, the wage increase, health insurance increase, adding a Facilities Director and the reading series. He also talked about the summer projects that will be paid out of fund 46 after July 1st. He mentioned that we need to watch our cash flow moving forward. He talked about the lighting grant and how we need to pay up front and then we will be reimbursed. –No action

11. J) Time Sensitive Purchases/Emergency Related Purchases

Bryce stated this is routine and done every year in order to conduct business.

Motion to approve as presented by Trumm, second by Woodke. Motion carried.

11. K) Contracts

11. K) 1) WIAA – Motion to approve by Woodke, second by Haines. Motion carried.

11. K) 2) CESA #3- Bryce mentioned that it is comparable to last year's contract

Motion to approve by Trumm, second by Woodke. Motion carried.

11. K) 3) New Frontier – Laurie stated we should only have one student this year.

Motion to approve as presented by Knoble, second by Woodke. Motion carried.

11. K) 4) Project Search MOU- Motion to approve by Knoble, second by Woodke. Motion carried.

11. L) Donation(s) – Motion to approve as presented by Haines, second by Trumm. Motion carried.

Miller then added that he received an email, which he shared, about multiple donations. Rob received a donation of a pitching machine and multiple materials. We will present donation forms at the next meeting.

12. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Haines, second by Trumm. Motion carried at 9:34 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Kaye Woodke

*Presentation attached also