

The West Bend-Mallard CSD Board of Directors held their regular meeting on Tuesday, February 17th, in the West Bend-Mallard Administration Board Room, 300 3rd Ave. SW, West Bend, IA.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by President John Zaugg. The following members were present: Chris Montag, Jillian Hansen, Nicole Myer, Lisa Traub, and Dawn Schmidt. Absent: Dave Bruellman

Visitors: Principal Tyson Wirtz, Principal Tiffany Morey, Superintendent Paul Peppmeier, Maria Steier, Tara Chaddock, and Autumn Hellman.

All motions are unanimously approved unless noted otherwise

Approve Agenda: Chris Montag moved to approve the agenda, Lisa Traub seconded. Motion carried

Board Informational News:

Dawn Schmidt attended a meeting for Palo Alto County Assessor. There is another meeting in the coming weeks and she will have more information at that time.

Education News:

Principal Tiffany Morey updated the board that she has posted a 1:1 para position. We are past the 3rd quarter midterms. The elementary school has a few days where Amber S and I set up to help break up the long winter days. They are just a few days of the month, like kindness days, dress-up days, and I will have STEM and math days as well.

Principal Tyson Wirtz updated the board that midterms are good. Looking to set up parent teacher conferences. Night one would be scheduled conferences and night two would be the regular come and go setting.

Superintendent Paul Peppmeier updated the board that he is heading to an ISFLC meeting regarding budgeting, and Maria Steier is headed to Employment Law meetings.

Old Business:

Make sure all warrants are coded to the correct chart of accounts.

Financial Reports:

Dawn Schmidt made a motion to approve the financials with changes and corrections as discussed. Seconded by Nicole Meyer. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

Chris Montag moved to approve Consent Agenda: Approve Minutes with name corrections, Approve Warrants with corrections as discussed, Open Enrollments as presented, Approve Fundraisers (FFA omelet breakfast, FFA member service auction, Livestock Judging - concession stand, Softball - Hit-A-Thon), Approve 2nd Reading: 202.02 Oath of Office, 303.01 Administrative Positions, 303.02 Administrator Qualifications, Recruitment, Appointment, 406.05 Licensed Employee Group Insurance

Benefits, 406.06 Licensed Employee Tax Shelter Program, 407.05 Licensed Employee Reduction in Force, 501.05 Open Enrollment Transfers – Procedures as a Receiving District. Seconded by Lisa Traub. Motion carried.

New Business:

Dawn Schmidt motioned to approve a public hearing set for March 10th, 2026 at 5:30pm regarding borrowing against SAVE funds for building addition. Seconded by Jillian Hansen. Motion carried.

Chris Montag motioned to approve a public hearing set for March 10th, 2026 at 5:30pm regarding the board's intent to continue participation in the Instructional Support Levy. Seconded By Lisa Traub. Motion carried.

Chris Montag motioned to approve a public hearing set for March 24th, 2026 at 5:30pm for the proposed property tax increase. Seconded by Lisa Traub. Motion carried.

Chris Montag motioned to approve a public hearing set for April 14th, 2026 at 5:30pm for the 2027 school calendar. Seconded by Lisa Traub. Motion carried.

Chris Montag motioned to approve a public hearing set for April 14th, 2026 at 5:30pm regarding the 2027 school budget. Seconded by Lisa Traub. Motion carried.

Nicole Myer motioned to approve the increase of the Drivers Education fee. The fee for West Bend-Mallard students increases to \$370. The fee for out of district students is \$390. Seconded by Jillian Hansen. Motion carried.

Mr Froehlich would like to take the junior and senior P.E. classes to Mankato, MN to go skiing. Chris Montag made a motion. Seconded by Dawn Schmidt. Motion carried.

Nicole Myer made a motion to hire Ryan Cirks for ground applications. Seconded by Lisa Traub. Motion carried.

Facility Improvements:

Public hearing set for March 10th for building addition. Contractors will be present to help answer any questions.

Resignations:

James Hansen - Asst Baseball Coach. Chris Montag made a motion. Lisa Traub Seconded. Motion carried.

Contracts:

Sanata Ward-Arrowood - Art. Chris Montag made a motion. Lisa Traub Seconded. Motion carried.
James Hansen - Baseball Head Coach. Motioned by Lisa Traub. Seconded by Nicole Myer. Motion carried.
Jillian Hansen abstained from voting.

Terminations: None

Dawn Schmidt made a motion to go into an exempt session. Seconded By Chris Montag.

Chris Montag made a motion to come out of the exempt session. Seconded by Nicole Myer.

Chris Montag made a motion to adjourn at 6:23pm

John Zaugg, President

Maria Steier, Board Secretary