

WORK SESSION MEETING

Monday, February 28, 2022

HLWW HS Media Center

The Monday, February 28, 2022 Work Session School Board meeting of the Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted ISD #2687 was called to order at 6:03 pm. by Chairperson Heuer. After the pledge of allegiance, roll was taken with the following members present: Heuer, Koch, Bravinder, Peterson, Marketon, Scheuch and Puncochar. Also present were Superintendent Brad Sellner and Board Secretary Marilyn Greeley.

(Item IV) Scheuch recommended approval of the agenda; Marketon seconded; passed unanimously.

(Item V, Subd, A) Koch recommended approval of the resolution in support of the congressional IDEA funding act; Bravinder seconded; Superintendent Sellner reported that occasionally we are asked by our professional organizations to support potential bills that come up in the legislature; Puncochar asked if this is a one-time payment for us or is this on going; Heuer and Bravinder indicated this is ongoing until 2025; Sellner indicated this is to help do something now for the next three years; Marketon indicated the house bill goes for 10 years; Heuer read the resolution; those in favor: Peterson, Bravinder, Koch, Marketon, Scheuch, Puncochar and Heuer; opposed: none; passed unanimously.

(Item V, Subd, B) Peterson recommended approval of **Caitlin Rasset** as a Food Service Worker effective February 22, 2022, replacing Tracy Pederson; and **Adam Birkholz** as Head Football Coach effective the 2022-23 school year replacing Ben Anderson; Puncochar seconded; passed unanimously.

Joe Puncochar, Activities Director, reported we had nine applicants for the head football coach position. Puncochar indicated they interviewed three candidates. Puncochar introduced Adam Birkholz who lives locally in Lester Prairie, and that he will be a great fit for our school, and his students attend our district.

Adam Birkholz said he was excited to start and formulate positive experiences with the players.

Marketon asked about the makeup of the staff. Birkholz indicated he is working with the Activities Director Joe Puncochar regarding the coaching staff. Superintendent Sellner indicated he and Puncochar had been discussing the possibility of needing an additional coach which they may ask for approval ahead of time in order to have enough time to prepare for the season.

(Item V, Subd, C) Superintendent Sellner indicated he received information from 4.O School Services and his organization that the masking requirements for transportation will no longer be required as of February 25, 2022 per CDC guidance. Sellner reported he wanted to make sure the board was ok with the administration going ahead and implementing this, and if something changes necessitating masking we would make those changes if needed, as we would be following the CDC official guidance.

Sellner also reported that 4.O School Services is leaving the decision up to the schools.

Heuer requested to make sure we communicate the information as per CDC guidance.

(Item V, Subd, D) Superintendent Sellner reviewed information about the Dangers farm site including the property and house.

Sellner indicated the sale of the Dangers house has come up in previous discussions. We could advertise that we are asking for quotes and publish it in the newspaper, Facebook and website. Sellner also reported in the documents that we'd draft that we would indicate the buyer is responsible for moving the house, the district would only be responsible for the remaining basement, and we would also include that we could reject any and all quotes and go a different way should we want to do that. Sellner said we could use the profit to pay for the demolition of the basement.

Sellner reported the FFA will bring a proposal to the March meeting regarding the usage for the gas line.

Sellner reported he was contacted by Wright County who said they would provide the district with a proposal to purchase more easement between the ditch and the county road.

Heuer indicated to start with the legal documents, since we will need those no matter what direction we go with the sale of the home.

Peterson indicated there is a company out of Silver Lake that moves homes.

Sellner reported we should try to make a decision at the March meeting.

(Item V, Subd, E) Superintendent Sellner indicated the consensus of the Levy Committee was to send out the survey so the community would have the opportunity to tell us what they would support. Sellner reported if the interest rates continue to stay low we could potentially have a savings if we refinance the bonds for the high school and middle school projects. Sellner also indicated that we could refinance and use those savings to help offset the potential increase, there are several different options. Sellner reported School Perceptions suggested finalizing the survey by the March work session.

Koch also reported the committee wants feedback on the survey.

Marketon suggested to word something about if they do not support a levy vote, what do they suggest cutting.

Heuer said to get any information to Superintendent Sellner prior to his meeting on Thursday.

(Item VI, Subd, A) Board Member Event Appearances

Upcoming Board Member Event Appearances:

HS Pops Band/Choir Concert-February 28 @ 7pm

Winsted Elementary 1-2 Grade Program-March 10 @ 1pm & 7pm

Students of Excellence-April 27 @ 4:30-7:30pm

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Humphrey Elementary 1-2 Grade Program-April 28 @ 1pm & 7pm
Spring Play-April 29-20
Middle School Band Concert 5-6 Grade-May 10 @ 6:30pm
Middle School Band Concert 7-8 Grade-May 10 @ 7:30pm
High School Band Concert-May 11 @ 7pm
High School Awards Night-May 16 @7pm
4th Grade Fishing expo-May 18
High School Choir Concert-May 18 @ 7pm
Middle School Choir Concert-May 19 @ 7pm
Humphrey Elementary Kindergarten Program-May 24 @ 6pm
Winsted Elementary Kindergarten Program-May 24 @ 7pm
Graduation June 5 @ 2pm

(Item VI, Subd, B) Superintendent Sellner reported we have six wrestlers who will be attending the state meet this week, and the team was a section runner up.

(Item VII)Next Meeting Dates:

Regular Board Meeting-Monday March 14, 2022 6pm HLWW HS Media Center
Work Session Meeting-Monday March 28, 2022 6pm HLWW HS Media Center

(Item IX)Items for next meeting

- Bill Reader for March-Puncochar
- Bill Reader for April-Scheuch
- Department Report-FFA/Department Proposal
- Recognition's
- Leave/Resignations/Retirements
- Employment Recommendations
- Approve Second Reading of Policies
- Approve First Reading of Policies
- Approve Treasurers Report-January, April, July, October
- Review Handbook Changes in May-Approve in June

Work Session:

- Discuss Levy Survey

Heuer adjourned the meeting at 7:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelsey Puncochar, Clerk