

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WARREN/ALVARADO/OSLO PUBLIC SCHOOL  
DISTRICT #2176**

**REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021  
7:00 P.M. MULTIPURPOSE ROOM**

The meeting was called to order by Nikki Peterson, Chair.

In attendance: Darby Boe; Nikki Peterson, Chair; Jordan Johnson; Sally Roller; Mark Jones, Clerk; Jeff Steer Treasurer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was spoken.

Open Forum- no one spoke

Approval of Minutes - Motion by Johnson second by Roller to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2021 regular meeting and the February 23 special meeting to include the following: CU

amendments- pg 56 spelling Discussion. pg 65 'Died lack of second' strike error.

Approval of Agenda - Motion by Jones second by Boe to approve the agenda as presented or amended to include the following: CU

- 1) Important Dates: March 25th- MDE Social Studies Standards Online zoom.
- 2) April 12th meeting, closed session to Superintendent Evaluation.

Approval of Finances

Bills— Motion by Boe second by Jones to approve the Bremer Card Statement and Activity Report as presented.

The payment of bills in the amount of **\$125,470.77** check numbers **#72434-72527**, wires in the amount of **\$282,652.07**, February payroll in the amount of **\$241,260.09** and the financial report as presented. CU

Motion to put 5.1 on table, motion by Peterson, second by Roller CU

Motion by Boe to pull funds out of CD in order to get bids from local banks for rates for investment of funds second by Johnson. CU

**Motion by Peterson to pull 5.1 out second by Steer. CU**

**Enrollment: numbers are provided: K-6 @ 266 7-12 @216 total 482**

**Reports:**

**Elementary Principal Kelsey Johnson verbal with handout.**

**What's happening at WAO Elementary- 4th grade students earned a trip to the rec center after reaching their reading incentive goals.**

**MCA & MAP testing is currently being set up to take place in April. MAC 3rd-5th and MAP 2nd-5th. Perspective of needs moving forward- Summer School Intervention.**

**Space Considerations for the 21/22 School Year @ WAO Elementary. Met with Todd Blixt from ICON Architectural Group, this company has done previous work on the elementary. Areas for consideration: 1 additional classroom to accommodate growth, addressing space needs in an adjacent classroom to new addition, accommodations for Guided Reading Library, possible accommodations for mental health services & Special Education services.**

**Distance Learning Teacher Mrs. Gornowicz took over as of March 1st. Happy Social Worker Appreciation Week- Annie Olson.**

**Open positions at WAO Elementary: Maintenance Professional, Substitute Teachers and Paraprofessionals.**

**Upcoming Dates of Importance**

**Thursday March, 18th elementary QET**

**Thursday March,25th and 26th preschool Screening. Please contact the Elementary office to sign-up**

**Thursday, April 1st Elementary QET**

**Friday, April 2nd & Monday April 5th No School**

**Wednesday, April 7th District QET**

**HS Principal Ben Miska verbal with handout.**

**Staffing: Science position for 21/22 school year, Softball Assistant coach for this spring- Scott Groven from SAC is assistant to Rick Looker. Need subs.**

**Events/Meetings: continue to meet weekly with regional principals.**

**Great things at WAO High School: WAO Ed Foundation funded \$23,786.45 in Spring needs. 6th Graders sold \$11,910 worth of butter Braids.**

**Upcoming: Winter tournaments start next week. HS QET Wednesday, March 17 @3:20 in MPR; end of quarter 3, March 19; spring sports start March 29; ACT for junior's March 30; MCA's coming up in April & May; no school Friday, April 2nd & Monday, April 5; summer school is an option to pursue credit recovery for 9-11, skill building for 6-8, getting students names and staff names right now to determine the cost. Money from COVID funding is available this summer. I'd like to have this as an annual option.**

**Planning for Spring Activities- all are fluid and subject to change with guidance/case counts. Scholarship Night, Fine Arts Awards, Athletic Banquet, Musical (April 23-24), Elementary Track Meet, Community Service Day, 6th/7th Grade Trip May 14, Prom May 1, Graduation May 28.**

**Superintendent Kirk Thorstenson verbal with handout.**

**The Board Negotiations Committee will have oversight of new GEER & ESSER funds/budgets.**

**Facilities Committee: meeting tomorrow 2/9 @ 9 am to update on small Elementary building remodel to accommodate 3 sections of 2nd grade students on 21/20 and possibly beyond.**

**Allie, Natasha & Kirk will be trained as election judges for upcoming August 2021 Special Board Election to be held at WAO School.**

**Thank you, Ed Foundation, for your continued support of our schools! Spring Needs of \$23,786.45 were approved for purchase.**

**New Board Member vacancy/process:**

- a. Candidate filing with District Office (Feb 9-March 5)**
- b. March 8th, 2021 regular mtg: bring forth names & vote**
- c. April 12, 2021 regular mtg: appointed person seated, vote for Vice Chair & fill committees.**
- d. August 10, 2021 Special Election to fill the remaining term**
- e. September 21, 2021 regular mtg: elected person seated for term Sept. 21, 2021 through Dec 12, 2022.**

Ask the board for wishes on how to go about strategic planning. Open to discussion or welcoming thoughts.

Performance contract w/Johnson control: 15-year contract, yearly annual report. Spoke with rep at Johnson control, may have an opportunity to steer away from annual contract, this is about 8k a year. Would like to pursue eliminating contract.

Goal for New budget and Financial Report to be put in place.

Board Committees:

Ed Foundation: Spring needs came to 23k. Scholarship coming out soon. Golf Tournament July 23rd, still planning. Silent auction items are being accepted. Talked about auditorium seating updating, passed over to Facilities has put on hold.

Appointment to fill School Board vacancy:

Board Members call for nominations from attached list:

Motion by Johnson to nominate Marshall Westberg  
(roll call vote)

AYE- Johnson; Jones; Peterson; Roller; Steer  
NAY Boe

Motion by Boe to nominate Kevin Pagnac  
(roll call vote)

AYE  
NAY

Marshall Westberg is new appointed member to the WAO School Board. (The appointed term ends Aug. 10, 2021)

**PERSONNEL**

Resignation: Motion by Steer second by Roller to accept the resignation of Tevyn Blessing, Elem. Paraprofessional, effective immediately. CU

Hiring: Motion by Jones second by Boe to hire Elizabeth Ford as High School Paraprofessional at Step 1 (SPED 1-on-1) per the Support Staff Handbook. CU

**Approval of donation: Wikstrom Telephone Company  
Motion by Johnson second by Roller to accept the grant  
in the amount of \$4,862.00. CU**

**Approval of donation: Minnesota State High School League  
Motion by Steer second by Jones to accept the grant  
in the amount of \$635.00. CU**

**Important Dates:**

**Facilities Committee - Tuesday, March 9 @ 9:00 am  
Negotiations Committee - Tuesday, March 16 @ 9:00 am  
Safety Committee - Friday, March 19 @ 9:00 am  
Technology Committee - Wednesday, March 31 @ 3:20 pm  
No School - Friday, April 2 (Good Friday)  
No School - Monday, April 5 (Comp. Day)  
MDE Social Studies Standards Online Zoom- March 25th Addition**

**Motion to adjourn by Boe second by Steer.  
Adjourn at 8:26 p.m. Next meeting will be April 12, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. in the H.S.  
multipurpose room.**

## **List of Candidates for Appointment to WAO School Board**

(chronological order of filing date)

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| <b>1.</b> | <b>Kevin Pagnac</b>      | <b>2-22-21</b> |
| <b>2.</b> | <b>Jim Robberstad</b>    | <b>2-22-21</b> |
| <b>3.</b> | <b>Kay Ellerbusch</b>    | <b>2-24-21</b> |
| <b>4.</b> | <b>Marshall Westberg</b> | <b>2-24-21</b> |
| <b>5.</b> | <b>Jeremy Solvik</b>     | <b>3-3-21</b>  |