

NORTHERN WELLS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2018
5:30 P.M.

Public Comment

Scott Elzey asked if there was anyone present who wished to make a comment to the Board. No comments were made.

Call to Order

Public notice of the date, time and place of the Board meeting had been previously posted according to statute on Thursday, December 6, 2018, at 4:00 p.m. local time.

Scott Elzey called to order the regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees. Present at the meeting were Scott Elzey, President; Donna Spear, Vice-President; Angie Topp, Secretary; Gene Donaghy, Member; Peggy Eschenbacher, Member; Superintendent Scott Mills; Jennifer Nes, NHS Principal David Parker; NHS Assistant Principal Alex Nafziger; NHS Athletic Director Kelby Weybright; NHS PE teacher & Football Coach Josh Gerber; Buildings & Grounds Supervisor Adam Heckber; IT Director Jeff Miller; Dana Wannemacher, Ryan Bowland & Patty Baumgardner (Barton Coe Vilamaa); Glen Werling (News-banner), and nine parents/patrons.

NOTE: All actions of the Board were duly moved, seconded and adopted upon unanimous vote of the Board, and without dissenting vote or abstention, unless otherwise stated.

Approval of the Minutes

Superintendent Mills recommended approval of the minutes of the Strategic Planning, November 12, 2018, executive session and regular board meeting of November 20, 2018. Following review by the Board and responses to questions posed, the Board approved the minutes as presented.

Approval of Claims

Superintendent Mills asked if there were any questions concerning the claims. Following review by the Board and responses posed, the Board approved the claims as presented.

General Fund	240,025.73
Debt Service	1,082,057.07
Retirement/Sev Bond Debt Serv	182,463.56
Referendum Fund-exempt CPF	495,000.00
Capital Projects	93,201.21
Capital Projects (Emerg. Repair)	3,725.00
School Transportation	24,212.83
School Lunch	251.09

Area 18 Vocational-2018/19	5,021.65
ECA (Trnsp) – DO NOT USE	3,448.17
FY19 Secured School Safety Grant	5,696.99
State Connectivity	800.00
Title I, 2018-19 School Year	2,143.29

Personnel

Superintendent Mills presented the following personnel items and donations.

Resignations:

Nora Elder – OES Bear Care Supervisor

Recommendations:

Thomas Troyer – NHS Volunteer Assistant Softball Coach

Cara Allen – NHS Volunteer Assistant Swim Coach

Shane Neuenschwander – NHS Volunteer Assistant Softball Coach

Krissy Riley – OES Bear Care

Linda Kling – OES Teaching Assistant

Leave:

Leonda Neal – NHS Teaching Assistant

Sarah Uchrinsko – LES Kindergarten Teacher

Taylor Evans – LES 2nd Grade Teacher

Donations:

OES – \$10 Angela Becker Orthodontics

LES Robotics Club Donations

\$50 - CA Harris Construction, Inc.

\$200 - Bohl Equipment Company

\$500 - Trusted Supply Chain Partners

1 Laptop computer (value \$200) – Trusted Solutions Group Inc.

1 Laptop computer (value \$200) – Matt Hirschy/MPH Tech.

\$250 - Fort Wayne Metals

NHS Aetna Foundation Anonymous Donations

\$120 to Boys Basketball Program

\$127.28 to Student Activities

Following review by the Board and responses to questions posed, the Board approved the personnel items and donations as presented. (See Attached)

NWCS iPad Restriction Levels

NHS Assistant Principal, Alex Nafziger presented new information, as the board had requested in the last board meeting, about implementing additional iPad restriction levels at all grade levels. Nafziger gave more details as to what communication would be given to parents about their child's level changing and a copy of the notification that would go to parents about

putting the restrictions in effect. Following review by the Board and responses to questions posed, the Board approved the iPad Restriction Levels for the 2nd semester as presented.

Additional NHS Course Offerings

NHS Principal David Parker recommended course offering additions to the 2019-2020 NHS course guide. Parker shared that NHS would like to bolster AP and Dual credit course offerings. Parker recommended additions of AP United States History, AP United States Government and Politics, AP Physics 1: Algebra-Based, Introduction to Advanced Manufacturing and Logistics, Advanced Manufacturing 1, Education Professions II, Advanced English/Language Arts College Credit, and Career Exploration Internship, and Interdisciplinary Cooperative Education (ICE). Parker also presented "AP Potential" data covering the number of students identified as having a 50% chance of passing an AP exam in each area based on 2018-19 PSAT data. Following review by the Board and responses to questions posed, the Board approved the addition course offerings as presented. (See Attached)

Out-of-State Trip

Superintendent Mills recommended that the Board approve an out-of-state trip for OES 5th grade to Sauder Village in Archbold, Ohio, May 23, 2019. Following review by the Board and responses to questions posed, the Board approved the trip as presented. (See Attached)

Overnight Trip Request

Superintendent Mills recommended that the Board approve an overnight trip for NHS Girls Varsity Basketball to Syracuse, IN. Holiday Shootout, December 28-29, 2018. Following review by the Board and responses to questions posed, the Board approved the trip as presented. (See Attached)

End of Year Resolution

Superintendent Mills recommended to the Board approval of a resolution allowing payment of end-of-year bills and to make any necessary fund transfers. Following review by the Board and responses to questions posed, the Board approved the resolution as presented. (See Attached)

Organizational Board Meeting for 2019

Superintendent Mills made a motion to hold the Organizational Board Meeting for 2019 on Thursday, January 3rd, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the Central Office, due to the original meeting date falling on January 1st, New Year's Day. Mills shared that the remaining board meeting dates for the year 2019 would be decided at that time also. Following review by the Board and responses to questions posed, the Board approved the January 3rd, Organization Board Meeting date as presented.

January 7th, 2019 eLearning Day

Superintendent Mills recommended that the Board approve a change to the 2018-19 School Calendar to make January 7th, 2019 an eLearning make-up day for students. Mills shared that staff will already be here for professional development activities and that the day would be modified to emulate what the corporation did in September. Following review by the Board and responses to questions pose, the Board approved the eLearning make-up day as presented.

Effective Teachers Catch-up Stipend

Superintendent Mills recommended approval of a catch-up stipend for teachers rated as effective. Mills noted that the stipends will offset the negative impact to effective teachers by the current Teacher Appreciation Grant awarded by the state. Mills said that this would award everybody the same gross amount and represents about a \$100 per teacher that were rated as effective in 2017-18. Following review by the Board and responses to questions posed, the Board approved the stipend as presented. (See Attached)

Work Session

A work session was held to review and discuss potential bond projects. Dana Wannamacher of Barton Coe Vilamaa presented updated information and costs regarding the repairs needed for the corporation's school buildings and other facilities. (See Attached) Superintendent Mills presented a draft of the potential tax impact if only one \$5,170,000 project was conducted. Wannemacher shared with the board that more than one project could be conducted under the \$5.17 million threshold. Mills shared he would have more information after a conference call with Bond counsel, Stifel, Barton Coe Vilamaa, and our local attorney on Thursday, Dec. 13, 2018.

No official action was taken on the proposed projects, only discussion, questions and answers.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Mills had nothing to report.

Mills and President Scott Elzey presented board members Donna Spear (12 years) and Peggy Eschenbacher (4 years) with plaques showing the appreciation from the school corporation and the Board for their service.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the School Board meeting was adjourned.

Scott Elzey, President

Donna Spear, Vice-President

Angie Topp, Secretary

Gene Donaghy, Member

Peggy Eschenbacher, Member