

West Bend – Mallard Community School  
Board of Directors Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, February 20, 2018  
West Bend High School Lobby

### Minutes

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by President John Zaugg. The following were present; Jillian Hansen, Mike Thatcher, Chris Montag, Nicole Myer, Dawn Schmidt. Dave Bruellman was absent.

Visitors: Amanda Schmidt, Paul Peppmeier, John Banwart, Wyan Metzger, Rose Knobloch, Dexter Knobloch, Felicia Fehr, Nick Ford, Gary Yoch, Heather Studer, Anita Fisher, Cory Fehr, Eric Goeders, Mason Studer, Tanner Bachman, John Studer, Logan Studer, Angie Schmidt, Trystian Schupbach, Cassidy Peppmeier, Neal Schmidt, Lynn Mogler, Paige Gambell, Darren Fehr, Ed Meyer, Carla Montag.

#### Educational News:

Brian Rodemeyer was absent. Amanda Schmidt read his report. K-4 have completed the winter cycle for their alternative assessments in reading and math. Students have done very well. Grandparents day and Literacy Day will be held in early April. Date to be determined. ITBS will be March 5-16 in grades 2-4. Dr. Seuss day is Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Friday, February 23, FFA will be hosting the Ag Olympics with the elementary students.

Paul Peppmeier reported that the 8<sup>th</sup> graders and Mr. Wirtz are working on History Projects. Their projects will be on display on Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in the school lobby at West Bend. Visitors are welcome to attend. Winners will advance on to District Competition. FFA will be showing a movie on Thursday to the school. This week is FFA week.

Amanda Schmidt gave an update on the building. Everything is going well. Lights are going up in the gym. Weight equipment expense will be paid through Casino grant with fundraising for a small portion of the weight equipment expense. Scoreboard has been ordered for the gym. Holland Company is still having an April deadline for completion. May time frame for the rest of the jobs. The Music boosters are talking about revamping the music room. Looking at roughly \$10,000 to remodel the music room. Paul will contact the Summer Rec committee regarding the T-ball diamond. Expense to rebuild the t-ball field is included in the bid for the new building expense.

It was moved by Dawn Schmidt to approve the agenda. Seconded by Mike Thatcher. All ayes, motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Chris Montag to approve the minutes and the warrants as submitted. Seconded by Nicole Myer. All ayes, motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mike Thatcher to approve the financial reports as presented. Seconded by Chris Montag. All ayes, motion carried unanimously.

John Zaugg opened discussion up to the visitors regarding the Ag/FFA position.

**John Banwart:** John mentioned that if the Ag/FFA position was full time then the teacher could teach classes they would like to teach. Students right now have a hard time getting into her class. Instructor would like to offer new classes.

**Wyan Metzger:** Five years ago there was no enthusiasm in the FFA program due to low numbers. Ms. Fisher filled the part-time position and has built the program back to where it is today. The FFA alumni are looking to have the position be a full-time position. Ms. Fisher has touched the young students lives. Wyan stated that he felt it was time to look for the position to be full-time.

**Heather Studer:** Heather stated that Ms. Fisher spends time with the students outside the classroom. She allows the kids to take charge in the activities they have for FFA. She offers them career development opportunities. She prepares them for these events and takes them. She spends many hours at night and on weekends to help students fill out their applications. She has a strong FFA chapter.

**Felicia Fehr:** Felicia stated that Ms. Fisher is willing to help the students. She is a caring individual. She even helps college students.

**Dexter Knobloch & Nick Ford:** President and Vice President of the FFA chapter this year. They stated that if full time Ms. Fisher could offer more advance classes and be more in depth in teaching subjects. Kids want to see different programs offered through Ag/FFA.

**Gary Yoch:** Gary has been with the FFA Alumni for 30 years. They meet with Ms. Fisher every to help shape her curriculum. He sees good things happening through the Ag program. He also sees the need for full-time and the demand for students deserving of a full-time instructor.

**Rose Knobloch:** Glad to see the Ag program is growing. Looking for more options and more classes being offered as the kids want it.

**Anita Fisher:** Ms. Fisher said if offered she would take the full-time position. She stated that she would waive the insurance if that would help with the financial end. Ag teachers are hard to find. She can teach elementary students.

**Neil Schmidt:** Since moving to West Bend he has seen that the FFA has deep roots in this community. Farming is a big part of the town. FFA is a good foundation for the school.

Mike Thatcher wanted to let Ms. Fisher know that she is well appreciated, and it was obvious from the support from the parents and students that were present at the meeting. Chris Montag asked how much of a scheduling conflict would there be with offering more classes. Amanda Schmidt reminded the visitors and Ms. Fisher that the Ag Program/FFA was not in jeopardy of being cut. This will be the agenda again for the March meeting.

Second Reading of Board Policies (502.6, 503.1, 505.4) were approved by Jillian Hansen and seconded by Nicole Myer. All ayes, motion carried unanimously.

First Reading of Board Policies (200.R1, 701.3, 411.2, 210.2). Amanda Schmidt had suggestions on some of the reports for the Board to consider.

Discussion was held regarding the lunchroom/kitchen remodeling project for this summer. It was moved by Mike Thatcher to move forward on the lunchroom remodel and wait on the kitchen remodel, seconded by Dawn Schmidt. All ayes, motion carried unanimously.

Public hearing date was set for the FY 2019 budget for March 20, 2018. Motion made by Chris Montag and seconded by Jillian Hansen to accept this date to set the FY2019 budget. All ayes, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion regarding the 2018-19 school calendar will be at the next board meeting on Tuesday, March 20, 2018. Dawn Schmidt made a motion to discuss the 2018-19 school calendar at the next board meeting, seconded by Nicole Myer. All ayes, motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mike Thatcher and seconded by Chris Montag to set a public hearing for March 20, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. to be held in the Board Room at 300 3<sup>rd</sup> street SW, West Bend, Iowa to hear comment concerning the matter of the sale of a parcel of land to the City of West Bend for \$10,000.

It was moved by Jillian Hansen and seconded by Dawn Schmidt to approve the Summer Maintenance Project. All ayes, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion regarding the changes in the Athletic Agreement with Gilmore City-Bradgate was held. Amanda made note of the changes in the agreement. Nicole Myer moved to approve the changes to this agreement. Chris Montag seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Nicole Myer to approve the resignation of Sandy Leonard, Art Instructor. Seconded by Dawn Schmidt. All ayes, motion carried unanimously. The Board Members thanked her for her years of service at West Bend-Mallard.

There were no new hires to discuss.

At 7:00 pm motion was made by Dawn Schmidt to go into exempt session for negotiations. Seconded by Mike Thatcher. All ayes, motion carried unanimously.

At 8:05 pm the board came out of exempt session.

At 8:05 pm it was moved by Jillian Hansen to adjourn the meeting.

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John Zaugg, President

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Carla Montag/Angie Thilges Secretary