

Wapello Community School District
Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
4-12-23

The Wapello Board of Education met in an open session for their monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Central Administration Building Board Room. Those present included Doug Housman, Kenny Marlette, Brandon Marquardt, Dave Moore, Matt Smith, Supt. Peterson, Board Secretary Eric Small, and a representative of the news media. The meeting was live streamed on the [Wapello CSD YouTube Channel](#).

Call to Order: President Brandon Marquardt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Smith and seconded by Marlette to approve the agenda. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.

Approval of Minutes: Smith's Motion and Moore's seconded to approve the minutes as prepared. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.

Approval of Bills: Moore's Motion and Marlette's seconded to approve the bills presented for payment with added pre-approvals. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.

Financial Report: Motion by Marlette and seconded by Smith seconded to approve the financial report for March 2023. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.

Student's of the Month - Mr. Bohlen recognized the students of the month for March that were present at the meeting to receive their certificates.

Administrative Reports:

Supt. Peterson –

- Graduation May 21 at 2:00 p.m. in the Practice Gym
- Legislative Update
- Upcoming Schedule

High School Principal Steve Bohlen -

- Commendations to Alayna Lanz and Emmalin Marshall for having artwork selected to be displayed at Jordan Creek Mall for Youth Art Month
- 125 Students will attend SCC Day in West Burlington
- English 12 students will take part in Mock Interviews for some possible career paths that students may pursue.
- On April 21, CTE Teachers will be hosting a program for 8th and 9th Grade students to learn more about the CTE areas.
- Prom will be on April 22, Grand March, at 4:00 p.m.
- Mrs. Gerot will be taking students to SCC for an Art Workshop
- Hometown day will be April 26

Brett Nagle, Elementary Principal -

- ISASP Testing
- Summer School Planning
- Early Childhood Open House

- Conferences
- Spring Events/Field Trips
- Elementary Blacktop and Basketball Courts

Activity Director – Brandon Brown

- Robotics had a strong showing at the competition at UNI.
- Grease will be performed on April 29 & 30
- Spring Sports are in full swing.
- Baseball & Softball Practice will begin in the next few weeks.
- Working on collecting records in sports to update the record boards in the cafeteria.

Curriculum - Shannon Salazar -

- ISASP Testing is mostly complete district wide.
- Instructional Council will attend Evidence-Based Practices training at the AEA on 4/28
- Spring Testing Window

Maintenance Department - Rob Hobbs -

- Radon tests are back, and the district is clear of radon.
- A/C bids for the A.D. office and E-Sports will be on the agenda in May.

Personnel

a. **Terminations - None**

b. **Hires -**

1. Taciana Bilek - Motion by Smith and seconded by Marlette to approve the hiring of Taciana Bilek as Agricultural Education Teacher and FFA Advisor. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.
2. Kris Judd, JH Girls Basketball Coach - Motion by Smith and seconded by Moore to approve the hiring of Kris Judd as JH Girls Basketball Coach. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.
3. Brett Shafer, JH Wrestling Coach - Motion by Smith and seconded by Moore to approve the appointment of Brett Shafer as JH Wrestling Coach. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.
4. Stephen Kruse - Head Wrestling Coach - Motion by Smith and seconded by Moore to approve the appointment of Stephen Kruse as Head Boys Wrestling Coach. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.
5. Brandon Brown - Head Girls Basketball Coach - Motion by Smith and seconded by Moore to approve the appointment of Brandon Brown as Head Girls Basketball Coach. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.
6. Jason Marshall - Assistant Girls Basketball Coach - Motion by Smith and seconded by Moore to approve the appointment of Jason Marshall as Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.
7. Andy Rohr - Head Boys Basketball Coach - Motion by Smith and seconded by Moore to approve the appointment of Andy Rohr as Head Boys Basketball Coach. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.
8. Caden Thomas - Assistant Boys Basketball Coach - Motion by Smith and seconded by Moore to approve the appointment of Caden Thomas as Assistant Boys Basketball Coach. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.

9. Michael Horton - JH Boys Basketball Coach - Motion by Smith and seconded by Moore to approve the appointment of Michael Horton as JH Boys Basketball Coach. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.
 10. Kenny Marlette - JH Boys Basketball Coach - Motion by Smith and seconded by Moore to approve the appointment of Kenny Marlette as JH Boys Basketball Coach. The motion carried with a 3-0-1 (Marlette Abstained) voice vote.
 11. Summer Student Custodial Help - Kayden Yerington, Isaac Hewitt, Kainoa Seumanutafa - Motion by Moore and seconded by Marlette to approve the summer student custodial help. The motion was carried with a 4-0 voice vote.
- c. **Resignations -**
1. Teresa Good, Elementary Early Intervention Teacher- Motion by Moore and seconded by Smith to approve the resignation of Teresa Good as Elementary Early Intervention Teacher effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.

New Business:

Consideration to Approve Fundraisers -

- Spanish Club - Pinata Decorating
- Baseball - Apparel

Motion by Marlette and seconded by Moore to approve the fundraisers submitted and approved by the A.D. before the meeting. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.

Consideration to Approve Review of Board Policies –Supt. Peterson recommended that the board approve the review of the following policies:

1. 601.1 - School Calendar
2. 601.2 - School Day

Motion by Moore and seconded by Smith to approve reviewing the above board policies. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

Public Hearing for FY 24 School Budget - President Marquardt opened the public hearing on the FY 24 School Budget. The chair asked if anyone was present to speak for or against the proposed calendar for the FY24 School Budget. No one present wished to speak for or against the school calendar.

Consideration to Approve FY24 School Budget- Motion by Smith and seconded by Moore to approve the FY24 School Budget as presented. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.

Consideration to Approve Tentative Agreement with the Wapello Education Association-

Superintendent Peterson reviewed the Tentative Agreement reached with the Wapello Education Association. Changes to the current contract include:

- Base increase of \$812 to \$31,889
- A one-time \$400 payment from ESSER Funds to be paid in November 2023
- The contract will be effective from July 1, 2023, until June 30, 2025, with a reopener for salary negotiations in the 24-25 contract year.

Smith's Motion and Moore's second to approve the Tentative Agreement with the Wapello Education Association. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.

Consideration to Approve Pay Increases for Staff Not Covered Under the Master Agreement -

Superintendent Peterson recommended that the board approve a wage increase of 3.84%, which mirrors the wage increase for the WEA. Motion by Smith and seconded by Marlette to approve a 3.84% wage increase for staff not covered under the master agreement. The Motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.

Discussion of Wrestling Room Expansion- Blaine Dopler was present to continue the discussion of a Wrestling Room Expansion. Blaine presented a proposal for some preliminary design work for \$10,800. He also presented some budgetary numbers for enclosing the 20' corridor created by adding this addition to the wrestling room. Spectra's estimate for this corridor was \$181,063. This would bring the project cost to an estimated cost of \$928,375.

Motion by Moore and seconded by Marlette to approve Phase I of schematic design on the wrestling room expansion at a cost of \$10,800. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.

Discussion of Hiring a Head Girls Wrestling Coach- Activities Director Brandon Brown wanted to open the discussion of possibly adding a Girl's Wrestling Coach. Some of the talking points centered around the following items:

- The girls will need a head coach next year; opponents will not be in the same location as the boy's team.
- The possibility of having athletes wrestling in three locations is real with JV, Varsity, and Girls
- The popularity of girls wrestling has exploded across the state.
- The added cost from the assistant position that the district had in the current year and moving to a head coaching position would be approximately \$1,500.

This will be returned to the board for further consideration/approval at the May board meeting.

Consideration to Approve Sharing Boys & Girls Soccer with Louisa-Muscatine - Activities Director Brandon Brown asked the board to consider a Boys & Girls Soccer Sharing Agreement with Louisa-Muscatine for the 2024 season. L-M does not currently have a program and shares with Muscatine. Administrators from both districts feel that this would be beneficial to both schools. Motion by Smith and seconded by Marlette to approve a sharing agreement with Louisa-Muscatine for Boys & Girls Soccer for the 2024 season pending the approval of the Louisa-Muscatine Board of Directors. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.

Consideration to Approve Bid for Replacement of the Baseball Field Backstop - Maintenance

Director Rob Hobbs solicited bids for a replacement backstop at the baseball field. Those bids included:

- Lovewell Fencing - \$48,000
- D&N Fence - \$49,302

This work will be completed after the 2023 season due to the short time frame to get the work done before the first game.

Motion by Smith and seconded by Marlette to approve the replacement of the Baseball Backstop by Lovewell Fencing, pending verification that gates are included in the proposal. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.

Consideration to Approve Rodeo Specialty Act Contract- The FFA has selected Cody Kavanaugh as the 2023 PRCA Rodeo Specialty Act and asked that the board approve the contract with no changes other than the price from the previous year. There was a motion by Smith and seconded by Moore to approve the FFA Rodeo Specialty Act Contract. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.

ESSER Update- Eric Small reviewed the latest estimates on the available ESSER funds with the board.

Consideration to Terminate Professional Agreement with Oppa! At the end of FY23 - The administrative team discussed the possibility of running our food service program beginning in FY24. It was determined that the School Nutrition Program could sustainably manage the operations independently. Food Service Director Amanda Harris, Superintendent Peterson, and SBO Eric Small gave the board a written plan of how moving away from the managed food service program would look. After some discussion, there was a motion by Moore and seconded by Marlette to terminate the professional agreement with Oppa! at the end of FY23. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.

Consideration to Approve Morning Weight Room Supervisor- Activities Director Brandon Brown gathered data on possibly opening the weight room before school. The facility would be open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 6:30-7:30 a.m. Supervisors would be paid \$25 per hour. Supervisors must have a coaching endorsement, general knowledge of the equipment and technique, and be able to work a rotating schedule. Supervisors will be expected to consult with Coach Parsons as appropriate. There was a motion by Smith and seconded by Moore to approve the creation of a morning weight room supervisor position following the above recommendations. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.

Update on Various Maintenance/Safety Projects - Superintendent Peterson reviewed some updates on various Maintenance and Safety Projects.

Approved and awaiting start/completion of the following:

- Press Box Repair
- HS Bump out
- HS Staff Room Flooring
- Gym Entrance Flooring
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State of Iowa Safety Grant Funding (\$50,000 per building)

- Elementary Fencing
- Integrate the Keyless Entry Door System with the camera system.
- Rekeying the outside entrances with physical keys
- Panic Buttons in both buildings

Federal DOJ Grant

- Fire Alarm System
- Elementary Intercom System
 - One bid has been submitted and two others to be received.

Air Conditioning for AD Office and eSports Room

- 3 bids have been received, but they did not arrive in time for tonight's meeting.

The Elementary Roof and two sections of the roof at the High School will require attention in the future.

Elementary Outdoor Sign

Consideration to Approve Payout of Excess TSS Funds - Iowa Code requires the district to pay out any excess TSS funds by the end of FY23. SBO Eric Small reviewed the balance the district must pay

out by the end of June. That balance is \$73,920 and will be split evenly among all staff eligible for TSS Funds. Motion by Moore and seconded by Smith to approve the payout of excess TSS Funds of \$73,920. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.

Consideration to Set Date for May Board Meeting:

Motion by Marlette and seconded by Smith to set the May 2023 Board meeting for Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.

Adjournment:

Motion by Marlette and seconded by Smith to adjourn. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.



Brandon Marquardt, President



Eric Small, Secretary