

MSD of NEW DURHAM TOWNSHIP

School Board Public Hearing

Minutes of March 9, 2022

Executive Session: None

Those in Attendance:

Board Members

Wayne Hodge
Mark Parkman
Lynn Wilson
Karen Jedrysek
Seth Clinkenbeard

Staff

Dr. Sandra Wood Superintendent

Absent

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 Adalynn Parsons Kindergarten, Selous Jones 5th grade, Mitchell Anyanwu 2nd grade, Kinsley Edwards 1st grade, and Cali Callahan 3rd grade.

Lilianna Irk and Claire Papke read the Elementary Good News Report.

Kiersten Vaughan read the Secondary Good News Report.

Kiersten Vaughan presented her graphic novel she created in Mrs. Wagner English class. Mrs. Wagner spoke on behalf of the English Department.

Diane Sittig won Teacher of the Month. Mrs. Sittig teaches 5th grade at Westville Elementary.

Jackie Hutchison won Classified Employee of the Month. Mrs. Hutchison is Westville School Corporation Secretary.

5) Community Input

None

6) Superintendent's Report

Covid update: county is in the lowest level 0.5 which puts us in the blue category. Currently have 0 active cases with only 8 cases since last meeting.

1. House Bill 1134 – Died
2. Senate Bill 83 – Pass – changes requirement for open public meetings and community Input
3. House Bill 1093 – Pass – limits the number of elearning days per school year
4. House Bill 1251 – Pass – Ability to hire adjunct teachers

*More information to follow with the passed bills

Dr. Wood gave the board a few options for ISBA Spring Regional Meeting.

Mrs. Jedyrsek – would like to have a plan in place for HB1251

7) Solar Update

We have not received our March NIPSCO bill yet. Dr. Wood will send an updates spread sheet to the board. Currently we only have 14 out of our 34 inverters communicating in our system. Same position we were in last month when Performance Services was here. Dr. Wood received communication from Tony and he would inform us when he has an update. And that is the last Dr. Wood has heard.

Bill arranged a meeting with us and Michigan City. We met last week and it was determined we are having the same issues. In talking with their director of facilities. He has met with someone from Kronos, he learned there were some design flaws in the inverters. Especially with the cover, dirt and debris gets into the inverter and blocks the fan. Which we didn't know there was even a fan inside the inverters. We had 3 inverters replaced due to overheating issues. Mrs. Jedyrsek mentioned this goes back to what Mrs. Wilson spoke about at last meeting about having all the inverters replaced. This points back to that. We cannot expect an employee clean out the inverters because of a design flaw.

Michigan City also mentioned a communication design flaw with the communication cards. Dr. Wood ask Michigan City to go in on a document with us and present it to Performance

Services. We are not getting anywhere with the solutions they are being offered, hopefully with our joint effort we will get some push back jointly. We are in the process of taking those next steps. In the meantime, Michigan City's Facility Director plans to come out and meet up with Todd and take a look at everything. We could see a decrease in production if there is a lot of debris in the inverters. He is also in the process of creating a new cover for the inverters and he plans on sharing it with us. Mr. Parkman would like documentation when he out there if they find any debris in the inverters with date and time.

Mrs. Jedrysek would like us to focus on our lost energy and try to recoup what we can.

Mr. Parkman ask if we reach out to anyone inquiring where our energy might be going? He would like for us to reach out to an electrical engineer because our numbers are high.

8) Approval of February 9, 2022 Board Minutes

Mrs. Wilson would like the minutes questioning our manufacturing warranty. And that we've questioned Performance Services about inverters replacements.

9) Personnel

A. Resignations

- 1. Shelby Fleming – Substitute Teacher**
- 2. Sofia Sirugo – Contractual Band Assistant**
- 3. Abigail Kneifel – Ambassador Sponsor**
- 4. Dave Horn – High School Math Teacher**
- 5. Todd Hutson – High School Biology Teacher**

B. Recommendations

- 1. Hannah Payton – Substitute Teacher**
- 2. Paige Antoszewski – Substitute Teacher**
- 3. Tuzdae Bartow – Substitute Teacher**
- 4. Shaina Hisick – Softball Varsity Assistant Coach**
- 5. Geni Hisick – Boys Volleyball Coach**
- 6. Brian Ton – Middle School Track Coach**
- 7. Robyn Markos – ECA Academic Awards Sponsor**

C. Volunteers

- 1. Tuzdae Bartow- High School Intern**
- 2. Nicole Maurer – Elementary Intern**
- 3. Meghan Miller – Elementary Intern**
- 4. Andria Pataky – Elementary Intern**
- 5. Brittney Fonte – Elementary Intern**
- 6. Jake Pisowicz – High School Baseball**
- 7. Bryce Barton – High School Baseball**

D. Contractual

1. Dakota Maze – Band Assistant

2. Jane Bachman – ECA Treasurer

*Plan to post part time Band Teacher in the next couple of weeks

Mrs. Jedrysek made a motion to approve personnel as listed and Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

10) Professional Leave Requests

*No action needed as there were 0 Professional Leave Requests

11) Donations

*No action needed as there were 0 Donations

12) Approval of Resolution Authoring the Submission of HEA 1003 Flexibility Waiver for the 2022-2023 School Year

*Count instructional minutes rather than school days.

This will create flexibility within our calendar for instructional time with our students, while still offering instructional/professional development for our teachers. Approving this will give Dr. Wood the ability to apply for the waiver. The drive for the waiver is the new legislation of only 3 e learning days per school year.

- Just an option, if obtained not required to use

Mrs. Jedrysek made a motion to approve the Resolution Authoring the Submission of HEA 1003 Flexibility Waiver for the 2022-2023 School Year and Mr. Hodge seconded the motion. Motion carried.

13) Approval of Student Transfer Capacity for 2022-2023

Concern with 12th grade level – potential to open it up if needed.

Graduation rate isn't tied to Federal funding and next school year all schools will have a nulled rating.

Dr. Wood will add a notation to the list stating spots may come available

Mrs. Jedrysek made a motion to approve the Student Transfer Capacity for 2022-2023 and Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

14) Second Reading and Approval of NEOLA Policy Update 34-1 and Technology Policies

*Approve all policies except 0167.3

Mr. Parkman made a motion to approve the Second Reading and Approval of NEOLA Policy Update 34-1 and Technology Policies and Mr. Hodge seconded the motion. Motion carried.

15) Approval of Recent Updates to Return to Learn Plan

*ESSER grant funding we have to have Return to Learn Plan approved every 6 months

Approval for Dr. Wood and Administration to Update the Return to Learn Plan based on CDC and Indiana Department of Health.

Mrs. Jedrysek made a motion to approve Recent Updates to Return to Learn Plan and approval for Dr. Wood and Administration to Update the Return to Learn Plan based on CDC and Indiana Department of Health and Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

16) Approval of 2022 Summer School

Mrs. Wilson made a motion to approve 2022 Summer School and Mr. Hodge seconded the motion. Motion carried.

17) Financials

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

18) Correspondence

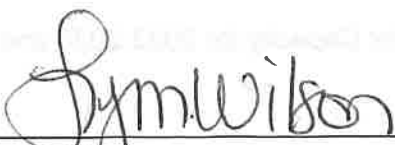
None

19) Adjournment

Mr. Parkman adjourned the meeting at 7:18 pm.

Next Regular Meeting Date:

Wednesday April 13, 2022 - 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center



Lynn Wilson, Secretary

Date

4/13/2022