

WRIGHTSTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Wednesday, April 16, 2024

6:00 p.m.

Elementary Multi-Purpose Room

OPENING OF MEETING

Nicole Gerend called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Board Members Present: Maggie Boland, Nicole Gerend, Tiffany Van Vreede, Rayn Warner, Melinda Lemke and Jeff Nelson. Angela Hansen-Winker attended the meeting virtually.

Board Members Absent:

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT: Officer Jessica Smith and students from the DARE program

Officer Jessica Smith, Betsy the facility dog, Kelsey Noskoviak (Middle School teacher) along with middle school students Allison, Cole Dercks, Alayna Hannes, Calla Eiles, Gabriella Ehnerd, Sophia Buechler presented information about the DARE program they participated in during the school year.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Ron Zahn spoke regarding topics for the new board.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Van Vreede made a motion to approve the March 27, 2024 regular session minutes. Seconded by Boland. Motion carried.

Nelson made a motion to approve the April 10, 2024 workshop minutes. Seconded by Warner. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL

Boland made a motion to approve the resignations of Brittani Feuerhelm and Aubree Van Dyn Hoven. Seconded by Nelson. Motion carried.

PUPIL NONDISCRIMINATION SELF EVALUATION

Nelson made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Pupil Nondiscrimination Self Evaluation as presented by Caroline Mihalski. Seconded by Van Vreede. Motion carried.

VIRTUAL MEETING LINK

Warner made a motion to vote on whether to continue the virtual links. Seconded by Boland. Motion carried. Roll call vote to discontinue streaming board meetings except for absent board members wishing to attend; Warner-yes, Van Vreede-yes, Gerend-yes, Boland-yes, Lemke-yes, Nelson-no, Hansen-Winker-no. Motion carried.

FINANCE

- A. Warner made a motion to approve the payment of the April 2024 General Fund Bills Listing, check #1065042 through #1065103 and ACH payments #232400111 through #232400146 for a total of \$555,898.26, the April 2024 Building Fund Bills Listing, check #3217 through #3220 for a total of \$1,895.46, and the March 2024 Receipts for a total of \$3,600,158.32. Seconded by Van Vreede. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE & BOARD REPORTS

Dan Storch reported on:

- Contracts for the 2024-25 school year will be distributed May 1.
- Budget requests from staff are being submitted for next year's purchasing.
- Preliminary budget will be presented to staff next month.

Andy Space reported on:

- I want to thank School Resource Officer Jessica Smith and the 5th grade DARE students for coming tonight to present to the board and administration on the things they learned in the 10 week program facilitated by Officer Smith. Great Job Kids!
- It appears that the Department of Public Instruction will be able to provide school districts starting with the 25-26 school year broader digression, for those schools wishing to apply for a waiver to start school before September 1.
- I will be attending the April WASDA Education Conference in Green Bay and look forward to a day of learning more about ACT 20 laws impacting public education in our state, as well as hearing about best practices in promoting student learning and achievement for school improvement.
- April 22-26 we will be conducting with the Department of Public Education our Civil Rights Compliance Review. Members of the DPI will be here to review our internal records and schools to make sure we are following the federal and state laws around civil rights of staff and students.
- May 3, 2024 we have no school for students and a teacher inservice day for staff. The administration has developed a good professional day of learning for staff and I look forward to seeing it in action with staff.

Caroline Mihalski reported on:

- Thank you to the Administrative team, Andy and Hillary for their help with the Pupil Nondiscrimination Self Assessment.
- May 3rd will be an inservice day for staff that will include wellness activities in the afternoon.
- The Brown County Connections for Mental Wellness met and is working together to provide school based mental health therapy.
- Denmark, West De Pere and Wrightstown districts are working together to combine our grant application and budget for our students who are learning English as a second language.
- Thank you to the Special Education paraprofessionals for all they do

Bob Caelwaerts reported on:

- The 5th grade students will be completing their DARE graduation with Officer Jessica Smith.
- The math and ELA portions of the FORWARD testing have been completed.
- The middle school music department presented a variety concert recently.
- The middle school music department performed in their Solo and ensemble concert. There were 57 firsts and 58 seconds.
- The middle school play "American Idle" is scheduled for April 26th.

Scott Thompson reported on:

- Junior Prom will be this Saturday followed by the Senior Citizens Prom on Sunday.
- The PreACT was administered for grades 9 and 10. The high school completed the Forward and Civics tests.
- The Sophomores attended the Fox Cities Career Fair.
- The high school is preparing for the AP exams starting May 6th.
- Thank you to Lisa Van Dyke and Jennie Barnes for their leadership of our Sources of Strength students.
- Graduation and the academic awards will be held in May.

Craig Haese reported on:

- The Forensics team won their 5th consecutive Division 3 State Championship.
- FFA will be sending 16 participants to the state competition.
- FBLA had 43 participants at the state competition in Green Bay. Five of those participants advanced on to the National competition.
- Most of our spring sports have started and all of the athletic teams have been highly competitive in events.
- The Wellness Fair at the end of March was very successful. We had a good turnout and all of our 16 local vendors who came wanted to come back.

Sarah Nelson reported on:

- Forward testing is almost complete at the Elementary school.
- Ms. Fritsch's class published their first book, "Out in the Wild".
- This is the first year for the 4K screener to help gather more information on the youngest learners.
- Interviews for the 1st grade position have started.
- The 1st annual 3rd/4th grade music concert will be held on Thursday, April 25.

A. Meeting Summary

Nicole Gerend gave updates for next month's meeting:

- May 1st workshop
- May 15 BOE meeting

RECOGNIZE BOARD MEMBER SERVICE

Andy recognized Maggie Boland and Nicole Gerend for their 3 years of service on the Wrightstown School Board. Thank you both for your service.

OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Newly elected Board Member Michael Mollen took the Official Oath of Office.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Van Vreed to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m. Seconded by Lemke. Motion carried.

Maggie Boland, Board Clerk