

Wapello Community School District
Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
6-14-23

The Wapello Board of Education met in an open session for their monthly meeting at 6:00 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 news media representative. The meeting was live-streamed on the [Wapello CSD YouTube Channel](#).

Call to Order: President Brandon Marquardt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Housman and seconded by Moore to approve the agenda. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

Approval of Minutes: Marlette's Motion and Moore's seconded to approve the minutes as prepared. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

Approval of Bills: Marlette's Motion and Smith's seconded to approve the bills presented for payment with added pre-approvals. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

Financial Report: Motion by Marlette and seconded by Housman seconded to approve the financial report for May 2023. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

Student's of the Month - None

Administrative Reports:

Supt. Peterson –

- Teacher Shortage
- Policy Revisions
- TeachIowa is now moving to IowaWorks
- Legislative Priorities
- COPS Grant Update
- Upcoming Meeting Schedule

High School Principal Steve Bohlen -

- Teacher Shortage - Still looking to fill open positions
- Carl Perkins Grant has been finalized and submitted
- Summer cleaning is progressing well in the secondary building

Brett Nagle, Elementary Principal -

- Summer School Update
- End-of-the-Year Assessments
- Open Employment Positions
- Handbook Changes

Activity Director – Brandon Brown

- New Hires/ReHires
- Interviews for Assistant. Wrestling Coach will take place next week

- Handbook Revisions

Curriculum - Shannon Salazar -

- PLC Conference
- Back to School Inservice Plans

Maintenance Department - Rob Hobbs -

- Air conditioning in the AD's Office and TIES Room is being finished up
- Johnson Controls is supposed to be on-site this week to fix deficiencies in the fire alarm system
- The elementary Fencing project started on Monday
- Air Compressor for the mezzanine will be installed in July
- A conduit for Mediacom Fiber Optic has been installed

Personnel

a. **Terminations - None**

b. **Hires** - A discussion was held amongst the board on how long to wait to fill some coaching positions to see if any interested candidates for teaching positions would be interested in some of these jobs. The board agreed to approve the list of hires for this evening and then establish a timeline of when coaches should be hired for the next season at the July board meeting.

1. Tracy Nelson - Foodservice Worker (7 hours per day) - Motion by Housman and seconded by Moore to approve the contract with Tracy Nelson. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.
2. Candace Moore - MS English/Language Arts Teacher - Motion by Housman and seconded by Moore to approve the hiring of Candace Moore as MS English/Language Arts Teacher. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.
3. Zach Archer, Asst. HS Soccer Coach - Motion by Housman and seconded by Moore to approve the contract with Zach Archer as Asst. HS Soccer Coach. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.
4. Brittani Beeding, JH Track Coach - Motion by Housman and seconded by Moore to approve the contract with Brittani Beeding as JH Track Coach. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.
5. Jane Bostian, Drama Sponsor - Motion by Housman and seconded by Moore to approve the contract with Jane Bostian as Drama Sponsor. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.
6. Jane Bostian, Prom Sponsor - Motion by Housman and seconded by Moore to approve the contract with Jane Bostian as Prom Sponsor. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.
7. Megan Brown - Head Girls Soccer Coach - Motion by Housman and seconded by Moore to approve the contract with Megan Brown as Head Girls Soccer Coach. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.
8. Kristyn Delzell - Poms Coach - Motion by Housman and seconded by Moore to approve the appointment of Kristyn Delzell as Poms Coach. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.
9. Bob Ehrman - Robotics - Motion by Housman and seconded by Moore to approve the contract with Bob Ehrman as Robotics Coach. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.
10. Tony Hammer - Head Boys Soccer Coach - Motion by Housman and seconded by Moore to approve the contract with Tony Hammer as Head Boys Soccer Coach. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

11. Michael Horton - JH Track Throwing Coach - Motion by Housman and seconded by Moore to approve the contract with Michael Horton as JH Track Throwing Coach. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.
12. Brandon Marquardt - Assistant Golf Coach - Motion by Housman and seconded by Moore to approve the contract with Brandon Marquardt as Assistant Golf Coach. The motion carried with a 4-0-1 (Marquardt Abstained) voice vote.
13. Andrew Rompot - JH Track Coach - Motion by Housman and seconded by Moore to approve the contract with Andrew Rompot as JH Track Coach. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.
14. Allison Ruth - Elementary Student Council Sponsor - Motion by Housman and seconded by Moore to approve the contract with Allison Ruth as Elementary Student Council Sponsor. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.
15. Allison Ruth - Elementary Yearbook Sponsor - Motion by Housman and seconded by Moore to approve the contract with Allison Ruth as Elementary Yearbook Sponsor. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.
16. Taren Samuels - Elementary Yearbook Sponsor - Motion by Housman and seconded by Moore to approve the contract with Taren Samuels as Elementary Yearbook Sponsor. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.
17. Taren Samuels - Elementary Student Council Sponsor - Motion by Housman and seconded by Moore to approve the contract with Taren Samuels as Elementary Student Council Sponsor. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.
18. Carlee Hardin - Poms Volunteer Assistant Coach - Motion by Moore and seconded by Smith to approve the appointment of Carlee Hardin as Poms Volunteer Assistant Coach. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.
19. Brett Nagle - Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach - Motion by Moore and seconded by Smith to approve the appointment of Brett Nagle as Wrestling Volunteer Assistant Coach. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

c. **Resignations -**

1. Hannah Eichelberger, K-12 Vocal Music Teacher - Motion by Marlette and seconded by Moore to approve the resignation of Hannah Eichelberger as K-12 Vocal Music Teacher effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.
2. Joe Cross, Asst. Track Coach - Motion by Smith and seconded by Moore to approve the resignation of Joe Cross as Asst. Track Coach. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

New Business:

Consideration to Approve Fundraisers -

- Volleyball - Volleyball Team Camp
- Volleyball - Paul Revere's Pizza and Flour Barn Items
- Football - Discount Cards
- Boys Basketball - Camp
- Boys Basketball - HS Basketball 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 5-0 voice vote.

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

1. 603.2–Summer School Instruction
2. 603.3–Special Education
3. 603.4–Multicultural/Gender Fair Education
4. 603.6–Physical Education
5. 603.7–Career Education
6. 603.8–Teaching About Religion
7. 603.9–Academic Freedom
8. 603.10–Global Education
9. 603.11–Citizenship

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

Consideration to Approve Second Reading of Board Member Social Media Engagement Policy -

Motion by Smith and seconded by Moore to approve the first reading of the Board Member Social Media Engagement Policy. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

Discussion of Wrestling Room Expansion- Blaine Dopler could not attend and will send an email update to the board regarding the Wrestling Room Expansion.

Consideration to Approve Handbooks - The Administrative Team submitted changes to their respective handbooks. The team asked the board to approve the changes as presented for the following handbooks:

- Student Activity - Motion by Housman and seconded by Moore to approve the Student Activity Handbook. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.
- District Certified Staff - Motion by Moore and seconded by Smith to approve the District Certified Staff Handbook. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.
- District Non-Certified Staff - Motion by Moore and seconded by Marlette to approve the District Non-Certified Handbook. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.
- Elementary Parent/Student - Motion by Moore and seconded by Smith to approve the Elementary Parent/Student Handbook. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.
- Elementary Staff - Motion by Moore and seconded by Smith to approve the Elementary Parent/Student Handbook. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.
- MS/HS Parent/Student - Motion by Marlette and seconded by Moore to approve the Middle School/High School Parent/Student Handbook. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

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

Consideration to Approve Milk Bids for 23-24 - Nutrition Director Amanda Harris presented the board with the milk bids that were received from Prairie Farms and Anderson-Erickson. The recommendation was to award the milk bid for 23-24 to Prairie Farms.

Motion by Marlette and seconded by Moore to award the milk bid for 23-24 to Prairie Farms. The Motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

Consideration to Approve Borrowing Timeline for Wrestling Room Addition- Eric Small has been working with Piper Sandler, the district's financial advisor, on scenarios for borrowing funds for the Wrestling Room Expansion Project. Piper Sandler has created a timeline for the board to review and approve.

Motion by Moore and seconded by Marlette to approve the Borrowing Timeline that Piper Sandler has prepared to finance the construction of the wrestling room expansion project. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

Consideration to Approve Letter of Engagement for Piper Sandler for Wrestling Room Addition Borrowing - Piper Sandler has submitted a Letter of Engagement for their services on the Wrestling Room Addition Borrowing. Eric Small reviewed the document with the board.

Motion by Moore and seconded by Marlette to approve the Letter of Engagement with Piper Sandler for the Wrestling Room Borrowing. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

Consideration to Approve Letter of Engagement with Ahlers & Cooney for Wrestling Room Borrowing - Ahlers and Cooney has submitted a Letter of Engagement to act as bond counsel for the Wrestling Room Borrowing. Eric Small reviewed the document with the board.

Motion by Smith and seconded by Moore to approve Letter of Engagement for Ahlers & Cooney for the Wrestling Room Borrowing. The motion carried on a 5-0 voice vote.

Consideration to Approve Meal Prices for 23-24- Food Service Director Amanda Harris submitted to the board the following prices for the School Hot Lunch Program for the 23-24 school year.

1. Elementary Lunch: \$2.95/\$3.05
2. JH/HS Lunch: \$3.20/\$3.30
3. Elementary Breakfast: \$1.90/\$2.00
4. JH/HS Breakfast: \$2.25/\$2.35
5. Adult Lunch: \$4.13 /\$4.85 (State determined)
6. Adult Breakfast: \$2.50/\$3.00

There was a motion by Housman and seconded by Marlette to approve meal prices for the 23-24 school year as presented. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

Consideration to Approve Social Worker Contract with GPAEA - Superintendent Peterson presented a contract with Great Prairie AEA for a Part-Time Social Worker to the board. The district will pay for two days of service, and a third day each week will be covered by a grant from the University of Northern Iowa. There was a motion by Smith and seconded by Marlette to approve the Social Worker Contract with Great Prairie AEA. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

Consideration to Approve PowerSchool Contract with Grant Wood AEA- Grant Wood AEA is our support for PowerSchool, and the contract for their services is up for renewal. There was a motion by Moore and seconded by Housman to approve the PowerSchool Agreement Contract with GrantWood AEA. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

Discussion and/or Action on Asphalt Bid for Wapello Elementary- Maintenance Director Rob Hobbs presented to the board a proposal from Manatts Asphalt for a milling and a new layer of asphalt behind the Wapello Elementary building. Two options were presented for milling and 2” of new asphalt for \$67,542 or milling and 3” of new asphalt for \$97,081. Other bids were solicited but not returned due to the project scope and the costs to mobilize equipment. There was a motion by Housman and seconded by Smith to approve the bid from Manatts for milling and 2” of asphalt at the Wapello Elementary campus. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

Consideration to Set Date for July Board Meeting:

Motion by Housman and seconded by Moore to set the July 2023 Board meeting for Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

Adjournment:

Motion by Smith and seconded by Moore to adjourn. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.



Brandon Marquardt, President



Eric Small, Secretary