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WPS BOARD BRIEFS

Virtual Board Meeting April 27, 2020 ~ 5:00 PM

3/09/20 Board Minutes: **Action Item – Approved** The Board reviewed and approved the minutes of the regular session WPS Board of Education meeting held at 6 PM on Monday, March 9, 2020

Personnel Transactions: **Action Item – Approved** The Board approved the following personnel transactions:

<u>Leaves of Absence:</u> Teacher – Parkview, TBD

Hiring Update:

The Board was provided an update on the 2020-2021 staffing and hiring by Sarah Earnest, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, who noted that retirement paperwork is due later this week which will more clearly identify staffing needs.

Retirement and Resignation Updates:

Sarah Earnest, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, provided an update on 2019-20 retirements and resignations. Due to the COVID-19 closure, notification of retirement deadlines were pushed back to May 1, 2020. Our retiree recognition will look a little different this year. We will recognize our retirees during our May meeting and plan to host a celebration for them in the fall. As details are finalized, they will be shared.

Board Policy Updates – First Reading:

A listing of current board policies recommended for review and update by NEOLA was provided to the Board for a first reading. Sarah Earnest and Christie McEwen will be working together to update the online Board Doc platform to match NEOLA recommendations, federal guidelines and legislative changes.

Staff Reduction Resolution: **Action Item - Approved**

The Board reviewed and approved the resolution for staff reduction as necessary due to projected enrollment numbers, revenue, expenses, program expenses, program success and student outcomes.

WPS Financial Reports – February & March 2020:

The Board reviewed and approved the February and March 2020 check registers and budget to actual reports.

Action Item - Approved

Water Line Relocation: **Action Item - Approved** As work on the kitchen and adjacent hallway began at the High School, it was discovered a section of the water main was routed through a tunnel that is set to be infilled. Due to its age, burying the line is not advisable, so it needs to be moved. The Board reviewed and approved the relocation of the water line at the high school in the amount of \$28.786.

WHS Storage Building: **Action Item - Approved**

The Board reviewed and approved the total work associated with construction of the storage building at the High School. All bid categories total \$229,589.

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REI / Community Ed Building Parking Lot:

Action Item - Approved

After reviewing several bids, the Board approved sitework to Oetman Excavating in the amount of \$298,880 and electrical to Bazen in the amount of \$26,600 for the REI / Community Ed building parking lot. This project will add twenty parking spaces and create better traffic flow in the lot.

WHS Addition / Renovation Furniture Purchase:

Action Item – Approved

The Board reviewed and approved the purchase of first phase furniture for the High School addition and renovation for both floors of the addition and two classrooms in the freshman wing in an amount not to exceed \$699,000.

COVID-19 Resolution: **Action Item – Approved**

The Board reviewed and approved the COVID-19 resolution granting emergency powers to the Superintendent.

Continuity of Learning Plan:

After a great deal of planning, the WPS CLP successfully launched on Monday, April 20, 2020. When constructing our District plan, distance learning plans from the states of Illinois and Kansas were used as example/reference. Three guiding questions were used when creating the plan. 1. Is it reasonable? 2. Is it accessible? 3. Is it appropriate? Our administrators, teachers, staff and families have been giving grace and compassion throughout the development and implementation which has translated into a very successful launch.

Class of 2020 (Baker Family Foundation):

The Board was provided an update on recognitions in place for the WHS Class of 2020. Graduation has tentatively been rescheduled for July 28th at 7 PM. The collective goal is to have students walk the stage to get their diploma in a safe environment. Students will have a drive through event to pick up their cap and gown in the coming week.

The Baker Family Foundation was thanked for providing financial support to cover all costs associated with providing each graduating senior with a yard sign.

Graduation Requirements MMC/EO:

A recent Executive Order states that students who have met the Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC) requirements will be allowed to graduate with the Class of 2020.

District and School Improvement Plans:

District and school improvement plans will look different this year. As a District, we are requiring building plans to review grant dollar spending and successes. Our District plan is due in June while building plans are due in September. Dr. Slanger has asked building administrators to submit their building improvement plan drafts by mid-June.

Upcoming Events:

Board Committee Work Sessions:

Thursday, May 14, 2020 – 4:30 PM – Virtual Meeting Thursday, June 4, 2020 – 4:30 PM – WPS Admin Building

Board Meetings:

Monday, May 18, 2020 – 5:00 PM – Virtual Meeting Monday, June 8, 2020 – 6:00 PM – WPS Admin Building