

Minutes of Regular School Board Meeting

Monday, March 9, 2020

The Board of Trustees

Boscobel Area Schools

A Regular School Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Boscobel Area Schools was held Monday, March 9, 2020, beginning at 6:30 PM in the District Office Board Meeting Room at 1110 Park Street, Boscobel, WI with Closed Session beginning at 6:00 PM, followed by Open Session.

Present: Todd Miller, Tim Haines, Roger Knoble, Kelly Trumm, Kim Trumm, Derek Zimpel
Absent: Wendi Stitzer

1. Call To Order – Proof of Public Notice- Todd Miller, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda

The closed session was ordered by Kim Trumm, second by Kelly Trumm at 6:01 PM in the district office board room. Motion carried.

Roll Call: Zimpel- Yes, Miller- Yes, Haines- Yes, Kelly Trumm- Yes, Kim Trumm- Yes

Roger Knoble arrived at 6:03 PM.

4. The School Board May Adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec. 19.85(1)(c) for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of a public employee.
5. Return to and reconvene in open session- Motion by Zimpel, second by Haines to reconvene into open session at 6:45 PM.

Roll Call: Miller- Yes, Haines- Yes, Knoble- Yes, Kelly Trumm- Yes, Kim Trumm- Yes, Zimpel- Yes

6. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence
7. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

A) Administrative Report

- 1) Elementary School Report- No questions
- 2) Middle/High School Report

- a) Presentation of Valedictorian, Salutatorian, Academic Excellence Award Recipient and Technical Excellence Award Recipient
Wally Byrne informed the board that he would be introducing the Class of 2020 Valedictorian, Academic Excellence Award Recipient, and Technical Excellence Award Recipient. The Salutatorian, Rebecca Yahn, was not able to be present due to a family situation, but will be invited to the April board meeting. He introduced Treena Knowles as the Valedictorian. Treena plans to attend UW-Whitewater for a degree in Accounting. She plans to be a CPA. Wally next introduced Pearl Scallon, who is the Academic Excellence Award Recipient. Pearl plans to attend UW-Lacrosse to major in Pre-Medicine Biology and Spanish. She would like to be a dermatologist. Cooper Rounds was introduced as the Technical Excellence Award Recipient. Cooper plans to attend Southwest Tech for the Ag Mechanics Program and plans to work at Sloan Implement in Monfort. Wally reported that the ACT testing for juniors was just completed and went well. He recently held a Middle/High School staff meeting and they reflected on the purpose of being teachers. The junior high dance was well attended and it seemed as though the students had fun. Wally informed the board the school play had approximately 264 people attend between Saturday and Sunday's performances. Wally informed the board that we held a mock graduation for a student whose parent has been ill and the entire high school attended. The students were great during the whole graduation. We recently received the batting cage and it is being used by softball and baseball open gyms. Spring sports are starting today with track. Wally wanted the board to know that the flyer Roger had brought to the last board meeting about students being directed to UW-Platteville- Richland did not have us listed since our students typically go to the UW Platteville campus rather than the UW Platteville campus in Richland Center. Todd Miller wanted to thank the seniors for the great showing they had at the mock graduation.
- 3) Special Education Report- Laurie Genz Prien attended the federal funding conference last week. It's still overwhelming, but she learns a lot every time. The high school transition special education students who run the coffee shop went to a Food Show and they had a great time. One of our former students, Aaron Matthews, was featured in CESA 3's Cornerstone about the job he earned at UW- Platteville after doing an internship there through Project Search. Laurie and Shayla are working on the Indicator 8 Parent Surveys that we have to do every 5 years.
- 4) District Office Report- Greg Bell reported that he has met with Suzanne Brinkman, our school nurse, to work on the pandemic plan regarding coronavirus. The administrative team has been working with Lisa Arneson from CESA. A survey has gone out to staff asking about the student perception of the environment of the school. Peter Daniels is coming on Wednesday for PLC. Greg informed the board that he has received quotes from CESA 6 for evaluations for support staff and extra-curricular staff.

Support staff evaluations would have 6 categories that employees would be evaluated on. This format would make the evaluations for support staff more professional and uniform. Since extra-curricular staff has a higher turnover rate, the evaluation comes in PDF fillable forms and there is only a one-time fee. We were recently informed that we received the TEACH infrastructure grant for \$32,760. Greg informed the board that he held a facility planning committee meeting and that it went well with the committee beginning to identify areas of concern. The next meeting will be April 1st, where he committee will take a tour of the buildings. Greg has been in contact with Bre Hellenbrand of M3 regarding our health insurance renewal. It is currently coming in at the 6% rate cap, but we need to remember that since this is our first year with the co-op, we had a 15% fee. This means that our health insurance will decrease approximately 9% for next year. Greg informed the board that we have been looking at salary increases for next year and that using the Baird model that we purchased, we ran scenarios using 1.81% (CPI), 2.0% and 3.0%. Greg reminded the board that we still have the \$250,000 project fund and 90% of the HRA budgeted for the coming years.

8. Community Comments- None

9. **ACTION ITEMS - OLD BUSINESS**

- A) Board Minutes- Motion by Zimpel, second by Knoble to approve February 10 and 13, 2020 board minutes as presented. Motion carried.
- B) Budget Report- Motion by Knoble, second by Zimpel to approve the budget report as presented. Roger asked if all of the light bulbs are LED, but the answer is not yet. As light bulbs are burning out, we are replacing them with LED bulbs. He also asked about a check for food service for \$43.50. There was a miscommunication when a new student registers, so we have corrected that. Motion carried.

10. **ACTION ITEMS - NEW BUSINESS**

- A) AGR End of Semester School Board Review- Motion by Zimpel, second by Kelly Trumm to approve the AGR End of Semester Report as presented. Motion carried.
- B) Spring Break 2021 Softball Trip- Penny Grassel informed the board that the team would participate in the Golf Shores Classic Softball Tournament during spring break of 2021 and play in about 5 games. The weather in Wisconsin makes it difficult for teams to be able to play games, which means a lot of games end up getting rescheduled. The teams who go to the tournament devote themselves to softball that entire week. Penny has spoken with Joey Martin since he is working in Dodgeville and we would have a very similar trip to Dodgeville. Softball would do the fundraising for all the expenses, they are only asking the district to pay for the tournament fee. Penny would come back in the late summer/early fall to give the board specific details of the trip. As of right now, it would be a varsity tournament, but if there would be more interest, the JV would be able to go as well. Motion by Zimpel, second by Kim Trumm to approve the softball

team to go on the trip for spring break of 2021. Discussion about the fundraising efforts and transportation. Motion carried.

Miller left at 7:15 PM.

Miller returned at 7:17 PM

C) Student Accident Insurance- Motion by Kelly Trumm, second by Kim Trumm to approve 1st Agency as the student accident insurance program that the district offers for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried.

D) Contracted Services

1) Copy Machines- Greg explained that we currently use Rhyme for our copy machines in the buildings and that our contract is up for renewal next year. We can renew our contract early with them and save money. Motion by Haines, second by Zimpel to approve the copy machine lease. Motion carried.

2) Online Payments- Crystal Brown explained that we have been looking at offering for parents/guardians to make payments online for food service fees and eventually other fees. We looked at two companies and compared them both. Motion by Haines, second by Kim Trumm to approve E-Funds as the online payment vendor. Motion carried.

E) Donations- None

Motion by Kim Trumm, second by Knoble to go into closed session at 7:28 PM.

Roll Call: Kelly Trumm- Yes, Zimpel- Yes, Miller- Yes, Haines- Yes, Knoble- Yes, Kim Trumm- Yes

F) The School Board May Adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec. 19.85(1)(c) for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of a public employee; to discuss and take action, if appropriate, concerning: A) Retirement/Resignation(s); B) Employment; and C) Preliminary Notice of Non-Renewal

G) Return to and reconvene in open session- Motion by Kim Trumm, second by Haines to reconvene into open session at 8:02 PM.

Roll Call: Kelly Trumm- Yes, Zimpel- Yes, Miller- Yes, Haines- Yes, Knoble- Yes, Kim Trumm- Yes

H) Action, if any is required by law to be taken in open session on items in closed session.

1) Retirement/Resignation(s)- Motion by Kim Trumm, second by Kelly Trumm to approve the resignation of Chelsea Ewaldt as the High School English Teacher. Motion carried.

2) Employment

- a) Part Time Custodian/Event Set Up- Motion by Kim Trumm, second by Zimpel to approve Brent Childs as the part time custodian/event set up for 3 hours a day, 4 days a week. Motion carried.
 - b) Summer School Teachers- Motion by Kelly Trumm, second by Zimpel to approve the list as needed. Motion carried.
 - c) Spring Coaches- None
 - d) Fall Coaches- Motion by Knoble, second by Kim Trumm to approve Cassie Kirschbaum as the Volleyball Head Coach with a mentor. Motion carried 5-1.
Motion by Kim Trumm, second by Haines to approve Bobby Harry as an Assistant Football Coach. Motion carried.
 - e) Substitute Teachers and Support Staff- Motion by Kelly Trumm, second by Kim Trumm to approve Nancy Bird as substitute office staff. Motion carried.
- 3) Preliminary Notice of Non-Renewal- None
- I) Adjourn- Motion by Kim Trumm, second by Kelly Trumm to adjourn at 8:06 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Tim Haines, Clerk