

NORTHERN WELLS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
EXECUTIVE SESSION & REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
OSSIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019
4:30 & 5:30 P.M.

Executive Session

Public notice of the date, time, place and specific reference to the enumerated instance for which the executive session was held had been previously posted according to statute on February 28, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. local time.

Angie Topp called to order the executive session of the Board of School Trustees. Present at the meeting were Angie Topp, President; Scott Elzey, Vice-President; Gene Donaghy, Secretary; Karen Harris, Member; Corey Krug, Member; and Superintendent Mills.

We hereby certify that the Board met in executive session for the following purpose in accordance with I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b):

With respect to any individual over whom the governing body has jurisdiction: to receive information concerning the individual's alleged misconduct; and to discuss, before a determination, the individual's status as an employee, a student or physician, or school bus driver.

For discussion of records classified as confidential by state or federal statute.

To discuss before a placement decision an individual student's abilities, past performance, behavior, and needs.

To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. This subdivision does not apply to a discussion of the salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during a budget process.

We further certify that no subject matter other than the subject specified in the public notice was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned and moved into regular session.

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Call to Order

Public notice of the date, time and place of the Board meeting had been previously posted according to statute on Thursday, February 28, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. local time.

Angie Topp called to order the regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees. Present at the meeting were Angie Topp, President; Scott Elzey, Vice-President; Gene Donaghy, Secretary; Karen Harris, Member; Corey Krug, Member; Superintendent Mills, IT Director Jeff

Miller, NHS Athletic Director Kelby Weybright, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor Adam Heckber, Jim Elizondo Stifel Financial Group, Corporation Attorney Nick Hursh, Dana Wannemacher Barton Coe Vilamaa, Kayla Hunter, OES Principal Cathy Dunwiddie, Glen Werling News Banner, Jennifer Nes, and guests.

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.

Public Comment

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

Jim Elizondo, Stifel Public Finance

Jim Elizondo of Stifel Public Finance presented information to the Board and shared that the plan is to sell the bonds in the next 1½ to 2 weeks and by the 2nd week in April the money will be available to start on projects. Elizondo also discussed the Estimated Budget and the Estimated Tax Impact. (See Attached)

STEAM Presentation

At this time the Board and guests were asked to proceed to the OES STEAM area. Teachers Patty Atkins and Kellyn Atkins shared what STEAM students were learning and introduced 5th grade student Greyson Taylor & 4th grade student Kalli England. The students shared about activities and items used in the STEAM area and instructed Board members Corey Krug & Karen Harris on how to navigate a sphero computerized ball through a maze. The Board thanked the teachers and students for their presentation.

Approval of the Minutes

Superintendent Mills recommended approval of the minutes of the executive session and regular meeting of February 19, 2019. 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.

Education Fund	220,443.90
Operations Fund	68,199.33
School Lunch	19,213.42
School Lunch Donation	874.09
2018-19 Tchr of Year-R Bower	<u>138.31</u>
Total of Funds	\$308,869.05

<u>Totals by Clearing</u>	
OES - Library Proceeds	<u>\$344.53</u>
Total of all Clearing	\$344.53
 Grand Total	 \$309,213.58

Personnel

Superintendent Mills presented the following personnel items.

Resignations:

Stephanie Seitz – OES Teaching Assistant
Chajua Peterson – OES 2nd Grade Teacher

Recommendations:

Kayla Hunter – NHS Varsity Volleyball Head Coach
Riley Hettinger – NMS Volunteer Assistant Track Coach
Suzy Cyrus – NMS Assistant Swim Coach
NHS Spring Coaches

Boys Baseball: Dave Goodmiller – Head Coach
Jamie Feldheiser – Asst. Coach
Neil Stinson – JV Coach
Luke Bittner – Volunteer Asst.

Girls Softball: Herb Bergman – Head Coach
Alyssa Rice – Asst. Coach
Steve Garza – Asst. Coach
Shane Neuenschwander – Vol. Asst. Coach
Tom Troyer – Vol. Asst. Coach
Spencer Tipton – Vol. Asst. Coach
Adam Lenwell – Vol. Asst. Coach
Clete Bailey – Vol. Asst. Coach

Girls Track: Bob Dahl – Head Coach
Maria Huelskamp – Asst. Coach
Deidre Stoppenhagen – Volunteer Asst.

Boys Track: Adam Prater – Head Coach
Paul Grote – Asst. Coach

Girls Tennis: Holly Kimball – Head Coach
Bruce Barger – Vol. Asst. Coach

Boys Golf: Bruce Imel – Head Coach
Mike Niermeyer – Vol. Asst.

Donations:

Aetna Foundation/Anonymous Donation
\$45.00 Boys Basketball Program
\$47.73 Student Activities

Trip Requests:

NHS Boys Swim Team Overnight to Indianapolis, State Finals 2/22.

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

Football Field & Basketball Court Renovations Update

NHS Athletic Director Kelby Weybright shared a power point explaining the HS project renovations/updates for the Football Field and Basketball Court. Weybright covered information about the Soccer Building, Softball Building, the location of those buildings, several options for the NHS gymnasium floor/design, and options for the NHS football field turf design. Superintendent Mills recommended completely asphaltting the high jump area. Weybright shared that the installation of the field is about a 10-week process. He said plans are to start immediately after Memorial Day, because the track surrounding the field will be off limits to students since it will be considered a construction zone. Mills added that there will be dirt that is excavated and we will need to consider what to do with it. After questions and discussion, the Board thanked Weybright for the update. (See Attached)

Barton Coe Vilamaa, Dana Wannemacher-Update

Dana Wannemacher from Barton Coe Vilamaa shared that the project planning is nearing completion and everything is moving quicker than we thought it might. Wannemacher shared that we would like to get to that first round of projects and possibly to the softball and soccer field buildings. He said he would like to publish no later than March 21st, pre-bid meeting March 26th, take bids April 9th, and bids could be awarded at the April 16th board meeting.

Superintendent Mills made a recommendation to go out for bids. Following review by the Board and responses to questions posed, the Board approved the recommendation as presented.

Wannemacher also ask to use the NJPA process for the air handlers and gym floor. Mills explained NJPA and that the equipment has already been competitively bid. Mills said he would recommend that Wannemacher use the NJPA process and that it did not require a motion and it does follow the public bid guidelines. Mills asked the board if there were any questions there were no questions.

Hearing on Amendment to Lease

Recess regular Board meeting.

A hearing was conducted on the Amendment to Lease, as advertised in the Bluffton News Banner & Ossian Journal on January 31, 2019. Superintendent Mills asked if there was anyone who wished to make a comment or ask a question to the Board in reference to the

Amendment to Lease. Glen Werling from the News Banner asked why we have to amend the lease. Mills explained that in order to conduct a project through lease financing, which is what we have to do because we don't have the capacity to issue bonds on our own. We have to form a building corporation that will be the holder of the bonds, amending the current lease to extend it to 2040. There were no other comments or questions.

Reconvene regular Board meeting.

Adopt Resolution Authorizing Execution of Amendment to Lease

Superintendent Mills recommended the Board adopt the Resolution Authorizing Execution of Amendment to Lease. Following review by the Board and responses to questions posed, the Board adopted the Resolution Authorizing Execution of Amendment to Lease as presented. (See Attached Exhibit A)

Adopt Resolution Reapproving Formation of Building Corporation

Superintendent Mills recommended the Board Adopt Resolution Reapproving Formation of Building Corporation. Following review by the Board and responses to questions posed, the Board adopted the Resolution Reapproving Formation of Building Corporation as presented. (See Attached Exhibit B)

Adopt Resolution Awarding Contracts and Assigning Bids to Building Corporation

Superintendent Mills recommended the Board adopt the Resolution Awarding Contracts and Assigning bids to Building Corporation. Following review by the Board and responses to questions posed, the Board approved the Resolution Awarding Contracts and Assigning bids to Building Corporation as presented. (See Attached Exhibit C)

Adopt Resolution Approving Continuing Disclosure Undertaking and Issuance of Bonds

Superintendent Mills recommended the Board adopt the Resolution Approving Continuing Disclosure Undertaking and Issuance of Bonds. Following review by the Board and responses to questions posed, the Board approved the Resolution Approving Continuing Disclosure Undertaking and Issuance of Bonds as presented. (See Attached Exhibit D)

Adopt Resolution to Approve Amended and Restated Post-Issuance Compliance Procedures

Superintendent Mills recommended the Board adopt the Resolution to Approve Amended and Restated Post-Issuance Compliance Procedures. This was a new regulation on February 27th. Following review by the Board and responses to questions posed, the Board approved the Resolution Approving Amended and Restated Post-Issuance Compliance Procedures as presented. (See Attached Exhibit E)

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Mills shared that we are conducting a review of our eLearning days. Mills said going back historically there have been 13 eLearning days so far this year plus 2 make-up days. March 22nd and April 19th will be eLearning days and there will be Bobcat & Bear Care available on those days.

President Angie Topp said that she has been at several other school corporations and noticed that they are Non-Smoking Campus' and asked if that was something that we should start. Superintendent Mills said that he would recommend that the corporation consider it and an aspect that is now coming that makes that more prudent is the vaping and juuling. Mills shared that the corporation is going to have a speaker Michael DeLeon from SteeredStraight at the schools to speak about the hazards of juuling and vaping on May 7th. Mills thanked NMS Assistant Principal Holly Morgan for initiating the speaker's visit. Mills shared that it would be good to develop a smoke free, vape free, tobacco free campus. Mills said he would be willing to do some investigating and bring back a policy and recommend it.

Secretary Gene Donaghy asked to recognize Ed Goetz, previous member of the Board from 1974-77. Goetz recently celebrated his 98th birthday.

The next School Board meeting will be April 2nd at the Central Office.

Adjournment

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

Angie Topp, President

Scott Elzey, Vice-President

Gene Donaghy, Secretary

Karen Harris, Member

Corey Krug, Member