

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WEST DE PERE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Phantom Knight Charter School
400 Reid St. Suite W
April 16, 2025
5:30 p.m.

- I. Call meeting to order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Consider approval of the agenda
- IV. Recognition of District Students and Staff
- V. Open meeting to floor for fifteen minutes to enable district residents to bring items of general concern to the attention of the Board
- VI. Consider approval of the minutes of the March 17, 2025 Regular Meeting
- VII. Consider approval of the Treasurer's Report
- VIII. Consider previously paid bills as presented for payment approval
- IX. New Business
 - A. Finance Committee Report
 - B. Consider Memo Regarding Fiber for Hemlock Creek Elementary
 - C. Milestone Partnership Information
 - D. Consider Staffing Items
 - E. Referendum Update
- X. Reports and Communication
- XI. Adjourn meeting

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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WEST DE PERE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
WEST DE PERE DISTRICT OFFICE
March 17, 2025
5:30 PM

Board members present: Fuss, Borley, Van Den Heuvel, Dorn, Van Deurzen
Board members excused: None

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Board President Fuss followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. President Fuss stated that the area news media had been notified of the meeting as required by open meeting law and state statutes.

It was moved by Barbara Van Deurzen and seconded by Ryan Van Den Heuvel to accept the agenda. Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion carried.

The board recognized Anthony Vissers, 8th grader, for being the Regional Spelling Bee Champion and applauded his accomplishment. Also recognized were the High School Wrestlers that competed at the State Competition: Braylon Stegall, Thomas Heraly, Rayanah Yates, and Coach Gallegos. The State Champion Ice Bears Girls Hockey Team: Jordyn Clarke, Alanna Dunks, Malin Jewitt, Elizabeth Zunker, Reese Spiering, and Assistant Coach Shane Dickson. The Girls High School Basketball Team that competed at State: Seniors Madisyn Berggren, Ella Francois, Alivia Koltz, Mia Racine, Anna Rattray, Faith Walder, and Coach Abaray. The Board thanked all of them for their hard work and dedication and making us all proud!

Superintendent Lau thanked Scott Eggart, High School Athletic Director, for all his efforts with athletics.

The meeting was opened to the floor to enable district residents to bring items of general concern to the attention of the Board. No concerns were presented.

It was moved by Barbara Van Deurzen and seconded by Ryan Van Den Heuvel that the February 10, 2025 regular meeting minutes be approved as presented. Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion carried.

It was moved by Scott Borley and seconded by Ryan Van Den Heuvel that the Treasurer's Report be approved. Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion carried.

It was moved by Barbara Van Deurzen and seconded by Scott Borley that previously paid bills to Vos Electric, VDH Electric, and Best Built be approved. Voting Yes: 4 Voting No: 0
Ryan Van Den Heuvel abstained. Motion carried.

It was moved by Scott Borley and seconded by Ryan Van Den Heuvel that previously paid bills be approved excluding bills from Vos Electric, VDH Electric, and Best Built. Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion carried.

It was moved by Barbara Van Deurzen and seconded by Ryan Van Den Heuvel to adopt the following policy as presented:

- 4264 Native American Liaison Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion carried.

Committee Chair, Scott Borley gave a verbal update regarding the Finance Committee Meeting.

Committee Chair, Barbara Van Deurzen reviewed the February 6, 2025 Curriculum and Policy Committee report.

Teaching staff gave the Board on update on how students performed on the Act 20 testing. Superintendent Lau thanked all involved and for the students for a job well done.

Amy LaPierre, Director of Curriculum, presented the new ELA curriculum material. Teachers also explained the process they used to chose the new K-4 curriculum and how they will implement it.

It was moved by Scott Borley and seconded by Ryan Van Den Heuvel to approve the new ELA Curriculum for grades K-4 as presented. Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion carried.

It was moved by Barbara Van Deurzen and seconded by Ryan Van Den Heuvel to approve rescinding Policy 5117.5 Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities: Title IX as presented. Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion carried.

Superintendent Lau presented information regarding the school safety program, Raptor.

It was moved by Ryan Van Den Heuvel and seconded by Barbara Van Deurzen to approve the memo regarding purchasing the school safety program, Raptor as presented. Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion carried.

Mike Kowalczyk, Associate Principal and Summer School Director, spoke about the 2025 summer school courses. The Board thanked him for all the choices available to students

It was moved by Ryan Van Den Heuvel and seconded by Scott Borley to approve the 2025 Summer School courses as presented. Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion carried.

Superintendent Lau talked to the Board about the upcoming board meeting dates and board workshops that will be scheduled at a later date. The Board discussed the dates and changed several of the dates.

It was moved by Ryan Van Den Heuvel and seconded by Scott Borley to approve the upcoming Board meeting dates, with the changes included. Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion carried.

It was moved by Scott Borley and seconded by Ryan Van Den Heuvel to approve all staffing items as presented. Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion carried.

Superintendent Lau lead a discussion with the Board about the 2025-2026 school calendar. Discussion ensued. He also presented the 2026-2027 school calendar to discuss when the large breaks would take place.

It was moved by Ryan Van Den Heuvel and seconded by Barbara Van Deurzen to approve the 2025-2026 school calendar changes as presented. Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion carried.

Jason Lau, Superintendent, gave the Board an update, which included voting dates and what the referendum will accomplish. The Board thanked him for the update.

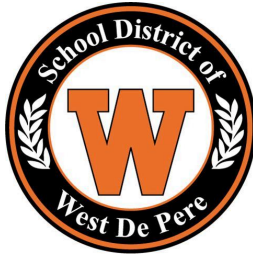
The Board was presented with various reports and communications: such as updates, various thank you's, invitations, and calendar items.

It was moved by Barbara Van Deurzen and seconded by Scott Borley at 6:21 PM that the meeting be adjourn into closed session as previously stated. Voting Yes: Van Den Heuvel, Borley, Dorn, Fuss, Van Deurzen Voting No: None Motion carried

The Board reconvened at 7:46 PM.

It was moved by Scott Borley and seconded by Ryan Van Den Heuvel at 7:46 PM that the meeting be adjourned. Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion carried

Barbara Van Deurzen
Clerk



MEMO

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Jason Melotte, Business Manager

SUBJECT: Moving of Fiber for Hemlock Creek Elementary

DATE: April 7, 2025

Please consider approving the following:

- Moving Fiber for Hemlock Creek Elementary, due to the installation of a roundabout at Scheuring Road and Williams Grant.

Thank you,

Jason Melotte
Business Manager



School District of West De Pere

Board Update

A Vision of Pride and Excellence

April 2025

4K Field Trip

The 4K students visited Happy Joe's Pizza and even made their own pizzas.



HC & WW's Special Visitor

Penelope Rex, the famous character from the series by Ryan T. Higgins came to meet 4K-2nd grade students at both Hemlock Creek and Westwood.



Oneida Nation Dances

3rd graders at Westwood enjoyed an outstanding presentation from Oneida Vice Chairman Brandon Yellowbird Stevens, Oneida Councilman Jonas Hill, and the Oneida High School students/Oneida 8th Graders today. The presentation included information and Oneida dances. Students and teachers were honored to join in!



Interlochen Arts Camp

Kai Heller, 6th Grader at the Intermediate School, has been chosen to attend the Interlochen Arts Camp this summer in Northern Michigan. Her talent as an artist earned her a much sought after spot in the Advanced Drawing and Painting Program. Congratulations!



World Down Syndrome Day

The 5th-grade Fox House at the Intermediate School had some very special guests! A student's mom and sister joined them on World Down Syndrome Day to share their experiences and help them learn more about Down Syndrome. Students were eager to ask questions, listen, and show their support.



Hemlock Creek also celebrated their classmate Aaron by wearing mismatched socks.



SNA State Award

Congratulations to Mike Vanden Bush, School Nutrition Coordinator, who was recently announced as the State Nutrition Association Director of the Year! Under Mike's direction, the food service department has excelled. He is continuously looking for new ways to promote the program and address food insecurity. The entire staff is dedicated to giving students and staff healthy and flavorful meal options!



Upcoming Events

- May 19- Phantom Knight Graduation
- May 25- Run your Heart Across De Pere(benefits Hands Across De Pere)
- June 1-High School Graduation
- June 4- Middle School Promotion

