

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WEST DE PERE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
WEST DE PERE DISTRICT OFFICE
August 12, 2024
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 David Whipp, High School Junior, for his perfect ACT score. The Board applauded this outstanding accomplishment.

The meeting was opened to the floor to enable district residents to bring items of general concern to the attention of the Board.

Tara Czachor [1587 Park Haven Rd] Stated that she commended the two board members that voted "no" on the Title IX policy.

It was moved by Barbara Van Deurzen and seconded by Scott Borley that the July 15, 2024 regular meeting minutes and the July 22, 2024 special 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 Scott Borley and seconded by Barbara Van Deurzen that previously paid bills to Vos Electric, VDH Electric, and Best Built be approved. Motion carried. Voting Yes: 4 Voting No: 0 Ryan Van Den Heuvel abstained. Motion carried.

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

Old Business

Superintendent Lau shared an update on the High School Tech Ed Project. He stated that there have been meetings with Bray Architects and Miron Construction and several more are scheduled. He also informed them that the district website has been updated with information on the potential project.

It was moved by Jenni Fuss and seconded by Barbara Van Deurzen to approve Policy 5117.5 Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities: Title IX and to leave the policy adopted until no longer legally required to do so. Voting Yes: Borley, Fuss, Van Deurzen Voting No: Dorn, Van Den Heuvel Motion carried.

New Business

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

Committee Chair, Barbara Van Deurzen reviewed the August 8, 2024 Curriculum and Policy Committee report.

It was moved by Ryan Van Den Heuvel and seconded by Barbara Van Deurzen to approve the resolution authorizing a Hearing Officer to conduct expulsion hearings.

Voting Yes: Van Den Heuvel, Fuss, Borley, Dorn, Van Deurzen Voting No: 0 Motion carried.

Superintendent Lau reviewed with the Board the annual seclusion and restraint report for 2023-2024.

It was moved by Ryan Van Den Heuvel and seconded by Scott Borley to approve an additional Special Education Aide at the Middle School as presented. Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion carried.

It was moved by Barbara Van Deurzen and seconded by Scott Borley to approve an increase of 0.2 FTE for Speech and Language Therapy as presented. 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, except the section labeled “other”. Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion carried.

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

It was moved by Scott Borley and seconded by Jenni Fuss at 6:36 PM that the meeting be adjourned. Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion carried.

Barbara Van Deurzen
Clerk