

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

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

March 19, 2018

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, March 19, 2018 in the Education Service Center Board Room located at 735 South Main Street, West Bend 53095.

Members present: Tiffany Larson, Nancy Justman, Joel Ongert, Monte Schmiede, Tim Stellmacher and Ken Schmidt. Tonnie Schmidt participated via tele-conference.

Board President Tiffany Larson called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. Joel Ongert was appointed Acting Clerk for this meeting.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mrs. Justman made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Ongert. Motion carried 7-0.

Recognition – Coach Jackie Vorpal recognized West gymnast, Olivia Burns, for qualifying for state competition.

Recognition – Brian Heimark, West Athletic Director, recognized West bowler, Gwen Dvorka, for qualifying for state competition.

Student's Report – Brianna Karls, West student representative, and Paige Cooper, East student representative, reported on the following: March 21 Compass event (hypnotist), orchestra students are leaving for Scotland on March 21, spring recess March 26-April 2, Mile of Art displays at various businesses in downtown West Bend, and also provided various sport updates.

Assistant Superintendent's Report – Laura Jackson, Asst. Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, reported on the following: March 20 School Board candidates forum, March 22 community conversation regarding school violence being held in the Badger cafeteria, provided examples of staff contributing to their profession; i.e., teaching staff from Decorah and Fair Park Elementary presenting at the WASDA (Wisconsin Association of School District Administrators) conference, Green Tree staff members presenting at the Quality Education Convention this summer, and Jenn Marten, Director of Secondary Education, will be presenting at the Visible Learning Conference in Chicago on July 9. Tim Harder spoke regarding EdCamp-Washington County which was held at Badger Middle School on March 3. Dave Hammelman, Director of Human Resources provided an update on the superintendent search.

Board President's Report – Tim Stellmacher attended the March 9 CESA 6 Legislative Breakfast regarding the bill to increase sparsity aid. This meeting included area superintendents, school board members and state representatives. Mrs. Larson spoke regarding the March 8 High School Reality Day and March 6 High School Anatomy Blood Drive events. Nancy Justman highlighted one of the district's core values; 'Commitment & Engagement' which refers to commitment and engagement not just by staff, but students, parents, families and the community.

Public Participation: The public was provided the opportunity to address the Board on any item. No comments or questions were advanced.

East High School Athletics/Winter Update – Denny Ziegler, East High School Athletic Director, provided an update on the success of winter sports, as well as participation within each sport. Mr. Ziegler added that the school had more state (winter sport) qualifiers than in previous years and that coaches continue to implement participation strategies.

West High School Athletics/Winter Update – Brian Heimark, West High School Athletic Director, provided an update on winter sport offerings, which included (in part): consistency of participation numbers, leadership provided by coaches and athletes by mentoring and working on skill development at the youth level (basketball, wrestling, and gymnastics), and provided information within the competitive success pillar.

Moved by Mr. Ongert, seconded by Mrs. Justman, to approve the following consent agenda:

- i. Minutes of the March 5, 2018 regular board meeting
- ii. Disbursements Posted to March 19 totaling \$3,143,221.86
- iii. Revenue (\$20,953,863.75) and Expenses (\$27,765,629.82) in the aggregate through January 31, 2018 and Revenue (\$20,957,707.29) and Expenses (\$32,846,596.13) in the aggregate through February 28, 2018
- iv. Head Start Status Report
- v. Resignation

Upon roll call vote, motion carried 7-0.

West Bend West Boys Hockey Co-op – Mr. Ongert made a motion to approve the one-year renewal of the Ice Bears hockey cooperative for the 2018-2019 school year, seconded by Mrs. Justman. Upon roll call vote, motion carried 7-0.

Head Start Self-Assessment – Mr. Schmiede made a motion to approve the Head Start Annual Self-Assessment, seconded by Mr. Ongert. Upon roll call vote, motion carried 7-0.

Head Start Community Assessment – Mr. Ongert made a motion to approve the Head Start Annual Community Assessment, seconded by Mr. Schmiede. Upon roll call vote, motion carried 7-0.

Wisconsin State Science Standards – Mrs. Jackson stated that given the in-depth review by the state, and subsequent review by district K-12 science teachers, as well as John Esser, Learning Specialist, and Mrs. Jackson, the Wisconsin State Science Standards were being brought before the board for approval. Mr. Schmiede had provided a list of proposed changes to the science standards. He explained his concerns of origin theories (inferring, assuming, and guessing) and that theory is based on some evidence, a lot of missing evidence and inferences. Mrs. Larson called for point of order and then made a motion to approve the Wisconsin Science Standards for implementation in the West Bend Joint School District #1, seconded by Mr. Ongert. Mr. Schmiede then made a motion that the Board postpone voting on the science standards until a Committee of the Whole meeting can be scheduled to continue discussion on the standards, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. Upon roll call vote: Ongert-no, Schmiede-yes, Justman-no, Larson-no, T. Schmidt-no, Stellmacher-no, K. Schmidt-yes. Motion failed 2-5.

Mr. Schmiede then made a motion to approve the Wisconsin Science Standards for implementation in the West Bend Joint School District #1 with the provision that the District leadership prepare and share with the Board a statement of guiding philosophy before fall that clarifies the standards to protect young students from one-sided theories of origins as factual, to foster teaching the difference between evidence and theory and theories as tentative and changeable, and to encourage students to examine scientific evidence for and against naturalistic theories of origin, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. Upon roll call vote: Ongert-no, Schmiede-yes, Justman-no, Larson-no, T. Schmidt-no, Stellmacher-no, K. Schmidt-yes. Motion failed 2-5.

The original motion by Mrs. Larson to approve the Wisconsin Science Standards for implementation in the West Bend Joint School #1, seconded by Mr. Ongert was brought back to the floor for a vote. Upon roll call vote:

Ongert-yes, Schmiede-no, Justman-yes, Larson-yes, T. Schmidt-yes, Stellmacher-yes, K. Schmidt-no. Motion carried 5-2.

Construction Management Firm – Mr. Stellmacher made a motion to approve retaining C.G. Schmidt as construction manager for the high school facility and Jackson Elementary School projects, seconded by Mr. Ongert. Upon roll call vote, Ongert-yes, Schmiede-yes, Justman-abstained, Larson-yes, T. Schmidt-yes, Stellmacher-yes, K. Schmidt-abstained. Motion carried 5-0-2.

Third Reading of Revised Board Policy – Mr. Schmiede made a motion to approve revised board policy 166, Board Member Email Communications, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. Upon roll call vote: Ongert-yes, Schmiede-yes, Justman-yes, Larson-no, T. Schmidt-yes, Stellmacher-yes, K. Schmidt-yes. Motion carried 6-1.

Committee Reports:

Board Work Session (3/6) – Presentations to the Board by three construction management firms.

Board Work Session (3/7) – The Board, along with McPherson & Jacobson (executive search firm), discussed the characteristics the district is looking for in their next superintendent.

Technology & Innovations (3/8) – The committee reviewed the 1:1 technology device program (grades 5-7) and the five-year rolling technology plan.

Technology & Innovations (3/19) – The committee continued their review of updates to the technology plan.

Finance & Human Resources (3/19) – The committee reviewed the progress on the development of the 2018-19 district budget, along with the budget drivers established by the Board at their February 26 work session.

Board Meeting Calendar: March 20 candidates forum, March 22 community conversation on school violence, March 23 board work session with executive search firm, and April 9 and 23 regular board meetings with committee meetings.

Items for follow-up and communication: None advanced.

At 8:05 pm, Mrs. Justman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Stellmacher. Upon roll call vote, motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Ongert
Acting Clerk