

Wainscott Common School

BOT Meeting Minutes- Tuesday, February 27, 2024 5:30 p.m.

Present:

Board President, David Eagan, Board members, William Babinski Jr. and Kelly Anderson, Superintendent, Deborah Haab, Business Manager, Wendy Duffy, District Clerk, Norma Bushman and one member of the Press. Absent; Lead Teacher, Mrs. Kelly Yusko

I. Purpose & Review

- Welcome / Pledge of Allegiance – David Eagan, President -Meeting called to order at 5:35pm
- Acceptance of Board Minutes – Regular Meeting Tuesday, January 10, 2024
- Superintendent’s Report – Mrs. Deborah Haab - Deborah discussed the issues we are having with the HVAC system and the quote from Best Climate Control. We are going to seek other bids and have the system reviewed from a Johnston Controls representative per David's Recommendation. If we do need a replacement we will put out a proposition on the vote for the new unit. Pre-k programming was presented with Deborah’s plan and estimate for supplies and costs to provide the program in -house. She mentioned the responses from the parents wanting a full day program, and discussed Allie’s qualifications to teach the program. The board is pleased with the plan and is happy that we can offer a Pre-Kindergarten into our district. Retaining fourth grade was also detailed with an emphasis on doing outreach to enhance our program to provide fourth graders with opportunities similar to our tuition districts, including music lessons and intramural sports. Deborah expressed the poverty rate decline according to the recent census has negatively impacted grant amounts. She will also reach out to Fred Thiele about the possibility of receiving the \$ 25,000 again as we did for 23-24. A plaque in memorial and recognition of Mary McCaffrey was approved upon presentation.
- Teacher’s Report – Mrs. Kelly Yusko, Lead Teacher-Deborah read Kelly’s report which reviewed February activities. Highlights on Groundhog/PJ Day, 100th day of school, Valentines Day and President’s Day were presented.

- Business Manager Report – Mrs. Wendy Duffy- Wendy reviewed her reports and proposed 2024-2025 budget lines. Adjustments will be made on the proposed budget to prepare for the purchase of chromebooks and Ipads for the students. Wendy discussed the contingency budget number and that next year's budget looks like an increase of .6 % and at most a 2.58 % tax levy increase. We will need to borrow money for one more year to operate fiscally. Not having to pierce the cap and building our fund balance, are the goals of the school for 2024-2025.
- Public Comments – *Agenda Items Only- None*
- Discussion Items -*None*

II. Resolutions

- BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the Regular BOT Meeting held on February 27, 2024. ***Motioned by Kelly Anderson, Second by William Babinski, Passed and Carried***
- BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the Disbursement Report – February, 2024. ***Motioned by William Babinski, Second by Kelly Anderson, Passed and Carried***
- BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, acknowledges receipt of the Audit Trail – February, 2024. ***Motioned by William Babinski, Second by Kelly Anderson, Passed and Carried***
- BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve the Wainscott School District 2024-2025 school calendar. ***Motioned by William Babinski, Second by Kelly Anderson, Passed and Carried***
- BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools approve changing the March 22, 2024 Superintendents Day to April 2, 2024. ***Motioned by William Babinski, Second by Kelly Anderson, Passed and Carried***

III. Closing

- Public Comments- None
- Executive Session - 6:40 pm Yes, personnel
- Adjournment- 6:50 pm
- Next Meeting -Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 5:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by **Norma Bushman**, District Clerk