

MSD of NEW DURHAM TOWNSHIP

School Board Public Hearing

Minutes of October 13, 2021

Executive Session: None

Those in Attendance:

Board Members

Mark Parkman
Lynn Wilson
Vicki Hannon

Staff

Dr. Sandra Wood Superintendent

Absent

Karen Jedrysek
Wayne Hodge

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 Avery Glass 4th Grade, Gavin Hutchison 3rd Grade, Lily Orlowski 1st Grade, Mae Tanger Kindergarten, and Gabby Prichard 5th Grade.

Mrs. Kneifel read the Good News Report for the Elementary. First Quarter ended on Friday. Celebrated Go College Week at the end of September. WestPoint lounge donated a large supply of school supplies to the elementary and want to thank them for their generosity. ASAP is starting off strong this year. Fire safety week last week. The students were able to look through the fire trucks. Ambassador program has started with the largest group ever. The group is excited to teach their first lesson, the first week of November in their adapted classes. K-6 grade was able to take a field trip to the Symphony. Student Council met for the first time yesterday. There is a total of 20 students in Student Council. Parent teacher conferences are coming up. October 20th will be our first e-learning day. And October 29th are the classes Halloween parties.

Jacob read the Good News Report for the Secondary. Some things that have been happening throughout this month in the High School are Picture day, annual pink sport day, and College Go Week. Grading period ended last Friday and grades will be available this Friday. Those students who attended ASAP or HAWKS that received the incentive will be traveling to the movie theater October 26.

National Junior Honors Society presented Good News for the Middle School.

Michelle Lancaster – Very first Blackhawk Teacher of the Month. She is a High School Math Teacher.

Jessica Cole – Very first Blackhawk Classified Employee of the Month. Special Education Para Professional that works in the Middle School.

5) Community Input

None

6) Superintendent's Report

Update from the Elementary Principal, Mr. Ton regarding elementary goals. The elementary goal, is to have a minimum 60% of students to show growth or be proficient in both Math and ELA ILearn scores. Mr. Ton went through a spread sheet to show the School Board the ILearn test scores pre pandemic, pandemic, and post pandemic. On October 20th, elementary first eLearning day, they plan on having a PNW Professor come in to show the teachers different ways to implement Math and ELA into the curriculum. Mr. Ton also gave examples of math games the students can play during lunch or after school waiting for their ride. Mrs. Kneifel gave a presentation on how the 5th grade team is changing the general practices of assessments. Generally, students throughout a chapter will have homework then given a chapter test. After that test they move on to the next chapter. However, math is a building subject each chapter builds upon the next. So this year the 5th grade team decided to group the students according to their scores. Those that received a strong A or B would work on building the next level. The other target groups would be retaught the lesson and reassessed. Mrs. Kneifel gave an example of the first math test. The average score for her class was a 59% after readdressing the lesson and assessing the average for the class went up to 75%.

Dr. Wood gave a Covid-19 update. Our county is now yellow with a score of 1.5. Winter surge happened right after Fall Break last year in 2020. Our 1st case of Covid-19 happened in November of 2020. As fall break approaches we are hopeful for the Governors new Covid-19 mandates. As a result of the new mandates we went from 132

incidents of quarantine in the first 3 weeks of school to the last 5 ½ weeks with only 39 incidents of quarantine.

There are a couple of additional change orders that are in with the financials.

The first changes are due to the parking lot.

The second one is additional cost for the path behind the school.

The third change is the carpet and paint additions to be extended beyond the teachers work area. Also for Electric, wiring and roller shades that weren't in the original package.

Construction updates. Chiller is set to be installed next week over Fall Break. The roof has a little bit of finishing work. Roofers have to come back in November because of the membrane that they had trouble getting off. Hopefully when it is cooler it will come off easier. However, in the meantime the manufacture is set to come out and see if there is a defect to the membrane itself. Once that is done the roof project will be complete.

7) Solar Update

In the Board packet is the updated NIPSCO sheet. We have now been tracking the bills for a complete year. Slight good news consumption is closer to October bill with the other October bills. NIPSCO has fix the surge problem. Performance Services will come back out once NIPSCO is all good to make sure everything is running smoothly. At this time Performance Services will also work on our monitoring system as it is still down.

8) Approval of September 8, 2021 School Board Minutes Approval of September 23, 2021 School Board Minutes

Mrs. Wilson made a motion to approve the School Board Minutes as posted and Mr. Parkman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

9) Personnel

A. Resignations

- **Cynthia Toth – High School AP English/ Department Head/ Yearbook Advisor**
- **Samantha Joll – Student Ambassador Sponsor**
- **Abigail McVay – High School Math Teacher**

B. Recommendations

- **Emily Wagner – English Department Head**
- **Chantal Slatton – Substitute Teacher**
- **Brandon Lowery – Custodian**
- **Britney Lawson – Substitute Teacher**

- **Mark Dineen – Substitute Teacher**
- **Mary Brindza – Math Monitor Semester One**
- **Zachary Dineen – Substitute Custodian**
- **Alicia Pontious – Substitute School Nurse**
- **Gloria Kelsey – Elementary Instructional Assistant**
- **Haley Ross – Substitute Teacher**
- **Arielle Watson – Homebound Teacher**
- **Toni Biancardi – Senior Class Co-Sponsor**

C. Volunteers

- **Brent Barton – Elementary Basketball**
- **Brett Hansen – Elementary Basketball**
- **Mentors for the Building Blackhawks**

Mrs. Wilson made a motion to approve Personnel Resignations, Recommendations, and Volunteers and Mrs. Hannon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

10) Professional Leave Requests

None

11) Donations

None

12) Approval of 2022 Budget

Mr. Parkman made a motion to approve the 2022 Budget as presented and Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

13) Approval of Addendum to Nurse's Contract

Mrs. Wilson made a motion to approve the Addendum to Nurse's Contract and Mr. Parkman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

14) Approval of Snow Removal Contract

*Approved Signature Lawns

Mrs. Hannon made a motion to approve the Snow Removal Contract and Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

15) Financials

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

16) Correspondence**17) Adjournment**

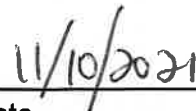
Mr. Parkman adjourned the meeting.

Next Regular Meeting Date:

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



Lynn Wilson, Secretary



Date

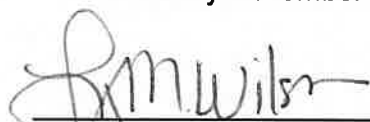
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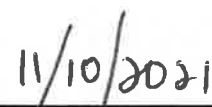
Executive Session followed Regular Session Board Meeting 10/13/2021

Discussion was held to discuss the bargaining of the Teachers Union.

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