

Minutes of a March 15, 2021 School District of Manawa Regular Board of Education Meeting

Call to Order – President Johnson – 7:02 p.m. –Virtual Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call - Seeger, Hollman, Forbes, Scheller, R. Johnson, Pethke, and J. Johnson

Verify Publication of Meeting - Dr. Oppor verified.

Presentations:

Academic Performance Data Overview - Dr. Oppor and Administrative Team - Peer group comparisons throughout the state show a slight decline in many districts in report card trends. Many Waupaca County schools have been holding since 2016. A notable change in the past few years has been in the assessment tool. The previous Badger test is now the Forward exam. Upper levels are the ACT and the ACT Aspire. Previously inaccurate data had been sent pertaining to students with disabilities and closing the gap. This is called “dirty data” and did not accurately reflect performances. They have concentrated on cleaning up data on attendance, ELA, student disabilities, and conduct. When the state takes a snapshot of the data now, that is accurate. District Literacy - Mrs. Sernau reported they know the data is not where they want it to be when it comes to our academic performance in the reports. With the data from ACT benchmarks, Forward and DLM - they are working on changing focus and implication of pieces that are missing in instruction. Goals - continue vertical alignment of standards, creating learning targets, making pacing guides and creating common assessments. Focus on K-2 Word study and phonics, incorporate interactive read alouds at all grade levels, purchase new, up-to-date books and more access to quality materials. Q12 Survey Strategies - Administrative Team - this week staff will be shown the gallop website emphasising how the site works and confidentiality of the data. Reports come in PDF’s in order to provide data, analysis and are completely confidential. An intensive overview will take place in the next several weeks.

Announcements: Contributions to the District -Echo Ridge Ag Services, LLC of a GE Refrigerator/Bottom Drawer Freezer valued at \$1,982.35 to the Manawa FFA, and Holmland Farms/Dick Piechowski donation of cheese curds for National FFA Week valued at \$73.37.

Other Contributions: None

Approval by Consent: Minutes of February 22, 2021 Regular Board of Education Meeting, Treasurer’s Report/Approve Expenditures \$138,668.88 & Receipts \$1,138,301.18, Donations: Echo Ridge Ag Services, LLC of a GE Refrigerator/Bottom Drawer Freezer valued at \$1,982.35 to the Manawa FFA, Holmland Farms and Dick Pechowski donation of cheese curds for National FFA Week valued at \$73.37, Resignation of Guidance/A.D. Clerical Support Staff Resignation, and Start College Now for Fall 2021 as Presented.

Any Item Removed from Consent Agenda: None

Public Comments: No public comments.

Correspondence: There were no correspondence this month.

Board Recognition: Aspen Linjer - signed letter of intent to North Dakota State University for Track, Kathleen Phelan, Lisa Yoder, Mya Stevens, Jack O’Brien, and Olivia Ogle - Visual Arts Student Recognition, DPI Proclamation Theatre in Our Schools Month - March 2021, DPI Proclamation Youth Art Month - March 2021, and DPI Proclamation Music in Our Schools Month - March 2021

District Administrator's Report:

Student Council Representative - Colin Moser and Amber Fietzer were not present - Kyle Kons said they are working out plans for the prom deciding whether it will take place at the Union threshere grounds or the school parking lot. Andrea Wentworth questioned if students from other districts may attend the homecoming. Mr. Wolfram surveyed most schools that are attempting to do a prom. The school board has been following mitigation strategies adopted by Waupaca County. All of the schools are doing an outside prom, reduced hours, and not allowing outside visitors. Schools are trying to stay unified according to WCHHS. Kyle Kons asked about using the gym after school. Mr. Wolfram said there are opportunities for students to use the Fitness Center 3:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. Students can also use the Fitness Center with parents who are members. Musical - Kyle asked if they can perform with masks off. In Mr. Wolfram's proposal to the BOE, he does not know of any other schools that are currently allowed to do a musical or dramatic performance. Mixed company produces a larger amount of particulates in the air. He can certainly empathize with this concern. As the pandemic goes, they have to continue to go along with the approved plan with fidelity. The Student Council is selling shamrock shakes which is always successful. Legislative Update - There was a recent forum for the two candidates running for state superintendent. Monthly Enrollment Update, Curriculum Director Report - Literacy Plan, COVID-19 Update - WIAA Spring Sport Guidance, Board Candidate Orientation Scheduled for March 23, and Spring Election - April 6, 202.

School Operations Reports: ES Principal/Director of Special Education: Highlights - Included in Board Packet, HS Principal: Highlights - Included in Board Packet, and 2021 High School Golf Coach and Volunteer Baseball Coach Recommendations

Business Related Reports: Highlights - Included in Board Packet, and Kobussen Transportation Report. The Board of Education has made strategic decisions to where the district is in a good financial place. 2021-2023 Governor's Budget Proposal - The anticipated SY21/22 budget will have a \$49,469 shortfall. General overview of the budget - The conservative approach has served the district well. 2020-2021 referenda projects are ending. General Fund Balance has been building, and there has been federal funding availability due to COVID-19. The Fund Balance will be utilized to address the SY21/22 shortfall. Mrs. O'Brien broke down the COVID grant expenditures.

Director's Reports: Technology Director Highlights - Included in the Board Packet.

Board Comments: There were no board comments.

Committee Reports: Minutes were included for the Curriculum Committee, Finance Committee, Buildings and Grounds Committee, Policy and Human Resources Committee and two Human Growth and Development Meetings.

Unfinished Business:

Motion by Scheller / Forbes to Approve of NEOLA Semi-Annual Updates excluding 0144.5, 2522, and 5895. Motion carried on a roll call vote: Seeger aye, Scheller aye, Forbes aye, Hollman aye, Pethke aye, and J. Johnson aye. R. Johnson absent. *R. Johnson was having technical issues and was not present.*

Motion by Pethke / Forbes to Approve of NEOLA 0144.5 - Board Member Behavior and Code of Conduct. Motion carried on a roll call vote: Seeger aye, Scheller aye, Forbes aye, Hollman aye, Pethke aye, and J. Johnson aye. R. Johnson absent.

Motion by Forbes / Seeger to Approve of NEOLA 2522 - Library Media Centers. Motion carried on a roll call vote: Seeger aye, Scheller aye, Forbes aye, Hollman aye, Pethke aye, and J. Johnson aye. R. Johnson absent.

Motion by Scheller / Pethke to Approve of NEOLA 5895 - Student Employment. Motion carried on a roll call vote: Seeger aye, Scheller aye, Forbes aye, Hollman aye, Pethke aye, and J. Johnson aye. R. Johnson absent.

New Business:

Motion by Pethke / Forbes to Approve of District Literacy Plan as Presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote: Seeger aye, Scheller aye, Forbes aye, Hollman aye, Pethke aye, and J. Johnson aye. R. Johnson absent.

Motion by Forbes / Pethke to Approve of Preliminary 2021 Summer School Program Guide as Presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote: Seeger aye, Scheller aye, Forbes aye, Hollman aye, Pethke aye, and J. Johnson aye. R. Johnson absent.

Motion by Scheller / Seeger to Approve of eRate Quote for HP/Aruba Products to Replace Core Switches as Presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote: Seeger aye, Scheller aye, Forbes aye, Hollman aye, Pethke aye, and J. Johnson aye. R. Johnson absent.

Motion by Pethke / Hollman to Approve of 3-Year Contract With WIPFLI for Professional Auditing Services as Presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote: Seeger aye, Scheller aye, Forbes aye, Hollman aye, Pethke aye, and J. Johnson aye. R. Johnson absent.

Motion by Seeger / Forbes to Approve of Exterior Bleacher Quote from Southern Bleacher Company Represented by Northstar Equipment, LLC as Presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote: Seeger aye, Scheller aye, Forbes aye, Hollman aye, Pethke aye, and J. Johnson aye. R. Johnson absent.

Motion by Forbes / Seeger to Approve of the Spiegelberg Implement, Inc. Quote for the Concrete Slab Installation as Presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote: Seeger aye, Scheller aye, Forbes aye, Hollman aye, Pethke aye, and J. Johnson aye. R. Johnson absent.

R. Johnson joined the virtual meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Motion by Pethke / Scheller to Approve of Spring Events Proposal as Presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote: Seeger aye, Scheller aye, Forbes aye, Hollman aye, Pethke aye, R. Johnson aye, and J. Johnson aye.

Motion by Pethke / Forbes to Approve of 2021 Spring Instrumental Concert Proposal as Presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote: Seeger aye, Scheller aye, Forbes aye, Hollman aye, Pethke aye, R. Johnson aye, and J. Johnson aye.

Motion by Scheller / R. Johnson to Approve of Visual Arts Classic Proposal as Presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote: Seeger aye, Scheller aye, Forbes aye, Hollman aye, Pethke aye, R. Johnson aye, and J. Johnson aye.

Motion by R. Johnson / Seeger to Approve of National Honor Society Induction Proposal 2021 as Presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote: Seeger aye, Scheller aye, Forbes aye, Hollman aye, Pethke aye, R. Johnson aye, and J. Johnson aye.

Motion by Pethke / Forbes to Approve of Parent Night Proposals Spring 2021 as Presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote: Seeger aye, Scheller aye, Forbes aye, Hollman aye, Pethke aye, R. Johnson aye, and J. Johnson aye.

Motion by R. Johnson / Pethke to Approve of Fitness Center Rules & Guidelines Update as Presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote: Seeger aye, Scheller aye, Forbes aye, Hollman aye, Pethke aye, R. Johnson aye, and J. Johnson aye.

Motion by Pethke / R. Johnson to Approve of Use of District Facilities During a Pandemic as Presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote: Seeger aye, Scheller aye, Forbes aye, Hollman aye, Pethke aye, R. Johnson aye, and J. Johnson aye.

Motion by Forbes / Pethke to Approve of the Board of Education Funeral/Memorial Commemoration Guidelines as Presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote: Seeger aye, Scheller aye, Forbes aye, Hollman aye, Pethke aye, R. Johnson aye, and J. Johnson aye.

Motion by Scheller / Hollman to Approve of Working from Home or Teleworking Related to COVID-19 Pandemic Issues Only as Per the CARES Act Federal Guidelines as Extended Through June 30, 2021, by the Manawa Board of Education for the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act (EPSLA) as Presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote: Seeger aye, Scheller aye, Forbes aye, Hollman aye, Pethke aye, R. Johnson aye, and J. Johnson aye.

Motion by R. Johnson / Seeger to Approve of a District Calendar Change From an In-person to an Asynchronous Instruction Day on Thursday, April 1, 2021. Motion carried on a roll call vote: Seeger aye, Scheller aye, Forbes aye, Hollman aye, Pethke aye, R. Johnson aye, and J. Johnson aye.

Motion by Seeger / R. Johnson to Approve of the SY21-22 Board Meeting Dates as Presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote: Seeger aye, Scheller aye, Forbes aye, Hollman aye, Pethke aye, R. Johnson aye, and J. Johnson aye.

Next Meeting Dates: March 22, 2021 Human Growth & Development Committee Mtg - 6:00 p.m., April 8, 2021 Board of Canvassers 10:00 a.m. - MES Board Room, April 12, 2021 Finance Committee Meeting - 6:00 p.m., April 12, 2021 Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting - 7:00 p.m., April 14, 2021 Curriculum Committee Meeting - 5:00 p.m., April 14, 2021 Policy and Human Resources Committee Mtg - 6:00 p.m., and April 26, 2021 Regular Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Hollman / Scheller to Adjourn at 8:42 p.m. Motion carried on a roll call vote: Seeger aye, Scheller aye, Forbes aye, Hollman aye, Pethke aye, R. Johnson aye, and J. Johnson aye.

Stephanie Flynn, Recorder