

WEST BEND JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
Education Service Center
735 South Main Street
West Bend, WI 53095

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
February 3, 2020

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of West Bend Joint School District No. 1 was called, noticed, and held in the manner required by the school board and pertinent Wisconsin Statutes on Monday, February 3, 2020 in the Education Service Center Board Room located at 735 South Main Street, West Bend, WI 53095.

Members present – Joel Ongert, Kurt Rebholz, Nancy Justman, Tonnie Schmidt, Chris Zwygart, Erin Dove, and Paul Fischer.

Board President Joel Ongert called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

Mr. Ongert made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Zwygart. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Ongert made a clarification on procedure from the January 6, 2020 board meeting. He had asked the board to vote to move one item from the consent agenda. After speaking with WASB, Mr. Ongert came to understand that the board did not have to vote on that matter. He informed the board that any board member can pull anything from the consent agenda without a vote required.

The members of the board addressed the resignation of Superintendent Don Kirkegaard. Mr. Kirkegaard commented on his time with the school district and his commitment to focus on some important projects until his last day on June 30.

Recognitions – West Bend East teacher Scott Mindel received the State of Wisconsin VFW High School Teacher of the Year award. John Kleinmaus from VFW Post 1393 presented this award.

Nineteen high school ProStart students who passed the test to be certified food managers.

School Bus Driver Recognition week is February 10-14.

Public participation – Sally Heuer, 1840 Park Ave, West Bend, thanked Mr. Kirkegaard for his work as superintendent.

Clerk's Report – Mrs. Schmidt reported that four people filed candidacy papers for the school board election. According to Wisconsin Statute, a primary election will not be required. The candidates will appear on the ballot in this order: Tonnie Schmidt, Joel Ongert, Nancy Justman, and Jody Geenen.

Consent Agenda – Mr. Ongert made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Mrs. Justman. Motion carried 7-0.

Director of Finance Andy Sarnow provided details on the Revenues and Expenses in the Aggregate July-December 2019. He reported that the budget this year is tracking exactly as he would anticipate due to our time spent in developing the budget.

Mr. Onget moved and Mr. Zwygart seconded, to accept the Revenues and Expenses in the Aggregate July-December 2019. Motion passed 7-0.

2020-2021 Capital Projects – Director of Facilities Dave Ross had provided a list of the capital projects for the district and was asking for approval.

Mr. Ongert asked if the funds from the sale of Barton School were included in this budget for capital projects. Mr. Kirkegaard said they are not and the board has to decide what to use those funds for. There are a few options.

Mr. Ross updated the board on the high school library project.

Mr. Zwygart made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 capital projects list with a budget of \$2.1 million. Ms. Schmidt seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Athletic directors from East and West presented two-year co-op renewal agreements for girls golf and boys swim and dive. Mrs. Justman moved and Ms. Schmidt seconded to approve the two-year renewal of the co-op agreement for girls golf. Motion carried 7-0.

Mrs. Justman moved and Ms. Schmidt seconded to approve the two-year renewal of the co-op agreement for boys swim and dive. Motion carried 7-0.

Director of Continuous Improvement and Assessment Jennifer Gennerman and Mr. Sarnow presented information on the 2020 Summer School Program. Last year the program was profitable by \$100,000. No fees are collected from families for summer school.

Mrs. Gennerman reviewed changes and updates to the program. Mr. Zwygart moved to approve the 2020 Summer School Program and Mr. Fischer seconded. 7-0

Fast track recommendation for policies 345.5 Promotion, Placement, and Retention, 345.4a Acceleration, 345.5 Physical Education 1/2 Credit Exemption, and 345.11 Class Rankings. Just small changes were made that did not change the content. Mr. Zygart moved to approve the fast track recommendations and Mr. Ongert seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

For the third reading of revised board policy 343.2 Class Size, Mr. Zwygart moved to approve the revised board policy 343.2 Class Size and Mr. Ongert seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Discussion – There was a first reading of revised board policies 346 District Testing Program, 347 Family Education Rights and Privacy of Records, 422.1 Foreign Exchange Programs, and 345.1 Grade Point Average.

Deletion of Board Policy 345.4B Retention.

Report – Mr. Kirkegaard provided an update on the high school forensics/debate teams budgets. He reported that forensics overspent the previous school year and leadership is trying to get them to spend within budget. For this 2019-2020 school year, they will be given the same budget that they spent last school year. But going forward, work will need to be done to maintain a correct budget, including increasing revenue or decreasing expenses or a combination of the two.

Report – Assistant Superintendent Laura Jackson and principals Lance Roell, Dave Uelmen, and Ralph Schlass, and Kevin Hyde, curriculum coordinator, presented information on the Grading for Learning initiative in Silverbrook, Badger, and East and West High Schools. The main points covered include:

- Reasons for the switch
- Why this system can help student achievement
- The process of implementing it
- How it is implemented in a classroom

Kirkegaard suggested there be more robust consistency on this in the high school setting and asked the group to report back to the board.

Superintendent's Report – Kirkegaard reported that 4K registration is up and running and they have made progress on the new library plans.

Board meeting calendar – The board will meet as a committee of the whole on February 24, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

At 7:56 p.m. Mr. Ongert made a motion to adjourn into executive session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, and take any such action, if necessary, based on its discussion, namely: 1) administrative personnel. Seconded by Mr. Rebholz.

Upon roll call vote: Fischer-yes; Zwygart-yes; Schmidt-yes; Ongert-yes; Justman-yes; Dove-yes; Rebholz-yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Tonnie Schmidt
Clerk