

Minutes 02-15-21

Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of the West Liberty Community School District Board of Education in the Boardroom - 1103 N Elm Street, February 15, 2021.

President Geertz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Jacob, Burroughs, Stephanie Dengler, Jeff Laughlin, and Carla Shield. Others present were Superintendent Diego Giraldo, Secretary Abby Ortiz, Luann Bjork, Marci Goulette, and Amanda West.

Motioned by Laughlin, seconded by Dengler to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

No one approached during Communications and Visitors (Open Forum).

No fundraising requests to approve.

No overnight trips to review.

Dr. Lindsay Meeker, ELC Director, presented a proposal to add a three-year old preschool program for the 2021-22 school year, as well as upcoming highlights for the Early Learning Center. This program will have a needs-based focus that would be funded through Head Start, Childcare Assistance Program, and Parent Pay. The District is currently surveying the community to obtain information on what the desired characteristics of the program are such as half-day vs full-day and the number of days in a week it would be offered. Motioned by Shield, seconded by Burroughs to approve the addition of a three-year old preschool program. Motion carried 5-0.

Motioned by Laughlin, seconded by Shield to approve Change Order #2 for the Middle School project to decrease the contract by an amount of \$2,483.91 to reduce insulation thickness on the existing maintenance shop area to two layers of 2.6" of base insulation in lieu of two layers of 3". Motion carried 5-0.

Motioned by Burroughs, seconded by Shield to approve the Budget Guarantee that the Board of Directors of the West Liberty Community School District, will levy property tax for fiscal year 2021-2022 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under section 257.14, Code of Iowa. Motion carried 5-0.

Motioned by Shield, seconded by Laughlin to approve Board Policies 1000 - 1003.4. No changes noted. Motion carried 5-0.

Motioned by Laughlin, seconded by Dengler to approve the Consent Agenda. Personnel includes Resignations: Tatiana Acevedo-Penuela - Food Service, Shawn Kivi - JH Boys Head Track Coach, Heather Bixby - Food Service. New Hires: Jesse Miller - HS Custodian, \$12.50/hr, 8 hrs/day, start date 3/15/2021. Motion carried 5-0.

Next Regular Board Meeting, Monday, March 1, 6:00 p.m. Items include: Superintendent report; Preliminary Budget Discussion; FY20 Audit Review; Concurrent Enrollment Courses; Students On-Track Update; Preschool Survey Update.

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Motioned by Dengler, seconded by Shield to go into Closed Session Under Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i), to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session at 6:24 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Burroughs, Dengler, Geertz, Laughlin, Shield. Nays: None.

After the closed session, the board reconvened in open session at 6:51 p.m.

Motioned by Dengler, seconded by Burroughs to adjourn at 6:51 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Approved – March 15, 2021

Emily Geertz, Board President

Abby Ortiz, Board Secretary