

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WEST DE PERE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
WEST DE PERE HIGH SCHOOL-LIBRARY
October 20, 2021
6:00 PM

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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 Joe Bergner to accept the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

The Board recognized the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists at the High School; Lorraine Qiu, Aleksandr Kralovec, and Kaden Vanprice. Also, recognized were the organizers of the Annual Hemlock Creek Fun Run, which helps the PTO raise money to purchase new playground equipment at the school. The Board congratulated the students on a job well done. The Board also thanked staff and community members for their continued support of Hemlock Creek Elementary School.

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

- 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.
- Tara Czachor [1584 Park Haven Rd] Spoke about wanting the district to email an agenda and packet prior to board meetings. She also wanted to know the thresholds for when the mask mandate could be lifted and if we track the severity of symptoms the students exhibit.
- Theresa Duckart [2900 Noah Rd] She wants the board to remove the mask mandate.
- 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.
- Rob Pries [1295 S. 7th St] Asked the board for proof/science to support their decision to implement the mask mandate. He quoted various studies in other countries and believes that the board shouldn't make medical choices for his children.
- Francesca Nishimoto [1431 Orlando Dr] She stated her views on how the CDC and government are handling COVID and how the district should not force mask wearing on students.
- Claire Bethke [999 Springfield Dr] & Daisey Charles [1129 Applewood Dr] Students in the district. They don't want to wear masks at school, and stated several reasons why.
- Lindy Bethke [999 Springfield Dr] Inform the Board that is not happy about their decision to mandate the younger students to mask and hopes that it is only temporary.

It was moved by Barbara Van Deurzen and seconded by Ryan Van Den Heuvel that the September 15, 2021 regular meeting and September 29, 2021 special meeting minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried.

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

Old Business

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

- 5121 Police School Communication
- 5132 Student Dress
- 5144 Discipline/Punishment
- 8121 District Priorities and Building Goals
- 8350 Records Retention

Motion carried.

New Business

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

Committee Chair, Barbara Van Deurzen reviewed the October 14, 2021 Curriculum and Policy Committee report.

It was moved by Scott Borley and seconded by Joe Bergner to approve the tax levy certification memo as presented by administration. Motion carried.

Mr. Kowalczyk reported to the Board regarding the success of the 2021 Summer School Program.

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 Barbara Van Deurzen and seconded by Jenni Fuss to approve the recommendation for thresholds/transitions as it pertains to masking and quarantine as it was presented by administration. Roll Call: Voting Yes: Barbara Van Deurzen, Jenni Fuss Voting No: Joe Bergner, Scott Borley, Ryan Van Den Heuvel Motion failed.

It was moved by Scott Borley and seconded by Ryan Van Den Heuvel to return to masks optional for all students and staff. Roll Call: Voting Yes: Scott Borley, Ryan Van Den Heuvel Voting No: Joe Bergner, Barbara Van Deurzen, Jenni Fuss Motion failed.

It was moved by Joe Bergner to make masks required for all students and staff. There was no second. Motion failed.

It was moved by Barbara Van Deurzen and seconded by Scott Borley to approve the hiring of (3) additional health aides as presented. Motion carried.

It was moved by Scott Borley and seconded by Ryan Van Den Heuvel to approve the hiring of an additional school nutrition associate I at the High School as presented. Motion carried.

It was moved by Barbara Van Deurzen and seconded by Joe Bergner 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 Ryan Van Den Heuvel at 7:34 PM that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Barbara Van Deurzen
Clerk