

**MSD of NEW DURHAM TOWNSHIP**

**School Board Public Hearing**

**Minutes of January, 13, 2021**

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**Executive Session: None**

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**Those in Attendance:**

**Board Members**

Karen Jedrysek  
Lynn Wilson  
Vicki Hannon  
Wayne Hodge  
Mark Parkman

**Staff**

Dr. Sandra Wood Superintendent

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**Reorganization Session**

**1) Call to Order**

Mrs. Jedrysek, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2) Pledge of Allegiance**

**3) Roll Call**

**4) Oath to Office**

**1. Karen Jedrysek**

Mr. Kaminski, School Board Attorney, swore in Karen Jedrysek.

**5) Election of Officers**

**1. President**

**Mark Parkman**

Mrs. Hannon made a motion to approve Mark Parkman as President and Mrs. Jedrysek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

**2. Vice President****Vicki L. Hannon**

Mrs. Jedrysek made a motion to approve Vicki Hannon as Vice President and Mr. Parkman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**3. Secretary****Lynn M. Wilson**

Mr. Parkman made a motion to approve Lynn M. Wilson as Secretary and Mrs. Hannon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**4. Deputy Secretary****Wayne R. Hodge**

Mr. Parkman made a motion to approve Wayne R. Hodge as Deputy Secretary and Mrs. Jedrysek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**5. Member****Karen J. Jedrysek****6) Treasurer and Purchasing Agent****1. Recommendation to Approve Terri Stachowiak as Treasurer and Purchasing Agent**

Mr. Parkman made a motion to approve the Recommendation to Approve Terri Stachowiak as Treasurer and Purchasing Agent and Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**7) Deputy Treasurer****1. Recommendation to Approve Beth Magnuson as Deputy Treasurer**

Mrs. Wilson made a motion to approve the Recommendation to Approve Beth Magnuson as Deputy Treasurer and Mrs. Jedrysek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**8) Adjournment**

Meeting Adjourned at 6:05

### **Board of Finance Meeting**

**1) Call to Order**

Mr. Parkman, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**2) Roll Call**

**3) Election of President and Secretary of the Board of Finance**

Mark Parkman as President and Lynn Wilson as Secretary of the Board of Finance. Mrs. Hannon made a motion to approve Mark Parkman as President and Lynn Wilson as Secretary of the Board of Finance and Mrs. Jedrysek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**4) Investment Report**

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

**5) Review of Investment Policy**

**6) Review of Financial Condition of School Corporation**

**7) Adjournment**

Meeting Adjourned at 6:15pm

### **Regular Session**

**1) Call to Order**

Mr. Parkman, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:15pm

**2) Roll Call**

**3) Community Input**

Karen Jedrysek: shared concerns about prolonged virtual learning and students' loss of education.

Stephanie Fenters: shared a statement from the Westville Teachers Association advocating for safety to be at the forefront of all decisions.

Tracy Berndt: shared that we need to find a way to safely bring students back to in-person learning.

Amy Gross: shared that virtual learning is going very well and teachers should not have to teach in-person.

Alexis Gross: shared that she feels being fully virtual is the safest approach to education right now.

Autumn Bradney: shared concerns about the yellow/hybrid option and the need to consider multiple factors to ensure all community members are heard.

Virginia Jones: shared concerns about social distancing constraints and safety for students when school resumes in-person.

A parent: shared multiple data points related to the safety of in-person education and the need to consider school as essential in advocating for a full return to in person learning.

#### **4) Superintendent's Report**

Metric Update 3.0 still in the Red Category. We have 0 active cases. Dr. Wood plans on sending our reminders to parents and staff to track your illness, take temps and don't come to school sick.

Students that plan on staying fully virtual second semester is at 14.7% down from 1<sup>st</sup> Semester which was between 20%-25%.

Looking for an ISBA Legislative Liaison. This will include decisions regarding funding and budgets.

#### **5) Solar Update**

December 2020 solar generation was lower than the previous year; could be weather related. Our online portal has been down and Midwest plans on fixing it next week.

#### **6) Board Attorney**

##### **1. Recommendation to Approve William Kaminski of Newby Kaminski and Jones as Board Attorney**

Mrs. Jedrysek made a motion to approve the Recommendation to Approve William Kaminski of Newby Lewis Kaminski and Jones as Board Attorney and Mr. Hodge seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **7) 2021 Meeting Dates and Times**

### **1. Recommendation to Continue Monthly Board Meetings on the Second Wednesday of the Month at 6:00p.m.**

Mrs. Jedrysek made a motion to approve the Recommendation to Continue Monthly Board Meetings on the Second Wednesday of the Month at 6:00 p.m and Mr. Hodge seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **8) Approval of December 9, 2020 School Board Minutes**

Mrs. Hannon made a motion to Approve the December 9, 2020 School Board Minutes and Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **9) Personnel**

### **A. Resignations**

- **Amanda Huhnke/Cafeteria**
- **Tammy Barnes/ Deputy Treasurer**

### **B. Recommendations**

- **Patrick Hickey / Substitute Teacher**
- **Ella Bogart / Substitute Teacher**
- **Ashley Newcomer / High School Science – Biology Teacher**
- **Beth Magnuson / Interim Deputy Treasurer/HR Director**

Mrs. Jedrysek made a motion to Approve the Personnel Resignations and Recommendations and Mr. Parkman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **10) Professional Leave Requests**

**None**

## **11) Donations**

### **1. Donation from Organization Development Solutions, Inc of \$1,000.00/HS**

Mr. Parkman made a motion to accept the Donations from Organization Development Solutions, Inc and Mrs. Jedrysek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **12) Approval of 2021 Mileage Rate**

Mrs. Jedrysek made a motion to approve 2021 Mileage Rate and Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **13) Approval of 2021 Non-Certified Pay Rates**

Mr. Parkman made a motion to approve the 2021 Non-Certified Pay Rates and Mrs. Hannon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**14) Approval of Resolution on Continuance of EPSLA**

Mrs. Hanon made a motion to approve the Approval of Resolution on Continuance of EPSLA and Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**15) Financials**

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

**16) Correspondence**

None

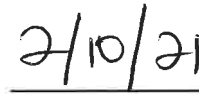
**17) Adjournment**

Mr. Parkman adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

**Next Regular Meeting Date:**

Wednesday, February 10, 2021 - 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center

  
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Lynn Wilson, Secretary

  
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Date