

Appleton Area School District

Board of Education Meeting (Monday, January 22, 2024)

Generated by Kayla Malott on Tuesday, January 23, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by President Kay Eggert at the Scullen Leadership Center, 131 E. Washington Street, Suite 1A, Appleton, Wisconsin.

1. Meeting Opening

A. Roll Call

Members present: Kay Eggert, Kristine Sauter, Edward Ruffolo, James Bacon, Pheng Thao(virtual), Jason Kolpack, and Nick Ross

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

2. Approval of Agenda (GC-2: Governing Commitments)

A. Board Member Request to Remove Consent Agenda Item(s) for Separate Consideration

None

B. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the Board Agenda as presented.

Motion by Kristine Sauter, second by James Bacon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Kay Eggert, Kristine Sauter, Edward Ruffolo, James Bacon, Pheng Thao, Jason Kolpack, Nick Ross

3. Special Presentation

A. None

4. Public Input (GC-3.3: Initiate and maintain effective communication with the citizens.)

A. Public Input

The following individual addressed the Board of Education during Public Input:

1. Ronna Swift (Appleton, WI)- regarding the Student Attendance Committee findings.

5. Board Development (GC-2.2: The Board will assure that its members are provided with training and professional support necessary to govern effectively.)

A. 2024 Wisconsin State Education Convention Recap

Board Members Nick Ross, James Bacon, and Edward Ruffolo discussed their takeaways from the 2024 State Education Convention

6. Information for Board Decision Preparation (OE-8.4: Assure that the Board has adequate information from a variety of internal and external viewpoints to assure informed Board decisions.)

A. Business Services Update(s): Gifts/Donations to the District (December 2023)

Executive Director of Finance, Holly Burr, presented the Gifts/Donations to the District (December 2023) item for consideration.

B. School/Student Services Update(s): 6th & 7th Grade Curriculum Revisions- Art/Music/WL/Health; Space Availability for the 2024-25 Open Enrollment Period

Assistant Superintendent, Steve Harrison, presented the 6th & 7th Grade Curriculum Revisions- Art/Music/WL/Health item for consideration.

Assistant Superintendent Ebony Grice and Executive Director of Special Education Amy Steiner, presented and discussed the Space Availability for the 2024-25 Open Enrollment Period item for consideration.

C. Personnel Services Update(s): Professional Educator New Hire(s), Contract Change(s), Resignation(s), Administrative Retirement(s), and Administrative Contracts.

Chief Human Resources Officer, Julie King, presented the Professional Educator New Hire(s), Contract Change(s), Resignation(s), Administrative Retirement(s) and Administrative Contracts items for consideration.

7. Board's Consent Agenda (GC-2.4: The Board will use a consent agenda as a means to expedite the disposition of routine matters and dispose of other items of business it chooses not to discuss.)

Motion to approve the Board's Consent Agenda as presented.

Consent Items Approved:

A. Board Meeting Minutes from January 8, 2024

Motion by Nick Ross, second by Kristine Sauter.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Kay Eggert, Kristine Sauter, Edward Ruffolo, James Bacon, Pheng Thao, Jason Kolpack, Nick Ross

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8. Superintendent's Consent Agenda (OE-8.10: Provide for the Board adequate information about all administrative actions and decisions that are delegated to the Superintendent but required by law to be approved by the Board.)

Motion to approve the Superintendent's Consent Agenda as presented.

Consent Items Approved:

A. Gifts/Donations to the District (December 2023)

B. 6th & 7th Grade Curriculum Revisions- Art/Music/WL/Health

C. Professional Educator New Hire(s)

D. Professional Contract Change(s)

E. Professional Educator Resignation(s)

F. Administrative Retirement(s)

G. Administrative Contracts

Motion by Edward Ruffolo, second by Kristine Sauter.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Kay Eggert, Kristine Sauter, Edward Ruffolo, James Bacon, Pheng Thao, Jason Kolpack, Nick Ross

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9. Reports (OE-8.2: Provide for the Board, in a timely manner, information about trends, facts and other information relevant to the Board's work.)

A. Business Services Report:

None

B. School/Student Services Report: Student Attendance Committee Updates

Superintendent, Greg Hartjes, presented and discussed the Student Attendance Committee Updates.

C. Personnel Services Report:

None

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10. Board Business

A. Space Availability for the 2024-25 Open Enrollment Application Period

Motion to approve the Space Availability for the 2024-25 Open Enrollment Application Period as presented.

Motion by James Bacon, second by Kay Eggert.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Kay Eggert, Kristine Sauter, Edward Ruffolo, James Bacon, Pheng Thao, Jason Kolpack, Nick Ross

B. Monitoring Report: OE-5 Financial Planning

Motion to approve Monitoring Report: OE-5 Financial Plannings presented.

Motion by Edward Ruffolo, second by James Bacon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Kay Eggert, Kristine Sauter, Edward Ruffolo, James Bacon, Pheng Thao, Jason Kolpack, Nick Ross

C. Superintendent Contract

Board member, Edward Ruffolo, made a motion to table item 10(c), Superintendent Contract, for further discussion at the next Board Meeting scheduled for February 26, 2024.

Motion by Edward Ruffolo, second by Jason Kolpack.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Kay Eggert, Kristine Sauter, Edward Ruffolo, James Bacon, Pheng Thao, Jason Kolpack, Nick Ross

D. Consent Agenda Item(s) Removed for Separate Consideration

None

11. Items of Information

A. None

12. Future Meetings

- A. Board Meeting: Monday, February 12, 2024, 6:00 PM
- B. Board Work Session: Wednesday, February 21, 2024, 7:30 AM
- C. Board Meeting: Monday, February 26, 2024, 6:00 PM

13. Closed Session

A. Motion to go into Closed Session

Motion to go into Closed Session at 7:51 PM.

Motion by James Bacon, second by Kristine Sauter.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Kay Eggert, Kristine Sauter, Edward Ruffolo, James Bacon, Pheng Thao, Jason Kolpack, Nick Ross

B. Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1)(f) Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations.

C. Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other public business; for the purpose to deliberate Real Estate.

D. Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM.

Motion by Kristine Sauter, second by Edward Ruffolo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Kay Eggert, Kristine Sauter, Edward Ruffolo, Jason Kolpack

Absent from voting: Pheng Thao

Board President Signature: