

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE W-E-M BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES REGULAR MEETING Monday, January 28, 2019 6 p.m.

The WEM Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, January 28, 2019 at the Waterville Building in the Board Room. The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Pam Baker at 6:01 p.m.

Present were Board Members Baker, Dan Houlihan, Travis Bowman, Gary Michael, Jeff Stangler, Jon Velishek, and Jay Schneider. Also present was Superintendent Joel Whitehurst, Activities Director Jeff Boran, and Business Manager Margaret Jewison.

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

Motion by Michael and seconded by Velishek to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of Dec. 17, 2018 with no changes. Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Stangler and seconded by Velishek to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of Jan. 7, 2019 with no changes. Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Michael and seconded by Schneider to approve the financial transactions. The bills and payroll were \$1,169,671.87, deposits were \$1,120,232.31 and transfers were \$1,200,000. Check register comments included a check for \$3,500 to Minnesota Comfort Solutions for building repairs and maintenance, a payment of \$9,688.31 to South Central Service Cooperative for PSEO tuition, a payment of \$17,500 to the City of Waterville for Safe Schools, and a payment of \$820 to Minnesota Department of Health for food service inspection. Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Stangler and seconded by Bowman to approve monetary donations. They include a donation of \$7,042.09 from WEM Athletic Boosters to wrestling room improvements, a donation of \$1,475 from WEM Softball SAF to the softball program, a donation of \$1,000 from WEM Athletics Boosters to all WEM sports, and a donation of \$100 from Chip Mack to FFA. Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

REPORTS WEM High School Principal John Kaplan report was presented:

1. The three Knowledge Bowl teams began their competitions on Friday, Jan. 4.

2. The 9th - 11th high school students took the STAR Assessment for the second quarter the weeks of Jan. 7 and 14.

3. The High School BUCS Pride Team is rewarding the students each time they earn 100 BUCS PRIDE slips. The students received hot cocoa / coffee Jan. 18 for earning 400 BUCS PRIDE slips.

4. Choir Director Megan Kreinbring took five students to the Concordia Music Festival Jan. 18 and 19. They were Collin Adank, Haakon Asp, Grace Peach, Alyssa Schwartz, and Yoselin Morales.

5. The PreK-12 faculty had Professional Development Jan. 21. Teachers attended sessions on Critical Reading and Technology. The high school teachers also met in the PLCs.

6. The Continuous School Improvement Committee met on Wednesday, Jan. 23 to plan the Feb. 5 late start and the District Curriculum Day Tuesday, Feb. 19.

7. Tyson Cooley took two Judging Teams to Tri City United for FFA Jan. 25.

8. The High School Band and Choir will have their Contest Concert Monday, Feb. 4 at 7 p.m.

9. All 9th graders will attend the Career Navigator at South Central College Friday, Feb. 15.

WEM Elementary-Junior High Principal Jennifer Wilson report was presented:

Counselor's Update

• 7th and 8th grade advisory groups divided up BUCS Pride expectations and put together videos (big thanks to Mr. Jon Jahnke for the tech. help). The 5th and 6th grade classrooms went to each advisory group and watched the videos and had time for Q and As. The videos were put together prior to winter break and classrooms watched the videos the week after winter break. Awards were given out to the top advisory including "Raise the Roof", "Mic Drop", and "Nailed It" and new for this year, "The Wemmy." Ms. Hagen's advisory was the winner of The Wemmy which is also featured on WEM's Facebook page. Her advisory earned a breakfast pizza party as well.

Staff Update

• Quarter 2 informal walk-throughs were completed. Each staff member had four informal observations. From the beginning of Q2 to the end instruction was improved particularly from a cooperative learning aspect. Staff are holding students accountable while building in positive interactions. Instruction varies from traditional to small group. A theme throughout the building at all grade levels and courses has been an increase in students shares and essential question dialogue.

• Mrs. Landru organized this year's Spelling Bee, which was held January 10. The Spelling Bee had 30 participants spanning four grade levels. Congratulations to the 2019 Spelling Bee Champion Ainsley Schiefer. Ainsley correctly spelled balustrades to win the event. An extended congratulations to Spelling Bee runner-up Anna Nielson and third place finishers Alex Roemhildt and Alexa Gleason.

• Mr. Aaron Brown organized this year's History Bee, held January 14. The History Bee had 10 participants from grades 5-8. Each participant scored at the top of their respective class and in the building on a preliminary assessment. The 2018-19 History Bee winner is Ian Waugh, 8th grade. Ian's correct response earned him the highest honor, with runner-up accolades to Tim McGraw (7th grade) and Ashley Zimmerman (8th grade).

• MCA planning and scheduling was a team effort with myself, counselor Michelle Roethler, and teachers Anna Skidmore and Heather Snesrud. MCA testing are scheduled for April 9-10, 16-17, and 24. Three additional make-up days are also planned. Schedule will accommodate all testing needs of students.

• Mrs. Tonya Sauer, the building Title I teacher and interventionist, reports she is seeing positive results from her small group math and reading groups, check-in/check-out systems, and added communication home with students showing at-risk academic behaviors in the classroom. Through this position we are building academic capacity and relationships with students with fidelity and much success.

• Mrs. Rachael Wetzel is organizing a science fair for all 5th grade students. The date for the fair is Friday, March 22. Judging will begin at 1:15 p.m. with awards announced at 2:45 p.m.

All Building Update

• Dec. 19 we had an afternoon of Frosty Bingo for 5th and 6th grade and a rotation of activities for 7th and 8th grade. All 7th and 8th grade students with failing grades or missing work were pulled from activities to work towards completion.

• Rice County DARE Officer, Officer Arens will be spending the winter/spring with our 5th grade students once a week. Officer Arens began DARE classes on January 8 and will meet with each 5th grade class through March. DARE graduation is scheduled for May 21 at 2 p.m.

• January 21st Morristown hosted the district-wide curriculum and workshop day. Features for the day included a break-out session on critical reading and technology to support teaching/grading as well as skills that can be incorporated into instruction. Despite technological issues the administration team made excellent use of the time and had positive feedback from staff both in house and at the CSI meeting.

• Grades 5-8 will be attending WE Shall Overcome, a tribute to Martin Luther King Jr. at the Ordway. The performance is created for school-age students and will be on Feb. 7.

• Testing season is upon us. Aside from MCA testing this spring, randomly selected students will be taking the NAEP test (National Assessment of Educational Progress), WIDA, and Minnesota Student Survey for grades 5 and 8.

WEM Activities Director Jeff Boran report was presented:

Activities:

• Congratulations to juniors Megan Schmitz and Nolan Wetzel for being selected as the 2018-19 WEM "ExCEL" Award winners. ExCEL stands for Excellence in Community, Education, and Leadership. It is a unique recognition program designed exclusively for Minnesota high school juniors who are active in school activities, who show leadership qualities, and who volunteer in their communities.

• The 2018-19 WEM Triple A Award (Arts, Athletics, Academics) winners are seniors Sarah Best and Jarod Pavek. This MSHSL special recognition award recognizes high school seniors active in league sponsored fine arts and athletic activities and show success in the classroom.

• Winter activity playoff time draws near

WEM One-Act Play team: Sub-Section 8 met Jan. 26 at Jordan High School. They also performed in the Gopher Conference Fine Arts Event held at WEM Jan. 19. This year's play was entitled "Pickin'" by Tyrone J. Butler, produced by special arrangements with Pioneer Drama Services. The director was Andrew Velishek. Seniors Jarod Pavek and Sarah Best were named All-Conference and Megan Schmitz was named Honorable Mention All-Conference.

• The Gopher Conference first ever Honors Music (Band and Choir) Concert was hosted in Hayfield Feb. 9. Students from all eight schools have been selected and have begun practicing. All Conference schools will have a combined practice Feb. 8. WEM Music Directors Jared Larson and Megan Kreinbring will be taking the following 20 students: Akalie Molitor, Alyssa Schwartz, Megan Schmitz, Claire Buscho, Sarah Best, Alexis Morsching, Jarod Pavek, Mason Roemhildt, Levi Bowman, Collin Adank, Hunter Russell, Troy McBroom, Jacob Karsten, Jordyn Frechette, Madison Tawney, Avery Pratt, Aidan Snesrud, Robyn Lysne, Jason Bauer, and Max Gibson.

• The Grizzly wrestlers will host the Mike Fasnacht Memorial Tournament Feb. 2 in Janesville. Section 2A competition will begin Feb. 14 with team competition and individual section Feb. 22 at Blue Earth Area High School.

• Boys hockey team will begin Feb. 19.

• Girls basketball begin play-offs Feb. 26.

• Boys basketball begin play-offs Feb. 28.

Community Education

• The Feb. - July Community Ed Booklet will be distributed the end of this week.

Board Member Reports:

Board members Baker, Michael, Bowman, Velishek, and Houlihan spoke briefly about the Minnesota School Board Association convention which they attended in mid-January.

Board Committee Reports:

There were no reports.

WEM Superintendent Joel Whitehurst presented the following:

• Whitehurst told the board the school district has received an A+ rating.

VISITOR COMMENTS

There were no comments.

Information & Discussion

A. School Board Special Education "Talk & Tour" is scheduled for 5:45 p.m. to 7:15 p.m., Feb. 6 at Waseca.

B. Discuss Administrative Structure. Leadership meetings will be scheduled with the teachers before school.

C. Discuss Communications position. The board advised Superintendent Joel Whitehurst to review this position and come back with recommendations for the board to act on.

D. Architect interviews will be held Feb. 11 starting at 6 p.m. Three firms will be interviewed.

Action

Motion by Schneider and seconded by Stangler to approve board committee assignments. MN State High School League/Athletic Council (Houlihan and Schneider). Negotiations/Chief Negotiator (Baker - Chief, Bowman, and Stangler). Community Service (Schneider). Ag Education (Velishek). Student Attendance and Truancy Issues (Bowman and Stangler). Impartial Hearer for Student Expulsions (Michael and Bowman). Legislation (Baker). Finance (Houlihan and Michael). World's Best Workforce - Staff Development (Velishek). Facilities/Strategic Planning (Velishek, Bowman, and Houlihan). Calendar (Michael). Communications Committee (Baker, Velishek, and Schneider). Policy (Bowman). Personnel (Schneider). Grievance Committee (All 7 board members). Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Michael and seconded by Houlihan to approve the food service contract from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019. Total package increase of 3.5 percent each year. Six members voted in favor - Velishek abstains - motion declared passed.

Motion by Houlihan and seconded by Michael to approve the custodial contract from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019. Total package increase 4.5 percent each year. Six members voted in favor - Velishek voted against - motion declared passed.

Personnel

Motion by Stangler and seconded by Bowman to approve the new hire, Ryan Meyers, Elementary Paraprofessional - B21/Step 2, \$11.80/hour. Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Michael and seconded by Stangler to approve the new hire, Logan Holland, 5-8 Paraprofessional - B21/Step 2, \$11.80/hour. Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Bowman and seconded by Schneider to approve the new hire, Robert Wakefield, Morristown custodian - B22/Step 1. Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Schneider and seconded by Houlihan to approve new hire, David L. Bates, Regular Route bus driver - \$16,700. Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Schneider and seconded by Stangler to approve the Letter of Resignation from Lori DeMars, Communications Coordinator - effective immediately. Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Michael and seconded by Bowman to approve the following letters of FMLA (Family Medical Leave of Absence).

1. Tyler Kaus, Grade 5 teacher - on or around February 27, 2019 for 10 days.

2. Sam Stier, High School History/Economics and AVID Instructor - on or around March 14, 2019 for 10 days.

3. Megan Lejchar Quick, Food Service Computer Operator/Media Paraprofessional - on March 27, 2019 through the end of the 2018-19 school year.

Seven members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Schneider and seconded by Houlihan to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Six members voted in favor - motion declared carried.

ATTEST:

Pam Baker, Board Chair

Jay Schneider, Board Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

LE SUEUR COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

88 SOUTH PARK AVE.

LE CENTER, MN 56057

PUBLIC NOTICE

After duly conducting a public hearing on **Tuesday, February 5, 2019** the Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners approved the amendments to Section 4, Definitions; Section 7, Conservancy District; Section 8, Agriculture District; Section 9, Urban/Rural Residential District; Section 10, General Business District; Section 11, General Industry District; Section 13, Shoreland Management; Section 17, Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems; Section 18, Environmental Performance Stan-

dards; and Section 30, Violations, Fines and Enforcement.

The adopted amendments will become effective March 1, 2019. The amended Ordinance is available for review during regular office hours Monday through Thursday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm and Fridays 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Le Sueur County Environmental Services Office located at 515 South Maple Ave, Le Center, MN and the Le Sueur County Auditor's Office located at 88 South Park Ave, Le Center, MN.

Darrell Pettis
Le Sueur County
Administrator
Joshua Mankowski
Le Sueur County
Zoning Administrator
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC ELECTION

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Kilkenny Township, County of Le Sueur, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and the Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2019.

In case of inclement weather, the Meeting and Election may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March, which will be March 19, 2019.

The Election poll hours will be open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at which time the voters will elect one (1) Supervisor for a three (3) year term and one (1) Treasurer for a two (2) year term. Incumbent Supervisor, Delbert Sor-gatz, has filed for the Supervisor position. Incumbent Treasurer, Leon Pittman, has filed for the position of Treasurer. Both are running unopposed.

The Annual Meeting will commence at 8:15 p.m. to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

The Annual Election and Meeting will be held in the Town Hall at 160 East Dodd Road, Kilkenny, MN.

The Board of Canvass will meet on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 8 p.m. in the Town Hall to certify the official results.

Absentee voting hours will be from 10 a.m. until noon on Saturday, March 9, 2019 at the home of the Clerk at 44843 165th Ave., Kilkenny, MN 56052.

Barbara A. Kinniry, Clerk
Kilkenny Township

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC ELECTION

The citizens of the Township of Waterville, Le Sueur County, MN, who are qualified to vote at the General Elections, are hereby notified that the annual Township elections will be held at the Waterville Township Hall, 419 3rd St. S, Waterville, MN on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. The annual meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m. prior to the election. In case of inclement weather, the election and annual meeting will be held on the third Tuesday, March 19, 2019.

Hours available for absentee voting will be from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon on Saturday, March 9, 2019, at the home of the Clerk at 46684 State Highway 13 (5 miles north of Waterville on State Highway 13).

Incumbent Darwyn Slechta has filed for re-election as Supervisor for a 3 year term and incumbent Kim Lloyd has filed for Treasurer for a 2 year term.

The Canvass Board will meet immediately following the election to canvass the election results.

Given under my hand this 11th day of February, 2019.

Traci Murphy, Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Waterville NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON IMPROVEMENTS March 5, 2019 6:00 p.m.

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Waterville, Minnesota, will meet at the Council Chambers, 200 Third Street South in the City of Waterville, Minnesota, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. on March 5, 2019, to consider the construction of the following improvements, to wit: water and sewer improvements along Highway 13 North from 1280 State Highway north to the corporate limits.

The total estimated cost of said improvements is \$622,160.00. The area proposed to be assessed for such improvements is as follows: All properties benefited along Highway 13 North from 1280 State Highway 13 North to the corporate limits.

The Council proposes to proceed under the authority granted by Chapter 429 M.S.A.

Such persons as desire to be heard with reference to the proposed improvements will be heard at this meeting. Written or oral objections will be considered. A reasonable estimate of the impact of the assessments will be available at this meeting.

DATED: February 19, 2019

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Teresa Hill, Administrator - Clerk
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