

MSD of NEW DURHAM TOWNSHIP

School Board Public Hearing

Minutes of June 9, 2021

Executive Session: None

Those in Attendance:

Board Members

Mark Parkman
Vicki Hannon
Lynn Wilson

Staff

Dr. Sandra Wood Superintendent

Absent

Wayne Hodge
Karen Jedrysek

1) Call to Order

Mr. Parkman, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

3) Roll Call

4) Community Input

None

5) Superintendent's Report

Dr. Wood gave an update on our county Covid metric. Our county went from Orange to Yellow. Governor Holcomb put a mask mandate in effect until June 30th for government offices and school buildings only. After June 30th it will be up to the School Board's discretion. At that time, we will determine what we will do with masks for the next school year. This will be addressed at our next meeting in July for additional discussion.

Construction Update: Roof – due to weather and graduation we've lost 3 days of work up to this point. They plan to increase the amount of work to catch up on the lost days. A progress meeting is scheduled for June 15th. Administration renovation is on schedule. Walls and doors are all framed out. Chiller and Parking lot will start in July.

6) Solar Update

Dr. Wood stated that she would include an update on the Solar Panels in their Friday notes when the NIPSCO bill arrives.

Performance Services was here last week and they concluded all the communication errors. At this time everything is functioning as far as communication. There were a few things they told us to watch, one being an inverter that tripped while they were up there. They told us specifically what to look for to make sure there is not an ongoing issue. Other than that everything should be fixed.

Dr. Wood shared an example of what she will be including in the School Board's monthly Solar Report. The Board will be able to see the production each day and each month to compare. System was fully online as of June 3rd.

Todd wasn't able to identify where the energy may have gone.

7) Approval May 12, 2021 School Board Minutes

Mrs. Hannon made a motion to approve the May 12, 2021 School Board Minutes and Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

8) Personnel

A. Resignations

- **Natalie Ladra – Substitute Teacher**
- **Tim Bimler – MS Science Teacher**
- **Ashley Newcomer – Science Teacher**
- **Jessica Hammons – Custodial**
- **Jessica Williams – Elementary PE Teacher**
- **Kyle Dean – Assistant Secondary Principal**
- **Jane Bachman – Substitute Coordinator**
- **Ashley Spurr – MS Math Teacher**

B. Recommendations

- **Todd Hutson – HS Biology Teacher 2021-2022**
- **Kendrick Shepard – Middle School Science Teacher**
- **Meredith Fitch – Substitute for Cynthia Toth maternity Fall 2021-2022**
- **Wade Foster – Summer Facilities Maintenance/Custodial**
- **Emma Wiegel – PE/Virtual Academy/Blackhawk Academy Teacher**
- **Holly Coslet – Elementary Teacher**
- **Keely Qualkenbush – Summer Facilities Maintenance/Custodial**

C. Volunteers

None

9) Professional Leave Requests

- Emily Strudas – One Year unpaid leave

10) Approval of Elementary Grade Level Representatives

- Recommendation of Abbey Kneifel as 5th Grade Level Representative
- Resignation of Virginia Jones 5th Grade Level Representative

Mrs. Wilson made a motion to approve the Resignations, Recommendations, Professional Leave Requests and Elementary Grade Level Representatives and Mr. Parkman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

11) Donations

None

12) Approval of Textbooks

- US Government – Quote by McGraw Hill LLC – HS
- Psychology, Sociology, and Economics – Quote by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt – HS
- History, Places and Cultures of Asia Africa and the Southwest Pacific – Quote by McGraw Hill – MS 7th Grade
- United States History: Growth and Development through 1877 – Quote by McGraw Hill – MS 8th Grade
- United States History Modern Times – Quote by McGraw Hill – HS
- World History and Civilization – Quote by McGraw Hill – HS

Mrs. Hannon made a motion to approve the Textbooks and Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

13) Approval of Westville Elementary School Parent/Student Policy 2021-2022

Mr. Parkman made a motion to approve Westville Elementary School Parent/ Student Policy book 2021-2022 and Mrs. Hannon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

14) Approval of Bid Awards for Food Service for 2021-2022 School Year

Mrs. Hannon made a motion to approve the Bid Awards for Food Services for 2021-2022 School Year and Mr. Parkman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

15) Approval of Blackhawk Academy K-12 Virtual Alternative Program

Mrs. Wilson made a motion to approve the Blackhawk Academy K-12 Virtual Alternative Program and Mr. Parkman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

16) Review of Initial Return to Learn Plan 2021-2022

a) Public Comment

*No public comments

b) Approval of Plan

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

17) Approval of Director of Social/Emotional Learning Position (ESSER funded)

*Budgeted for 3 years funded by ESSER grant

*Student & Staff Support

Mr. Parkman made a motion to approve the Director of Social/Emotional Learning Position contingent upon the ESSER grant and Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

18) Approval of Resolution Re-Establishing the Rainy Day Fund

Mrs. Hannon made a motion to approve the Resolution Re-Establishing the Rainy Day Fund and Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

19) Approval of Resolution Transferring Funds to the Rainy Day Fund

Mr. Parkman made a motion to approve the Resolution Transferring Funds to the Rainy Day Fund and Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

20) Approval of Designee for Alternative Services and Private Residential School Placements

*Dr. Wood will be the Designee

Mrs. Hannon made a motion to approve the Designee for Alternative Services and Private Residential School Placements and Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

21) Financials

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

22) Correspondence
None

23) Adjournment


Mr. Parkman adjourned the meeting.

Next Regular Meeting Date:

Thursday, July 22, 2021 - 6:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria



Lynn Wilson, Secretary



Date

Wayne Hodge, Deputy Secretary