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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Virtual Zoom Meeting

September 17, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Waitsburg Board of Directors was called to order by Chairman Ross Hamann on September 17, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present

Ross Hamann
Christy House
Lisa Morrow
Sarah Boudrieau

Also Present

Mark Pickel

Others present:

Linda Henze, Stephanie Wooderchak, Liz Alleman, Matt Elder, Denise Winnett,
Liv Leid, Jamie Trump, Deanna Coulston and Beka Compton,

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Ross Hamann led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ADOPT AGENDA

Mark Pickel asked to add Adjustment to school calendar to the agenda as New Business, Item F.

Motion by Lisa Morrow to adopt the revised agenda, second by Christy House. Motion Carried.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Christy House to adopt the consent agenda, second by Lisa Morrow. Motion carried.

Minutes for August 20, 2020, Regular Meeting

General Fund – AP Warrant No(s) 13067-13109

ASB Fund – AP Warrant No(s) none

Payroll:

General Fund – Payroll Warrant No(s) 13047-13048

General Fund – Direct Deposit No(s) 900004659-900004696

General Fund – Payroll AP Warrant No(s) 13049-13066

Budget Status Reports

V. REPORTS

A. Secondary Principal Report

- Student in grades 6-12 began instruction for the 2020-21 school year on Tuesday, September 8, 2020.
- Students have had ZOOM instruction in all of their Preston Hall and High School classes are least one time.
- We have checked out the following number of Chromebooks, 6th grade 18, 7th grade 12, 8th grade 17, 9th grade 14, 10th grade 18, 11th grade 12 and 12th grade 16. Please note that some of the students/families choose not to check out a Chromebook.
- I have been working with our English Language Learners secondary students directly and they have been able to access Google Classroom and ZOOM successfully. We will continue to provide them with supports as needed.
- Beginning the week of September 13 – we will begin to provide targeted assistance to students and will be able to have one-on-one assistance with individual staff as parents and students make appointments for additional support.
- We have had our first staff meetings at Preston Hall and Waitsburg High School. They will continue to take place on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.
- Wednesday, September 16, the secondary staff will begin PLC work and we will also begin a book study of “The Distance Learning Playbook” by Douglas Fisher, Nancy Frey, and John Hattie.
- Our FFA have participated in the Dayton Fair and we are grateful for the opportunity to provide students and parents with support as they show animals. We hope this helped our students to feel that some of our normal procedures and school experiences are still available.
- We had a great turnout for our scheduled registrations in grades 6-12! We were able to explain the process for online learning which included Google classroom, assignments, attendance, and ZOOM instruction. Our class numbers look very positive as compared to last year at this time!

- Thank you to Susan and our Para's for utilizing their time to prepare and delivery breakfast and lunch to our students! It is amazing and we are so thankful that they can provide this service to our community.
- Thank you to NexGen – they have been great to work with! We are excited to welcome them to our Cardinal family!

B. Athletic Director Report

- Mark shared that WIAA is looking and potentially could rework what seasons may look like with the changes starting to happen in schools. Nothing concrete at this time, just conversations starting to happen.

C. Maintenance/Facilities Report

- Elementary gutters, fascia and eaves repair work is completed
- Retaining wall is being repaired
- Working with Mark and the city on a plan to deal with the locust trees at the athletic field.
- Have completed a design for irrigation on the north half of the athletic field.
- Anderson Perry is working on the survey.

D. Elementary Principal Report

- Started school on the 8th with a soft start with our P -5 students. Student with their families came in and met with their new teacher and received materials, supplies and their Chromebooks.
- Enrollment numbers are 16 Preschoolers, 16 kindergarteners, 15 first graders, 24 second graders, 18 third graders, 19 fourth graders and 15 fifth graders. Totals are 123 Pre-5 and 107 K-5. We are expecting one more student to join us next week.
- So far, we have had success in our student participating. Attendance is sitting at approximately 95%. We have made a couple of home visits and will plan to make more by the end of the week on those students who have not checked in within 24-48 hours. These home visits are being done in pairs with two staff members.
- We are still struggling with some technical difficulties; some are on our end and some are just connectivity issues in certain areas of the community. NexGen has been out to address. There have been some disruptions with technology around the state. We had also had some sound issues/web cam issues. We ordered some new document cameras to replace the older ones. NexGen has helped facilitate our borrowing Chromebooks from Dayton and Prescott School Districts until our back ordered Chromebooks arrive. We have ordered some Verizon Hot Spots and they should be here next week.
- NexGen has been stellar!
- We have started bringing in small groups of students for assessments with teachers and paras.
- Beginning next week, we will be bringing in small groups of students for tiered support.

- I want to echo the great work our paras are doing in our food service program. They have really stepped up to help with the food prep and home deliveries.

E. Superintendent Report

- We have had some technology-connectivity issues. Working on getting the Chromebooks and working with Spectrum, Columbia Energy and our Verizon Hot Stops.
- School Calendar adjustments – we met to discuss adjustments to the calendar and would like to propose a couple of changes.
 - 1. Move the Inservice days from Fridays to the respective Wednesday of that same week. There are 4 of them that need to be moved.
 - 2. Removal of snow days from calendar for this year. If we removed the two snow days in March that would move our end date from Tuesday June 15 to Friday, June 11.
- Title IX document – changes in Title IX affect K-12 schools. Title IX Education Amendment Acts of 1972 prohibits exclusion from education, denial of benefits or discrimination under any education program on the basis of sex by any entity that receives federal assistance. With the inclusion of sexual harassment under the federal Title IX umbrella, there are a lot of layers of what is going to be expected from public schools. A group of Superintendents reached out to the Dan Beebe Group to form a consortium agreement. The Dan Beebe Group is from the Walla Walla area and they investigate Title IX grievances across the United States. Our portion, because we are a small school, would be about \$3000. They will work with our Title IX staff on trainings, making sure that we have our documentations, policies, and webpage up to date and that everything in place that we need.
- Update on reopening plan. This week our district has been working with WW County Health department to determine if Waitsburg School District could move from remote learning to a hybrid model. After visiting with WW county health officials, we were given the green light to begin the transition to a hybrid model. Barring any unforeseen scenarios from the county or the state, we are targeting October 5th as a return to in-person education on a hybrid A/B Schedule. There is a lot of work to be done between now and October 5th, but we are excited to move forward to the next stage. Between now and October 5th we will be finalizing busing, food service, working to get our safety plan approved by the WW county Health Department among other items that need attention in order to get students back into the building.
- Staff with the Walla Walla Health Department will be supplying a press release and they will be onsite next Tuesday to do a walk through with myself, Stephanie, and Colter of the buildings.

VI. BOARD/PUBLIC COMMENT

No comment.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. WSSDA Conference (DISCUSSION)
- B. Policy 2ND Readings (DISCUSSION)
 - i. 2195 Academic Acceleration
 - ii. 2418 Waiver of High School Graduation Credits
 - iii. 3225 School-Based Threat Assessment
 - iv. 3424 Opioid Related Overdose Reversal
 - v. 3510 Associated Student Bodies

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. WSSDA Conference (Action)
Motion by Lisa Morrow to do the Virtual WSSDA Conference this year, second by Sarah Boudrieau. Motion Carried.
- B. Title IX Consortium Agreement (Action)
Motion by Sarah Boudrieau to adopt the Title IX Consortium Agreement as presented, second by Christy House. Motion carried.
- C. Retiring of Policies that have expired (Action)
 - i. 3144/3144P Release of Information Concerning Student Sexual and Kidnapping Offenders
 - ii. 4314/4314P Notification of Threats of Violence or HarmMotion by Christy House to retire policies as presented, second by Sarah Boudrieau. Motion carried.
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 - v. 3510 Associated Student BodiesMotion by Sarah Boudrieau to adopt 2nd Policy readings policies, second by Lisa Morrow. Motion carried
- E. Policy 1st Readings (Information)
 - i. 3122 Excused and Unexcused Absences
 - ii. 3414 Infectious Diseases
 - iii. 3418 Emergency Treatment
 - iv. 6512 Infectious Control Program
- F. Adjustment to the 2020-2021 School Calendar (Action)
Motion by Christy House to move the four half-day professional development days to the Wednesday prior to each of them and to leave the two snow days on the calendar as scheduled, second by Lisa Morrow. Motion carried

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Christy House that the meeting be adjourned at 7:03 p.m., second by Lisa Morrow. Motion carried.

Mark Pickel, Secretary
Board of Directors

Ross Hamann, Chairman
Board of Directors