

The West Bend-Mallard CSD Board of Directors held their Regular Meeting on Thursday, February 20, 2025, in the West Bend-Mallard Administration Board Room, 300 3rd Ave SW, West Bend, IA 50597.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by President John Zaugg. The following members were present: Jillian Hansen, Chris Montag Nicole Myer, Dawn Schmidt, and Lisa Traub. Absent: Dave Bruellman

Visitors: Superintendent Paul Peppmeier, Board Secretary Crystal Eggers, Principal Tiffany Morey, and Principal Tyson Wirtz.

All motions are unanimously approved unless noted.

Approve Agenda: Montag moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Hansen. Motion carried.

Board Informational News: Schmidt updated the board on the Palo Alto County Supervisors meeting she attended as the delegate for our school board.

Educational News: Tiffany Morey updated the board that the teachers are working on catching up with all the late starts, virtual days, and illness going around. Middle School will have their history day displays on Tuesday. They have been working hard on their projects so please come out and see what they have accomplished. Rachel Montag and I have been working on looking at curriculum needs for next year. The admin team has also been looking into different options for our professional development days for next year.

Tyson Wirtz updated the board that the high school staff have been collaborating on policies and handbook changes for next year. Working on getting everything updated. This week is National FFA week so we have activities planned to celebrate all week. Juniors and Seniors will be going with myself and Mr. Froehlich on a ski trip to Mankato next week. Winter sports are wrapping up and spring sports will be starting soon. We will have ISASP testing coming up in next few weeks as well.

Superintendent Peppmeier thanked the board for their input on the illness percentages the district was having and for considering the different options available. Our custodians got the foggers out and were doing some extra disinfecting to help with trying to combat all the illnesses. Cody Schmidt has offered to donate his time for snow removal this year. This is a great donation, and the district is very appreciative of his gesture. Early this week Crystal and I went to Ankeny for budget workshops and worked on getting our FY26 budget finalized. With all the late starts we are getting close on our hours and me may have to look at canceling some early outs to make up hours if necessary.

Old Business: None

Financial Reports: Schmidt moved to approve the financial reports as presented. Seconded by Myer. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda: Montag moved to approve Consent Agenda: Approve Minutes, Approve Warrants, Open Enrollments as presented, Fundraisers (FFA – Member Service Auction, Volleyball – Coed Volleyball Tournament), Approve 2nd Reading of Board Policies –604.07, 704.02, 704.03, 704.04. Seconded by Schmidt. Motion carried.

New Business

1st Reading of Board Policies – 502.11, 707.04, 707.05, 707.05R1

Public Hearing for the Proposed Property Tax was set for March 27, 2025, at 5:00 pm

Motion made by Montag to approve the changes to open campus as presented. Seconded by Traub. Motion carried.

Motion made by Montag to approve changes to the ILCC College classes offerings as presented. Seconded by Traub. Motion carried.

Motion made by Schmidt to approve the out of state field trips for the juniors and seniors to go to Mankato skiing on February 27th and for the 2nd grade to take a field trip to the Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota in Mankato on April 4th. Seconded by Myer. Motion carried.

Motion made by Myer to approve keeping the Driver's Education fees the same as last year. Student fees of \$370 for in district students and \$390 for out of district students. Instructor pay will stay at \$230 per student. Seconded by Hansen. Motion carried.

Motion made by Hansen to approve purchasing 7.5 acres of real property identified as the portion of Palo Alto Tax Parcel No. 510013003013 for a purchase price of \$200,000. Payments will be made as follows: \$100,000 on the closing date and \$100,000 on January 2, 2026. Seconded by Schmidt. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on Facility Improvements. No action was taken.

Motion made by Montag to enter Exempt Session per Iowa Code 20.17 (3) – Negotiations Strategy at 7:14 pm. Seconded by Schmidt. Motion carried.

Motion made by Montag to exit Exempt Session per Iowa Code 20.17 (3) – Negotiations Strategy at 8:05 pm. Seconded by Traub. Motion carried.

Resignations: Motion made by Traub to approve the resignations of Dan Lowe as Assistant FB Coach and Morning Weightlifting and Ryan Jergens as MS Girls Basketball Coach. Seconded Hansen. Motion carried.

Contracts: Motion made by Myer to approve hiring Anna Ackerman as MS Softball Coach and Janie Thilges as Volunteer MS Softball Coach pending all certifications are completed. Seconded by Schmidt. Motion carried.

Schmidt moved to adjourn at 8:16 pm. Motion carried.

John Zaugg, Board President

Crystal Eggers, Board Secretary