

# Minutes for Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

To Be Held in the District Office Board Room

1055 Griffiths Lane

Ashwaubenon, WI 54304

(Phone: 920.492.2900)

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

6:30 pm

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

**B. Roll call:**

Board Members Present: VanLaanen, Vyskocil, Trondson, Garrigan, VanDeKreeke,

Board Members Excused: no absences

School Choice Advisory Representative: Mike Mader

Others Present: Kurt Weyers, Keith Lucius, Jill Kieslich, Tammy Nicholson, Brian Carter, Dirk Ribbens, Brian Nelsen, Nick Senger, Maria Arena, Pete Marto, Andy Bake, Doug Pieschek, Jenny Crabbe

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

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

**E. Adoption of Agenda:** Moved by Vyskocil, seconded by Trondson to adopt the agenda as presented. Aye 5, Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0

**F. Citizens and/or delegations:**

1. **Public Forum** - no issues presented

2. **Bright Lights** - Doug Pieschek and Jenny Crabbe presented Valley View’s Shadow League program. Shadow League is a group of 26 students that meet monthly for two hours. This program works with students through activities, guest speakers and community project to help foster the culture goal at Valley View. Students are reminded that Valley View is more than a school, it is a safe place where students are encouraged to reach their full potential. Pieschek and Crabbe shared a video of the first three guest speakers, community activities and student feedback. A follow up survey shows students are feeling connected and excited to participate in this group. Examples of future speakers, activities and projects were shared.

Discussion:

- Are all these at risk students? No, it is made up of students that need a safe place that encourages students to reach their full potential. They are selected to be a part of the group because of the potential seen in them by staff/teachers.
- This program idea was discovered at a PBIS conference. PBIS stands for positive behavior intervention support. It focuses on rewarding the good behaviors versus focusing on the bad behaviors. It teaches children appropriate ways to behave and what is expected out of them.
- Have other students/schools inquired about this program? Valley View is looking at possible expanding the program in the future. Kelly Bushmaker is working to start a similar program at Parkview.

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

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held on Wednesday, October 24, 2018

2. Minutes of the executive session meeting held on Wednesday, October 24, 2018

3. The schedule of checks written 10/16/18 to 11/05/18
4. Staffing: hirings, resignations, retirements, leave of absences
5. Co-curricular Contracts: There were 31 co-curricular approved

## H. Superintendent's Report

- Student/Staff Recognition
  - **Parent Teacher Conferences** - We had very successful Parent/Teacher conference sessions earlier in October for the high school and last week for the middle and elementary schools. A sincere thank you to our teachers, administrators and parents for their extra effort to collaborate together about the progress of our students. We heard very positive things from parents and staff. Due one night falling on election night, we made a few adjustment to allow teachers and parents the time to vote.
  - **Ashwaubenon School District Report Cards** - This week, the Department of Public Instruction released each school district's report card. As a district, our overall score is up from 70.6 last year to 72.1 this year. In fact, Parkview Middle School's score went up almost five points. Jill Kieslich will walk you through a breakdown of the District / Building Report Card at the December meeting.
  - **Mandy Schroeder** - Last week at the Wisconsin School Public Relations Association (WSPRA) state conference Mandy Schroeder was awarded with the Holtshopple Scholarship Award for her tremendous public relations work for the Ashwaubenon School District. We are all very proud of this accomplishment and the work Mandy does for our district on a daily basis. Congratulations Mandy!
  - **Coffee with the Superintendent** - The first two coffee with the superintendent session have been great. The first half of the hour is dedicated to the monthly theme and the second half is open to any topic that the group would like to discuss. The theme for the December 7th meeting is "What's new in Ashwaubenon". As a result, we will be hosting the meeting in our new high school cafeteria at 8:30 on Friday, December 7th, and take a tour of the facility. Members of the Ashwaubenon Optimist Club will also be joining us that morning following their weekly meeting.

## I. Discussion/Presentation Items:

1. **Fall Co-curricular Recap:** Senger provided a recap about fall co-curricular activities at the high school. He stated that approximately 144 boys and 145 girls participated in a fall sports. He stated he would like to see this number higher and have even more students participating in multiple sports. He shared the ups, downs, accomplishments and excitements of fall sports (cross country, football, tennis, golf, volleyball and swimming). Besides fall sports, the high school held the following clubs: Spanish, German, Eco, Skills, Formula, Art Musical, One Act, and Battle of the Books.

With the start of the winter months, additional clubs will begin along with wrestling, boys swim, dance cheer and basketball. At the start of our winter sports season, the district has 21 girls and 55 boys out for basketball, 25 out for wrestling, 42 out for hockey (mostly Ashwaubenon players) and 22 out for boys swimming.

### Discussion

- Senger stated that we want to continue to engage the Shadow Jaguars and possibly start a similar program at the high school.
- Senger thanked the coaches for the countless hours they put in.
- He quoted the district mission and stated he starts every coaching meeting with it.
- He works to build culture by building relationships with coaches and advisors and engaging students.
- He works with parents to understand that student participate in these activities to have fun.
- He is working on getting coaches to involve in community service work to give back.

- Coaches are doing an outstanding job of engaging students. We need to continue to seek feedback from student and ask what else we can do to help keep them engaged.
  - Coaches and advisors work with students to challenge and push them to adversity.
  - Many of our teachers are also coaches and advisors for our co-curriculars.
  - The board asked what percentage of students participate in athletics and/or clubs? Approximately 30% students participate in athletics and 45-50% in clubs. 55-60% of student participate in some sort of co-curricular. How does this compare to other districts? We are in the middle range compared to other school districts.
2. **Board Policies/Bylaws - first read:** Weyers presented the third and final set of policies for a first read. Like the last two sets, the changes are primarily wording clarifications. The board had no questions or recommendations. The policies will return to the December meeting for a second read and approval.

**J. Action Items:**

1. **Designation of Election Clerk:** Weyers asked the board to designate a clerk for the election season. He read through responsibilities of the election clerk and recommended Jennifer Bower be designated Election Clerk. The board stated these responsibilities have always been assumed by the secretary to the school board/superintendent.

Moved by Trondson seconded by Vyskocil to approve the designation of Jennifer Bower as Election Clerk as presented. Aye 5, Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0.

2. **Local Control Budget Carryover:** Lucius reminded the board that a few years back, they approved the ability for individual buildings to carry over budgets from the previous year. This carry over money could be accumulated to help fund larger purchases. The ability to carry over money has allowed principals to plan for larger items and avoid losing the money if not used. Lucius is requesting the board approve a total carryover budget of \$48,958 between the five school buildings. The board inquired if the dollar amount includes what was budgeted for this year. No, this is what is left over from the previous year. The board reminded everyone that any purchase over \$10,000 needs board approval.

Moved by Vyskocil seconded by VanDeKreeke to approve the school carry over budgets as presented. Aye 5, Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0.

3. **Policy Updates - second read:** Weyers stated that this the second opportunity for the board to review the policies being presented and provide their feedback. He stated that if the board did not have any further questions/recommendations, he recommends the board approve the policy updates.

Moved by Trondson, seconded by VanDeKreeke to approve the policies as presented. Aye 5, Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0

**K. Board & Superintendent Communications:**

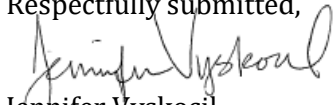
- Weyers received a card from a retired teacher thanking the district for sharing its story with the public. She follows the district on Twitter and Facebook and appreciated the initiative from staff and administrators to share our story.
- The board thanked the Press for writing a story about the district's budget and all the continuous coverage they do for district activities and sports. It is nice to see Ashwaubenon events in the paper.

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

- The next board meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 12, 2018**, at 6:30 pm in **District Office Board Room**.

**M. Adjournment:** Moved by Vyskocil seconded by VanDeKreeke to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 pm. Aye 5, Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Vyskocil