

PUBLIC NOTICES

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W-E-M BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES REGULAR MEETING Monday, April 22, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

The WEM Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, April 22, 2024 at the Waterville Building. The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman Gary Michael at 6:34 p.m.

Board Members Michael, June Rezac, Jon Bakken, Jay Schneider, Brenda Heuss, and Troy Tolzman attended the meeting. Also present at the meeting were Superintendent John Regan, Activities Director Jeff Boran, and Business Manager Margaret Jewison.

Motion by Schneider and seconded by Tolzman to approve the agenda. Six members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Michael and seconded by Bakken to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from March 18, 2024. Six members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Schneider and seconded by Tolzman to approve the resolution relating to property tax abatement for parking lot projects; granting the abatement. Six members voted in favor by roll call vote - motion declared passed.

The board received a report from Ehlers on the pre-sale for tax abatement bonds. See attachment.

Motion by Bakken and seconded by Schneider to approve the resolution stating the intention of the school board to issue general obligation tax abatement bonds, series 2024A, in the maximum aggregate principal amount of approximately \$479,000, and taking other actions with respect thereto. Six members voted in favor by roll call vote - motion declared passed.

Motion by Bakken and seconded by Schneider to approve the March Financial Report. The bills and payroll from the report were \$1,061,671.44, deposits were \$1,233,168.78, and transfers of \$1,550,000. Bakken said the district has a little bit of deficit spending. Six members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Ehlers presented funding options for possible referendums.

Nexus presented a facility study - see attachments.

Motion by Schneider and seconded by Bakken to approve the 2023-2024 revised budget, which was presented by Business Manager Margaret Jewison - See attachment. Six members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

VISITOR COMMENTS

There were no visitor comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Michael and seconded by Heuss to approve the consent agenda which included the following items:

Approve the following hirings: Chris Dahle, Industrial Technology, MS/Step E, \$54,180. Hannah Fessel, Van Driver, \$29.35/hour.

Approve request for family medical leave of absence for Kortney McKenna beginning on April 29, 2024 through May 30, 2024.

Approve the following 2023-2024 coaches: Baseball: Sam Stier and Bill John - Volunteers. Softball: Tanya Jensen - Junior High, \$2,476. Clay Target: Tyson Cooley and Doug Androli, \$1,000 each.

Approve the following resignations: Bobbie Jo Bastian, PreK-6 Principal, effective June 30, 2024. Tyler Kaus, 6th Grade, effective May 31, 2024.

Approve the following Community Education Summer SACC Staff: Adults (\$13/54.hour) - Susan Bliss, Vicki Gregor, Kyleigh Duffey, Emma McGraw, Mandi Schutte, and Brody Holicky. Students (\$11.54/hour) - Auston Holicky, Kayla Bronk, and Sara Jeffries. Six members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

RECOGNITION

Motion by Schneider and seconded by Bakken to approve the following monetary donation: A donation of \$15,000 from the Morristown Fire Relief association for lunchroom tables and chairs. A donation of \$150 from Partners in Education to the art program. A donation of \$1,004.32 from the WEM Football Boosters to the football program. Six members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

REPORTS

WEM Principal Bobbie Jo Bastian and WEM Principal Dr. Jennifer Wilson submitted the following report:
All District

District state testing (Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments) will largely wrap up by the end of the month. Students in grades 3-8 and 10 will test in reading, students in grades 3-8 and 11 will test in math and students in grades 5, 8, and 11 will test in science.

On April 1 teachers had a professional development day. The day was spent in staff meetings in each building along with preparation for submitting Quarter 3 grades and parent-teacher conferences that were hosted on April 2 at the secondary level.

Quarter 4 began on April 2 for all students. The quarter will end on May 30 for all K-11th grade students. Seniors will graduate on May 24 with their final full day of classes on May 23.

A group of seven staff made up of one administrator and six

teachers will be traveling to the metro to observe Catalyst Training. The training will provide insight on best practices on cultural relevance, behavior management, and supportive interactions within the school setting for all grade levels. The group will be able to observe practices live and in classrooms/areas of a school. The trip took place on April 19.

PreK-6

The 5th grade Math Masters team has worked hard and is prepared for the upcoming competition that will be held April 26. Students have worked hard and are ready to represent WEM. Special thanks to Mrs. Sammon and Mr. Svendsen who have done a great job preparing these students for this big event.

Fifth grade students continue to prepare for their DARE graduation which will take place April 25. Big thank you to their teachers and Deputy Arens for their support as students work through the program.

We are looking forward to a variety of field trips, picnics, and all school activities that will be taking place during the month of May throughout the district.

We are looking forward to hosting our third annual ice cream social and art show on May 9, 2024. Mrs. Stanton-Nutt and Mrs. Volk are adding on to the annual event with more fun art activities including a High School Ceramic Art Exhibit at Make It Waterville and a self-guided walk tour of the upcoming work in downtown Waterville.

7-12

Fifty-one juniors took the ACT. The ACT was given at WEM High School April 3. The entire group and proctors did an outstanding job and we are very proud of the efforts given by the junior class. A big thank you to our proctors Tricia Slayton, Lisa Becker, and ACT Coordinator Bridgette Reuvers.

On April 10 Youth Frontiers provided a Courage Retreat for the 7th graders. Student volunteers assisting at Morristown included Montana Johnson, Kaitlin Stopski, Adrian Un, Kayla Bronk, Kaedyn Judd, Loryn Caldwell, Jocelyn Brown, Maddie Heuss, Jaelyn Wilmes, Auston Holicky, Abby Crosby, and Tatum Richards.

Congratulations to Mrs. Kelly Stanton-Nutt and the high school students who entered pieces in the Section 2A Visual Arts Competition. Highlights include two qualifiers for the State Tournament (Ella Duenes and Angelina Dornquast).

Excellent Level Certificate Recipients: Kaitlyn Stopski, Ella Duenes (2), Christina Moriarity, Ava Hughes, Travis Flohaug, and Mya Tracy.

Superior Level Sections Medal Recipients: Angelina Dornquast (2 including a perfect score), Ella Duenes (perfect score), Mya Tracy (perfect score), Simon Lohry, and Ava Hughes.

Spotlight Level Pin Recipients: Ella Duenes and Angelina Dornquast qualified to participate in the State Visual Arts Festival at the Perpich Center on May 11.

Freshmen will participate in a Respect Retreat also provided by Youth Frontiers on April 23 at WEM High School.

The senior class will enjoy a day at Mall of America and Nickelodeon Universe on Tuesday, April 23.

Final preparations are being made for Prom 2024 which will be held on May 4. The theme is A Rustic Garden. The Grand March will begin at 5 p.m. followed by a dance and dinner at The Mill in Waseca.

WEM Community Education and Activities Director Jeff Boran submitted the following report:
ACTIVITIES

CONGRATULATIONS to the WEM Speech team members on qualifying for the State Tournament this past weekend (Saturday 4/19) at Shakopee HS. Maddie Heuss (11) "Discussion" reached the final round and placed 7th, Claire Elness (11) "Great Speeches" reached the final round and placed 4th. Madeline Balfe (12) "Creative Expression" participated in the state, narrowly missing the finals. This was each of the girl's 2nd trip to state.

CONGRATULATIONS to WEM Visual Arts participants Ella Duenes, Mya Tracy, Christina Moriarity, Ava Hughes, Angelina Dornquast and Kaitlyn Stopski for receiving "Excellent" ratings on pieces submitted. Congratulations to the following students Angelina Dornquast, Ava Hughes, Mya Tracy, Simon Lohry, Ella Duenes for receiving "Superior" recognitions at the Region 2A Visual Arts Event held at TCU HS, Wednesday April 10. Angelina Dornquast (12) and Ella Duenes (12) have pieces selected to move onto state! Angelina's drawing entitled "Butterflies" and Ella's sculpture entitled "Iguana" will be displayed Saturday May 11 at the Perpich Art Center in Golden Valley. Viewing the state pieces will be between 1pm - 2pm, with an awards ceremony from 2:15 pm. - 3 p.m. Good Luck Angelina and Ella! Currently you are able to view these two projects and others in the display cabinet just before the Auditorium hallway.

2024 Spring Activities, Baseball (Currently 0-4), Softball (currently 1-5), Track & Field and Clay Targets have begun! The great February & March weather gave us a head start, however rain and cold continues to disrupt the spring teams. Hopefully the weather cooperates and we get as many games in as possible before the start of playoffs. Baseball (playoffs begin May 23), Softball (playoffs begin May 21), Track (Subsection May 23) Good Luck and Go Bucs!

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

- Registrations are open for Summer 2024 swimming lessons, camps, youth sports, behind-the-wheel-training, driver education classroom, summer school age care, etc. and are on-line for registration or will be very soon when all arrangements have been made.

- Registration for 2024-2025 Little Bucs Preschool is open with spots still available.

- Plans for Preschool Summer School are being prepared and will open for registration very soon.

WEM Board Member Reports

There was a question as to whether or not a student can be on the school board. The answer was yes and the board will look into what qualifications it takes to be on the board.

WEM Board Committee Reports

There was a note that the Clerical staff contracts were almost finalized.

WEM Superintendent John Regan presented the following:

- Superintendent Regan commented on the amazing girls who advanced to the State Speech Meet, board approved vs. voter approved referendums, what kind of information is needed from the Nexus Report, and prioritizing funding plans.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

The board had the first readings of the following policies (See attachments): 212 School Board Member Development, 405 Veteran's Preference, 515 Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records, 529 Staff Notification of Violent Behavior by Students. See attachments.

ACTION

Motion by Schneider and seconded by Bakken to approved the following policies (See attachments) 406 Public and Private Personnel Data, 410 Family and Medical Leave, 416 Drug and Alcohol Testing, 524 Internet Acceptable Use and Safety. See attachments. Four members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Michael and seconded by Rezac to approve the 2023-2025 Custodial Contract. Six members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Motion by Schneider and seconded by Bakken to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Six members voted in favor - motion declared passed.

Gary Michael, Attest

Jay Schneider, Attest

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 114/24

ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF ELYSIAN LE SUEUR / WASECA COUNTY

WHEREAS, by law under MN Statute 415.11 changes in salary must be approved prior to regular city elections to take effect January in the year following said elections,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Elysian, Le Sueur/Waseca County, Minnesota, as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor shall receive a salary of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) per month for serving as Mayor and performing all duties associated with the office and One Hundred Dollars (\$100) for each special, emergency, and workshop meeting attended.

Section 2. Each member of the City Council shall receive a salary of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150) per month for serving on the Council and performing all duties associated with the office and One Hundred Dollars (\$100) for each special, emergency, and workshop meeting attended.

Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be effective January 1, 2025, which is the first day of the year subsequent to the next general election.

Attest:

Tom McBroom, Sr., Mayor

Lorri Kopsischke, City Administrator

Adopted this 13th day of May 2024

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