

# Unofficial Minutes

December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Regular, In-Person Meeting

Wabauunsee USD #329 District Office

6:00 PM

Board President Callie Meinhardt called the meeting in order at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence. Board members Callie Meinhardt, Kelly Oliver, Jerome Hess, Justin Frank and Jim Vopata were present. Board members Don Frank and Tony Conrad were absent.

There were no additions to the agenda.

Written reports were submitted by the building Principals, Technology Director Josh Nisly and Food Service Supervisor Deb Westhoff.

Board member Frank moved to approve the Consent Agenda which included: approve minutes from the November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021, meeting; approve payment of bills; accept \$6,285 grant from Patterson Families Foundation; approve WHS National Honor Society field trip; approve NHS, WHS cheer and WHS Fitness Club fundraisers and approve KASB December Policy Updates. Motion to Consent Agenda. Vopata seconded. Motion carried 5-0

Jessica Lindsley, with Varney's, spoke about the audit report. She has no corrections or adjustments and commented that it was a clean audit.

Board member Oliver moved to approve the ESSER III plan with retention pay incentive and 3% premium pay. Frank seconded. Motion carried 5-0

Mr. Starnes updated the board on the district's current COVID plan. Mr. Starnes plans to meet with the Wabauunsee County Health Department this week on changing the definition of close contacts.

Board member Oliver moved to approve the Energy Solutions Professionals request for proposals. Frank seconded. Motion carried 5-0

Board member Vopata moved to approve the 2022-2023 school calendar with the addition of a 1:00pm dismissal on homecoming day. Meinhardt seconded. Motion carried 5-0

Old and new business, Board members discussed the bond and what the next steps are. They also discussed the next steps for Paxico Middle School.

Board member Hess moved to approve sending out bids for a 59-passenger gas bus. Oliver seconded. Motion carried 5-0

At 7:45 pm Board member Meinhardt moved to go into executive session to discuss confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts and individual proprietorships under KOMA, with the open meeting to resume in the board room at 7:55 pm. Vopata seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Starnes was included in the session. The Board reconvened at 7:55 pm. At 7:56 pm, Board member Frank moved to go into executive session to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open

meeting will resume in the board room at 8:06 pm. Vopata seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Starnes was included in the session. The Board reconvened at 8:06 pm.

Board member Frank moved to approve Employment, accept resignations/retirement and Approve transfer of duties. These included: Employment: Kimberly Day-substitute teacher; Rehire: Jess Rutledge-WHS head football coach, Chris Smart-WHS head volleyball coach, Roger Alderman-WHS head cross country coach, Brendan Praeger-WHS head tennis coach, Dakota Soderlund-WJH head football coach, Chloe Smith-WJH head volleyball coach, Roger Alderman-WJH head cross country coach, Jamie Dunbar- substitute teacher, Jodee Tarbutton-WJH head boys basketball coach, Todd Orton-WJH assistant boys basketball coach, Brandi Miller-WJH assistant boys basketball coach. Resignations/Retirement: Galen Craghead-AES/MHES Principal, Cheryl Zeller-BOE clerk; Transfer of duties: Michelle Gehrt from transportation Director to BOE Clerk. Oliver seconded. Motion carried 5-0

Mr. Starnes informed Board members the KDOT safe routes to school grant termination and the preliminary budget legal max. Mr. Starnes informs the Board on changing the January BOE meeting to Paxico -WJH with a retirement reception from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm for Cheryl Zeller and the regular board meeting will begin at 6:00 pm.

Board member Justin Frank moved to adjourn. Kelly Oliver seconded. Motion carried 5-0. The open meeting adjourned at 8:14pm.

Board Clerk  
Michelle Gehrt