

MSD of NEW DURHAM TOWNSHIP

School Board Meeting

Minutes of September 9, 2020

Executive Session: None

Those in Attendance:

Board Members

Karen Jedrysek
Lynn Wilson
Vicki Hannon
Wayne Hodge
Mark Parkman

Staff

Linda Wiltfong, Interim Superintendent

1) Call to Order

Mrs. Jedrysek, Board President, called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

3) Roll Call

4) 2021 Budget Workshop

Mrs. Wiltfong introduced Mrs. Stachowiak our Treasurer, who has been working on the budget with Dr. Wood. Mrs. Stachowiak reviewed the savings on the Solar Project and the need to contact Performance Services. The Board agreed to ensure internal controls are in place. Mrs. Stachowiak stated she will contact them as well as Nipsco and share the information with the Board.

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Mrs. Stachowiak reviewed the 2021 Budget, Capital Projects Plan, and the Bus Replacement Plan for permission to advertise for the Public Hearing on September 23, 2020

5) Adjourn Budget Workshop to Regular Session

Mrs. Jedrysek adjourned the Budget Workshop and opened the Regular Session Meeting.

1) Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Wiltfong congratulated Mrs. Forney for receiving the 2020 Workforce Readiness Teacher of the Year for LaPorte County Award and Mrs. Zaiko for receiving the Blackhawk Teacher of the Month Award for Westville Schools.

Mrs. Wiltfong reviewed the re-entry plan for Westville Schools. She stated they have followed the Matrix Plan from the State as well as working very closely with the Health Department and others to make sure things are as safe as possible.

Mrs. Wiltfong recommended that students return to class full time, beginning Thursday, September 17, 2020. Parents who chose to remain virtual may do so.

Mrs. Jedrysek noted the importance of continuing to keep things safe, meeting standards, and keeping an open line of communication.

2) 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.

Mrs. Jedrysek responded to a question in regards to a lack of volunteers stating that as long as we are green we can allow volunteers.

Mrs. Wiltfong and the Board responded to different questions/concerns in regards to wearing masks, continuing to have open communication, and procedures that are taken if there is a positive Covid Case within the school.

3) Grants

a. Student Virtual Supports Grant \$37,500.00/United Way of Laporte County

Mrs. Wiltfong acknowledged United Way and their generous donation to Westville Schools.

A motion to approve the Student Virtual Supports Grant/United Way of LaPorte County was made by Mr. Parkman and seconded by Mrs. Hannon. Motion carried.

4) Approval of August 12, 2020 Board Minutes

A motion to approve the August 12, 2020 Board Minutes was made by Mr. Hodge and seconded by Mrs. Wilson. Motion carried.

5) Personnel

A. Resignations

1. Emily Strudas/MS Student Ambassador Leader
2. Michelle Wilcox/MS Student Ambassador Leader
3. Megan Hannon/MS Cheer Coach

B. Recommendations

1. Cynthia Toth & Samantha Joll/MS Ambassador Leaders
2. Abby Kneifel/Spelling Bee Coordinator/Student Council Sponsor
3. Erin Vaughn/Bus Aide
4. Jessica Williams, Richard Pinkepank, Tabitha Ingram, Amie Rager, and Alexis Rager/Substitute Teachers
5. Corey Bartow/Assistant Girls Soccer Coach
6. Nathan Burnett/Assistant Boys Soccer Coach

Mrs. Hannon made a motion to accept the Personnel Recommendations and Resignations and Mrs. Jedrysek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6) Removal of Eight Charging Carts

Mrs. Wiltfong requested the removal of eight charging carts now that we have gone one to one due to lack of storage. Several are being repurposed throughout the building.

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Mr. Parkman made a motion to approve the removal of eight charging carts and Mrs. Jedrysek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

7) Approval of Revised 2020-2021 School Calendar

Mrs. Wiltfong stated we can no longer schedule release time for training and recommended the six days be scheduled as regular teaching days.

Mrs. Hannon made a motion to approve the Revised 2020-2021 School Calendar and Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

8) Approval of Mealtime Agreement/Contract

Mr. Parkman made a motion to approve the Mealtime Agreement/Contract and Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

9) Approval of Ivy Tech MOU

Mr. Parkman made a motion to approve the Ivy Tech MOU and Mr. Hodge seconded the motion. Motion carried.

10) Approval of Full Time Custodian Position

Mrs. Wiltfong requested the approval of a Full Time Custodian due to the increase in trash and disinfecting that is needed during the day due to Covid.

The Board recommended investigating temporary increase of hours for current employees who are interested in helping the custodial staff.

11) Approval of New Child Care Position

Mrs. Wiltfong requested the approval of a New Full Time Child Care Position due to Covid. This allows our current Teachers and Substitutes who have children attending another school that are on a different schedule to continue to work knowing they have a place to bring their children when there is a conflict with those schedules.

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Mrs. Hannon made a motion to approve the New Child Care Position and Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

12) Approval of Sara Amms' Salary Increase

Mr. Parkman made a motion to approve Sara Amms' Salary Increase based on the previous agreement and Mrs. Hannon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

13) Permission to Advertise 2021 Budget

14) Permission to Advertise Capital Projects Plan

15) Permission to Advertise Bus Replacement Plan

Mr. Parkman made a motion to Advertise the Public Hearing for the 2021 Budget, The Capital Projects Plan, and The Bus Replacement Plan and Mrs. Jedrysek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

16) Benefit Consideration for New Employees

Mrs. Wiltfong and the Board discussed the Health Insurance program for new non-certified personnel who are benefit eligible from this date forward, not pre-existing employees. Mr. Parkman stated that Mr. Kaminiski confirmed previously the Board has the ability to change the Handbook at any time.

Mrs. Wiltfong and Mrs. Riffett will collect more information for the Board.

17) Financial Report

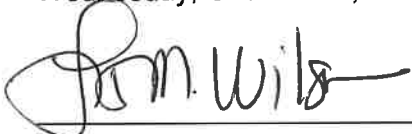
Mr. Parkman made a motion to accept the Financial Report and Mr. Hodge seconded the motion. Motion carried.

18) Adjournment

Mrs. Jedrysek adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting Date:

Wednesday, October 14, 2020 - 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Lynn Wilson", written over a horizontal line.

Lynn Wilson, Secretary

10/14/20

Date