

PORT EDWARDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Business Meeting of the Board of Education

5:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 13, 2021 – John Edwards Middle/High School, Dorothy Alexander Auditorium, Port Edwards, WI

Minutes

Meeting called to order by Vice President Thomasgard at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call

PRESENT: Leo Thomasgard, Kathy McGrath, Cary Hildebrandt (remotely), Ben Martinson (remotely)

ABSENT: John Daven

ALSO PRESENT: Kyle Cronan, Superintendent, Lisa Miller, Business Director

1. Consider Approval of Agenda

Motion by McGrath, second by Hildebrandt to approve the agenda as posted. Voting yes – Thomasgard, McGrath, Hildebrandt, Martinson. Motion carried.

2. Consideration of motion to adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute:

19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility

A. Consider Approval of Minutes of Past Executive Session – June 9, 2021

B. Review Alternative Compensation Model for Professional Staff

C. Review Professional Staffing Plan for 2021-2024 School Years

Motion by McGrath, second by Martinson to adjourn into closed session. Voting yes – Thomasgard, McGrath, Hildebrandt, Martinson. Motion carried.

3. Adjourn Executive Session and Reconvene into Open Session to take any action deemed necessary from the closed session

Motion by McGrath, second by Hildebrandt to adjourn the executive sessions and reconvene into open session. Voting yes - Thomasgard, McGrath, Hildebrandt, Martinson. Motion carried.

PRESENT: Leo Thomasgard, Kathy McGrath, Cary Hildebrandt (remotely), Ben Martinson (remotely)

ABSENT: John Daven

ALSO PRESENT: Kyle Cronan, Superintendent, Lisa Miller, Business Director

OTHERS PRESENT: Jen Moore, John Hanten, Matt Tranel, Deb Martin, Amanda Wilhorn

4. Consider Approval of Agenda

Motion by McGrath, second by Hildebrandt to approve the agenda as posted. Voting yes – Thomasgard, McGrath, Hildebrandt, Martinson. Motion carried.

5. President's Report

A. Board Member Attendance

Vice President Thomasgard reported that Thomasgard, McGrath, Hildebrandt(remotely), Martinson(remotely) were in attendance. President Daven is absent due to work obligations.

B. Reading of the National School Lunch Week Proclamation

Vice President Thomasgard read the National School Lunch Week Proclamation and acknowledged the food service department and thanked them for all that they do to be sure our students receive breakfast and lunch each and every day, they have gone above and beyond.

C. Next Board Meeting

Vice President Thomasgard reported that the Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, October 25, 2021 and the next meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Wednesday, November 10, 2021.

6. Administrative Reports

A. Report on Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III Fund (ESSER III) – Superintendent Cronan

Superintendent Cronan reported on ESSER III funds to be budgeted in the 2021-22 school year. Superintendent Cronan stated that the District is eligible for \$565,393. These are one-time funds and can be expended over the 2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24 school years. Of this funding, a minimum of 20% of this funding must be spent on learning loss. That allotment for learning loss is approximately \$113,000. Superintendent Cronan stated that tonight's proposal for this fiscal year budget, is for the Board to allocate ESSER III funds to be used to hire an interventionist for the elementary and middle school levels as well as allocating funds for the Be Great Graduate program, nursing services and continued HVAC upgrades and technology. Superintendent Cronan stated at the end of the three years, the District will have dedicated 53% to learning loss.

B. Report on b.e.s.t. Screener and Frist Trimester Dual Credit Courses – Principal Shroda

No report - Principal Shroda unable to attend meeting.

7. Questions and Comments from People in Attendance

Matt Tranel – asked about an HVAC system that would improve the transmission of COVID-19. Superintendent Cronan reported that last year the District installed ionization systems that improve air quality and the transmission of COVID-19.

CONSENT AGENDA:

8. Consider Approval of Minutes of Past Meeting – September 8, 2021

Motion by McGrath, second by Martinson to approve the minutes as presented. Voting yes – Thomasgard, McGrath, Hildebrandt, Martinson. Motion carried.

9. Consider Approval of Financial Reports

- A. Check SummariesSeptember 1-30, 2021
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- B. District Revenue ReportSeptember 1-30, 2021
- C. District Expenditures Report.....September 1-30, 2021
- D. Cash Receipt Summary.....September 1-30, 2021
- E. September Cash Balance Report
- F. September Substitutes Report
- G. Budget Revision
- H. Consider Approval of Gifts

Business Director Miller reported that school supplies were donated to the elementary school by Susan Milkioski.

Motion by McGrath, second by Martinson to approve the financial report as presented. Voting yes – Thomasgard, McGrath, Hildebrandt, Martinson. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 10. None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 11. Consider Approval of Drama Club – 2nd Advisor
 - A. Rachel FrizzellMotion by Hildebrandt, second by Martinson to approve the Drama Club – 2nd advisor – Rachel Frizzell. Voting yes – Thomasgard, McGrath, Hildebrandt, Martinson. Motion carried.
- 12. Consider Approval of Sophomore Class Advisor
 - A. Tami GriffithMotion by McGrath, second by Martinson to approve Sophomore Class Advisor – Tami Griffith. Voting yes – Thomasgard, McGrath, Hildebrandt, Martinson. Motion carried.
- 13. Consider Approval of Start College Now Applications
 - Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Martinson to approve the Start College Now Applications. Voting yes – Thomasgard, McGrath, Hildebrandt, Martinson. Motion carried.
- 14. Consider Approval of Early Graduation
 - A. Paul Stormoen
 - B. Gwen FerkeyMotion by McGrath, second by Martinson to approve early graduation for Paul Stormoen and Gwen Ferkey. Voting yes – Thomasgard, McGrath, Hildebrandt, Martinson. Motion carried.
- 15. Receive 2020-21 Seclusion & Restraint Report
 - Superintendent Cronan reported on behalf of Principal Christy and noted that there were zero instances to report.
- 16. Consider Approval of Cooperative Agreements (66.03.01)
 - A. Nekoosa School DistrictMotion by McGrath, second by Martinson to approve the Cooperative Agreement (66.03.01) with Nekoosa School District. Voting yes – Thomasgard, McGrath, Hildebrandt, Martinson. Motion carried.
- 17. Consider Approval of Preliminary ESSER III Budget
 - Motion by McGrath, second by Hildebrandt to approve the preliminary ESSER III budget. Voting yes – Thomasgard, McGrath, Hildebrandt, Martinson. Motion carried.
- 18. Designate State Education Convention Board Delegate
 - This agenda item was tabled until the November meeting.
- 19. Opportunity for Individual Board Member Comment
 - All board members expressed appreciation to the staff for all that they do especially in these tough times and thanked all those in attendance.
- 20. Establish Future Board Meetings
 - Monday, October 25, 2021, Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting, 6:00 p.m. – Dorothy Alexander Auditorium
 - Wednesday, November 10, 2021, Executive Session at 5:00 (if needed); Business Meeting at 5:30 p.m. – Dorothy Alexander Auditorium
- 21. Call for Adjournment
 - Motion by McGrath, second by Martinson to adjourn the meeting. Voting yes – Thomasgard, McGrath, Hildebrandt, Martinson. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.