

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

**REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021
7:00 P.M. MULTIPURPOSE ROOM**

In Attendance: Darby Boe, Nikki Peterson (Chair), Jordan Johnson, Sally Roller, Mark Jones (Clerk), Jeff Steer (Treasurer), Marshall Westberg

The Meeting was called to order by Nikki Peterson Chair.

The Pledge of Allegiance was spoken

Open Forum- no one spoke

**Installation of New Appointed Board Member - Marshall Westberg
(Oath of Office) The appointed term ends Aug. 10, 2021**

**Approval of Minutes - Motion by Johnson second by Boe to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2021 regular meeting and to include the following:
Correction- PG 7 \$23,786.45; pg 8 Marshall and Peterson. CU**

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

1) Move 13.0 up to 5.1

Gail Gilman with MSBA joined the meeting via Zoom to give a presentation on Strategic planning.

Strategic Planning - MSBA Gail Gilman presentation.

Motion by Boe amendment-add date to start in June 2021, second by Roller. CU

Motion Boe by second by Roller to approve the cost proposal of \$5,275 for MSBA to conduct Strategic Planning at WAO. CU

2) Move 12.0 up to 5.2

Todd Blixt and Kyle Kvamme came on site to give a presentation and explanation of the Elementary School remodel project. After discussion of cost and contract, the board chose to do more research before approval.

Elementary School building project - ICON Architecture proposal

(Todd Blixt & Kyle Kvamme) Motion by _____ second by

_____ to approve the contract at a total cost of- Died, Lack of motion.

Approval of Finances

Motion by Johnson, second by Jones, to approve the Bremer Card Statement and Activity Report as presented. The payment of the bills in the amount of \$141,290.29 check numbers #72528-7244, wires in the amount of \$496,019.66, March payroll in the amount of \$246,812 and the financial report as presented.

Enrollment: numbers are provided K-6 263; 7-12 213 total 476

Reports

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

**5th Grade Graduation May 27th, 2021 during the school day. Following the same guidance as High School Graduation. MAP Testing grades 2-5 are completed
MAC testing grades 3-5 began April 12th, 2021**

Summer School for grades k-5 will be offered. 2 sessions-June 14th to July 1st and August 2nd to August 19th. Monday- Thursday 8:00 am to 11:30 am. Referrals due by April 16th and parent permission slips are due April 30th. COVID-19 funding will be utilized to support the program.

Elementary Track & Field Day is the process of being planned and will follow MSHSL guidance.

Open Positions-

Maintenance Professional- interviews are being held at the end of this week.

Special Education Teacher

Elementary Education Teachers- to be posted following this board meeting.

Substitute Teachers and paraprofessionals

Dates of Importance

Thursday, April 15th Elementary QET

Friday, April 16th First Elementary School Assembly of 20/21

Thursday April 22nd High school Musical Matinee (3rd- 5th grade students will attend)

Wednesday, May 6th Elementary QET

Wednesday, May 19th EMS Day

Thursday, May 27th-5th Grade Graduation

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

Open Staffing positions

Science position for 21/22 School year

Paraprofessional

Added a new position- Peter Sedgeman will take this position.

Added Reece Gleason on a half-time basis

Need to fill 1.5 positions for the remainder of the year.

Need subs

Events/Meetings

Finished 3rd eval for all but 1 non-tenured staff member; none are up for tenure this year.

ACT taken for juniors

MCA's for grades 6-11 going through April and early May

Continue to meet weekly with regional principals

Spring sports are rolling- MSHSL updates

Great things at WAO high School the past month

Students of the quarter for Qrt 3: Grades 6-8 Lola Linder; grades 9-11 Elise Oberg; grade 12 Sarah Finseth.

Staff of the quarter for Qrt 3 is Zach Stene.

Upcoming

HS QET wednesday, April 21 @ 3:20 in MPR

No school for students Wednesday, April 14; April 28th; May 12; and May 26 (staff days)

Summer School is an option to pursue for credit recovery 9-11 and skill building for 6-8. Getting student names and staff at this time to help determine the cost-COVID money available for this summer. Would like to have this as an annual option.

Planning for Spring Activities

All are fluid and subject to change with guidance/case counts.

Please do not attend these events if you are sick.

Scholarship Night May 26th. 333 people are allowed in attendance.

Fine Arts Awards (TBD). 333 people are allowed in attendance.

Athletic Banquet May 13th. 333 people are allowed in attendance.

Musical April 23-24. 333 people are allowed in attendance per show. Sing ups will be going out.

Elementary Track Meet in planning with Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Nagel and Mr. Gullikson.

Community Service Day is cancelled for this year due to COVID related issues.

6th/7th Grade Trip postponed to next fall. Survey was sent out.

Results-

Class of 2027

When would you prefer to take the 6th Grade Trip? a.) May 14th, 2021 44.4%. b.) Fall 2021 56.6%.

If you prefer the Fall of 2021, would you be willing to have your child attend the trip before school starts? a.) YES 55.6%. b.) NO 44.4%

Class of 2026

When would you prefer to take the 6th Grade Trip? a.) May 14th, 2021 45.7%. b.) 54.3%.

If you prefer the Fall of 2021, would you be willing to have your child attend the trip before school starts? a.) YES 63.2%. b.)NO 36.8%.

Prom May 1st. Grand March, 2 hour dance, and after prom party hosted by parents.

Graduation May 28. 333 people are allowed in attendance. Letters are sent out to parents.

- **Superintendent KirkThorstenson verbal with handout.**

Certificate of Deposit Principal \$1,557,314.17; interest \$24,971.20 total redemption amount \$1,582,285.37.

Update on budget will be in May 2021.

Board Docs- we will begin training and setting up a new program for board meeting agendas, minutes, policies online.

Committee to board procedure/discussion.

Marshall Westberg will fill the rest of Don's appointments with the exception of Facilities, Darby Boe would like to fill that position.

E-learning days/discussion. E-learning day example "snow day."

Plan of action and approval from board for E-learning day in place of "no school day" due to weather related issues

Thank you WAO School Board for your support of the staff to recognize the life/work situations. At times, life happens and each

individual may need extra time to focus on life and step away from work.

- **Board Committees**

Facility Committee- ICON presentation of Elementary Project.

ED Foundation- verbal Sally Roller. Meeting on Wednesday April 16th. No new information to report.

Policy Committee- verbal Mark Jones. Dove into policies to customize too WAO, not generalized statements.

M&C verbal Nikki Peterson. Teachers wondering if they will zoom after COVID 19.

Negotiation- met with several groups of staff. Focus was to get an overview of duties and responsibilities for individuals within each staffing group.

Personnel

Resignation: Renee Borowicz, Elementary 2nd Grade Teacher effective June 5, 2021. Motion by Jones second by Boe to accept the resignation. (letter submitted. Would like to recognize 37 years of service at WAO.). CU

Resignation: Deb Schmidt, Elementary 2nd Grade Teacher effective June 5, 2021. Motion by Westberg second by Roller to accept the resignation. (letter submitted. would like to recognize 30 years of service at WAO) CU

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

Resolution calling for a Special Election of a School Board Member. Motion by Jones second by Boe to approve the resolution to hold a Special Election at WAO School for the purpose of permanently filling the term of office, due to a vacancy in the position. Special Election held in the WAO High School Multi-Purpose Room on Tuesday, August 10, 2021.

Roll Call Vote: AYE-7 NAY-0 CU

First Reading of WAO District Policies: No action.

- a. 410.21.1 - FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE POLICY**
- b. 413.21.1 - HARASSMENT AND VIOLENCE**

Approval of Donation - WAO Sports Boosters

Motion by Roller second by Jones to accept the WAO Sports Boosters donation in the amount of \$55,000. CU

Certificate of Deposit -

Motion by Boe second by Johnson to accept the Certificate of Deposit rate @ .25% for 6 months from Bremer bank in the amount of \$1,582,285.37. CU

Important Dates:

Facilities Committee - Tuesday, April 13 @ 9:00 am

Negotiations Committee - Thursday, April 15 @ 7:30 am

Negotiations committee - Tuesday, April 20 @ 9:00 am

High School Musical - Friday, April 23 & Saturday, April 24

Policy Committee - Tuesday, April 27 @ 9:00 am

Motion by Johnson second by Boe for meeting closed for Superintendent evaluation. CU

Adjourn 10:50 pm motion Johnson second Roller. CU. Next meeting will be May 10, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. in the H.S. multipurpose room.