

**MSD of NEW DURHAM TOWNSHIP**

**School Board Public Hearing**

**Minutes of November 11, 2020**

**Executive Session: None**

**Those in Attendance:**

**Board Members**

Karen Jedrysek  
Lynn Wilson  
Vicki Hannon  
Wayne Hodge

**Staff**

Dr. Sandra Wood Superintendent

**Absent**

Mark Parkman

**1) Call to Order**

Mrs. Jedrysek, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2) Pledge of Allegiance**

**3) Roll Call**

**4) Community Input**  
None

**5) Superintendent's Report**

The Elementary Good News Report was presented by Abigail Kneifel 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher/ sponsor of Student Council and Molly O'Brien a 5<sup>th</sup> grade student and a member of Student Council. Due to the meeting being virtual the Good News Report was prerecorded. Molly started off by mentioning the Elementary PTO's first fundraiser of the

school year was a big success. The Butter Braids fundraiser raised about \$7,000. Student Council honored National Book Month by asking for \$1 donations to raise money for new books for the school library. Each student or staff that donated a \$1 received a paper book to decorate which was then hung outside the library doors. They raised \$257.00. The November Blackhawk Pride Recipients will present at next month's meeting (December 9, 2020) due to the meeting being virtual. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade basketball and cheer teams are very grateful to still be able to participate in extraocular activities during this time. Lastly she mentioned how great Westville students and staff have been using their life line of flexibility during the schools red schedule.

Dr. Sandra Wood had 2 important issues to discuss with the Board.

1. Covid-19 update from the State
  - a. County metric 2.5 put us in the Orange Category
  - b. Positivity rate above 10% threshold
  - c. 8 active cases
    - i. 1 Elementary
    - ii. 5 High School
    - iii. 2 Other
  - d. 41 new cases in the town of Westville
  - e. 47 new cases at Westville Correctional
  - f. 12 staff members have been reported as a close contact
    - i. Westville Elementary/Middle/High School moved to Red Level Programming fully virtual
    - ii. Will be watching numbers closely through Thanksgiving Break to see if in person learning is appropriate at that time
2. Solar Panel Update (Preliminary)
  - a. Spread sheet of data points
    - i. Last 2 NIPSCO bills
      1. Will have additional information in the meetings to come
      2. Will provide actual productivity and actual production of each panel
  - b. Compared past 3 years NIPSCO bills starting Sept 2018 before panels to current bill

The High School Good News Report was presented by Alissa Schnick Principal of Middle / High School. Mrs. Schnick wanted to congratulate a couple students who were 2020-2021 Rural Small School Scholar Awards recipients. She also thanked Mr. Eubank for putting together a presentation recognizing the fall sport athletes. Lastly Mrs. Schnick mentioned how the secondary level utilized the two E learning days. Kevin McMahon

spoke of a conference in Indianapolis that he and another teacher attended as well as how he taught his students about the election.

**6) Approval of October 14, 2020 School Board Minutes**

Mrs. Hannon made a motion to approve the Approval of October 14, 2020 School Board Minutes and Mr. Hodge seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**7) Personnel**

**A. Resignations**

- **Amanda Huhnke/Cafeteria**

**B. Recommendations**

- **Tammy Barnes/Salary Approval**
- **Jacqueline Hutchison/Corporation Secretary**
- **Tim Bimler /MS Science Teacher**
- **Alissa Schnick/ Mentor Program Coordinator for MS**

Mr. Hodge made a motion approve the Personnel Recommendations and Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. No motion or approval was made for Personnel Resignations as Amanda is staying on. Motion carried.

**8) Professional Leave Requests**

**None**

**9) Donations**

**1. Elementary Student Council \$257.00/WV School Library**

Mrs. Jedrysek made a motion to accept the Donations from Elementary Student Council and Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**10) Approval of 2020-2021 Early Intervention Grant (EIG)**

Mrs. Wilson made a motion to approve the Approval of 2020-2021 Early Intervention Grant (EIG) and Mrs. Jedrysek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**11) Approval of Non-Certified Staff Insurance Benefits**

Mrs. Wilson made a motion to the Approval of Non-Certified Staff Insurance Benefits and Mrs. Hannon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## 12) Financials

Mr. Hodge made a motion to approve the Financials and Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## 13) Correspondence

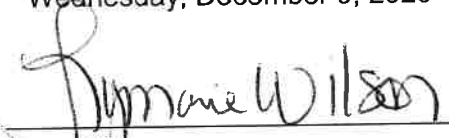
None


## 14) Adjournment

Mrs. Jedrysek adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

### Next Regular Meeting Date:

Wednesday, December 9, 2020 - 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center

  
Lynn Wilson, Secretary

  
Date