

**WEST PRAIRIE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #103
BOARD OF EDUCATION
WEST PRAIRIE HIGH SCHOOL
June 29, 2021
6:30 p.m.**

The Board of Education hosted a reception to honor the service of retiring staff members. Retirees honored were: Joan Biswell, Cindy Haines, Lynn Kern, Annette Leckrone, James Lozier, Susan Monroe, Rita Rochelle, Ada Vass, and Pam Wear. The board thanked them for their years of service to the students of West Prairie.

**WEST PRAIRIE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #103
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC HEARING ON THE AMENDED 2021 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET
WEST PRAIRIE HIGH SCHOOL
June 29, 2021
7:00 p.m.**

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The West Prairie School District #103 Board of Education conducted a public hearing on the amended 2021 school district budget on June 29, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., at West Prairie High School. Board members present were: Scott Vogler, Matt Zimmerman, Sherrie Weaver, Matt Mencil, Steve Kitch, Jennifer Cerven, and David Taulbee. Members absent: None.

TESTIMONY BY THE PUBLIC:

Superintendent Gradert presented the FY21 amended school budget. President Vogler asked for testimony from the public. The public was given the opportunity to submit written testimony. There was no testimony.

ADJOURN:

President Vogler declared the meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

**WEST PRAIRIE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #103
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
WEST PRAIRIE HIGH SCHOOL
June 29, 2021
7:02 p.m.**

MINUTES

The West Prairie School District #103 Board of Education met on June 29, 2021, at 7:02 p.m., in a regularly scheduled meeting, at West Prairie High School. Board members present were: Scott Vogler, Matt Zimmerman, Sherrie Weaver, Matt Mencil, Steve Kitch, Jennifer Cerven, and David Taulbee. Members absent: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Board and audience stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There were no announcements.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Tiffany Welsh, Robyn Nichols, Matt Nichols, and Kara Hunt spoke to the board regarding mask requirements for the 2021-2022 school year.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Zimmerman moved and Weaver seconded to approve the regular meeting minutes from May 25, 2021, the special meeting minutes from June 10, 2021, the bills and activity accounts, and the Consolidated District Plan. Those members on roll call voting "aye": Moore, Vogler, Weaver, Zimmerman, Butterfield, Mencil, and Geltmacher. Nays: None. The motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

AD Hall discussed fall sports and the uniform purchasing cycle and need to replace outdated equipment.

Superintendent Gradert discussed the middle school asbestos abatement timeline and the bid opening for the North Elementary remodel. He announced that collective bargaining with the WPEA is scheduled to begin July 12, 2021. He reviewed the request from the Administrative Team to allow for Early Release days for staff development. Superintendent Gradert also reported the district conducted the annual review of the District Emergency and Crisis Plans on June 24, 2021. He announced the resignation of Principal Chad Cox with all the best in his new position. The JH/HS Asst. Principal/AD position has been posted. The Facilities Committee will plan to meet next month. District

registration is scheduled for August 4th and 5th. Interviews were conducted for School Nurse and Unit Office Administrative Assistant.

PLACE POLICIES ON FIRST READING:

Mencel moved and Cerven seconded to place policies 4:60-AP3, 5:10, 5:30, 6:235, 7:345-AP, E4, 2:10, 2:20, 2:150-AP, 2:240, 2:250-E2, 4:40-AP, 7:340-AP2, 1:10, 1:20, 1:30, 2:30, 2:130, 3:30, 6:100, 6:145, 6:160, 6:170, 6:255, 6:260, 7:220, 7:230, 7:280, and 8:90 on first reading as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Vogler, Zimmerman, Weaver, Mencel, Kitch, Cerven, and Taulbee. Nays: none. The motion carried.

APPROVE THE FY21 AMENDED SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET AS PRESENTED:

Zimmerman moved and Kitch seconded to approve the FY21 Amended School District Budget as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Vogler, Zimmerman, Weaver, Mencel, Kitch, Cerven, and Taulbee. Nays: none. The motion carried.

APPROVE DISTRICT INSURANCE COVERAGE AS PRESENTED:

Mencel moved and Kitch seconded to approve the District Insurance Coverage for 2021-2022 as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Zimmerman, Weaver, Mencel, Kitch, Cerven, and Taulbee. Nays: Vogler. The motion carried.

APPROVE THE ASBESTOS ABATEMENT BID AS PRESENTED:

Zimmerman moved and Taulbee seconded to approve the bid for the middle school asbestos abatement project from Midwest Service Group for \$120,500 as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Vogler, Zimmerman, Weaver, Mencel, Kitch, Cerven, and Taulbee. Nays: none. The motion carried.

APPROVE THE NORTH ELEMENTARY CLASSROOM RENOVATION BID AS PRESENTED:

Zimmerman moved and Kitch seconded to approve the bid for the North Elementary Classroom Renovation project from Peoria Metro Construction for \$128,000 as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Vogler, Zimmerman, Weaver, Mencel, Kitch, and Cerven. Nays: Taulbee. The motion carried.

APPROVE AMENDING THE FY22 CALENDAR TO MOVE START DATE TO AUGUST 19, 2021:

Vogler moved and Weaver seconded to amend the FY22 Calendar to the student start date of August 19, 2021 as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Vogler, Zimmerman, Weaver, Mencel, Kitch, Cerven, and Taulbee. Nays: none. The motion carried.

APPROVE AMENDING THE FY22 CALENDAR TO INCLUDE EARLY DISMISSALS FOR PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAYS:

Taulbee moved and Weaver seconded to approve amending the FY22 Calendar to include early dismissal days on the proposed schedule as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Vogler, Weaver, Mencil, and Kitch. Nays: Zimmerman, Cerven, and Taulbee. The motion carried.

PARENT STUDENT HANDBOOK REVIEW;

The board reviewed the changes to the 2021-2022 parent student handbooks. Discussion only.

ACTION TO DIRECT THE SUPERINTENDENT TO PREPARE THE CY22 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET:

Zimmerman moved and Weaver seconded to direct the Superintendent to prepare the tentative FY22 School District Budget. Those members voting “aye”: Vogler, Zimmerman, Weaver, Mencil, Kitch, Cerven, and Taulbee. Nays: none. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Zimmerman moved and Taulbee seconded to enter into executive session at 8:05 p.m. to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1).

Collective bargaining matters between the public body and its employees or their representative, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Vogler, Zimmerman, Weaver, Mencil, Kitch, Cerven, and Taulbee. Nays: none. The motion carried.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:

Weaver moved and Kitch seconded to return to open session at 8:41 p.m. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Vogler, Zimmerman, Weaver, Mencil, Kitch, Cerven, and Taulbee. Nays: none. The motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT:

Taulbee moved and Mencil seconded to hire Corrine Dial as SE 3rd grade teacher for the 2021-2022 school year pending all background checks and pre-employment requirements as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Vogler, Zimmerman, Weaver, Mencil, Kitch, Cerven, and Taulbee. Nays: none. The motion carried.

Zimmerman moved and Cerven seconded to hire Courtney Burling as School Nurse Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year pending all background checks and pre-employment requirements as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Vogler, Zimmerman, Weaver, Mencil, Kitch, Cerven, and Taulbee. Nays: none. The motion carried.

Mencil moved and Taulbee seconded to hire Teri Paul as MS Head Volleyball Coach for the 2021-2022 school year as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Vogler, Zimmerman, Weaver, Mencil, Kitch, Cerven, and Taulbee. Nays: none. The motion carried.

Zimmerman moved and Kitch seconded to hire Drew Snyder as MS Asst. Volleyball Coach for the 2021-2022 school year as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Vogler, Zimmerman, Weaver, Mencil, Kitch, Cerven, and Taulbee. Nays: none. The motion carried.

Weaver moved and Mencil seconded to appoint Patti Clark as MS Volleyball Volunteer Coach for the 2021-2022 school year as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Vogler, Zimmerman, Weaver, Mencil, Kitch, Cerven, and Taulbee. Nays: none. The motion carried.

Kitch moved and Weaver seconded to hire Dalton Deeter as bus driver for the 2021-2022 school year pending all background checks and pre-employment requirements as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Vogler, Zimmerman, Weaver, Mencil, Kitch, Cerven, and Taulbee. Nays: none. The motion carried.

RESIGNATION:

Zimmerman moved and Weaver seconded to accept the resignation letter from Sarah Kerfoot as Special Education teacher with thanks for her service as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Vogler, Zimmerman, Weaver, Mencil, Kitch, Cerven, and Taulbee. Nays: none. The motion carried.

Weaver moved and Kitch seconded to accept the resignation letter from Toni Baxter as 2nd grade teacher with thanks for her service as presented. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Vogler, Zimmerman, Weaver, Mencil, Kitch, Cerven, and Taulbee. Nays: none. The motion carried.

Mencil moved and Zimmerman seconded to accept the resignation letter from Chad Cox as High School Principal as presented with thanks for his service to the students as West Prairie. Those members on roll call voting “aye”: Vogler, Zimmerman, Weaver, Mencil, Kitch, Cerven, and Taulbee. Nays: none. The motion carried.

ADJOURN:

Taulbee moved and Zimmerman seconded to adjourn at 8:56 p.m. President Vogler called for a voice vote. Those members voting “aye”: Vogler, Zimmerman, Weaver, Mencil, Kitch, Cerven, and Taulbee. Nays: none. The motion carried.

The next scheduled monthly meeting will be July 27, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at West Prairie High School.

**APPROVED BY RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
WEST PRAIRIE SCHOOL DISTRICT #103
McDonough, Hancock, Henderson Counties, Illinois on _____**

President

Secretary