

**MSD of NEW DURHAM TOWNSHIP**

**School Board Public Hearing**

**Minutes of December 14, 2021**

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**Executive Session: None**

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**Those in Attendance:**

**Board Members**

Wayne Hodge

Mark Parkman

Lynn Wilson

**Staff**

Dr. Sandra Wood Superintendent

**Absent**

Vicki Hannon

Karen Jedrysek

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**1) Call to Order**

Mr. Parkman, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m

**2) Pledge of Allegiance**

**3) Roll Call**

**4) Blackhawk Pride/Good News Report**

The Blackhawk pride recipients spoke about why they are proud to be a Blackhawk. Those that attended the meeting are Elaina Irk 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and Madison Poloncak 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

Nicholas Glanz read the Elementary Good News Report.

Due to date change of the meeting, there was not a Good News Report for the Middle / High School. It will be read at the January meeting.

Jill Quinn – Won Blackhawk Teacher of the Month. Ms. Quinn teaches High School Geometry.

Sara Amm – Won Blackhawk Classified Employee of the Month. Mrs. Amm is our School Nurse.

## 5) Community Input

None

## 6) Superintendent's Report

Covid update: county level at a level red (highest level), with the increase mirrored in the school. Most positive cases we've ever experience was last week with Friday being the highest at 26 active case. This week, thus far, we have 23 active cases. Elementary with 12 cases, Middle School with 5 cases, and High School with 6 cases. Currently, quarantine overall numbers 49 students related to school exposers (k-12). Additionally, we are tracking extracurricular events especially sporting events. We currently have 37 students that are out on quarantine from extracurricular events. That is a total of 86 students, 9.6% of our student body out on quarantine due to school exposers and sporting events. To compare numbers to last week there were a total of 127 students (15%) out on quarantine through school exposers and sporting events. Highest we ever had. As of today no new cases reported. Due to the recent spike we saw last week, we are letting students opt into virtual learning. We currently have 165 students that opted into virtual learning until the end of this semester. This is about 18.4% of our overall student population. These students opted in by choice not because they needed to quarantine. The number of students that are learning from home either due to quarantine or those students that chose to learn from home, brings us to a total of 596 students who are attending school in person and that is 68% of our student population. This does not count for students that are out for other reasons.

Mark Parkman made a statement thanking the administration for keeping education first.

Updates: Our budget was approved last week. It was approved by the state at the full amount that we ask for. Through the calculation and some adjustments to the asset valuations the amount was decreased by just 5 cents from our first proposal.

Construction Update: The protective layer on the roof that was supposed to be done in November is set for tomorrow. They've had the manufacture out to see if they would cover it. Korellis will need to either find a contractor or have part of their crew come out and remove it. From what we know it is still coming off in small pieces. Once that is complete then the roof for that section would be considered complete. In the Spring Korellis plan to work on the roof above the cafeteria.

Dr. Wood met with Westville's Town Marshall, Nate Hynek, regarding the crosswalk located on 421. The discussion was to install a Hybrid Pedestrian Beacon due to the amount of car traffic. The crosswalk would be operated by an electric signal to stop traffic when students

were crossing. Mr. Hynek was able to reach to the department of transportation. However, we do not qualify for the crosswalk to be installed. In order to qualify for a Hybrid Pedestrian Beacon on a highway, we need 125 pedestrians crossing per hour. The department of transportation counted 39 in morning and 29 in the afternoon. They did notice some signage issues with the crosswalk. They have added that to their schedule and will be updating the signage for the current crosswalk.

## **7) Solar Update**

Dr. Wood went over a print out that was given to the board. The December 2021 bill reflected our service for November 2021, when comparing the numbers to the last 3 years they are consistent. Unfortunately, we are still having communication issues and can't see the full system in the portal. Performance Services is aware and they are currently working on it. Dr. Wood did reach out to Performance Service to put together a full comprehensive report of year 3 of our system. The report should be finalized by the end of December. Performance Services should be able to present the report to the board in January or February.

## **8) Approval of November 10, 2021 Regular School Board Minutes**

Mr. Hodge made a motion to approve the School Board Minutes as posted and Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **9) Personnel**

### **A. Resignations**

- **Alissa Schnick – 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach**
- **Gabrielle Ponder – Cafeteria Worker**
- **Vicki Hannon – School Board Vice President**
- **Jill Bartruff – Elementary Instructional Assistant**

### **B. Recommendations**

- **Alyssa Lisenko – Substitute Teacher**
- **Dave Horn – High School Math Teacher**
- **Jessica Bules – High School English Teacher**
- **Kristen Levendowski – Substitute Teacher**
- **Jessica Fleming – Substitute Teacher**
- **Gabrielle Ponder – Substitute Cafeteria Worker**
- **Brandi Crawford – 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach**
- **Robyn Markos – HS Secretary / ECA Treasurer**

### **C. Volunteers**

#### **Kimberly Schmidt – Athletic Photographer**

Mr. Parkman made a motion to approve Personnel Resignations, Recommendations and Volunteers and Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **10) Professional Leave Requests**

- Candace Archer – Indiana Music Educators Association Conference

Mrs. Wilson made a motion to approve the Professional Leave Request as listed and Mr. Hodge seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **11) Donations**

- 1. The Massey Spot LLC made a donation of \$2,600.00 to the Westville Middle/High School Student Activities.**
- 2. Organizational Development Solutions made a donation of \$1,000.00 to the Westville Middle/High School Student Activities.**

Mrs. Wilson a motion to approve the donations as listed above and Mr. Parkman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **12) Classified Staff / Administrator Raise Proposal**

Mr. Parkman made a motion to approve the Classified Staff / Administrator Raise Proposal and Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **13) Approval of 2022 Classified Staff Starting Wage Scale**

Mr. Hodge made a motion to approve the 2022 Classified Staff Starting Wage Scale and Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. Motion Carried

#### **14) Approval of 2022 Classified Staff Handbook Addendum – Public Health Emergency Leave**

Mr. Parkman made a motion to approve the 2022 Classified Staff Handbook Addendum – Public Health Emergency Leave and Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**15) Review of Return to Learn Plan 2021-2022**

**a. Public Comment**

\* Stephanie Fenters had a suggestion to add information regarding virtual learning to the Return to Learn Plan

\* Dr. Wood responded with, we can add a disclaimer

**b. Approval of Plan**

Mrs. Wilson made a motion to approve the Return to Learn Plan 2021-2022 and Mr. Hodge seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**16) Approval of Resolution to Transfer Amounts from Education Fund to the Operations Fund**

Mr. Parkman made a motion to approve the Resolution to Transfer Amounts from Education Fund to the Operations Fund and Mr. Hodge seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**17) Approval of Resolution to Close 2021 Accounting Year**

Mrs. Wilson made a motion to approve the Resolution to Close 2021 Accounting Year and Mr. Parkman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**18) Approval of Teacher Appreciation Stipend**

Mr. Hodge made a motion to approve the Teacher Appreciation Stipend and Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**19) First Reading of Neola Policy Updates (Nondiscrimination and Electronic Meeting Policies)**

\*No action at this time

**20) Financials**

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

**21) Correspondence**

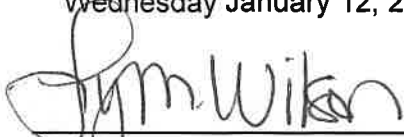
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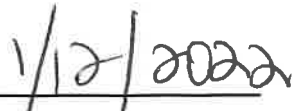
**22) Adjournment**

Mr. Parkman adjourned the meeting at 6:58pm.

**Next Regular Meeting Date:**

Wednesday January 12, 2021 - 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center

  
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Lynn Wilson, Secretary

  
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