

# **MSD of NEW DURHAM TOWNSHIP**

## **School Board Public Hearing**

**Minutes of July 20, 2022**

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**Executive Session: None**

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**Those in Attendance:**

**Board Members**

Mark Parkman  
Lynn Wilson  
Wayne Hodge  
Seth Clinkenbeard  
Karen Jedrysek

**Staff**

Dr. Sandra Wood Superintendent

**Absent**

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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) Community Input**

None

**5) Superintendent's Report**

- State Board of Education approved our request for the calendar waiver. It was approved at the 1-year limit not 3 years as we requested. The school calendar we approved a few months ago is official. We will be working on the logistics with the half days. We will also be working with Karen Hagenow, our Food Service Director, on the logistics with school lunches on those days. Information will be sent out to families in a couple of weeks.
- Update with the I Learn Scores – Dr. Wood went over a document, 2021-2022 I Learn Results, with the board. This document gave a basic overview of our district's scores. This document was broken down by grade level. State Board of Education has not released the growth data yet.
  - ELA / Math comparison last year (2020-2021) versus this year (2021-2022). Last year when the test results came back we didn't like the scores then, but we were cautious as it was a covid year. As we move to the most recent school year. This document shows the comparison by cohorts between the last two years.

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The mission of MSD of New Durham Township is to *Inspire, Challenge, and Educate!*

- Areas of concern
- Teach to standards not to test - always cautious with test score as we teach to standards
- Student Growth – students may not pass the test, but we want to see them grow. Still waiting for the final results.

Dr. Wood went over a second document regarding ESSER Funds. We have 2 years left of ESSER Funds. Dr. Wood mentioned when they first received the funds they had over a million dollars to budget. Early part of 2021 we didn't know what we really were going to need. We didn't have test scores at that time. We did our best to determine what we could use that money for. The pandemic had an impact on our students learning. Our focus for our ESSER dollars needs to shift to student learning and curriculum. Dr. Wood would like to remap the ESSER plan that was initially set up. Items marked in Red have been determined not necessary at this time to allocate funds toward. We can use other grants for those items. Dr. Wood went over other options to reallocate funds for outdoor stem lab, PLTW, teacher stipends, professional development social and emotional learning. Dr. Wood would like to propose using the ESSER funds for strategic planning and curriculum support for our administration, students and teachers. Dr. Wood mentioned with the funds being reallocated away in red, you will see a few things we allocated in blue, which is new. Dr. Wood would like to partner with Equitable Education Solutions. One of the leading education consulted agency in Indiana. They recently hired Jennifer McCormick, former Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction. Dr. Wood went over several informational documents from Equitable Education Solutions with the board. This is three-fold process similar to strategic planning but it's academic focused. First piece is Learning Prioritization Plan (LPP). They will send their team here and create some focus group. They are going to ask, "What does our district want to be known for." They will then work backwards and see what our strengths and deficiencies are. That will then lead to the second piece, Curriculum Mapping. Our teachers have never been trained on how to take the standards and translate them to the textbook system and then into the classroom in a manageable way. We've adapted a new math series so this will be perfect timing. The team of experts come out and work with our teachers. They make sure we are vertically aligned k -12 grade with our curriculum and our mapping. This would be a process over seen by experts. The Third part of the process is the software. You are able to look at the data. Compare I Learn and NWEA together. We are looking at yearlong growth. Also included in the package are promotional materials. They create 3 promotional videos for us. Dr. Wood would like to move forward with Equitable Education Solutions.

Series of Q & A followed Dr. Wood's proposal

Mr. Hodge asked, after the experts are done, is it up to the principals?

Dr. Wood replied, they leave us the tools to easily monitor the progress.

Mrs. Jedrysek asked, from the time line stand point you mentioned for all of it to occur is 1 year?  
Dr. Wood replied, Yes, first semester learning prioritization plan will begin. One subject for mapping per semester. Semester 1 will be math, since math is our new curriculum. Second semester will be ELA. The full completed product will be done after semester 2.

Mrs. Jedrysek asked, is the cost on the grid approx. or accurate?  
Dr. Wood responded, accurate cost.

Mr. Parkman asked a follow up question: both will be expended next year?  
Dr. Wood replied, Yes.

Mr. Parkman asked, the items in red are these the only items making up the difference?  
Dr. Wood – Yes, the only additional item was for additional staff Instructional Assistance for 2023-2024. We will take some money out of there, but with our enrollment numbers our Instructional Assistances should be able to come out of our regular budget.

Mr. Clinkenbeard asked, are there any school systems that you know that used them?  
Dr. Wood – Yes: Hobart, Hanover Central, Kokomo Public schools, and Wes Del

Mrs. Wilson asked a question regarding proficiency scales. Is this a template to transfer information to?  
Dr. Wood replied, Yes.

Mrs. Wilson asked a follow up question, have you seen a proficiency sample?  
Dr. Wood replied, I have not.

Mr. Parkman asked, if Dr. Wood had an idea when the rest of the I Learn scores will be in?  
Dr. Wood replied, we don't know. They haven't put any dates out there.

Mr. Parkman asked Mr. Ton and Mrs. Schnick, if they are on board with this? And if they think this is where the money is best spent?  
Mr. Ton replied yes because we won't see the funds like this again.

Mr. Hodge followed up asking, is this program replacing anything or be an addition to?  
Mrs. Schnick replied, it would replace their current method and it will be a more uniform format for the district. It will save Mr. Ton and I a lot of time with data analysis.  
Mr. Ton replied, it will be an addition for the elementary.

Mrs. Jedrysek asked, do we know of the schools that utilized this; 1. How long have they been using it? 2. What their return on investment is? 3. What their priorities were?  
Dr. Wood replied, I will have to look into it.

Mrs. Jedrysek followed her last question with; What is the sustainability with this product?  
Dr. Wood replied, that she spoke to the principals, we are all in and this has to be a priority.

Mr. Parkman asked, after the initial outlay what kind of money is expected year after year?  
Dr. Wood replied, after the two years it is student based; \$8 per student plus \$250 per school.

Mr. Parkman asked, when would you like to see this happen?  
Dr. Wood responded sooner the better. They have one slot open for curriculum mapping and two slots open the LPP.

Mr. Parkman asked, do you think you can get the information we requested by then?  
Dr. Wood replied, Yes.

\*In addition to curriculum help there is also a financial component.

After the Q & A, the board members are in favor of the Partnership with Equitable Education Solutions, based upon their questions being answered. Dr. Wood stated as long as she has the boards consensuses they can hold the spots for us. We can approve at next meeting.

## **6) Solar Update**

Dr. Wood went over 2 documents:

1. First document was a chart of our NIPSCO bills. First time ever we banked kilowatts (4800).
2. Second document was a consumption document. Lowest consumption in a summer month. This happened after the viper panel was recalibrated. Dr. Wood contacted Performance Services informing them of the information we received from the technician, that recalibrated our viper panel. Performance Services felt the information we received was not accurate. That the viper panel was programmed with the specifications for our solar field at the point of purchase and install. And in a rare occasion does it need to be recalibrated. Since the viper panel was recalibrated we are seeing production like we never seen before. One outstanding issue inverter number 26 still not communicating. After this piece is resolved we will be at 100%.

NIPSCO contacted us we will have to go offline in October for maintenance.

## **7) Approval of June 8, 2022 School Board Minutes**

**\*Take out that Mrs. Wilson adjourned the meeting**

Mrs. Wilson made a motion to approve the June 8, 2022 Board Minutes and Mr. Hodge seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## 8) Approval of Staffing Changes for 2022-2023

Mrs. Jedrysek made a motion to approve the Staffing Changes for 2022-2023 and Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## 9) Personnel

### A. Resignations

1. Bryce Barton – Elementary Boys Basketball Coach
2. Ellen Rempala – Library Media Specialist
3. Jamie Forney – Health / Physical Ed & PLTW Biomedical Science Teacher
4. Lindsey Vargas – Middle School Volleyball Coach
5. Kelly Ramer – Middle School Volleyball Coach
6. Janet Couture – Substitute Teacher
7. Todd Hutson – HS Biology / Physics Teacher
8. Jenny Kurth – Elementary Instructional Assistant

### B. Recommendations

1. Bryce Barton – Middle School Baseball Coach
2. Diane Sittig – Elementary Physical Education / Music Teacher
3. Troy Pawlak – Algebra II Teacher
4. Jake Pisowicz – Middle School Baseball Assistant Coach
5. Lucas Daurer- High School Cross Country Head Coach
6. Sheri Martinek – Bus Driver
7. Wesley Bucher – Athletic Director/Transportation Director
8. Jillian Quinn – JV Boys Volleyball Coach
9. Krista Tuholski – Elementary Teacher
10. Emily Patterson – Elementary Teacher
11. Amber Pickett – Elementary Instructional Assistant

### C. Contractual

1. Terri Stachowiak – Corporation Treasurer

Mr. Hodge made a motion to approve the Resignations, Recommendations, and Contractual as presented and Mrs. Jedrysek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## 10) Professional Leave Requests

NONE

## 11) Donations

1. Donation of \$5,500.00 for High School Softball Program, by The American Legion Post 21

Mr. Parkman made a motion to approve donations as presented and Mr. Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**12) Approval of NIESC Contracted Director of Media Agreement**

Mrs. Jedrysek made a motion to approve the NIESC Contracted Director of Media Agreement and Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**13) Approval of Contract with Boys and Girls Club for 2022-2023**

Mrs. Jedrysek made a motion to approve the Contract with Boys and Girls Club for 2022-2023 and Mr. Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**14) Approval of MOU for shared services with South Central Community School Corp**

Mrs. Wilson made a motion to approve the MOU for shared services with South Central Community School Corp and Mr. Parkman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**15) Approval of 2022-2023 LP County Career and Tech Ed Operations Agreement**

Mr. Parkman made the motion to approve the 2022-2023 LP County Career and Tech Ed Operations Agreement and Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**16) Approval of 2022-2023 Lunch Prices**

Mr. Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Lunch Prices and Mrs. Jedrysek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**17) Approval of IRS Mileage Rate**

Mrs. Wilson made a motion to approve the IRS Mileage Rate and Mr. Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**18) Financials**

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

**19) Correspondence**

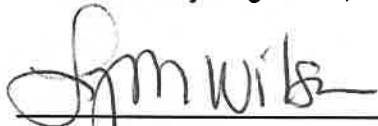
Thank you – From Westville Alumni for Golf Outing Donation

**20) Adjournment**

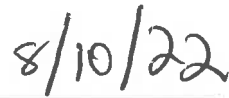
Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

**Next Regular Meeting Date:**

Wednesday August 10, 2022 - 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center



Lynn Wilson, Secretary



Date

### Executive Session

Executive Session followed Regular Session Board Meeting 7/20/2022

Discussion was held to discuss School Safety.

#### Next Regular Meeting Date:

Wednesday, August 10, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center

  
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Lynn Wilson, Secretary

8/10/22  
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Date