

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
WESTONKA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
JAN. 5, 2015
MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Jan. 5, 2015, regular board meeting was called to order by Chair David Botts at 7:03 p.m. in the Community Room at the Educational Service Center, 5901 Sunnyfield Road East, Minnetrista, MN 55364.

The following board members were in attendance: David Bond, David Botts, Ann Bremer, Loren Davis, Gina Smith and Gary Wollner. Absent: Ralph Harrison.

Also present: Superintendent Kevin Borg and other staff and visitors.

Chair Botts led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Chair Botts, second by Vice Chair Bremer, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Harrison.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the Westonka School Board is scheduled for Jan. 26, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the Educational Services Center.

The Facilities Committee will meet Jan. 7 at 7 a.m. at the ESC.

The Finance Committee will meet Jan. 21 at 7 a.m. at the ESC.

IV. SHARE THE SUCCESS

Mound Westonka High School Principal Keith Randklev introduced Addia Troyer and her parents. Addia is a National Merit Semi-finalist this year.

V. VISITOR ITEMS

None

VI. REPORTS FROM TREASURER, COMMITTEES AND MEETING FOCUS TOPICS

A. Treasurer's Report: Postponed to Jan. 26.

B. Student Representative Report: Student Representative Abe Thaler reported the Senate is working on plans for a Sadie Hawkins dance and the Dodgeball Tournament, both of which will include food drives for the Westonka Food Shelf. He said the high school's "Giving Tree" project for WECAN before the holidays was so successful the tree had to be restocked with gift wish tags. Winter sports are underway. Wrestler Sam Bennyhoff was the Aspire Athlete of the Week recently. The dance team is still undefeated and recently took third in a large state-wide competition.

C. School Board Committees Report: Ann Bremer reported that District 287 updates are in the board packet.

D. Teaching and Learning Report: Mark Femrite, assistant superintendent for Teaching and Learning, reported on a pilot project to provide Wifi to student activity buses. The pilot was launched Jan. 5 in the GMS activity bus and it is hoped it can expand to other activity buses next year so students can use their Chromebooks and do homework on long rides. He said

Westonka Bus Service has been instrumental in getting the pilot started and the cost is minimal. A team has been working on a new K-12 language arts curriculum adoption. It began looking at five programs and has narrowed the choices to two. The engineering program will have a Regatta in the high school pools on Jan. 13. Engineering students were to design a boat that can go the length of the pool and back using cardboard and duct tape. All State testing will be online this year.

E. Finance Reports: Postposed to Jan. 26

F. Superintendent's/Focus/Partner's in Education Report: Superintendent Kevin Borg reported that over winter break the gym floor at GMS was refinished after water damage last summer, the heat level for the Shirley Hills art room was adjusted and finishing touches were made to the high school locker rooms. As the focus topic he discussed with the board a plan for instituting a community award with a sample nomination form and criteria and a shell district calendar that would go out three to five years and include start and end dates and major breaks. Board consensus supported both plans in concept. Partners in Education recognized were local businesses including Scotty B's Restaurant, Jubilee Foods, True Value Hardware, the Lafayette Club and West Lakes Dentistry.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Chair Botts, second by Member Wollner, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Harrison.

Consent agenda items included the approval of the December 2014 board meeting minutes; payment of monthly bills; general personnel activities such as Contract Approvals; the second reading of the 2015-16 District Academic Calendar; the second reading of policies 4050 Veteran's Preference, 4107 Equal Opportunity, 4115 Assignment and Transfer, 4240 Teacher License Status and 5320 Use of School Resource Officers and Crisis Teams to Remove Students with IEPs from School Grounds; approval of policies with no changes including 5144 Mandated Reporting and 5220 Student Sex Non-Discrimination; and approval of policies with legislative changes including 1805 Waste Reduction and Recycling, 3545 Student Transportation Safety and 8342 Open Meetings and Closed Meetings.

VIII. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF 2015-16 BUDGET PLANNING CALENDAR

Motion by Chair Botts, second by Vice Chair Bremer, to approve the 2015-16 Budget Planning Calendar. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Harrison.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, Chair Botts moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Member Wollner. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Harrison. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

**Submitted by Carol Shukle
School Board Secretary**

Signed: Chair _____

Clerk _____

Date _____

Date _____

(Minutes to be approved Feb. 9, 2015)