

A regular meeting of the Western School District Board of Education was held via Zoom web conference on Monday, April 27, 2020. The meeting was called to order by President John Sheets at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Due to the digital meeting format, all votes will be conducted by a roll call.

Members Present:

President: John Sheets
Vice President: Jason Herrington
Treasurer – Ray Pape
Secretary – Gale Easton
Trustee: Blaine Goodrich
Trustee: Brent Oliver

Members Absent:

Trustee: Noah Nagy

Also Present:

Michael Smajda, Superintendent; Amber Smith, Finance Director; Ryan Tripp, Director of Programs; Jill Arcaro, Ben Gilpin, Sue Haney, Jared Vickers, Nick Rulewicz, Brett Hackworth, Brandon Baum, Steven Mills, Jessica Nichols, Shelby Raines, Nate Balderman, Michelle Day-Recording Secretary

Approval of Agenda: It was moved by Blaine Goodrich, supported by Brent Oliver, to approve the agenda for the regular meeting of Monday, April 27, 2020 with the following amendment: Remove Closed Session planned for April 27, 2020.

Roll Call:

John Sheets – Yes
Jason Herrington – Yes
Ray Pape – Yes
Gale Easton – Yes
Blaine Goodrich – Yes
Brent Oliver – Yes
Noah Nagy – Absent

Yes, 6; No, 0 Motion carried.

Building Reports:

Mrs. Arcaro, Ms. Haney, Mr. Gilpin, Mr. Hackworth, Mr. Vickers, Mr. Baum and Jessica Nichols

gave building/ distance learning reports.

Student Council Report: None

Hearing of Citizens: None

Approval of Minutes: It was moved by Gale Easton, supported by Ray Pape, to approve the minutes for the February 24, 2020 regular meeting and the March 9, 2020 work session as presented. Yes, 6; No, 0 Motion carried.

Roll Call:

John Sheets – Yes
Jason Herrington – Yes
Ray Pape – Yes
Gale Easton – Yes
Blaine Goodrich – Yes
Brent Oliver – Yes
Noah Nagy – Absent

Treasurer’s Report and Bills for Payment:

Treasurer Ray Pape reported that the monthly financial reports, bills for payment and budgets to date were reviewed.

WEA Request – It was moved by Blaine Goodrich and supported by Ray Pape to approve the request of the WEA to set aside funds that would have been paid for unused personal business days for the purpose of compensating substitute teaching staff. Yes, 6; No, 0 Motion carried.

Roll Call:

John Sheets - Yes
Jason Herrington – Yes
Ray Pape – Yes
Gale Easton – Yes
Blaine Goodrich – Yes
Brent Oliver – Yes
Noah Nagy – Absent

Plan Change Document – It was moved by Ray Pape and supported by Gale Easton to adopt the plan change document to accommodate the CARES Act provisions. Yes, 6; No, 0 Motion carried

Roll Call:

John Sheets – Yes
Jason Herrington – Yes
Ray Pape – Yes

Gale Easton – Yes
Blaine Goodrich – Yes
Brent Oliver – Yes
Noah Nagy – Absent

Budget Discussion – Mrs. Moore reviewed the projected 2020-2021 budget in detail, outlining several possible scenarios. .

Superintendent’s Reports and Recommendations:

Personnel Report –

Resignations

- 1) None

Appointments

- 1) Shelby Raines – WMS Interventionist
- 2) Donna Farmer – Varsity Softball
- 3) Benjamin Learned – Varsity Baseball
- 4) Mark Good – MS Track
- 5) Peggie Sayre – Freshman Volleyball
- 6) Taylor Voris – MS Volleyball

It was moved by Ray Pape and supported by Brent Oliver to approve the personnel report as recommended. Yes, 6; No, 0 Motion carried.

Roll Call:

John Sheets – Yes
Jason Herrington – Yes
Ray Pape – Yes
Gale Easton – Yes
Blaine Goodrich – Yes
Brent Oliver – Yes
Noah Nagy – Absent

WEA DayCare Letter of Agreement - It was moved by Brent Oliver and supported by Ray Pape to approve WEA Letter of Agreement providing discounted pricing for Little Panthers Daycare. Yes, 6; No, 0 Motion carried.

Roll Call:

John Sheets – Yes
Jason Herrington – Yes
Ray Pape – Yes
Gale Easton – Yes
Blaine Goodrich – Yes
Brent Oliver – Yes
Noah Nagy – Absent

Resolution to Grant Emergency Powers to the Superintendent - It was moved by Brent Oliver and supported by Blaine Goodrich to adopt the resolution to grant the superintendent emergency powers due to several Executive Orders from the Governor of the State of Michigan until June 30, 2020, with a spending cap of \$50,000. Yes, 6; No, 0 Motion carried.

Roll Call:

John Sheets – Yes
Jason Herrington – Yes
Ray Pape – Yes
Gale Easton – Yes
Blaine Goodrich – Yes
Brent Oliver – Yes
Noah Nagy – Absent

Continuity of Learning Plan Update - Mr. Smajda discussed the Continuity of Learning Plan in place for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

Schools of Choice Window - Due to the current school closing due to COVID-19, the Schools of Choice window has been delayed. The new window will be June 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020.

Policy: 3320 Green Revolving Fund

It was moved by Blaine Goodrich and supported by Brent Oliver to approve NEOLA Policy 3320 – Green Revolving Fund. Yes, 6; No, 0 Motion carried.

Roll Call:

John Sheets – Yes
Jason Herrington – Yes
Ray Pape – Yes
Gale Easton – Yes
Blaine Goodrich – Yes
Brent Oliver – Yes
Noah Nagy – Absent

Board Reports: Mr. Goodrich announced that the May 2, 2020 JCSBA meeting will be canceled. Western School District will host the August 8, 2020 meeting.

Other Business:

None.

Closed Session:

None.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Gale Easton,
Secretary, Board of Education