

**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 10, 2024**

**6:30 pm**

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**A. Call to order:** Board President Vyskocil called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

**B. Roll call:**

Board Members Present: Vyskocil, VanLaanen, Garrigan, VanDeKreeke (remote)  
Board Members Excused: VandeWalle  
School Choice Advisory Representative: Matthew Rotter  
Other Present: Kurt Weyers, Keith Lucius, Andy Bake, Tammy Nicholson, Michael Heim, Nick Senger, Doug Pieschek, Pete Marto, Kris Hucek, Lori Gehring, Joe Richter, Elizabeth McMaster

**C. Declaration of quorum:** Quorum present

**D. Pledge of allegiance:** The pledge was recited

**E. Adoption of Agenda:** Moved VanLaanen, seconded by Garrigan to adopt the agenda as presented. Aye 4 (Vyskocil, VanLaanen, Garrigan, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 4:0

**F. Citizens and/or delegations:** no topics presented

**G. Consent Agenda:** Moved by VanLaanen, seconded by Garrigan to approve Consent Agenda items 1-5 as presented. Aye 4 (Vyskocil, VanLaanen, Garrigan, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 4:0

- 1. Minutes of the regular meeting held on Wednesday, December 13, 2023
- 2. The schedule of checks written 12/05/23 to 01/03/24
- 3. Staffing: hirings, resignations, retirements, leave of absences
- 4. There were 21 co-curriculars approved
- 5. Board Financials for October and November were approved

**H. Superintendent’s Report**

- **State School Board Convention:** Wednesday, January 17th through Friday, January 20th, Michelle Garrigan, Jennie Vyskocil, Tammy Nicholson, Andy Bake and I will be attending the 103rd State Education Convention. The theme for this year’s conference will be New Horizons for Education.
- **Adult Crossing Guard Week:** Thank you to Officer Jackie Dunlap and all of our Ashwaubenon School District’s Adult Crossing Guards who do an amazing job all year long.
- **Strategic Plan Update:** The follow-up to the March 2023 Community Conversation/Strategic Planning event is scheduled for Monday, March 11, 2024 from 6:00-7:30 pm at our AHS library.
- **Jaguar Excellence Awards:** 74 Jaguar Excellence awards were handed out for the month of December.
- **Taste of Ashwaubenon:** The 2024 Taste of Ashwaubenon is being held on Monday, March 18th at Stadium View.
- **School Board Meeting in March 2024:** Weyers asked the school board to move the March 2024 school board meeting back to Wednesday, March 13th. It was originally moved due to a conflict with the Taste of Ashwaubenon. With the TOA being held on March 18th, the board agreed to move the meeting back to its original date of March 13th.

**I. Discussion Items:**

1. **Annual Audit Report:** Elizabeth McMasters from CLA presented the annual audit report. The role of the auditors is to give an opinion on the district's financial statement. McMasters reviewed the Executive Summary, stated the district was issued a "clean" audit report (highest mark a district can receive) and talked about the two deficiencies noted in the report. McMasters stated the best way to see if the district is making progress from year to year to is compare current and previous annual reports. She ended by say the Audit Report findings are normal and thanked Lucius and his team for taking suggestions from the audit and implementing them. She thanked Lucius for actively working with the auditors throughout the year to implement and discuss situations versus waiting for the audit in July.
2. **Multi-Use Wellness Facility:** Nick Senger and Joe Richter updated the board on the ongoing work to create a multi-use wellness facility. The desire to have multi-use wellness facility has been in the discussion phase for a number years. A last year's community conversation sessions, feedback from the participants showed a need for additional focus on mental and physical health of our students. It is felt that this facility would check the boxes of some to the needs presented in these sessions. Joe Richter and helping to put together a group to spearhead the task. This project will involve fundraising and community engagement. The group will continue to look into the feasibility of this project and the benefits to the students and community. Senger and Richter shared a preliminary drawing created by Brander of what the facility would look like. The board asked where the facility would be located and if there is a cost estimate determined.
  - It would be a free standing building located on the Willard practice field. The board inquired about the soil quality of this area. Lucius explained that Brander reports that placing this building on this location would provide a better solid cap and that the contaminated soil would not be disturbed in the placement of this building. We would still involve remediation and contamination services in the process.
  - The cost is difficult to estimate due to the many factors involved. Current day costs are between 16 and 20 million. This could be very different in 4 years.Lucius reminded everyone that this project is in its beginning stages and is a number of years out.

#### **J. Action Items:**

1. **District Thrive Guidebook:** Andy Bake and Lori Gehring presented updates to the district's GLOBE/Thrive Guidebook. They review the guiding principal of the programs and stated that the program will continue to meet the needs of all student in the best way we can. It will expand into fostering, developing and tapping into the individual talents of our students. It is felt that tapping into talents will help with the mental health component of our goals. This includes exploring ways to develop a student's talents outside the classroom through co-curricular programs as well as outside the school and into the community. The goal is to continue to expand current programming at the high school in AP offerings, Youth Apprenticeship, Early Collage Credit and Start College Now as well as expand offerings similar to these at the middle school level. The focus of the GLOBE program has shifted from specific academic areas to now include general intellectual, leadership, visual/performing arts and creative. The program would like to see the addition of a Talent Development coach and are looking at possible grants to help support this.

Moved by VanLaanen, seconded by Garrigan to approve the updated Thrive (GLOBE) Guidebook as presented. Aye 4 (Vyskocil, VanLaanen, Garrigan, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 4:0

2. **Policies involving Open Enrollment-second read:** The board had a second read of the open enrollment polices. No additional changes were made. Moved by Garrigan, seconded by VanLaanen to approve the second read and approval the open enrollment policies as presented. Aye 4 (Vyskocil, VanLaanen, Garrigan, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 4:0

3. **Open Enrollment Guarantee:** Lucius explained that every year the school board must determine if they will guarantee seats for currently attending open enrollment applicants and if they will guarantee approval of incoming siblings of currently attending open enrollment applicants/pupils.

Moved by VanLaanen, seconded by Garrigan 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 4 (VanLaanen, Vyskocil, Garrigan, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 4:0.

4. **Open Enrollment Open Seats:** Lucius presented the recommendations for open seats for regular open enrollment for the 2024-25 school year. Moved by VanLaanen, seconded by Garrigan to approve the 2024-25 open seats for open enrollment in each grade/school as laid out in the following chart.

<u>Building</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Max. enroll</u>	<u>Projected enroll</u>	<u>open seats</u>
Cormier	4k	240	100	140
Cormier	kdg	220	86	134
Pioneer	kdg	40	40	0
Pioneer	1	84	76	8
Pioneer	2	84	74	10
Pioneer	3	98	90	8
Pioneer	4	104	91	13
Pioneer	5	104	92	12
Valley View	kdg	40	40	0
Valley View	1	126	114	12
Valley View	2	126	117	9
Valley View	3	168	142	26
Valley View	4	130	118	12
Valley View	5	130	125	5
Parkview	6-8	750	731	19
High School	9-12	1,100	996	104
<b>Total</b>		<b>3,544</b>	<b>3,032</b>	<b>512</b>

Aye 4 (VanLaanen, Vyskocil, Garrigan, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 4:0.

5. **Open Enrollment Open Seats - Special Education:** Nicholson shared that projections for 2024-25 open seats for open enrollment applicants with special education needs. She provided the board with the following data from the 2022-23 school year:
  - During the 2022-2023 school year there were 29 students who were open enrolled and referred for special education evaluations:
    - Parents refused testing: 3
    - Parents declined services: 11 (2 since have moved to the district to get services)
    - Students didn't qualify for services: 8
    - Students returned to home district for services: 7
    - 3 students left the district prior to the referral being written (not included in count)
    - In the summer of 2023, 5 non-resident students declined services in their home district to open enroll in Ashwaubenon and are receiving speech services outside the school district

Moved by Garrigan, seconded by VanLaanen to approve the following open seats for 2023-24 open enrollment applicants needing special education services.

- Cormier: no open seats
- Pioneer: no open seats
- Valley View: no open seats
- Parkview: no open seats
- AHS: 1 open speech or language only seat at either grade 10 or grade 12
- Students will not be eligible for special education services that require contracted services including: Syble Hopp, Macht Village, Better Days Mentoring, Advocates, residential treatment programs and other off-site placement options
- CESA services for occupational therapy, physical therapy, Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Audiology or any other CESA contracted service.
- Currently attending open enrollment students who hold a general education seat only: If the student is found to meet special education eligibility and have a need for special education services, the district will revoke a student's open enrollment status and the student will need to enroll in the home district to receive the special education services.

Aye 4 (VanLaanen, Vyskocil, Garrigan, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 4:0.

**K. Board & Superintendent Communications:**

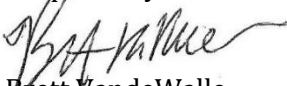
- Weyers stated the district only received a few calls from parents about the cancellation of school on Tuesday.
- Garrigan spoke about the delegate and resolution meeting being held at the State Convention. She explained the resolution process and lobbyists. A resolution needs a 2/3 vote in order to pass. Please let her know if you have any questions or feedback on the resolutions being voted on. As the board delegate, she will be voting on what is in the best interest of our students.

**L. Future Board Meetings & Topics:**

- The next board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the District Office; 1055 Griffiths Lane; Ashwaubenon, WI.

**M. Adjournment:** Moved VanLaanen, seconded by Garrigan to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 pm. Aye 4 (Vyskocil, VanLaanen, Garrigan, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 4:0

Respectfully submitted,



Brett VandeWalle