

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WEST DE PERE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
WEST DE PERE DISTRICT OFFICE
August 18, 2021
5:30 PM

Board members present: Fuss, Van Deurzen, Borley, Bergner, Van Den Heuvel
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 Joe Bergner and seconded by Scott Borley to accept the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

It was moved by Joe Bergner and seconded by Scott Borley that agenda item V. Recognition of District Students, Staff, Organizations be moved before agenda item IV. Open meeting to the floor for fifteen minutes to enable district residents to bring items of general concern to the attention of the Board. Motion carried.

The Board recognized several High School athletes that competed at the state level from the Track and Boys Tennis Team.

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 [1584 Park Haven Rd] She stated her opinion that masking should be optional not recommended.
- Dana Dilling [3065 Williams Grant Dr] Stressed to the Board that she doesn't want discrimination for kids that are not wearing masks in school.
- Lindy Bethke [999 Springfield Dr.] Appreciated that schools were in-person last year and believes there should be no social distancing, masks optional and no quarantine for the healthy.
- Dr. Lindsay Deuster [1851 Wizard Way] She stated that she believes that the students need to mask due to the low number of people that are vaccinated. She stated that kids stayed healthy last year because they wore masks.
- Karen Hackelberg [1117 Westwood] She told the Board that she is a Grandmother of kids in the district and wanted to know if we are teaching Critical Race Theory in our schools.
- Francesca Nishimoto [1431 Orlando Dr] She stated the Board that it should be parent's choice if their child wears a mask or not.
- Rob Pries [1295 S. 7th St] Thanked the Board for being in-person last year. He wants proof that masks work if they will require students to wear them.
- Adam Rockman [1522 Ravine Dr] He wants the Board to vote to make masking universal for all staff and students.
- Rajendran Jayaprakash [1787 Grant St] He stated he thinks the district should offer all students a virtual option this school year.
- Aaryn Mika [1600 Park Haven Rd] She stated she wants masking for the students so they can continue to stay in school. She would also like the district to offer a virtual option.
- Molly Koivisto [3756 May Ln] She informed the Board that she was happy that her child got to attend in person last year, but she doesn't want her to wear a mask this year. She believes it is a personal health choice.
- Caden Nishimoto [1431 Orlando Dr] a 6th grade student said he doesn't want to wear a mask because it fogs up his glasses.

- Gabe Nishimoto [1431 Orlando Dr] a 3rd grade student said he doesn't want to wear a mask anymore.

It was moved by Barbara Van Deurzen and seconded by Ryan Van Den Heuvel that the July 14, 2021 regular meeting minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried.

It was moved by Joe Bergner and seconded by Scott Borley that the Treasurer's Report be approved. Motion carried.

It was moved by Scott Borley and seconded by Joe Bergner that previously paid bills be approved excluding bills from Vos Electric, VDH Electric, and Best Built. 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. Ryan Van Den Heuvel abstained.

Old Business

Craig Sachs from Miron Construction provided a verbal update on the High School and Intermediate projects. The High School is on track and progressing as per schedule. The Intermediate School is on the final stretch and is ready for students for the upcoming school year. Discussion followed.

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

- 3265 Fixed Assets
- 4243 Clerical Aide-Middle School Office
- 4246 Supervisory/Clerical Aide- High School
- 4256 Instructional Aide- High School
- 4257 Library Media Center Aide- High School
- 5129 Personal Wireless Electronic Device Policy
- 5130 Electronic Devices
- 5400.1 Early College Credit/Youth Options Program 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 12, 2021 Curriculum and Policy Committee report.

It was moved by Barbara Van Deurzen and seconded by Joe Bergner to approve the resolution authorizing a hearing officer to conduct expulsion hearings as presented. Roll call: Yes: Scott Borley, Joe Begner, Ryan Van Den Heuvel, Barbara Van Deurzen, Jenni Fuss. Motion carried.

It was moved by Scott Borley and seconded by Ryan Van Den Heuvel to approve the purchase of K-8 Social Studies Materials as presented by administration. Motion carried.

The Board was given the annual Academic and Career Planning Plan by Amy LaPierre, Director of Curriculum and Amy Schuh, Director of Student Services. Discussion followed.

It was moved by Scott Borley and seconded by Ryan Van Den Heuvel that masks be optional for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried.

It was moved by Barbara Van Deurzen and seconded by Ryan Van Den Heuvel to amend the quarantine procedure for household members to read:

- Quarantine (with a positive test of a household member) with these guidelines;
 - 10 days and symptom free (no test required) or
 - 7 days, symptom free, and negative test day 5 or later Motion carried

It was moved by Joe Bergner and Barbara Van Deurzen to accept the amended quarantine procedure for Household Members as stated above. Motion carried.

It was moved by Scott Borley and seconded by Ryan Van Den Heuvel to amend the definition section of the COVID Recommendations 2021-2022 form to read as follows:

West DePere Definitions:

- Quarantine
 - For exposed individuals to stay home and away from all people and activities such as: school, work, sports, events, etc.
- Isolate
 - For sick individuals to stay home away from all people and activities
- Close contact
 - An exposed individual to a confirmed or probable case, masked or unmasked, within 3 feet for 15 minutes or more cumulative
- Asymptomatic
 - Showing no symptoms of illness Motion carried

It was moved by Scott Borley and seconded by Barbara Van Deurzen to approve the above definitions as amended. Motion carried.

It was moved by Joe Bergner and seconded by Ryan Van Den Heuvel to approve the 2021-2022 Substitute Teacher daily rate of pay for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried.

It was moved by Scott Borley and seconded by Ryan Van Den Heuvel to approve adding an additional third grade Teacher at Westwood Elementary School. Motion carried.

It was moved by Scott Borley and seconded by Barbara Van Deurzen to approve the staffing items as presented. 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 Barbara Van Deurzen and seconded by Scott Borley at 7:22 PM that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Barbara Van Deurzen
Clerk