

Wapello Community School District  
Board of Directors  
Regular Meeting  
5-10-23

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 Kenny Marlette, Brandon Marquardt, Dave Moore, Matt Smith, Supt. Peterson, Board Secretary Eric Small, and a news media representative. Doug Housman was absent. 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 Marlette and seconded by Smith 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:** Smith's Motion and Moore'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 Moore seconded to approve the financial report for April 2023. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.

**Student's of the Month** - Mr. Bohlen recognized the students of the month for April 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 -

- Superconference Art Show -
- Baccalaureate will be this Sunday evening at 7:00
- Senior Awards on Tuesday, May 16
- Senior Breakfast on Thursday, May 18
- Graduation on May 21 at 2:00 p.m.
- Move-up day on May 24

Brett Nagle, Elementary Principal -

- ISASP Testing Results
- Summer School Planning
- Battle of the Books
- PK Roundup
- Spring Events/Field Trips
- Resurfacing Blacktop
- End-of-Year Assessments/Screeners

Activity Director – Brandon Brown

- Coaching Appointments
- Cafeteria Artwork is being worked on
- Conference Art Show Recognition
- Boys Golf was third at the conference tournament and won the sectional tournament earlier today
- Girls Conference Golf was Monday, with the Arrows placing 7th out of 13 teams
- Track teams will run at the state qualifying meet on Thursday at WACO

Curriculum - Shannon Salazar -

- ISASP Scores
- iReady Training
- Evidence-Based Practices
- Spring MAP Testing
- Move-Up Day

Maintenance Department - Rob Hobbs -

- A/C Bids for HS eSports/AD Office
- Johnson Controls Fire Alarm
- Elementary Fencing
- Asphalt Repairs - Waiting on bids
- ADA Inspection
- Boiler Air Compressor

**Personnel**

a. **Terminations - None**

b. **Hires -**

1. Summer School Teachers - Delores Wykert, Alliston Ruth, Laura Daisy, Joyce Blitsch, Dayna Kinsey, Kelsey Shipman, Samantha Smith, Sarah Jurgill, Lynn Proffitt, Jessica Gustison - Motion by Marlette and seconded by Moore to approve the list of Summer School Teachers for 2023. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.
2. Jake Fraise - HS Social Studies Teacher - Motion by Moore and seconded by Smith to approve the hiring of Jake Fraise as HS Social Studies Teacher. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.
3. Andrew Bartenhagen, Asst. HS Football Coach - Motion by Smith and seconded by Marlette to approve the appointment of Andrew Bartenhagen as Asst. HS Football Coach contingent on the completion of his coaching certificate by mid-July. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.
4. Barb Dunham, HS Yearbook - Motion by Marlette and seconded by Smith to approve the appointment of Barb Dunham as HS Yearbook Editor. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.
5. Barb Dunham, NHS Advisor - Motion by Marlette and seconded by Smith to approve the appointment of Barb Dunham as NHS Advisor. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.
6. Barb Dunham, Quiz Bowl Coach - Motion by Marlette and seconded by Smith to approve the appointment of Barb Dunham as Quiz Bowl coach. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.
7. Kelci Eakins - HS Student Senate Advisor - Motion by Smith and seconded by Moore to approve the appointment of Kelci Eakins as HS Student Senate Advisor. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.
8. Aundrea Humiston - HS Wrestling Cheer Coach - Motion by Moore and seconded by Marelte to approve the appointment of Aundrea Humiston as HS Wrestling Cheer Coach. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.

9. Jason Marshall - eSports (.50 FTE) - Motion by Marlette and seconded by Moore to approve the appointment of Jason Marshall as eSports Coach (.50 FTE). The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.
10. Brett Nagle - JH Baseball Coach - Motion by Marlette and seconded by Smith to approve the appointment of Brett Nagle as JH Boys Baseball Coach. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.
11. Andrew Rompot - eSports (.50 FTE) - Motion by Marlette and seconded by Moore to approve the appointment of Andrew Rompot as eSports Coach (.50 FTE). The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.
12. John Vandenberg - HS Girls Basketball Volunteer Assistant Coach - Motion by Moore and seconded by Smith to approve the appointment of John Vandenberg as HS Girls Basketball Volunteer Assistant Coach. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.
13. Kenny Marlette - HS Football Volunteer Assistant Coach - Motion by Moore and seconded by Smith to approve the appointment of Kenny Marlette as HS Football Volunteer Assistant Coach. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.

c. **Resignations -**

1. Jacob Mace, HS Social Studies Teacher- Motion by Marlette and seconded by Moore to approve the resignation of Jacob Mace as HS Social Studies Teacher effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.
2. Olivya Hyde, MS English/Language Arts Teacher - Motion by Moore and seconded by Marlette to approve the resignation of Olivya Hyde as MS English/Language Arts Teacher effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.
3. Karen Spielbauer, HS Science Teacher - Motion by Marlette and seconded by Moore to approve the resignation/retirement of Karen Spielbauer as HS Science 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 -**

- MS/HS PBIS - Parking Lot Spaces
- HS Baseball - Baseball Camp

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 reviewing the following policies:

1. 602.1 - Curriculum Development
2. 602.2 - Curriculum Adoption
3. 602.3 - Curriculum Evaluation
4. 602.4 - Pilot-Experimental-Innovative Projects

Motion by Smith and seconded by Moore to approve reviewing the above board policies. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.

**Consideration to Approve Recommended Policy Amendments** - Superintendent Peterson recommended amendments to the following policies:

1. 210.5 - Meeting Notice
2. 407.2 - Licensed Employee Contract Release
3. 501.2 - Non-Resident Students
4. 604.6 - Instruction at a Post-Secondary Educational Institution
5. 710.2 - Transfer of Funds
6. 708 - Care, Maintenance, and Disposal of School District Records

Motion by Marlette and seconded by Moore to approve the policy amendments listed above. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.

**Consideration to Approve First Reading of Board Member Social Media Engagement Policy** - Motion by Moore and seconded by Smith to approve the first reading of the Board Member Social Media Engagement Policy. 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. Horizon Architecture is doing the preliminary schematic design of the wrestling room expansion. Blaine hopes to have some 3-d renderings of the facility's appearance by late next week. Spectra Build continues to move forward on this project to meet deadlines for the upcoming wrestling season.

**Consideration to Approve Creation of a Head Girls Wrestling Position** - Activities Director Brandon Brown spoke to the board on his recommendation to create a Head Girls Wrestling Position. The rationale for creating this position was presented at last month's meeting. Mr. Brown feels this is necessary to continue growing the girl's program. The second assistant coaching position would be eliminated to create a girl's head coaching position.

Moore's Motion and Smith's second to create a Head Girls Wrestling Coach Position. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.

**Consideration to Approve Creation of JH Girls Wrestling Coach Position** - Activities Director Brandon Brown spoke to the board on his recommendation to create a JH Girls Wrestling Coaching Position. Currently, the district does not have a girl's coach. The current coaching staff between the JH and High School staff made it work.

Motion by Marelte and seconded by Moore to approve the creation of a JH Girls Wrestling Coaching Position, and that the AD wait until the fall to fill the position. 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 Approve Copy Paper Purchase**- Bids were solicited for copy paper for the 23-24 school year. Bids were received from Sycamore Publishing and AEA Purchasing for 200 cases of copy paper.

- Sycamore Publishing - \$8,790
- AEA Purchasing - \$7,496

Motion by Marlette and seconded by Smith to approve the purchase of 200 cases of copy paper from AEA Purchasing. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.

**Consideration to Award Bid for AD/eSports Room Air Conditioning** - Bids were solicited and received to install air conditioning in the AD Office and eSports room. The bids that were received included:

- Minnis Heating and Cooling - \$15,780
- Frank Millard - \$19,025
- Odessa Mechanical - \$10,250

Motion by Smith and seconded by Moore to approve the bid to install air conditioning in the AD Office and eSports room for \$10,250 from Odessa Mechanical contingent upon completion by June 15. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.

**Consideration to Award Bid for Elementary Fencing**- Bids were solicited for fence replacement at the Elementary as part of the recommendations from the School Safety Audit. Those bids included:

- Lovewell Fencing - \$48,000
- D&N Fence - \$39,147

The funding for this project will be from the School Safety Audit Grant Program, awarded to each building in the amount of \$50,000 per building.

Motion by Smith and seconded by Moore to approve the replacement of the Elementary Fencing by D & N Fencing contingent upon the posts being set in concrete. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.

**Consideration to Approve Bid to Replace Air Compressor at WHS-** The air compressor that helps control the heat throughout the 1992 addition must be replaced. Bids were solicited for this project, with the following bids returned:

- Minnis Heating and Cooling - \$7,785
- Northwest Mechanical - \$8,311
- Odessa Mechanical - \$6,145

Superintendent Peterson has already received state approval for this project to use ESSER Funds if the board chooses to use those funds. There was a motion by Moore and seconded by Marlette to approve the bid from Northwest Mechanical to replace the air compressor at Wapello High School for \$8,311. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.

**Consideration to Approve Purchase of Replacement Basketball Hoops at Wapello Elementary** -

After some concerns over the safety of students, staff, and visitors, the basketball hoops on the Elementary playground were removed during hometown day. Elementary Principal Brett Nagle presented options for the replacement of the hoops. After some discussion, there was a motion by Smith and seconded by Marlette, to purchase three replacement basketball hoops at a price of \$2,999 per hoop. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.

**Consideration to Approve Purchase of Staff MacBook Air Laptops-** Grant Wood AEA has secured pricing to replace staff laptops through Apple. The quote presented was for 52 laptops, giving all teaching staff a new laptop for the 23-24 school year. Grant Wood AEA has developed a rotation cycle where there would not be a need to replace all computers simultaneously. This would be the first step in completing a rotating cycle. Funds for this replacement will come from the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy or SAVE Funds. There was a motion by Moore and seconded by Smith to approve the purchase of 52 Apple MacBook Air Laptops for a total cost of \$50,336. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.

**Consideration to Approve Purchase of Student Chromebook Laptops-** Grant Wood AEA has secured pricing for the yearly purchase of student Chromebook Laptops. This is part of the rotation to replace machines on a yearly basis. The selected quote was from Blue Ally for 75 machines and a total cost of \$20,775. There was a motion by Smith and seconded by Moore to approve the purchase of 75 Chromebook Laptops for a total cost of \$20,775. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.

**Consideration to Approve the Class of 2023 for Graduation** - Superintendent Peterson presented the list of potential graduates for the Class of 2023. Motion by Marlette and seconded by Smith to approve the list of potential graduates pending all requirements have been met by graduation day. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.

**Consideration to Approve Annual Renewal of Securly** - Superintendent Peterson presented to the board the annual renewal of the Securly Software. This has been earmarked as an ESSER Purchase for the 23-24 school year. Motion by Marlette and seconded by Smith to approve the renewal of Securly for the 23-24 school year in the amount of \$7,227.00. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.

**Consideration to Set Date for June Board Meeting:**

Motion by Moore and seconded by Marlette to set the June 2023 Board meeting for Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.

**Exempt Session** - Motion by Marlette and seconded by Smith to go into exempt session as per Iowa Code 21.9 - A meeting of a governmental body to discuss strategy in matters relating to employment conditions relating to employment conditions of employees of the governmental body who are not covered by a collective bargaining agreement under chapter 20 is exempt from this chapter. For purposes of this section, "employment conditions" mean areas included in the scope of negotiations listed in 20.9. 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 9:40 p.m.



Brandon Marquardt, President



Eric Small, Secretary