

MSD of NEW DURHAM TOWNSHIP

School Board Meeting

Minutes of March 11, 2020

Executive Session: None

Those in Attendance:

Board Members

Wayne Hodge
Karen Jedrysek
Lynn Wilson
Mark Parkman

Staff

Sandra Wood, Superintendent

Absent:

Vicki Hannon

1) Call to Order

Mrs. Jedrysek, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

3) Roll Call

4) Community Input - Persons wishing to make the board aware of suggestions, ideas, and/or comments may address the board at this time. Comments that involve personnel or students must be discussed in private.

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Mr. Pitrowski, from MP Lawn Care stated he had submitted an email earlier with his bid addressing issues in regards to damages sustained on the baseball field that had not been reconciled, due to miscommunication. Mr. Piotwoski stated he would be willing to cover all damages and thanked the School Board for allowing him to submit his bid that was late.

Mrs. Jedrysek confirmed the receipt of the email and stated the board would take that into consideration with the rest of the bids.

5) Superintendent's Report

Elementary Good News Report

Mrs. Miller, the Elementary Student Council sponsor, introduced Ella Fortune and Breah Zaiko, who provided the Good News Report.

Ella: Good evening! My name is Ella Fortune and I am the student council representative from Mrs. Armstrong's sixth grade class.

Breah: Good evening! My name is Breah Zaiko and I am the student council representative from Mr. Marshall's sixth grade classroom.

Ella: Tonight we'd like to share with you all that's happening in the Elementary School for the month of March.

Breah: Time is moving quickly and we are almost at the end of the third quarter. Our after school options are growing each month and students are experiencing new opportunities each week.

Ella: A call has gone out for all Camp Invention fans- registration is happening now and continues until all spots are filled. The current start date is May 26th!

Breah: The Kid's Heart Challenge continues through the end of the month. Last week, students in Kindergarten through sixth grade participated in a week of awareness sponsored by the American Heart Association and Mrs. Slater.

Ella: Our after school assistance program known as ASAP continues on Tuesdays and

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Thursdays after school. This program is available to all students in Kindergarten through 12th grade and has been very successful in helping students build their skills!

Breah: Our student ambassadors have been meeting and have taught about the Lifeline of Initiative yesterday.

Ella: Cheer practice, theater club, Science Olympiad, student council, You Can Make a Difference, Brain Boosters, Lil Fish, Maker Club, 4-H and the Westville Reads Book Club are all meeting this month. The club entitled "Challenger" will start meeting this month as well.

Breah: A few weeks ago, Louis Mendez represented Westville Elementary in the LaPorte County Spelling Bee and won! Last night he competed against 25 students from three different counties and came in sixth place. We are so proud of him!

Ella: Our Theater Club is in their final weeks of rehearsals and will be performing Beauty and the Beast the weekend of March 27-28th. The show starts at 7pm on the 27th and at 3pm on the 28th.

Breah: Students have been practicing for our upcoming Talent Show on Friday, the 13th at 6pm. No bad luck here, just great performances and a night of fun for our students!

Ella: The Fourth Grade Science Fair was held last night in the cafeteria at 6pm. Students did a great job demonstrating their knowledge of the Scientific Method and sharing with everyone the results of their experiments.

Breah: The PTO continues to collect Scrip orders and is holding a Cookies and Canvas on March 20th. Their bazaar at the end of February was well attended and all had a nice time ushering in Spring...or trying to.

Ella: Next Monday is a scheduled late start and Monday the 23rd is a scheduled E-Learning day here at school. Report cards go home on the 24th.

Breah: The fourth grade will be taking a study trip to the Museum of Science and Industry on the 30th.

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Ella: The third graders will be taking the IREAD test next week and then students will be taking the NWEA test starting the following week.

Breah: Thank you so much for having us here tonight! Have a very Happy St. Patrick's Day and we'll see you back here in April!

Blackhawk Pride Award Winners March 2020

Kinley Schmidt- K-Haga

Julian Torres- 1-Irk

Hunter Patton- 2- Bootcheck

Mya Pahl- 2 Freese

Zuribel Campos- 3-Green

Mackenzie Couture- 4- Kreighbaum

Julissa Guevara- 5-Kneifel

Emma Henckel- 6- Armstrong

Middle/High School Good News Report

Mrs. Schnick introduced Jacob Griffin, who provided the Good News Report on behalf of the Theatre Department for the middle and high schools. After Jacob's report Mrs. Wagner will introduce some of our theater students who will perform some of the songs from their upcoming performance of Beauty and the Beast.

Good evening. My name is Jacob Griffin and I am here tonight to present the Good News Report for the middle and high school.

Since the last board meeting, things have been busy! We wrapped up winter sports with senior night for basketball, poms, cheerleading, band, and choir. We also had the ASVAB test and our 2019-2020 Valedictorian and Salutatorians were announced. Congratulations to seniors: Valedictorian Jaron Hannon, and Salutatorians McKenna O'Hara and Sydney Patla.

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This month has also been busy! Last week our boys' basketball team lost a tough game in the first round of sectionals to Boone Grove. This week Mrs. Wilkinson started student scheduling with each grade level. Students have been traveling to the cafeteria and listening to a presentation choosing their elective classes for next year. Students in tenth grade have also been ISTEP testing the last two weeks in both math and English.

We would also like to congratulate DECA on their state accomplishments this month and extend a congratulation to Science Olympiad, whose state competition was just canceled for next weekend. We know our students have worked hard and appreciate their dedication to their clubs!

This Friday ends the third quarter and grades and report cards will be available next week. As a reminder, next Monday is a late start day and on March 23 we have an eLearning Day. Our teachers will be listening to a presentation from the LaPorte County Library that day about the Libraries 360 Program. Finally, at the end of this month, we'd like to invite you to our school's theatre performance of "Beauty and the Beast Jr." on Friday, March 27 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, March 28, at 3 p.m.

Thank you for listening to all of the great things happening in our school. I would now like to introduce Mrs. Wagner and the theatre students.

Mrs. Kelly Green was recognized and honored as the Blackhawk Teacher of the Month for the month of March. She was nominated by an anonymous staff member and her nomination was read aloud.

Dr. Wood shared one last bit of good news. The State did release school letter grades this week. All of our schools and our corporation received a B. Which is great news! Our teachers focus on individual progress and growth for students and providing them opportunities to grow based on their individual proficiency levels. Teachers are currently working with curriculum maps to ensure that they are aligned with key standards and with key standards and data received from the ILearn test last year. Our goal is to allow each student to show growth which will promote elevated scores on our accountability school letter grades the following year.

6) Donations

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1) Girl Scouts/\$2000 for Water Filling Station in Westville Elementary

A motion to approve the donation listed above was made by Lynn Wilson, seconded by Karen Jedrysek. Motion carried.

7) Solar Performance Report

Representatives from Performance Services, Tony Kuykendall and Bobbi Wehrli presented updates and results of the solar project that was completed in the fall of 2018.

8) Approval of January 15, 2020 Board Minutes

9) Approval of January 30, 2020 Board Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2020 and January 30, 2020 School Board meeting was made by Mr. Hodge and seconded by Mr. Parkman. Motion carried.

10) Approval of February 12, 2020 Board Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2020, School Board meeting was made by Mr. Parkman and seconded by Mrs. Wilson. Motion carried. Mr. Hodge abstained from the motion.

11) Approval of 2020 Summer School

Dr. Wood reviewed the Summer School Program proposal for the MS/HS Level as well as the online classes for credit recovery and the Elementary School. The contract pays for the Summer School positions utilized will be according to the teacher's contract. A motion to accept the 2020 Summer School program proposal was made by Mr. Hodge and seconded by Mrs. Wilson. Motion carried.

12) Personnel

A. Resignations

- 1. Gayle Dickinson - FACS Teacher**
- 2. Marcia Gloff - Chemistry Teacher**

B. Recommendations

- 1. HS Math Teacher - Kendrick Shepherd**
- 2. Substitute Teacher - Ronda Carr**
- 3. HS Business Teacher - Toni Bincardi**
- 4. MS/HS Summer School - Ms. Joll, Mrs. Toth, Miss Spurr, and Mr. DeVries**

Dr. Wood mentioned one of our candidates for next year, Toni Bincardi was not able to be at the meeting. Miss Bincardi was able to come and spend a day, visit some of our classrooms and meet some of the teachers as well as students. She is very excited to join us here at Westville.

The Math position listed is to fulfill the rest of the 2019-2020 school year, it continues to be posted currently for next year's position.

A motion to approve the Personnel as presented was made by Mrs. Wilson and seconded by Karen Jedrysek. Motion carried.

13) Professional Leave Requests

- 1. IASBO 2020 Annual Meeting - Terri Stachowiak, Kathy Riffett, & Tammy Barnes**
- 2. IIAAA State Conference - Andrew Eubank**
- 3. PLTW Core Training - Christine Ton**

A motion to approve the professional leave requests as presented above was made by Mr. Parkman and seconded by Mr. Hodge. Motion carried.

14) NEOLA Policy First Reading 31-2 and Policy 5771

Dr. Wood stated this is the first reading of a new set of policies. The updates are due to changes in our state law. One additional policy added to that update is 5771 which also goes along with policy 7440.

15) NEOLA Policies/Second Reading and Approval of Update 32-1 and Policy 7440

A motion to approve the updated NEOLA Policies 32-1 and 7440 was made by Mrs. Wilson and seconded by Mrs. Jedrysek. Motion carried.

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16) Approval of 2020 Lawn Bid

Dr. Wood recommended awarding the bid to Signature Lawns. After reviewing the bids received along with input from Mr. Kaminski, Mrs. Jedrysek stated she would follow Dr. Wood's recommendation. A motion to approve the recommended lawn care bid to Signature Lawns as presented was made by Mrs. Jedrysek and Mr. Parkman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

17) Approval of Summer 2020 Driver's Education Program and Fees

A motion to approve to Summer 2020 Driver's Education Program and Fees was made by Mrs. Jedrysek and seconded by Mrs. Wilson. Motion carried.

18) Financial Report

A motion to approve the financial report, as presented, was made by Mr. Parkman and seconded by Mr. Hodge. Motion carried.

19) Correspondence**20) April Board Meeting Date**

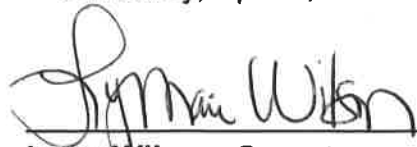
After discussion in regards to changing the April School Board Meeting due to Spring Break, the School Board and Dr. Wood agreed to not change the date of the April 8, 2020 School Board Meeting set for 6:00 p.m. Schmitt Associates will also be attending the meeting to present updates.

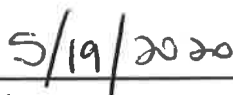
21) Adjournment

Mrs. Jedrysek adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting Date:

Wednesday, April 8, 2020 - 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center


Lynn Wilson, Secretary


Date