

Wayne Community Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2021

The regular meeting of the Wayne Board of Education was held at 611 West 7th Street, Wayne, NE, 68787, on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 5:00 PM. Notice of the meeting and place of agenda was posted at Wayne Community Schools, posted in The Wayne Herald, and online: wayneschools.org. A copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was displayed for the public to read.

I. Call the Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

I.a. Pledge of Allegiance

I.b. Announce Open Meetings Act Posting and Location - Posted at Wayne Community Schools, Published in the Wayne Herald (4/8/2020), and online: www.wayneschools.org

I.c. Action on Absence and Roll Call

I.d. Approval of Agenda - The Board may enter Executive Session to discuss any matter for which Executive Session is lawful and appropriate.

Motion to approve agenda, as presented, passed with a motion by Dr. Jodi Pulfer and a second by Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl.

Mr. Justin Davis: Yes, Mr. Lynn Junck: Yes, Mrs. Jaime Manz: Yes, Dr Jeryl Nelson: Yes, Dr. Jodi Pulfer: Yes, Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl: Yes

I.e. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve consent agenda, as presented, passed with a motion by Mr. Lynn Junck and a second by Mr. Justin Davis.

Mr. Justin Davis: Yes, Mr. Lynn Junck: Yes, Mrs. Jaime Manz: Yes, Dr Jeryl Nelson: Yes, Dr. Jodi Pulfer: Yes, Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl: Yes

I.e.I. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

I.e.II. Approval of Financial Reports and Claims

II. Communications from the Public (Policy 8346) and Requested Presentations

Mindy Heithold spoke to the Board on students wearing masks all day. Ryan Surber and Sonya Tompkins spoke to the Board on the importance of having a HAL and Art teacher for the Elementary.

II.a. National Honor Society Check Presentation to the Wayne Food Pantry

The National Honor Society awarded Dr. Jodi Pulfer, Wayne Food Pantry, a check for \$1,115.45. The money was raised from hosting a Coin War at the Jr/Sr High School.

III. Personnel

III.a. Certificated Staff Hearing Date - Discuss Potential Hearing Dates for a cancellation of a certificated staff contract

The Board discussed possible cancellation of a certificated staff contract.

III.b. Teacher Resignation - Discuss, Consider, and Take Necessary Action on Teacher Resignation

No action was taken.

III.c. Elementary Librarian/Media Specialist Position - Discuss, Consider, and Take Necessary Action on Elementary Librarian/Media Specialist Position

Motion to approve the contract for Sarah Oltjenbruns for the position of Elementary Librarian/Media Specialist, passed with a motion by Dr. Jodi Pulfer and a second by Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl.

Mr. Justin Davis: Yes, Mr. Lynn Junck: Yes, Mrs. Jaime Manz: Yes, Dr Jeryl Nelson: Yes, Dr. Jodi Pulfer: Yes, Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl: Yes

The Board approved the hiring of Sarah Oltjenbruns for the Elementary Librarian/Media Specialist position.

III.d. Elementary Teacher Position - Discuss, Consider, and Take Necessary Action on Elementary Teacher Position

Motion to approve the contract for Samantha Novak for Elementary Teacher, passed with a motion by Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl and a second by Mrs. Jaime Manz.

Mr. Justin Davis: Yes, Mr. Lynn Junck: Yes, Mrs. Jaime Manz: Yes, Dr Jeryl Nelson: Yes, Dr. Jodi Pulfer: Yes, Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl: Yes

The Board approved the hiring of Samantha Novak for the Elementary teacher position.

IV. Action Items

IV.a. Old Business

IV.b. New Business

IV.b.I. Business Manager Position - Discuss, Consider, and Take Necessary Action on Business Manager Position

Motion to authorize the Superintendent to proceed with posting and recruitment of the position of Business Manager, passed with a motion by Mr. Lynn Junck and a second by Mrs. Jaime Manz.

Mr. Justin Davis: Yes, Mr. Lynn Junck: Yes, Mrs. Jaime Manz: Yes, Dr Jeryl Nelson: Yes, Dr. Jodi Pulfer: Yes, Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl: Yes

The Board agreed to give Dr. Lenihan authority to post the Business Manager position.

IV.b.II. Last Day of 2020-21 School Year - Discuss, Consider, and Take Necessary Action on Last Day of 2020-21 School Year

Motion to approve the End of School Year schedule, as presented passed with a motion by Mrs. Jaime Manz and a second by Mr. Lynn Junck.

Mr. Justin Davis: Yes, Mr. Lynn Junck: Yes, Mrs. Jaime Manz: Yes, Dr Jeryl Nelson: Yes, Dr. Jodi Pulfer: Yes, Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl: Yes

The Seniors last day will be Tuesday, May 11, 2021. Graduation is set for Saturday, May 15, 2021, at Rice Auditorium. The Early Learning Center PK4 graduation will be Wednesday, May 12, 2021. The last day of school for the Early Learning Center will be Friday, May 14, 2021. The last day of school for K-11 is Tuesday, May 20, 2021. It will be a full day of school. The teachers last day will be Wednesday, May 26, 2021.

IV.b.III. Accept 2021 Graduate List - Discuss, Consider, and Accept 2021 Graduate List

Motion to receive the Graduation List for the Class of 2021 passed with a motion by Mrs. Jaime Manz and a second by Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl.

Mr. Justin Davis: Yes, Mr. Lynn Junck: Yes, Mrs. Jaime Manz: Yes, Dr Jeryl Nelson: Yes, Dr. Jodi Pulfer: Yes, Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl: Yes

The Board accepted the 2021 list of graduates. Graduates will receive their diplomas upon successful completion of graduation requirements.

IV.b.IV. First Student Consent Agreement - Discuss, Consider, and Take Necessary Action on Consent Agreement to Transfer Assignment of Transportation Agreement to First Student

Motion to approve the Consent Agreement to Transfer Assignment of Transportation Agreement to First Student, passed with a motion by Dr. Jodi Pulfer and a second by Mr. Lynn Junck.

Mr. Justin Davis: Yes, Mr. Lynn Junck: Yes, Mrs. Jaime Manz: Yes, Dr Jeryl Nelson: Yes, Dr. Jodi Pulfer: Yes, Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl: Yes

The Board approved the agreement from First Student bus company. They have purchased Mid States School Bus. Current services will not be interrupted.

IV.b.V. First Reading of 2021-22 7-12th Grade Student Handbook - Discuss, Consider, and Take Necessary Action on First Reading of 2021-22 7-12th Grade Student Handbook

Motion to First Reading of 2021-22 7-12th grade Student Handbook passed with a motion by Mr. Justin Davis and a second by Mrs. Jaime Manz.

Mr. Justin Davis: Yes, Mr. Lynn Junck: Yes, Mrs. Jaime Manz: Yes, Dr Jeryl Nelson: Yes, Dr. Jodi Pulfer: Yes, Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl: Yes

Mr. Hight discussed the changes to be made to the 2021-22 Jr/Sr Handbook. The Board approved the first reading of the 2021-22 Jr/Sr Handbook.

IV.b.VI. First Reading of 2021-22 Kids Club Handbook - Discuss, Consider, and Take Necessary Action on First Reading of 2021-22 Kids Club Handbook

Motion to approve the First Reading of 2021-22 Kids Club Handbook passed with a motion by Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl and a second by Mr. Justin Davis.

Mr. Justin Davis: Yes, Mr. Lynn Junck: Yes, Mrs. Jaime Manz: Yes, Dr Jeryl Nelson: Yes, Dr. Jodi Pulfer: Yes, Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl: Yes

Mr. Plager discussed the changes to the 2021-22 Kids Club Handbook. The Board approved the first reading of the 2021-22 Kids Club Handbook.

IV.b.VII. COVID-19 Update - Discuss, Consider, and Take Necessary Action on COVID-19 Update

Motion to remain in the "Yellow" status per the WCS Covid-19 Response Plan passed with a motion by Mr. Lynn Junck and a second by Mr. Justin Davis.

Mr. Justin Davis: Yes, Mr. Lynn Junck: Yes, Mrs. Jaime Manz: Yes, Dr Jeryl Nelson: Yes, Dr. Jodi Pulfer: Yes, Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl: Yes

Motion to give authority to the superintendent to make masks a recommendation if the NE Public Health Department risk dial moves to a green status passed with a motion by Mr. Lynn Junck and a second by Mr. Justin Davis.

Mr. Justin Davis: Yes, Mr. Lynn Junck: Yes, Mrs. Jaime Manz: Yes, Dr Jeryl Nelson: Yes, Dr. Jodi Pulfer: Yes, Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl: Yes

Dr. Lenihan informed the Board that the district still has students and/or staff under quarantine and isolation situations. If NE Public Health goes to green status, WCS would follow, which would lift the mask mandate.

IV.b.VIII. NASB Strategic Planning Process - Discuss, Consider, and Take Necessary Action on the Proposed NASB Strategic Planning Process

Motion to approve the Strategic Plan Proposal from NASB passed with a motion by Dr. Jodi Pulfer and a second by Mrs. Jaime Manz.

Mr. Justin Davis: Yes, Mr. Lynn Junck: Yes, Mrs. Jaime Manz: Yes, Dr Jeryl Nelson: Yes, Dr. Jodi Pulfer: Yes, Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl: Yes

The Board discussed contacting NASB on the next step to take for the Strategic Planning Process.

IV.b.IX. Restroom Project Guaranteed Maximum Price - **Discuss, consider and take all necessary action with regard to approving the guaranteed maximum price**

amendment to the construction manager at risk agreement for the proposed restroom and other renovations to the high school.

Motion that the Board of Education of this School District should and does hereby approve the guaranteed maximum price amendment, in the amount of Three Hundred Fifty Three Thousand, Seven Hundred Dollars (\$353,700), to the construction manager at risk agreement between the School District and OCC Builders, LLC for the proposed construction of restroom and other renovation to the high school, in the form on file with official School District records as presented at this meeting or with such changes as are deemed necessary and in the best interest of the School District and approved by the Superintendent of Schools, and further hereby delegates authority to and authorizes and directs the board president, or designee to sign, execute and deliver the agreement, any agreement amendments, change orders or other documents called for in such agreement, to pay the contract sum, and to take all other action necessary to carry such agreement into effect, passed with a motion by Mr. Lynn Junck and a second by Mrs. Jaime Manz.

Mr. Justin Davis: Yes, Mr. Lynn Junck: Yes, Mrs. Jaime Manz: Yes, Dr Jeryl Nelson: Yes, Dr. Jodi Pulfer: Yes, Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl: Yes

The Board approved the Guaranteed Maximum Price for the Restroom Renovation Project. Keith Moje, from Otte Construction, was on hand to answer any questions the Board had on the Project.

V. Administration and Board Committee Reports:

V.a. Administration - Written reports were provided by Administration. Copies of their reports are available at the District Office upon request.

V.a.I. Superintendent

V.a.I.1. Annual TIF Report

Dr. Lenihan explained the annual TIF report from the City of Wayne. The report shows the property taxes that are affected by redevelopment projects that are financed through the division of taxes.

V.a.I.2. Lunch Fund Cash Overage

Dr. Lenihan discussed the Lunch Fund Cash Overage letter that will be sent to Nutrition Services. The letter explains how the excess in funds may be used for purchasing needed items for the upcoming school year.

V.a.I.3. Use of ESSER II Funds

Dr. Lenihan discussed how the district will use the funds received from the ESSER II Funds.

V.a.II. High School Principal

Mr. Hight stated that a lot of end of the year activities are happening. ACT testing for the Juniors is done.

V.a.III. Special Education/Early Learning Center Director

Mrs. Bear stated that the district is in the middle of testing season. She discussed the Para Evaluation worksheet that had been updated.

V.a.IV. Elementary Principal

Mr. Plager stated that he is exploring different math curriculum options. The school-wide title plan has been reviewed and submitted.

V.a.V. Junior High Principal/Activities Director

Spring seasons are off to a great start. The Athletic Banquet will be at the Jr/Sr High School on Monday, May 17, at 7:00 p.m. Details are being finalized.

V.b. Board Committees

V.b.I. Foundation and Community Relations - Jaime Manz, Justin Davis, Sylvia Ruhl, Mark Lenihan, Dave Wragge, Brandon Foote

The Alumni Basketball/Volleyball tournament brought in \$3700. Five IDEA grants were awarded this year to teachers.

V.b.II. Curriculum and Committee on American Civics - Jeryl Nelson, Jaime Manz, Sylvia Ruhl, Mark Lenihan, Misty Bear

The committee will need to meet soon.

V.b.III. Facility/Safety/Finance - Lynn Junck, Jodi Pulfer, Justin Davis, Mark Lenihan, Russ Plager, Rochelle Nelson, Jordan Widner

A couple of heat pumps were installed over Easter break. The safety visit went well.

V.b.IV. Policy/Title IX - Jeryl Nelson, Jaime Manz, Jodi Pulfer, Mark Lenihan, Russ Plager, Tucker Hight

No report.

V.b.V. Negotiations - Jeryl Nelson, Lynn Junck, Justin Davis, Mark Lenihan

No report.

V.b.VI. Legislative - Jodi Pulfer, Lynn Junck, Sylvia Ruhl, Mark Lenihan

The Board discussed different legislative bills that are being discussed by the Unicameral.

VI. Boardsmanship

VI.a. April Honor Recognition Letter

The April Honor Recognition letter was sent to the following groups of students: Early Learning Center graduates, Severe Weather Awareness Poster Contest winner, State Qualifying Boys Basketball team, Mock Trial Region 6 Runner-Up, State Speech Medalists, Northeast Community College Academic Contest winners, Regional Science Fair participants and finalists.

VII. Future Agenda Items

- *Second Reading of 7-12 Handbook
- *Second Reading of Kids Club Handbook
- *Non-Certificated Staff Salaries
- *Review of EL Program
- *HVAC Maintenance Bids

Strategic Planning will also be included on the May agenda.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn Meeting passed with a motion by Mrs. Jaime Manz and a second by Mr. Lynn Junck.

Mr. Justin Davis: Yes, Mr. Lynn Junck: Yes, Mrs. Jaime Manz: Yes, Dr Jeryl Nelson: Yes, Dr. Jodi Pulfer: Yes, Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl: Yes

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will be Monday, May 10, 2021, in Room 202 of the Jr/Sr High School.

Deb Daum, Secretary