

MERTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education
Monday, April 26, 2021
6:00 p.m.
Merton Intermediate School Little Theater

President Dobbertin called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. Dobbertin announced the meeting was properly posted. Board members in attendance were Dobbertin, Lehman, Kent, Spindler and Welnetz. District Administrator Russ was in attendance. There were no reporters and approximately 5 citizens in person.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Welnetz, second by Neuman to amend the agenda as presented and include the Principals Report under XI. Committee Reports, then the agenda was approved as presented . Motion carried 5-0.

Board Reorganization

Motion by Welnetz, second by Spindler to elect Dobbertin as President. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kent, second by Spindler to elect Welnetz as Vice President. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Welnetz, second by Spindler to elect Kent as Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kent, second by Spindler to elect Lehman as Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kent, second by Welnetz to elect Spindler as Member. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Lehman, second by Spindler to assign Kent and Welnetz to the Policy Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kent, second by Welnetz to assign Spindler and Lehman to the Finance Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Spindler, second by Kent to assign Dobbertin and Welnetz to the Facility Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Welnetz, second by Spindler to assign Kent to the CESA#1 Rep & WASB Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Welnetz, second by Spindler to assign Welnetz, Spindler, Lehman and Kent to the Student Achievement Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

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Approval of Minutes

Motion by Spindler, second by Welnetz to approve the board meeting minutes of:

Monday, March 22, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m. Closed Session

Monday, March 22, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m. Open Session

Monday, April 12, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m. Closed Session

Monday, April 19, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m. Closed Session

Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Financial and Bill Listing

Motion by Lehman, second by Welnetz to approve Payroll Checks #553794 in the amount of \$153.92, Check #553795 in the amount of \$153.92, Direct Deposit #900053931-900054045 in the amount of \$154,248.88, #900054046-900054151 in the amount of \$143,225.60, #900054152-900054262 in the amount of \$147,372.28, Wire Transfers #20200244-20200279 in the amount of \$371,098.28, Accounts Payable Checks #54649-54696 in the amount of \$138,219.40, AP Wire #20200251-20200272 in the amount of \$25,056.42, Credit Card #032021 in the amount \$11,527.10 and ACH/Direct Deposit #202100057-202100065 in the amount of \$528.20. Motion carried unanimously.

Delegations to be Heard

A citizen expressed the desire to speak to the board regarding the mask mandate going into the 2021-2022 school year. The citizen raised concerns regarding requiring masks when she desires for her children to not wear masks.

Administrator's Report

A. Action

1. Acceptance of Donations (Action)

Motion by Welnetz, second by Spindler to approve the donation made by former Board Member Jennifer Neuman who has donated her \$2,400 salary and the receipt of a \$3,000 PPG Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Personal Actions (Action)

Motion by Spindler, second by Welnetz to approve the letter of resignation from Tori Durand, Becky Pizzo, Barb Emmerich, Meredith Mutza and Kate Jirschele as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Information

1. Dr. Russ spoke to the Board and gave everyone an update on the progress of the Intermediate School remodel, which is right on track. Dr. Russ thanked staff and students for their patience and for their flexibility during the process.

Committee Reports

A. Principals Report

Principal Stein, Principal Posick and AJ Sutter presented to the Board all the updates throughout both the Primary and Intermediate Schools including fun experiences, such as Spirit Days, Poetry Jams, Career Day, upcoming concerts and 8th grade graduation. Other updates included classroom observations, assessments and analyzing the growth of our students, WI Forward Exam, safety drills and working on class lists for the 2021-2022 school year.

B. Negotiations Committee

The committee recently met to discuss the exchange of 2021-2022 Proposals for Teacher (AUTO) Negotiations.

C. Finance Committee

The committee recently met to discuss where the Intermediate school remodeling funds are coming from and an update on the 3rd quarter budget.

New Business

A. 2021-2022 Waukesha County Area Schools Health Insurance Purchasing and Cooperative Bylaws (Action)

Motion by Spindler, second by Welnetz to approve the Waukesha County Area Schools Health Insurance Purchasing Cooperative Bylaws as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

B. First Draft of new 6-8 Science Curriculum (Discussion)

Dr. Russ presented to the Board the new science curriculum for the 6-8th grade students including STEM and Robotics programs.

C. Approval Education Options for the 2021-2022 School Year (Action)

Motion by Spindler, second by Welnetz to approve In-Person, Face to Face only option for the 2021-2022 school year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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**D. Approve 66.03 with Arrowhead Union High School for Math Teacher
(Action)**

Motion by Welnetz, second by Lehman to approve the contract for James Hessler.
Motion carried unanimously.

E. Next Steps in Global Awareness Work (Discussion)

Dr. Russ reached out to the Board looking for guidance in relation to whether or not to move forward with the idea of Global Awareness and how to proceed in the upcoming years.

Future Meeting and Agenda Items

- A. May 24, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m. (Open Session)
 - 1. Monthly Meeting
- B. June 21, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.
 - 2. Monthly Meeting

Motion by Lehman, second by Welnetz to adjourn at 7:41p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Kent
District Clerk