

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WEST DE PERE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
WEST DE PERE HIGH SCHOOL-LIBRARY  
November 17, 2021  
5:30 PM**

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

The Board recognized the 4<sup>th</sup> grade writer's club at Hemlock Creek Elementary, Hemlock Creek Student Council Members: Logan Diederich, Talin Hock, Tiesen Lechnir, Nora Osol, Owen Stegall, Nora Schroeder, Will Yaklin, Tessa Ristic, Brady Nolan, Monroe Possley, Coley Wieser, Hailey Gossen, Cooper Heck, Brynlee Talus, Ava Winters, Mrunmayee Shenwal, Lorenzo Cianflone, Victoria Chibuk, Mya VanEvery, Helena Reich, Kylie Schnurer, Brynnley Rasner, Nāhea Noggle, and Niyati Arun. Noah Jahnke & Kate Schmoll, High School Cross Country runners that medaled at State.

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

*Jack Mason* [1213 Lost Dauphin Rd] Stated that he doesn't agree with the mask mandate. He shared several reasons why he thinks the Board should remove the mask mandate and also that the vaccine is not safe for children.

*Erin Haworth* [1890 Wizard Way] Expressed how she felt she was treated at the past board meeting by other community members in attendance.

*Dana Dilling* [3065 Williams Grant Dr] Stressed to the Board that she wants kids to go back to normal. She thinks parents should have the choice when it comes to medical decisions for their child.

*Dr. Nathan Delorey*[1808 Rainbow Dr] He stressed that he doesn't agree with the book selection assigned to students. He read several examples out of various books, and questioned the purpose of these books as it pertains to the curriculum.

*Erika Jacobs* [2193 Rolling Rd] Stated she is a nurse that works with children that are affected by COVID, and she believes that the board should vote to continue to mask the elementary students to protect all children.

It was moved by Barbara Van Deurzen and seconded by Ryan Van Den Heuvel that the October 20, 2021 annual meeting and October 20, 2021 regular meeting minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried.

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

It was moved by Barbara Van Deurzen and seconded by Joe Bergner that previously paid bills to Vos Electric, VDH Electric, and Best Built be approved. Motion carried. Ryan Van Den Heuvel abstained.

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

### Old Business

Joel Stave from Miron Construction provided a verbal update on the High School auditorium and thanked the district for trusting them to be part of the project. The Board thanked Miron Construction for their partnership.

It was moved by Joe Bergner and seconded by Barbara Van Deurzen to adopt the following policies as previously presented:

- 4281 Technology Coordinator
  - 4282 Computer Technician
  - 5200.5 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion
- Motion carried.

### New Business

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

Committee Chair, Barbara Van Deurzen reviewed the November 11, 2021 Curriculum and Policy Committee report.

It was moved by Barbara Van Deurzen and seconded by Ryan Van Den Heuvel to approve the 2022-2023 & 2023-2024 School Calendars as presented by administration. Motion carried.

Amy Schuh, Director of Student Services, presented the annual special education to the Board. Discussion followed.

Superintendent, Dennis Krueger, gave an update on the COVID status in the district. The administration made a recommendation for thresholds/transitions as it pertains to masking and quarantine.

It was moved by Ryan Van Den Heuvel and seconded by Scott Borley to return to masks optional for all students and staff. Motion failed.

It was moved by Joe Bergner to set the date to transition to masking optional on December 23, 2021. No second. Motion failed.

It was moved by Ryan Van Den Heuvel and seconded by Scott Borley to accept the recommendation regarding masking transitioning and quarantine guidelines as presented by administration. Motion carried.

It was moved by Barbara Van Deurzen and seconded by Scott Borley 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 Joe Bergner and seconded by Ryan Van Den Heuvel at 6:42 PM that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Barbara Van Deurzen  
Clerk