

WYOMISSING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 2020-5784

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The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board of School Directors convened at 4:45 p.m. in the Community Board Room of the Jr./Sr. High School with Mrs. Ziolkowski, Board Vice President, presiding.

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Ziolkowski asked if anyone would be recording the meeting. No one indicated their intent to record.

Board Members Present:

Mrs. Harenza, Mrs. McAvoy, Mr. McCaffrey, Mrs. Phillips, Mr. Pottieger, Mr. Redner (arr. 5:24 pm), Mrs. Taylor (arr. 4:54 pm), Mrs. Waxler (arr. 5:33 pm), and Mrs. Ziolkowski.

Administrative Staff Present:

Mr. Scoboria, Dr. Woodard, Mr. Boyer, Mr. Arnst, and Mr. Cafoncelli.

Attendees:

Cathy Barra, JSHS Band Director, Todd Vukmanic, Crabtree Rohrbaugh Associates; Shelley Filer, recording secretary. An audience sign-in sheet is included as part of these official minutes.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- School Board Business Meeting – February 24, 2020, 6:00 p.m.
- Board Workshop Meeting – March 2, 2020, 4:45 p.m.
- Committee of the Whole – March 9, 2020, 4:45 p.m.

All listed meetings are held in the Community Board Room of the Jr./Sr. High School unless otherwise noted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ROUTINE APPROVALS

MEETING MINUTES

Upon a motion by Mr. McCaffrey, second by Mrs. McAvoy, the Board approved the following minutes:

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Yeas: Harenza, McAvoy, McCaffrey, Phillips, Pottieger, and Ziolkowski.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE

1. Band Uniform Replacement Presentation and Quote – Ms. Cathy Barra, JSHS Band Director gave a presentation on proposed designs and cost of new band and color guard uniforms. Uniforms were last purchased in 2005 and have surpassed typical life expectancy of 8-10 years. Many are in disrepair with split seams, broken buttons and broken zippers.

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She proposed purchasing 50 new band uniforms including pants, jacket, shako and plume, garment bag and hat box at \$400 each and 20 color guard uniforms at \$190 each. Delivery time is six months after the order is placed.

**B. CURRICULUM/
TECHNOLOGY**

1. Field Trip Approvals – Dr. Woodard provided clarification of the transportation cost associated with the All-state Music Festival. In the event a WASD student qualifies, the cost may be reduced if a staff member drives a district van. Registration fees have not yet been determined. Three music field trips will be on the February 24, agenda for approval including a trip to Nashville, TN in 2021. The advance approval is needed for fundraising opportunities for students to defray the cost.
2. 2020-2021 School Calendar – Dr. Woodard highlighted changes on the draft of the 2020-21 calendar. The first day for students would be Tuesday, August 25, due to the late Labor holiday and the last day would be June 4. In-service days and Act 80 days were moved to allow for more cohesive professional development. Evening sessions for parent-teacher conference will be offered at both elementary buildings and the JSHS in November.
3. WASD Data Presentation – Dr. Woodard reviewed student achievement and growth data of grade levels and student groups using information provided by the Future Ready Index. The index features a dashboard approach and illustrates student and school success via three color-coded categories: academic performance; student progress; and college and career readiness. In all categories, WASD exceeds the state average.

C. FACILITIES

1. Feasibility Study Review – Mr. Todd Vukmanic from Crabtree Rohrbaugh Associates presented an update on the Feasibility Study that focused on the following areas: Building Capacity and Utilization; Facility Condition Index, Educational Suitability Assessment; Projected Enrollment; and Proposed Construction Options. WHEC and the JSHS are operating at higher capacity and utilization than PDE recommendations. Under the Facility Condition Index (FCI) he discussed the following noteworthy deficiencies: Water ponding at WHEC due to storm water and site grading issues; cafeteria location/size at WHEC; cafeteria size at the JSHS; inadequate signage at driveways and access ways; landscaping and site security improvements; ADA and life safety upgrades; site

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improvements like paving and sidewalks; and damaged Dryvit and overhangs. Education Suitability Assessment noteworthy deficiencies include: Inadequate teaming/collaboration spaces for flexible learning opportunities; deficient Special Education rooms/sizes; WHEC and JSHS food service configuration; insufficient power/data support in classrooms; and library configurations that do not support 21st Century Learning initiatives. Mr. Vukmanic presented proposed options and associated costs for facilities projects: 1) Maintenance-Status Quo for repairs listed in the FCI for all three buildings - \$15.7-\$19.4 million; 2) Option 1 – Renovations and additions to the JSHS - \$11.6-\$13.2 million; 3) Option 2 – Renovations and additions to WHEC - \$9.5-\$10.5 million; 4) Option 3 – Renovations and additions to WHEC and the JSHS - \$21.1-\$23.7 million; 5) Option 4 – Renovations and additions to WHEC, JSHS with maintenance/upgrades to WREC - \$21.8-\$24.6 million. Choosing option 3 or 4 provides the opportunity for a combined bidding scenario and potential for improved construction pricing due to economy of scale. The Board will consider the options in conjunction with financing opportunities at the Board workshop meeting on March 2.

2. Paving Bid Review Phase I – Mr. Cafoncelli said five contractors submitted bids for the project. The highest and lowest bid were within \$80,000 of each other; however, the lowest bid exceeded the construction estimate by nearly \$200,000. Two factors contributing to the disparity are the price of oil and the glut of same type available work. The Board decided to further discuss the topic at the March 2, workshop meeting.
3. Softball Scoreboard – Mr. Cafoncelli said he contacted Rob Lewis at the Borough of Wyomissing to see if there was any interest in using the existing scoreboard at any of the fields. The little league organizations had no funds to donate for the new scoreboard. Mr. Cafoncelli is attending the next PTA meeting to see if they can possibly fund a portion of it.
4. WHEC Crosswalk – Mr. Cafoncelli received a second quote for the design work; however, Bogia Engineering is still the lowest. A request to approve \$10,000 for the design cost will be on the February 24, agenda.
5. Replacement Maintenance Vehicle – As requested last month by the Board, Mr. Cafoncelli investigated the cost of a similar vehicle to the Ford F250 manufactured by Chevy. That price was approximately \$9,000 higher. He confirmed that there are

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no used or leftover trucks at any local dealers that meet the specifications.

6. Outdoor Classroom – Mr. Cafoncelli said a donation was received to cover the cost of re-advertising for bids. The Board agreed to re-advertise since he said this is a favorable period to do so.

D. POLICY

No items.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Ziolkowski, seconded by Mrs. Taylor to adjourn at 7:53 p.m.

Board Secretary