

Minutes of the Delphos City School’s Board of Education Meeting:

October 26, 2020

The Board of Education of the Delphos City School District of Allen and Van Wert Counties of Ohio Met at 6:00PM on Monday in the Administration office for the regular Meeting with the roll call revealing the following members present: Erica Pimpas, Andy North, Jamey Wisher, Jason Grogg and Tony Wiechart.

The Board and guests stood for the pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Wiechart moved and Mrs. Pimpas seconded that the board approve the following consent agenda items presented by the treasurer.

Approval of minutes of the regular Board meeting held September 28, 2020 and the special work session held October 12, 2020.

The following were all approved for the month of September:

- Payment of invoices
- Fund Balance statement
- Bank Account reconciliations
- Purchase order adjustments over \$3000

VENDER	P.O. #	CHECK AMOUNT	
MPS	84212	\$3,772.06	Sept
Dicks Steak House	84211	\$3,000.00	
Gerdeman's TV & Computer	84258	\$4,607.50	
Grothouse Plumbing and Heating	84152	\$9,459.00	
Powell	84315	\$3,383.59	
Delphos St. John Schools	84271	\$8,403.90	
School Nurse Supply	84262	\$4,376.40	
Grothouse Plumbing and Heating	84326	\$3,526.22	
Delphos St John's	84325	\$4,603.03	
NOACSC	84639	\$4,219.66	
EMS LINQ, Inc	84365	\$4,889.00	
Grothouse Plumbing and Heating	84378	\$7,675.25	
Additional Appropriations			
Klein Fund		\$1,250.00	
Delphos Pride Scholarship		\$ 500.00	
Class of 2018		\$ 76.78	
Class of 2019		\$ 18.99	
Volleyball Fund		\$1,500.00	
Making MS/HS work		\$3,000.00	
Broadband OH Connectivity-CARES		\$124,202.25	
Additional Pays: Quiz Bowl – Sharon Kay Wilhelm \$57.11, Home Instruction – Kathy Buettner \$390.00			
Wiechart – Yes Pimpas – Yes Grogg – Yes Wisher – Yes North – Yes			

Mr. Rostorfer presented the following general fund status report: State Foundation:

As I prepare to submit our fall five year forecast one of the biggest line items, and definitely the biggest point of emphasis this year will be the state foundation payment. Especially November #1!!

The state foundation payments are made to us two times a month on Fridays, November’s are due on the 13th and the 27th. I should get the information for the November 13th payment either Wednesday the 11th or at very best late Tuesday afternoon. The foundation is set up with the first column being the total year which gets adjusted along the way. Then they subtract what they have paid us so far for each line to get a balance due for the year, then in general divide that by the number of remaining pays to get the current payment. One caveat is that if they owe us money they typically settle up right away to the current payment amount. That should be the case with this payment.

Our membership to Vantage began July 1, but we have been getting all of our foundation payments to this point based on last year. So I am expecting to get back \$350,000-\$375,000 in other adjustments, and around \$100,000 in adjustments to open enrollment. So as that payment comes in I will process it, but then I will put it in a spreadsheet, apply all that we know of at this point and try to predict how much each payment will be for the remainder of the year.

My final comment on the state foundation is about not hearing of cuts for this year. Remember what I said earlier that they are currently being based on last year, so although they have not had to announce cuts to the schools, our expected state foundation as compared to last fall’s five year forecast for this year is down around \$250,000..... let’s see what November #1 brings us!!

Would it be possible to reschedule our regular November work session from November 9 to November 16, so we can approve our fall forecast and submit it that week? The A-site suggests that we do not wait until the 23rd and then try to submit during Thanksgiving.

Mr. Rostorfer also described two changes to the district 125 flex plan and asked the board for approval.

Mr. Wisher moved and Mr. Weichart seconded that the board approve changes to the district 125 flex plan to includes an increase in the carryover amount from \$500 to \$550 and an extension of the period to apply unused amounts to pay medical care expenses to December 31, 2020.

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Mr. Westrick introduced Josh Gillespie and Tom Jettinghoff from the Delphos Civil Service Commission. The described how the system works for employees who are non-certified to be tested and made eligible for the districts hiring needs. They talked about the processes involved including the upcoming testing needed to establish a sub list for our cafeteria workers and custodians.

Mr. Westrick then introduced Mr Fruchey who presented the board with a Mission Statement:

The mission of Delphos Jefferson Middle School is to foster a safe, positive, and understanding environment that promotes responsible students, respectful relationships, and lifelong learning. We are committed to a quality education that demands active learning, active involvement, productive use of technology, and student mastery in order to attain achievement today and into the future.

He also talked about the making middle grade works program with initiatives being led by Allison Lugenbill.

Mr. Fruchey then introduced middle school math teacher Chad Laman who talked about a teaching tool called Exact Path. It is a new program similar to Study Island that is more interactive and distinct to each students learning capabilities. It also allows the teacher to gear the assignments toward week areas and tested criteria.

Mr. Weichart gave a brief update on Vantage who is working on ways to complete the 8th grade and Sophomore visitation details with the Corona limitations.

Mr. Westrick gave a brief technology update with the Broadband grant providing personal hotspots for students struggling with connectivity at home and well as having internet access available on our campuses, and also working to improve the connectivity inside all the buildings as soon as we can. Also discussed the plan to start converting from the smart boards with projectors to the new interactive panels as the need arises. He concluded his report with an update on the Hybrid Learning model in place at the high school, and seems to be working very well.

Mr. Grogg moved and Mrs. Pimpas seconded that the board approve the following list of items on the Superintendents consent agenda items for personnel:

Certified Supplemental and Extended Days Employment - It is recommended that the Board approve supplemental contract employment for the 2020 - 2021 school year/season, specifically conditioned on and subject to successful background checks, receipt and final administrative review of all application records and receipt of all other necessary documentation. Employment also is specifically conditioned on and subject to the activity/season occurring, with proration in the event of partial performance as determined by the administration.

Lori Ricker, Intervention Specialist for a Homebound student. (not to exceed 5 hrs per wk)
Jule McKanna – substitute teacher

Grogg – Yes Pimpas – Yes Wiechart – Yes Wisher – Yes North – Yes

Mrs. Pimpas moved and Mr. Grogg seconded that the board approve the purchase of Transportation routing and safety software from Transfinder.

Pimpas – Yes Grogg – Yes Wisher – Yes Wiechart – Yes North – Yes

Mr. Wiechart moved and Mrs. Pimpas seconded that the board approve the following donations with great gratitude:
Schrader Realty – Schrader’s Shares program \$66.00 to High School principal fund for teacher in-service supplies
Anonymous - \$10,000.00 to the Band Department for the restoration and new instruments.

Wiechart – Yes Pimpas – Yes Grogg – Yes Wisher – Yes North – Yes

In Wildcat “paws”itives Mr. Elwer has achieved College Credit Plus status so now students attending qualifying classes can earn college credit. Mrs. Pimpas said as a parent she is very happy so far with the hybrid learning plan. Mr. Grogg congratulated all the fall players and coaches for their accomplishments this season and dealing with all the rules and limitations that went along with the pandemic.

In other business Mr. Westrick told everyone that the free lunch program has been extended ti the end of the 2020-21 school year.

At 6:52 p.m.
Mr. Wisher moved and Mr. Grogg seconded that the meeting be adjourned.
Wisher – Yes Grogg – Yes Pimpas – Yes Wiechart – Yes North – Yes