

MARCH 14, 2022 - REGULAR MEETING



President Kerry Holland in the commons called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The following board members were present Dee Paulson, Jessica Seffrood, Kerry Holland, Alicia Sigafus via Zoom and Jason Figi - Absent Jon Satterlee and Jason Herbst. Also present was administration of Willy Chambers, Cory Milz and Guest.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Seffrood to consent to agenda. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Figi seconded by Seffrood. Motion carried on a roll call vote

Chambers:

We have worked with Warren to purchase new middle school football uniforms. Warren's boosters paid 1/2, our boosters put \$1000 toward the effort and the district covered the remaining \$864.40.

I attended the Village of Gratiot meeting on the first. I will be attending the Town of Wayne Meeting Wednesday night to share information. The HSR team and I have been meeting on a bi-weekly basis to discuss progress and next steps.

The last community referendum meeting will be March 24, from 5:30 PM to approximately 7 PM. The HSR team will bring down one more flyer to be mailed and a couple of banners to be displayed.

I met with the Math teachers to discuss new HS math curriculum and have scheduled another meeting for this Wednesday.

I have started to meet with the elementary teachers to discuss class assignments due to the numbers.

I am seeking grants for playground equipment. I have written one from Aldi's and looking into one from Allegiant.

I had been meeting with both counties (superintendents and health director's) on a weekly basis. Lafayette County has become on an as needed basis, Green County is now bi-weekly.

I met with DEMCO, a furniture company, to look at options if the referendum passes.

Milz:

February Employee of the Month was Josh Firgens. Staff nominated Josh for his commitment to extra duties that benefit the students and his colleagues. For example, Josh runs a morning coffee shop with students from his business classes.

Dan Campbell, M.S. student council advisor, completed running the Butter Braids fundraising effort to continue to raise funds for middle school related activities, such as the annual ski trip and incentive activities for 4th and 5th grades.

Thanks to Mrs. Jessica Nehs and the FFA officer team for organizing and hosting the annual FFA pancake breakfast on Feb. 27. Mrs. Nehs has stepped in and done a fantastic job with our FFA and Ag classes.

Want to recognize and thank Mrs. Kristina Petitjean for providing some after school fitness opportunities for our students. She organized a fun run in February, and is holding a "Shamrock Shuffle" running activity this Thursday for students who are interested.

Congratulations to Owen Huschitt on his 3rd place finish at the WIAA state wrestling championship and congratulations to Owen Seffrood on his 2nd place finish at the WIAA state wrestling championships.

Other sports news:

Jr. High Boys' Basketball has begun. Six 8th graders and nine 7th graders participating.

H.S. track practice began on March 7, 2022, 3 seniors; 8 juniors; 9 sophomores (3); 4 freshman / 24 total

H.S. softball practice began today on March 14. 3 seniors, 3 juniors, 6 sophomores, 4 freshman / 16 total.

H.S. baseball practice will begin next Monday, March 21. Two seniors, 1 junior, 6 sophomores, 5 freshman/14 total.

Congratulations to Gavin Smith (10th) for earning a Class A music theatre solo and Bailey Abney (12th) for earning a Class A Vocal Solo and Class A musical theatre solo at sectional solo and ensemble competition. Both will be performing at the state solo and ensemble competition coming up in May.

Congratulations to our middle school FFA Quiz Bowl team who finished first at sectional LDE competition. The girls will compete at the state FFA convention in June.

Musical, Aladdin, will be performed at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 1 ; Saturday, April 2; and Sunday, April 3 @ 2 p.m. The plan is for a spaghetti supper prior to Friday and Saturday night's performances.

Ms. Kammes' art students will be hosting an art gallery of student work during these dates as well.

State assessment windows open up on March 21. We will begin administering the Forward Exam to 3rd – 8th graders in March. 9th and 10th graders will also be taking the ACT Aspire Exams in April. 4th, 8th, and 10th.

Board of Education - Paulson - Black Hawk Pride meeting will be giving 1 shirt to student and staff. Shirts and signs are in will be distributed. Figi also commented and thanked Dee for that she is doing for the referendum.

Public Comment was called for- Dusty Williams - Thank the Board members for serving on the board, Thanks to Willy and Cory for sharing information for the District. Joined the committee to help and have only had 2 or 3 people attending the meetings. Dusty asked if the Board is even supporting the referendum. Monroe Board has done a very good job of working and pushing there referendum. Where are the people that care as not much support has been given? Part of this committee was to start a Facebook page and one person reached out to Dusty stating good things. Board needs to reach out and push more for referendum. Do not be reliant on just one person to push for the referendum. People need to get out and push and lead. If the school board members are not pushing referendum, it will fail. We have 3 weeks left to get it pushed out the information. Share the post from Black Hawk Pride post. The Black Hawk Pride page has over 100 followers and reached over 7500 people. Thousands of people have read the post. Share facts and get the information out to the voters. Lead by example and push and support school. Thanks for your time and consideration.

Discussion Items- Board is okay with giving out gift cards. \$100 - \$200 range is what we are looking at more to come next month.

Action Items-

Motion by Seffrood and seconded by Paulson to approve the policy changes as presented by NEOLA. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion Paulson and seconded by Figi to approve volunteer baseball coaches of Coltin Laird, Payton Calow and Jim Baumgartner. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Seffrood and seconded by Paulson to approve Hailee Kammerud as volunteer softball coach. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Paulson and seconded by Sigafus to accept the resignation of Assistant Football Coach Payton Calow. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Paulson and seconded by Figi to approve the retirement of Pam Kohlstedt and thanks for your 35 years of service to the District. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Paulson and seconded by Sigafus to hire Ian Duff Bowers as Special Education teacher for 2022-23 school year. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Paulson and seconded by Seffrood to approve Hailee Kammerud as head volleyball coach. Motion carried on a voice vote.

No action on Assistant Football Coach as no applicant.

Motion by Paulson and seconded by Figi to approve Terry Pickett as student transportation for both positions. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Motion by Seffrood seconded Paulson to hire Don Hawkinson as Middle School Boys Basketball Coach for 2022-23. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Paulson and seconded by Figi to approve having a Board Employee. Motion carried on a roll call vote. It was decided to have it August 28, 2022 at the General Store.

Motion by Seffrood and seconded by Paulson to approve having Jeni Shifferl continuing her additional hours till the end of the year which is 2.5 hours. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Motion by Paulson and seconded by Seffrood to approve High School Art, Band and Choir to attend the Blue Man Group on April 25th, 2022. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Paulson to approve CESA # 3-contract for r2022-23. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Motion by Paulson and seconded by Figi to go into executive session at 8:00 pm president announcement of the executive session under 19.85(1) items b, c and f, Wisconsin State Statues. Motion carried on a roll call vote. YES - Seffrood, Holland, Paulson, Figi - ABSENT Satterlee, Herbst, Sigafus left as she was on Zoom.

The Board returned to open session at 8:08 pm

Motion by Figi and seconded by Paulson to adjourn at 8:08 pm. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Submitted by,

Jason Figi