

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE W-E-M BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES REGULAR MEETING Monday, February 26, 2018 6 p.m.

The WEM Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, February 26, 2018 at the Waterville Building in the Board Room. The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Tom Little at 6:02 p.m.

Present were Board Members Little, Dan Houlihan, Rachel Androli, Pam Baker, Gary Michael, Jay Schneider, and Jeffrey Stangler. Also present were Superintendent Joel Whitehurst, Principals John Kaplan, Anna Braam, and Bobbi Jo Bastian, Activities Director Jeff Boran, and Business Manager Margaret Jewison.

Motion by Baker and seconded by Michael to approve the agenda as presented. Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Little and seconded by Androli to approve the Organizational Meeting Minutes of January 29, 2018. Six members voted in favor - Michael abstains - motion declared passed.

Motion by Michael and seconded by Baker to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 29, 2018. Seven members voted in favor - Schneider abstains - motion declared passed.

Motion by Michael and seconded by Schneider to approve the bills and payroll in the amount of \$1,064,904.56, deposits in the amount of \$794,663.25, and transfers in the amount of \$800,000. Check register comments included a payment of \$40,000 to American Bus Sales, LLC, a payment of \$55.00 to Flagship Recreation, a payment of \$13,219.12 to NAC for long-term facility maintenance, a payment of \$3,183.42 to Honeywell International, Inc. a payment of \$7,732.42 to JMC Computer Services, Inc., and a note was made about state aid payments in the amount of \$21,287.67, \$321,712.10, \$17,289.09, and \$296,635.69. Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

RECOGNITION

Motion by Androli and seconded by Schneider to approve monetary and non-monetary donations. The donations include:

- Partners in Education donating \$207.97 to elementary and \$47.04 to high school.

- American Legion Auxiliary Post #149 donating \$25 to media center.

- American Legion Post #149 donating \$340.44 to school patrol.

- Sheriff's Youth Project - Le Sueur County donating \$400 to elementary and \$250 to clay target team.

- Morristown Firemen's Relief Assn donating \$1,000 to youth football.

- WEM Youth Baseball donating \$3,084.78 to baseball.

Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

REPORTS

WEM Elementary-Junior High Principal Anna Braam reported the following:

- Congratulations to the January Focus student: Grade 5 - Annabelle Skurkay and Hunter Anderson; Grade 6 - Desirae Domonoske and Ahmad Alladin; Grade 7 - Ava LaFrance and Tytan Larson; Grade 8 - Emma McGraw and Bryce Hermel.

- Skatertime: All K-8 students had the opportunity to participate in Roller Skating through a program called Skatertime. An article is being submitted to the paper with comments from students about the program. Thanks to Mrs. Heinz for giving them this opportunity.

- Curriculum Day: February 20th teachers learned about Suicide Prevention from Counseling Services of Southern MN. This is our co-located Mental Health provider for students in each of our buildings.

- School Bus Driver Appreciation: Bus Driver Appreciation Day is Wednesday, Feb. 28. We have some surprises in store for our drivers, and the announcement was sent home to parents as well.

- Lunch with Officers: In early March, members of the Rice County Sheriff's Office will be coming to Morristown for lunch with our students.

- Conferences: Monday, March 12 - K-8, 1 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Thursday, March 15, K-12 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

- Drill: Emergency Response Teams will use our building for training in mid-March.

- MCA Testing: MCA Statewide Testing begins the last week in March into the month of April for 5th - 8th graders.

- School Board Appreciation: Thank you for serving our school community.

WEM Elementary Principal Bobbi Jo Bastian reported the following:

- January 31 we had an all-school STEM challenge as our Bucs Pride monthly activity. Students worked in teams to construct an earthquake proof tower out of marshmallows and toothpicks. The kids had a great time.

- Students celebrated "I Love to Read Month" all of February with a variety of reading related activities including sharing book recommendations and all school reading activities.

- A team of teachers attended the PBIS Sustainability Day in Mankato. We benefited from collaboration with other schools about how they incorporate the PBIS philosophy and activities into their school year.

- On February 20 WEM Elementary staff attended a presentation on Suicide Prevention. The elementary staff then had a cross grade level collaboration with 5th and 6th grade teachers, then worked in grade level teams looking at the most recent data on student performance in reading and math to make instructional and support decisions for students.

- Students attended a presentation for the American Heart Association's Jump Rope for Heart. This opportunity allows our students to teach about and participate in heart healthy activities and gives families an opportunity to support the American Heart Association and all they do.

- Read Across America week is march 5-9. Elementary students will be participating in a variety of activities that week including the annual book swap. Special thanks to Karla Gleason for volunteering to organize this fun event.

- March 9 elementary students will participate in a Pennies for Patients fundraising kick off. This fundraiser is for the Leukemia Lymphoma Society. Students will collect change to go to this worthy cause that serve many children in Minnesota.

- Elementary spring conferences will be held March 12 (3:30-7:30 p.m.) and again March 15 (1 - 7:30 p.m.).

- March 20 is the first Science Fair with 13 students participating.

- Elysian Flag Poster winners were announced.

WEM High School Principal John Kaplan reported the following:

- The College Physics class and AVID class toured Southwest MN State University Jan. 30. The AVID class then toured the University of MN Feb. 14.

- The High School Band and Choir held their Contest Concert Feb. 12.

- We had a Curriculum Day Tues., Feb. 20. Peggy Sorenson, Program Coordinator of Counseling Services of Southern MN, presented on Suicide Prevention. The teachers met in their curriculum areas for department meetings and worked on Schoology.

- The High School PBIS Team attended the Sustainability Day Workshop in Mankato Feb. 21. We reviewed the 2017-18 school year and determined what is needed for the end of the school year and began planning for next year.

- FFA week was last week Feb. 21- 23. There were Dress-Up Days and FFA Olympic events during lunch hour.

- Midquarter for the Third Quarter was Feb. 22. Conferences are March 15 from 1 - 7:30 p.m.

- The Juniors are taking the ACT test Feb. 27.

- The Freshmen Class is attending a Career Navigator Program at South Central College in North Mankato Mar. 2 and will attend the second part of it Mar. 16. Students will attend different career sessions each day.

- The Large Group Band and Choir Contest is Mar. 5 at NRHEG High School.

- The WEM Juniors will attend Career Day March 6 in Mankato at South Central College. This is part of the College and Career Readiness program at WEM.

- The Bloodmobile is in the Elementary Gym from 1-7 p.m. on March 7.

- Tom Walker is taking three teams of students to weekly Knowledge Bowl Competitions. The Region Competition is Mar. 8 in New Ulm.

- The College Pre-Calculus class is competing in the Trig Star Competition March 9 at SCC.

WEM Activities Director Jeff Boran was presented by John Kaplan:

ACTIVITIES - Tournament Time!

Excel :

- Congratulations to WEM Junior Jarod Pavek for being selected as 1 of 36 Minnesota State High School League ExCEL Award winners for 2017-18! Jarod will be honored on Satur-

day March 17 during halftime of the Girls Class AA State Championship Basketball game. This will also be carried live on KSTC-CH/PREP 45 at @ 2:30 pm! This is WEM's 2nd State winner. Meghan Houlihan was a recognized in 2008!

Boys Basketball:

- The boys are currently 11-14 overall & 7-5 in the conference. The Boys play Minnesota Valley Lutheran tonight to end the regular season and begin Section 2A South Sub-Section play Monday March 5 at Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton at 7 p.m. WEM is the 5 seed and JWP is the 4 seed. If they win they would play Thursday 3/8 at 6:00 pm at Lake Crystal - Wellcome Memorial HS in Lake Crystal. The Sub Section Championship game is Monday, March 12 at Gustavus and the Section Championship is Friday, March 16 at MSU. All-Gopher Conference Selections will be made this Wednesday and not released until all teams are finished competing.

Girls Basketball:

- The girls finished the season 12-14 (6-6 in the Conference) and are the #6 seed in the Sub-Section 2AA. We will travel to New Richland (NRHEG) tomorrow night. If we win the quarter final game we would play at Mankato East, Friday, March 2at @7:45 pm. The Sub Section Championship will be Tuesday, March 6 at MSU and the Section Championship Friday, March 9 also at MSU. All-Gopher Conference Selections will be made this Wednesday and not released until all teams are finished competing.

Wrestling:

- The Grizzlies finished the dual meet 7-13 on the season.

- WEM/JWP Grizzlies Will Storch, Adam Rients (WEM Seniors) & Braydon Johnson (JWP Senior) qualified for the State Wrestling Tournament this past Saturday. This is Will's second State Tournament trip. He is the 2018 #220 Section 2A Champion. This is Adam's & Braydon's first State Tournament trips. Adam is the 2018 #152 Section 2A Runner-Up and Braydon is the 2018 #145 Section 2A Runner-Up. Adam, Will & Braydon begin competition Friday March 2 at 1:00 pm at the Xcel Center in St. Paul. These 3 were also named All-Gopher Conference Wrestlers for 2017-18. WEM Sophomore Jaden Taylor was named Honorable Mention All-Gopher Conference for 2017-18.

Danceline:

- Completed their season February 10 at the Section 2A meet at Bloomington Kennedy H.S. The Girls placed 7th in the MRC Conference in Jazz and 6th in High Kick. WEM Juniors Kayleen Stangler (All-Conference Jazz) and Alyssa Schwartz (Honorable Mention- High Kick) were honored by the Minnesota River Conference.

Waseca Coops (Girls Hockey & Gymnastics)

- Gymnast (WEM Junior) Hannah Petry qualified and participated this past weekend in the MSHSL State Gymnastics Meet at the U of M. This is Hannah's second straight year of qualifying for the State Meet! This year she competed in the Balance Beam and Floor Exercise.

- Big South All-Conference information has not been released yet.

Band/Choir:

- Large Group Band and Choir competition will be held at NRHEG H.S. (New Richland) next Monday, March 5.

Spring Activities

Speech has begun competitions and the team has been doing very well bringing home several placement trophies. We currently have 9 H.S. (9-12) and 4 J.H. (7 & 8) participants.

- 7-12 Boys and Girls Track practice begins Monday, March 12.

- Softball begins practice Monday, March 12. JH (7&8) Sb March 19.

- Baseball begins practice Monday, March 19. JH (7&8) Bb March 26

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

- Spring Activities are beginning and we are getting primed for a busy summer!

OTHER:

- The WEM Moving Forward Foundation will be hosting its annual "Buc's Night Out" Saturday, April 14 in Morristown at the Community Center. I hope you are all able to attend!

Board Member Reports:

- NONE

Board Committee Reports:

- Mediation with the teachers has been scheduled for March 28.

WEM Superintendent Joel Whitehurst presented the following:

- Whitehurst thanks the school board, said the budget forecast will be released Feb. 28, and discussed budget projec-

tions.

VISITOR COMMENTS

NONE

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION

A. Gary Benson from Kraus-Anderson and Sue Peterson from School Perceptions would like to meet with the board to share a first draft of a public opinion survey. They are available Monday, March 5, Tuesday, March 6, or Wednesday, March 7 at 5 p.m.

B. Establish date and times for school board/student lunches. Grades 7-8 (Pam and Tom); Grades 9-10 (Gary); Grades 11-12 (Jay and Rachel).

ACTION ITEMS

A. Motion by Michael and seconded by Stangler to approve the 2017-18 special education staff sharing agreements with Waseca. They are:

- Special Education Administration - \$57,970

- Autism and Third Party Billing Consultation - \$21,294

- Mental Health Professional - \$21,024

- School Psychologist - \$26,907

- Occupational Therapist - \$21,031

- Occupational Therapy Assistant - \$19,311

Six members voted in favor - Houlihan abstains - motion declared passed.

PERSONNEL

Motion by Androli and seconded by Baker to approve Andrew Velishek as the Junior High Play Director - \$1,125.

Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Houlihan and seconded by Schneider to approve March 19, 2018 to March 18, 2019 Payroll and Benefits Administrator Contract for Debra Jacobs - \$41,000.

Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Little and seconded by Michael to approve the following Spring coaches:

Junior High Baseball, Michael Sturdivant - \$1,711.

1st Assistant Boys Track, Al Baker - \$2,905.

1st Assistant Girls Track, Natasha Dehn - \$2,905

2nd Assistant Boys & Girls Track, Carrie Richards - \$2,377.

Track Volunteers Reed Anderson, Lisa Becker, and John Kaplan.

Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Schneider and seconded by Houlihan to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Seven members voted in favor - motion declared carried.

ATTEST:

Tom Little, Board Chair

Jay Schneider, Board Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Demolition of house located at 301 Sixth Street NW, Elysian, MN

Sealed bids will be received and publicly opened by the City of Elysian, Le Sueur County, Minnesota, at the office of the City Administrator, 110 West Main Street, Elysian Minnesota 56028, 507-267-4708 on Monday, the 9th of April, 2018 at 6:00 pm for the demolition and removal of the house (and related described in scope) located at 301 Sixth Street NW.

The scope of this project is to provide demolition, removal and proper disposal of the house and its foundation and removal and proper disposal of the fuel tank buried on the property and filling in, grading, and providing a rough landscape for the jobsite. Sealed quotes must be received at the office of the City Administrator no later than 4:00 pm on Thursday, April 5, 2018.

The successful bidder must be a "responsible bidder" as defined in MN Statutes, section 16C.285, subd. 3. Proof of insurance must be provided prior to any demolition. The City Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any bids received without explanation. The City has not performed an asbestos inspection and makes no warranties as to the presence of, or absence of, asbestos. Bidders are encouraged to visit the jobsite.

By order of the City Council of the City of Elysian, Minnesota.

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TICE Assessment Notice Important Information Regarding Property Assessments

This may affect your 2019 property taxes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN. That the Board of Appeal & Equalization of the Township of Shieldsville Rice County, Minnesota, will meet at the Office of the Clerk in said Township, at 9:00 o'clock A.M., on Wednesday the 11th day of April, 2018.

The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is

incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county Board of Appeal and Equalization.

No complaint that another person is assessed too low will be acted upon until the person so assessed, or his agent, shall have been notified of such complaint.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

**City of Waterville
Assessment Notice/Board of Appeal and Equalization
April 9, 2018, 5:30 p.m.
Important Information
Regarding Property Assessment and Classifications.
This may affect your 2019 property taxes**

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for the City of Waterville will meet on April 9, 2018 at 5:30 P.M. at Waterville City Hall. If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you are still not satisfied with the valuation or classification after conferring with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board will review the valuation, classification or both if necessary, and may make corrections as needed. Generally, an appearance before your local board of appeal and equalization is required by law before an appeal can be taken to your county board of appeal and equalization.

Given under my hand this 19th day of January, 2018.

Teresa Hill, Administrator - Clerk of the City of Waterville
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PUBLIC NOTICE

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
LE SUEUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SEATED AS DRAINAGE AUTHORITY UNDER
STATUTES CHAPTER 103E
FOR LE SUEUR COUNTY DITCHES
26, 28, 37, 41, 43, 44, 48, 60, 65, 16 AND 61**

Please take notice that the Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners, Drainage Authority for Le Sueur County Ditches (LCD) 26, 28, 37, 41, 43, 44, 48, 60, 65, 16 and 61, upon the request of its Auditor-Treasurer and upon the request of its Drainage Inspector, will hold an informational hearing to discuss and determine whether a Certification of Drainage Assessments is necessary, whether ditch liens should be followed and whether redeterminations of benefits are necessary. The hearing will be held at 9:00 a.m. on April 10th, in the Commissioners' Room at the Le Sueur County Courthouse, Le Center, MN.

Members of the public affected by LCD 26, 28, 37, 41, 43, 44, 48, 60, 65, 16 and 61 are encouraged to attend and provide comments regarding the drainage system and the need for a redetermination of benefits.

Lance Wetzel, Le Sueur County Board Chair
Darrell Pettis, Le Sueur County Administrator
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