

Minutes for Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting
To Be Held in the District Board Room
1055 Griffiths Lane
Ashwaubenon WI 54304
(Phone: 920.492.2900)

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

6:30 pm

A. Call to order: President VanLaanen called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

B. Roll call:

Board Members Present: VanLaanen, Vyskocil, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke (remote)
Board Members Excused: all present
School Choice Advisory Representative: Matthew Rotter
Other Present: Kurt Weyers, Keith Lucius, Tammy Nicholson, Andy Bake, Heidi Lassila, Dirk Ribbens, Doug Pieschek, Brian Carter, Michael Heim, Kris Hucek, Pete Marto, Andrea Pasqualucci

C. Declaration of quorum: Quorum present

D. Pledge of allegiance: The pledge was recited

E. Adoption of Agenda: Moved Vyskocil, seconded by Garrigan to adopt the agenda as presented. Aye 5 (VanLaanen, Vyskocil, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0

F. Announcement of executive session: In accordance with W.S. 19.85(1) (c) an executive session will be held at the end of the meeting for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. *(Employment)*

G. Citizens and/or delegations: Public Forum – Any citizen and/or delegations: Andrea Pasqualucci (1017 Cider St.; DePere 54115) provided information about the Advocates for Ashwaubenon Public Schools group.

H. Consent Agenda: Moved by Vyskocil seconded by Garrigan to approve Consent Agenda items 1-5 as presented. Aye 5 (VanLaanen, Vyskocil, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0

- 1. Minutes of the regular meeting held on Wednesday, December 14, 2022
- 2. The schedule of checks written 12/06/22 to 01/03/23
- 3. Staffing: hirings, resignations, retirements, leave of absences
- 4. Budget Financial Reports for November
- 5. Audit Report

I. Superintendent’s Report

- **The Press Times:** Weyers welcome Josephine Hinderman from the Press Times. He thanked her for being here and stated the district looks forward to working with her.
- **Referendum Meeting:** On Monday night, January 9th, we hosted our second referendum community meeting at Valley View Elementary School. We had 13 people in attendance which comprised of 4 administrators, 2 school board members, 4 teachers, and 3 community members. There were great questions from the community. Over break, each household was sent a quick facts sheet about the

referendum. The community members who attended had the one they received with them. We have received very positive feedback from that document. Just a reminder that we are meeting at Pioneer Elementary on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, and then at Cormier Early Learning Center on Wednesday, March 22, 2023. Both meetings start at 6:00 pm. On Tuesday, January 24th, Keith and I are presenting at the Ashwaubenon Business Association monthly meeting.

- **Jaguar Excellence Awards:** For the month of December 97 Jaguar Excellence awards were handed out to staff. We have already 526 Jaguar Excellence awards winners this school year.
- **Strategic Plan Update:** On Tuesday, January 24, we will be hosting our third and final Design Team meeting with stakeholders from our community. Thank you for this tremendous team and their efforts to help organize and plan our Community Conversation in March. Weyers provided an update on what the Admin Team and Design Team have accomplished so far.

J. Discussion Items: No Discussion Items to share.

K. Action Items:

1. **Policies involving Open Enrollment-second read:** Weyers presented policies 2370, 5111, 5112, 5113, 5113.01, and 5200 for second read and approval. These policies must be reviewed yearly by the school board prior to the start of the open enrollment application window. No additional changes were recommended. Moved by Garrigan, seconded by Vyskocil to approve policies 2370, 5111, 5112, 5113, 5113.01, and 5200 as presented. Aye 5 (VanLaanen, Vyskocil, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0.
2. **Open Enrollment Guarantee:** Lucius explained that every year the school board must determine if they will guarantee approval of an open enrollment seat to a currently attending student that moves out of the school district boundaries. They must also determine if they will guarantee approval of an open enrollment seat to any sibling of a currently attending student. It is recommended that the board approve the following:
 - The board will guarantee the approval of currently attending open enrollment applicants if they are not habitually truant as defined by Wis. State Statute 118.51(11) and board policy 5113.
 - The board does not guarantee approval of incoming siblings of currently attending open enrollment applicants/pupils. These students will be given first priority (preference) to new open seats but a seat will not be guaranteed

Moved by Vyskocil, seconded by VandeWalle to approve the following: The board guarantees the approval of currently attending open enrollment applicants if they are not habitually truant as defined by Wis. State Statute 118.51(11) and board policy 5113. The board does not guarantee approval of incoming siblings of currently attending open enrollment applicants/pupils. These students will be given first priority (preference) to new open seats but a seat will not be guaranteed. Aye 5 (VanLaanen, Vyskocil, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0.

3. **Open Enrollment Open Seats:** Lucius presented the following recommendations for open seats for regular open enrollment for the 2023-24 school year.

| Building | Grade | Max. enroll | Projected enroll | open seats |
|----------|-------|-------------|------------------|------------|
| Cormier | 4k | 240 | 100 | 140 |
| Cormier | kdg | 200 | 80 | 120 |
| Pioneer | kdg | 40 | 40 | 0 |
| Pioneer | 1 | 84 | 73 | 11 |
| Pioneer | 2 | 105 | 96 | 9 |
| Pioneer | 3 | 96 | 90 | 6 |

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| Pioneer | 4 | 104 | 89 | 15 |
| Pioneer | 5 | 104 | 97 | 7 |
| Valley View kdg | | 40 | 40 | 0 |
| Valley View | 1 | 126 | 108 | 18 |
| Valley View | 2 | 168 | 151 | 17 |
| Valley View | 3 | 144 | 124 | 20 |
| Valley View | 4 | 130 | 127 | 3 |
| Valley View | 5 | 156 | 142 | 14 |
| Parkview | 6-8 | 750 | 694 | 56 |
| High School | 9-12 | <u>1,100</u> | <u>999</u> | <u>101</u> |
| Total | | 3,587 | 3,050 | 537 |

He stated that open seats are determined after current students are rolled over to the next grade, number of sections needed are determined and classes sizes are reviewed. When determining open seats, we do not add additional staff to accommodate new open enrollment students; we fill open seats. The only exception to this could be 4K and 5K. These grades tend to be larger enrollment grades and we never know what enrollment will be like.

Lucius reminded the board that we only get about 50-60% of the applicants that apply. Applicants can apply for up to 3 districts or they can stay attend their resident district. Approving an applications does not guarantee they will actually attend.

Moved by Vyskocil, seconded by Garrigan to approve the 2023-24 open seats for open enrollment in each grade/school as laid out in the chart above. Aye 5 (VanLaanen, Vyskocil, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0.

4. **Open Enrollment Open Seats - Special Education:** Nicholson shared that projections for 2023-24 open seats for open enrollment applicants with special education needs. When determining seats, Nicholson reviews currently occupied cross categorical and speech and language seats, referrals and caseloads. Nicholson recommended the following open seats for new special education open enrollment applicants for the 2023-24 school year. :
- A. Cormier: no open seats
 - B. Pioneer: no open seats
 - C. Valley View: no open seats
 - D. Parkview: no open seats
 - E. AHS: a combination of 4 open Speech and Language only seats at grades 9, 10 & 11
 - F. Open Enrollment students will not be eligible for special education services that require contracted services including:
 - o Syble Hopp, Macht Village, Better Days Mentoring, Advocates, Reflections, Lync, residential treatment programs and other off-site placement options.
 - o CESA contracted services for Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Audiology or any other CESA contracted service.
 - G. **No Open Special Education Seats:** If a student has been attending the district holding a general education seat and then qualifies for special education services requiring a special education seat, the district will revoke a student's open enrollment status; regardless of time attending the district. This includes students who have siblings attending the district.

How does ASD compare to other districts in the area? The number of new referrals across the county are high. 80% of students that are referred are placed. Nicholson stated that the district has many things in place to help students being referred.

Rotter spoke on behalf of open enrollment parents and students about the impact they experience when a currently attending open enrollment child is referred and/or placed in special education. He stated he understands and respects the financial and staffing concerns the district experiences when students are placed in special education programs. He explained from personal experience about the difficulties these parents experience when they have to tell their children that some are able to stay in the ASD and while one has to leave. He wanted the board to understand the difficult situation these families are placed in when their child is referred for special education. Nicholson spoke about how some parents have denied testing or services and other have opted to receive services outside of the school setting so their child can stay.

Moved by Vyskocil, seconded by Garrigan to approve recommendations listed A-G above for open seats for 2023-24 open enrollment applicants needing special education services. Aye 5 (VanLaanen, Vyskocil, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0.

L. Board & Superintendent Communications: Garrigan asked if the board would be presented the report card information at a board meeting. He stated that all of the district schools scored well on the report cards and that this information was shared prior to the holidays in a Friday Focus. He stated that if the board wanted him to share the information at a board meeting he would. The board felt they had the opportunity to review it in the Friday Focus.

M. Future Board Meetings & Topics:

- The next board meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 8, 2023**, at 6:30 pm in the District Office; 1055 Griffiths Lane; Ashwaubenon, WI.

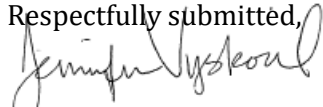
N. Adjournment to executive session:

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Moved by Vyskocil, seconded by VandeWalle to adjourn to executive session at 6:53 pm. Aye 5 (VanLaanen, Vyskocil, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0

O. Adjournment to open session: Moved by VanDeKreeke, seconded by Garrigan to adjourn open session at 7:44 p.m. Aye 5 (VanLaanen, Vyskocil, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0.

P. Adjournment: Moved by VanDeKreeke, seconded by Garrigan to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Aye 5 (VanLaanen, Vyskocil, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Vyskocil