# Wiscasset School Department School Committee Meeting Agenda September 8, 2020 at 6:00 pm WES Cafeteria ZOOM Link:

| 1. The meeti  | ing was called to order at 6:04 p                         | m by Chairman Dunn                    |
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| 2. Roll Call  | X Jason Putnam<br>X_ Desiree Bailey<br>X_ Indriani Demers | X_Michael Dunn<br>X_ Michelle Blagdon |
| <ol> <li>Adjustments to Agenda</li> <li>Remove agenda item 12 - Executive Session not needed</li> </ol> |   |                                       |

- 4. Accept August 11, 2020 School Committee Meeting Minutes (action required)
- \*Motion To approve August 11 minutes as presented made by M. Blagdon, second by J. Putnam, 5-0 passed.
- 5. Approval of Policies
  - 5.1 Policy JLDBG Reintegration of Students from Juvenile Correctional Facilities Second Read (action required)
  - 5.2 Policy ACAA-R Student Discrimination and Harrassment Complaint Procedure Second Read (action required)
  - 6.4 Policy ACAB-R Employee Discrimination and Harrassment Complaint Procedure Second Read (action required)
- \*Motion To accept all policy changes as presented made by J. Putnam, second M. Blagdon, 5-0 passed.

## 6. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Wood reported that the first day of school went without a hitch though there will most likely be adjustments to be made with time. There are 24 new homeschooled students in the Wiscasset district. The School Department budget will be voted on tonight. There may be a second round of funding related to the pandemic coming from the State. Marilyn Sprague, the school nurse has worked every day since the pandemic started and has done a wonderful job. She is a teacher contract and worked through the summer. The School Department will be hiring another nurse to help her out. Devices will be provided to all students and an inventory system is being developed. At WES, donations of homemade face coverings have been given.

#### 7. Leadership updates

John Merry, Director of Maintenance and Transportation shared that hand sanitizer dispensers have all been installed in the schools and the schools have all been deep cleaned and sanitized

for the start of school. There is currently a shortage of bus drivers and WMHS is short a custodian for 30 hours per week.

Principal Lomonte reported that every student and staff member rose to the occasion on the opening day of school. WMHS currently has 277 students (106 middle school, 171 high school), 250 students are participating in the hybrid model school and 27 students are doing fully remote learning. There are 35 students participating in BRCTC vocational. All hot spots have been delivered and only 1 laptop came back from the summer damaged. WMHS is still continuing credit recovery for students who need it.

Lorie Johnson, Nutrition Director shared that the nutrition program for remote students will most likely be run as a pick program and not delivery as was done in the spring.

8. Old Business
No old business

#### 9. New Business

- 9.1 Resignations
  - a. Heather Sinclair WMHS Science (action required)
  - b. Charles Leitzell WES Math Coach (action required)
  - c. Christina Ferreira Assistant Director, Special Education (action required)
  - d. Carolyn Orne Retirement Grade 6 teacher (action required)
- \*Motion To accept the resignations as presented made by J.Putnam, second M. Blagdon, 5-0 passed.

#### 9.2 New Hires

- a. Gillian Victor WMHS Middle School Science Teacher (action required)
- b. Sean Pfahler WMHS High School Science Teacher (action required)
- c. Erica Davis WES Kindergarten (teacher transfer) (action required)
- d. Kirsten Perry WMHS Middle School ELA teacher (teacher transfer) (action required)

\*Motion - To accept all new hires as presented made by M. Blagdon, second J. Putnam 5-0, passed.

# 9.3 ESEA Federal Funds Report from Principal Lomonte

Principal Lomonte shared that he is required each year to report on Title funds to the School Committee. He reported that the Title funds for Wiscasset School Department have stayed about the same for the last 3 or 4 years.

## 9.4 Fall Sports

Warren Cossette, Athletic Director, stated that there are many obstacles facing WSD related to middle and high school athletics including: transportation, partnership with AOS 98, low numbers and a need for medical personnel on the field during play time. In addition, there is not

currently a coach for women's soccer or a basketball coach. His recommendation is that WSD offers fall sports as skill building clinics only with no interscholastic games. He shared that because we can not provide transportation or equity among students that we do not start with a season. Discussion followed regarding the season with School Committee members agreeing that skill building clinics make the most sense.

- \*Motion To start fall athletics as skill building sessions only with the possibility of scrimmaging between squads no interscholastic competition, made by M. Dunn, second by J. Putnam, 5-0 passed.
- Calendar and Announcements
   MSMA will be holding their annual fall conference virtually this year.
- 11. Public Comments
- 12. Enter into Executive Session regarding expulsion re-entry per MRSA Title 1, Section 405(6)(B). (action required to enter session)
- 13. Adjournment at 7:09 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Stacey Souza, Administrative Assistant