

West Bend – Mallard Community School  
Board of Directors Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, September 14, 2021  
West Bend Administration Board Room

### Minutes

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by President John Zaugg. The following members were present; Dave Bruellman, Jillian Hansen, Chris Montag, Lisa Traub, Nicole Myer, and Dawn Schmidt

Visitors: Superintendent Amanda Schmidt, Board Secretary Crystal Eggers, and Principal Paul Peppmeier

#### Educational News:

MS/HS News – Paul Peppmeier reported that the beginning of the school year has gone by very quickly. We have had an extremely good start to the beginning of the year. Mr. Peppmeier is working on getting into all of the elementary rooms with Millie at least once a month. They have been to several rooms already and the kids are really loving it. Millie will sit with the kids while Mr. Peppmeier reads books to the students and have also been outside at recess with the students. Next week is homecoming week so that will be a very busy time for all the students. All homecoming activities will take place on Friday starting at 1:00 pm in the high school gym. We are excited to have the science lab available this year so that all building levels can utilize this space to do more science experiments and hands on learning with science.

Superintendent News – Amanda Schmidt updated the board with the dates for the IASB Conference this fall. Board members wishing to attend need to let Crystal or Superintendent Schmidt know so we can get them signed up. Last spring there was discussion about offering early retirement this year and getting it decided early. The board would like this to be put on the October agenda. Superintendent Schmidt discussed with the board that the mask mandate law was repealed by the judge on a TRO while the Governor appeals the ruling. The board does not want to mandate masks. They would like to continue with personal choice. Thank you to all the staff and subs for all their hard work in getting the start of the school year off to a great start.

#### District News:

It was moved by Chris Montag to approve the agenda. Seconded by Dave Bruellman. All ayes, motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Dawn Schmidt to approve the minutes, warrants, and financial reports as presented. Seconded by Nicole Myer. All ayes, motion carried unanimously.

Board Meetings for the 2021-2022 school year will continue to be on the Third Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm in the Administration Board Room.

It was moved by Chris Montag to approve West Iowa Bank in West Bend (\$7,000,000), Farmers State Bank in West Bend (\$7,000,000), and Bankers Trust (\$2,000,000) as the official banking depositories for the 2021-2022 school year with limits listed. Seconded by Lisa Traub. All ayes, motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Dave Bruellman to designate West Bend Journal as the official publication for the 2021-2022 school year. Seconded by Chris Montag. All ayes, motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Dawn Schmidt to appoint Steve Avery as Legal Counsel for the 2021-2022 school year. Seconded by Nicole Myer. All ayes, motion carried unanimously.

It was approved by Chris Montag to approve the Board Goals for 2021-2022. Seconded by Jillian Hansen. All ayes, motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Dave Bruellman to approve the SIAC Committee Members for the 2021-2022 school year. Seconded by Jillian Hansen. All ayes, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held about the 2022-2023 school year and where the school will be in regard to class size. If the numbers stay as is, it would be possible to look at splitting both the Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade classes into two classes each for the 2022-2023 school year. Discussion was held about where the additional room would be located. More options will be brought to the board at the next board meeting.

It was moved by Nicole Myer to approve the following fundraisers: Car Wash – Prom, Football Game Meal – Prom, and Harvest To-Go Meal - Prom. Seconded by Lisa Traub. All ayes, motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Dave Bruellman to transfer \$20,000.00 from the General Fund to the Activity fund to offset the loss in revenues and increased costs due to COVID. Seconded by Dawn Schmidt. All ayes, motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Nicole Myer to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Board Policies 704.1, 704.5, 711.2, & 711.2R2. Seconded by Jillian Hansen. All ayes, motion carried unanimously.

First Reading of Board Policies 707.2, 707.4, 707.5, &707.5R1

It was moved by Chris Montag to accept the resignations of Eldon McKimmey as HS Girls Track Coach with many thanks for the many years of service. Seconded by Lisa Traub. All ayes, motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Jillian Hansen to offer a contract to Phil Sorenson for MS Football Coach. Seconded by Chris Montag. All ayes, motion carried unanimously.

At 7:32 pm it was moved by Dave Bruellman to adjourn.

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John Zaugg, President

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Crystal Eggers, Secretary