

MSD of NEW DURHAM TOWNSHIP

School Board Public Hearing

Minutes of May 12, 2021

Executive Session: None

Those in Attendance:

Board Members

Mark Parkman

Vicki Hannon

Wayne Hodge

Karen Jedrysek

Staff

Dr. Sandra Wood Superintendent

Absent

Lynn Wilson

Reorganization Session

1) Call to Order

Mr. Parkman, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

3) Roll Call

4) Community Input

None

5) Superintendent's Report

The Elementary Good News Report was read by Brachelle Wright, a 5th grader and a Student Council member. We celebrated and appreciated secretary day, teacher appreciation week, custodian and maintenance, school lunch super hero, nurse's day, social worker day and transportation. The final day of school for students is May 26th! Our first day back to school for the 2021-2022 school year is Wednesday August 11, 2021.

The Blackhawk Pride Award winners read why they are proud to be a Blackhawk. The Blackhawk Pride winners that attended the meeting are Emma Hart 1st grade, Kinley Miller 3rd grade, Gabriella Prichard 4th grade, and Brachelle Wright 5th grade.

Secondary level Good News Report was read by Mrs. Schnick, principal of Westville Middle / High School. High School held their first Mr. Blackhawk event to help raise money for Prom.

The High School was designated a Family Friendly School by the Department of Education. Mrs. Schnick is very proud.

High School Seniors are still able to do their traditional senior walk; this year it will be held outside on May 26th. High School is offering sports physicals Monday May 24th.

Mr. Smith spoke on behalf of the CTE Department. Mr. Smith went over the 2021-2022 graduation pathways. We still plan to team up with Ivy Tech, AK Smith Career Center, and South Central. Next year there are several students doing work base learning with La Porte Hospital, UPS, welding and farming. CTE update: Human Social Services participated in a Child Abuse Prevention Walk, collected pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House Charity, participated in community clean up, and made baby blankets for Project Linus-Home. Business Management update: Toni Biancardi had 15 teams make it to regionals, 2 teams placed at State as well as 2 individuals. The students also had a challenge to design a logo for Jake's Feed Garden. Their logo was chosen and adapted in January 2021. AK Smith Center gave Westville a \$5,000 Green House. It will be put together after the construction project is done.

Dr. Wood followed up with our county Covid metric. Our county is still Orange. We have 3 total cases; 1 case in the Elementary and 2 cases in the High School. Children twelve years and older are now eligible to be vaccinated.

Construction update: Chiller will take 1 month of prep work in July, but will be installed after construction is done and before October. Administration construction should be done by July 31st. The parking lot should be done sometime in July. The roof could be the project that last a bit longer into the school year. However, we are optimistic all construction should be done by time the 2021-2022 school year starts session.

Dr. Wood mentioned reassigning teachers, combining classes, adding classes based on student's needs in combination with a new Indiana State Law. Will review some of these changes and suggestions at June's meeting.

June and July meetings will take place in the Cafeteria as administration and high school offices will be in the Media Center. These meetings will be in person only.

6) Solar Update

Dr. Wood went over the NIPSCO bills from 2019, 2020, & 2021. * Consumption seems to have resolved. Company worked on the solar panels today. Within the next month we should be on a better track. Mr. Parkman wants head of Maintenance to dig into possibilities on where the extra electric could have gone.

7) Approval April 14, 2021 School Board Minutes

Mrs. Hannon made a motion to approve the April 14, 2021 School Board Minutes and Mrs. Jedrysek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

8) Personnel

A. Resignations

- Approval of Historical Resignations

B. Recommendations

- Chris Walter – Elementary Summer School (South Central Teacher)
- Amy Morrison – Elementary Summer School (South Central Teacher)
- Brianna Perez – Elementary Summer School (South Central Teacher)
- Holly Ellis – Elementary Summer School
- Arielle Watson – Elementary Summer School
- Abigail Kneifel – Elementary Summer School
- Ashley Newcomer – Middle School Summer School
- Kelly Ramer – Kindergarten KickStart Summer School
- Tabitha Ingram – Kindergarten KickStart Summer School IA
- Amie Rager – Kindergarten KickStart Summer School IA

C. Volunteers

None

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

9) Professional Leave Requests

- Molly Ochall – Maternity Leave
- Jill McEwan – Instructional Assistant
- Amber Zdankiewicz - IPLI
- Sarah Zaiko – IPLI
- Brian Ton – IPLI

Mr. Parkman made a motion to approve the Professional Leave Requests and Mrs. Hannon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

10) Donations

None

11) Approval of MOU with Meridian Health

Mr. Parkman made a motion to approve the MOU with Meridian Health and Mrs. Jedrysek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

12) Approval of Student Transfer Capacity 2021-2022

Mr. Hodge made a motion to approve the Student Transfer Capacity 2021-2022 and Mrs. Jedrysek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

13) Approval of ESSER Grant Strategic Plan

Mr. Parkman made a motion to approve the ESSER Grant Strategic Plan and Mrs. Jedrysek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

14) Approval of Summer School Partnership with South Central

Mrs. Hannon made a motion to approve the Summer School Partnership with South Central and Mrs. Jedrysek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

15) Financials

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

16) Correspondence

None

17) Adjournment

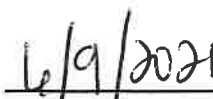
Mr. Parkman adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting Date:

Wednesday, June 9, 2021 - 6:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria



Lynn Wilson, Secretary



Date