

Work Session Board Meeting (Monday, August 5, 2024)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Procedural: A. Call to Order

Nancy Binzel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present: Antoinette East Jenkins, Mike Sheehan, Kari Suhadolnik, Pamela Wind, Nancy Binzel

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Procedural: A. Pledge of Allegiance

3. VISION STATEMENT

Procedural: A. Vision Statement

4. AMEND AGENDA

Agenda was amended to have an executive session for the purpose of discussing a public employee. Sheehan motioned to have the Agenda Amended.

Motioned by: East-Jenkins seconded by: Sheehan to adopt **Resolution #188-24**

ROLL CALL:

AYES- East-Jenkins, Sheehan, Suhadolnik, Wind, Binzel

NAYS-None

Motion Carried

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Action: A. Adoption of Agenda

Motioned by: Sheehan seconded by: Wind to adopt **Resolution #189-24**

ROLL CALL:

AYES- East-Jenkins, Sheehan, Suhadolnik, Wind, Binzel

NAYS- None

Motion Carried

6. WORK SESSION

Procedural: A. New School Year

Procedural: C. Top Board Priorities for the Year

Procedural: D. Student Achievement Liaison

Procedural: E. Committee Updates

Procedural: F. Legislative Update

7. OLD BUSINESS

Procedural: A. NEOLA POLICY- 7450- Second Reading

Action: B. Brian Ames vs Stow-Munroe Falls CSD

Motioned by: Suhadolnik seconded by: Wind to adopt **Resolution #190-24**

ROLL CALL:

AYES- East-Jenkins, Sheehan, Suhadolnik, Wind, Binzel

NAYS- None

Motion Carried

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Action: A. For the Purpose of Discussing the Employment of Public Employees

Motioned by: East-Jenkins, seconded by: Sheehan to enter executive session at 7:24 p.m adopt **Resolution #-191-24**

ROLL CALL:

AYES- East-Jenkins, Sheehan, Suhadolnik, Wind, Binzel

NAYS- Sheehan
Motion Carried

The Board returned from the executive session at 7:35 p.m. All members were present.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Action: A. Adjourn Meeting

Motioned by: Wind, Seconded by: Sheehan to adjourn at 7:36 p.m adopt **Resolution #192-24**

ROLL CALL:

AYES- East-Jenkins, Sheehan, Suhadolnik, Wind, Binzel

NAYS- None

Motion Carried

Summary of the Meeting

The Stow-Munroe Falls City School's Board of Education held a comprehensive work session on August 5th, 2024. The meeting commenced with the customary roll call and the adoption of the initial agenda. However, the board soon amended the agenda to include an executive session, necessary to address matters that had arisen during a previous meeting in July.

The board marked a significant moment by welcoming Dr. Felicia Gould to her first official meeting as the new superintendent. Her presence set the stage for discussions on a range of important topics. Among these, the board considered the increasing role of technology in the classroom, emphasizing the need for effective integration to enhance the educational experience. They also focused on the implementation of final forms for managing student information, aiming to streamline and improve the accuracy of data handling across the district.

The conversation then shifted to the necessity of establishing a universal discipline policy. The board recognized the importance of consistency in disciplinary actions across all schools in the district, ensuring that all students are treated fairly and equitably.

Communication was another key topic. The board discussed strategies to enhance engagement and transparency with both parents and the broader community. Recognizing the critical role that clear communication plays in building trust and fostering collaboration, they explored ways to make information more accessible and ensure that all stakeholders are kept informed.

In a related discussion, the board also considered the potential benefits of offering free lunches to students. This proposal was seen as a way to support families and ensure that all students have access to nutritious meals, which is essential for their overall well-being and academic performance.

As part of their broader engagement efforts, the board reviewed plans for a "Back to School Bash" event. This event was designed to welcome families back to school and provide essential school supplies, fostering a sense of community and readiness for the new academic year.

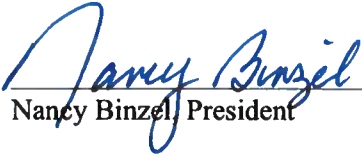
Updates on the district's finance committee were also provided. The board discussed ongoing efforts to involve community members in the committee, highlighting the importance of transparency and community participation in financial decision-making processes.

Legal matters were addressed with the board approving the retention of legal services related to a recent case against the district. This decision underscored the board's commitment to protecting the district's interests and ensuring that any legal challenges are managed effectively.

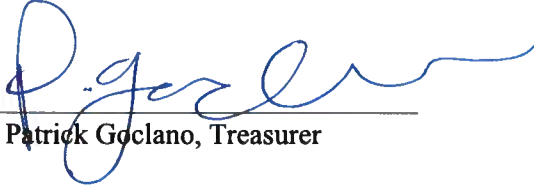
The meeting concluded with a discussion on athletic pricing and the necessity of a policy review. The board recognized that policies governing athletic programs need to be revisited and updated to reflect current needs and practices.

Finally, the board entered an executive session to discuss the employment of a public employee, ensuring that personnel matters were handled with the required confidentiality and care. This session highlighted the board's ongoing commitment to maintaining a high standard of governance and oversight in all aspects of district operations.

YouTube Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HL1yMcomr2U>



Nancy Binzel, President



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