

**GERMANTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**GERMANTOWN, WISCONSIN 53022**  
**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**August 24, 2020**

1. The meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Board President Bob Soderberg in the District Performing Arts Center at 7:00 p.m. Superintendent Brett Stousland read the official meeting notification. Roll call: Soderberg – yes, Medved – yes, Loth – yes, Barney – yes, Reinemann – yes, Larson – yes, Borden – yes.
2. Motion by Larson, second by Reinemann, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
3. Several District residents addressed the Board regarding their desire for five day in-person teaching for all grade levels, virtual class sizes, and general concerns regarding the start of the 2020-2021 school year with one comment regarding a former district assistant swim coach. Board President Soderberg discussed a letter received from State Representative Dan Knodl in support of 5 day in-person attendance. Board Clerk Tom Barney invited everyone to eat at Café Zupas on August 25<sup>th</sup> to support Youth Futures. The Board discussed CDC guidelines and the risks and liability of too many students in school too soon and indicated that hopefully changes can be made by the September 28<sup>th</sup> Board meeting review.
4. Motion by Larson, second by Reinemann to approve the August 17, 2020 Board of Education and closed session meeting minutes. Motion carried.
5. Director of Human Resources Mike Nowak presented an updated enrollment report.
6. Director of Pupil Services Todd Lamb presented the 2019-2020 Annual Seclusion and Restraint Report.
7. Transportation Committee Chair Ray Borden provided updates from the August 17, 2020 meeting with GoRiteway who presented their 2020-2021 bus procedures and indicated that GoRiteway information is also available on the District website under the back to school section.
8. Positive recommendation from Finance Committee to approve the preliminary 2020-2021 budget as presented. Motion carried.
9. Motion by Larson, second by Barney to approve awarding the 2020-2021 paper bid/purchase to Contract paper Group in an amount not to exceed \$22,711.20, charged to the appropriate accounts across the entire district budget, with any additional purchases in 2020-2021 brought to the Board for approval first. Motion Carried.
10. Positive recommendation from Finance Committee to eliminate the non-mandatory transportation shuttle across parochial school boundary lines between Bethlehem North and St. Mary's effective January 2021. Motion carried.
11. Finance Committee Chair Michael Loth updated the Board on discussion that took place in committee regarding a line of credit with JP Morgan Chase Bank. A formal motion will be brought back to the Board for approval in September.

12. Motion by Barney, second by Reinemann to approve the donation of \$500 from Martin Volk to the Germantown School District to be used for technology education, service clubs, or students in need. Motion carried.
13. The Board continued discussion regarding back-to-school planning, reviewed the timeline of past week events regarding parental choice of virtual or in-school learning, principal meetings, staffing issues, and plans for implementing both virtual and in-school teaching.
14. Motion by Larson, second by Reinemann to approve hiring an additional kindergarten and an additional first grade teacher for virtual teaching. Motion carried.
15. Motion by Reinemann, second by Barney to approve the resignation of Vincent Daniels, thank him for his service to the District, and approve posting and filling the vacancy. Motion carried.
16. Motion by Reinemann, second by Larson, to approve the 1.0 FTE limited-term contract for Richard Meyers at \$60,000, the .50 FTE part-time contract for Kelly Herbst at \$36,500, and the .60 part-time contract for Bethany Thiede Wray at \$42,000. Motion carried.
17. Motion by Larson, second by Reinemann to approve proceeding with scheduling joint District and Village of Germantown Trustee biannual meetings. Motion carried.
18. Motion by Larson, second by Reinemann to enter into closed session pursuant to Sections 19.85(1)(c), (e), and (f) for discussion of the GoRiteway contract and bus transportation and staff issues. Motion carried
19. The Board entered into closed session at 8:19 p.m. and returned to open session at 9:06 p.m.
20. Motion by Larson, second by Medved to approve the retirement request of Kennedy Middle School Assistant Principal Mark Kaminski effective August 31, 2020. Motion carried.
21. Motion by Medved, second by Loth to adjourn. Motion carried.
22. Board President Soderberg declared the meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Jayne Borst  
Recording Secretary

  
Thomas Barney  
School Board Clerk