

Appleton Area School District
Board of Education Meeting (Monday, January 24, 2022)

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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.

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1. Meeting Opening

A. Roll Call

Members present: James Bowman, Kay Eggert, Deborah Truymen, Kristine Sauter, Edward Ruffolo, Amanda Stuck, James Bacon (virtual)

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

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

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

Board Member Deb Truymen requested to remove item 7(B) - Proposed Updates to the Annual Work Plan, from the Board's Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

Board Member Ed Ruffolo requested to remove item 8(F) - Job Descriptions, from the Superintendent's Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

B. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the Board Agenda as revised, moving Items 7(B) and 8(F) to Board Business for separate consideration.

Motion by James Bowman, second by Deborah Truymen.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: James Bowman, Kay Eggert, Deborah Truymen, Kristine Sauter, Edward Ruffolo, Amanda Stuck, James Bacon

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3. Special Presentation

A. Student School Board Representative Report: Ryan Hanson, East High School

Student School Board Representative Ryan Hanson updated the Board of Education on events and happenings at East High School.

B. Fine Arts Spotlight: Secondary Schools Board Room Student Artwork

A video was shared highlighting the Secondary Student Artwork that is on display in the Board Room at the Leadership Center.

C. SRO Presentation: Officer Brandon Schnese (School Resource Officer, Madison Middle School) will provide the Board with a more detailed look at the roles/daily activities of SRO's in schools, from the perspective of an SRO.

Officer Brandon Schnese and Lieutenant Jack Taschner provided a more detailed look at the day-to-day activities of a School Resource Officer and answered questions from Board members regarding the roles of SRO's in schools.

D. 2020-2021 Annual Financial Report (Audit) Presentation

AASD Director of Business Services Holly Burr and CliftonLarsonAllen CPA Leah Lasecki presented the Districts 2020-2021 Annual Financial Report.

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

A. Public Input

B. On-site Speakers (Registration Required)

None.

C. Virtual Speakers (Registration Required)

None.

D. Written Comments (Posted as Attachment)

Comments were submitted in writing for the Board's consideration.

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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. None

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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/Grants to the District

Chief Financial Officer Greg Hartjes reported on Business Services items for consideration.

B. School/Student Services Update(s): None

C. Personnel Services Update(s): Professional Educator Hire(s), Contract Change(s), and Resignation(s); Administrative Contracts; Job Descriptions

Chief Human Resources Officer Julie King updated the Board on Personnel Services 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.)

A. Board Meeting Minutes from January 10, 2022

Motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2022.

Motion by Kristine Sauter, second by James Bacon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: James Bowman, Kay Eggert, Deborah Truymen, Kristine Sauter, Edward Ruffolo, Amanda Stuck, James Bacon

B. Proposed Updates to the Annual Work Plan

This item was removed from the consent agenda for separate consideration.

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 amended, including only Items A-E.

Consent Items Approved:

A. 2021-2022 Gifts/Grants to the District

B. Professional Educator New Hire(s)

C. Professional Educator Contract Change(s)

D. Professional Educator Resignation(s)

E. Administrative Contracts

Motion by Deborah Truymen, second by James Bowman.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: James Bowman, Kay Eggert, Deborah Truymen, Kristine Sauter, Edward Ruffolo, Amanda Stuck, James Bacon

F. Job Descriptions

This item was removed from the consent agenda for separate consideration.

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. Community Linkages Committee Report: Updates and Information from the Community Linkages Committee Meeting

Committee Chair Ed Ruffolo reported on the Community Linkages Committee meeting that was held on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, and discussed the Committee's upcoming steps.

B. Business Services Report: Potential Referendum Focus Groups Update

Chief Financial Officer Greg Hartjes reported on updates from the Potential Referendum Focus Groups that were held on January 18th and 20th, 2022.

10. Board Business

A. Superintendent Search and Selection Update: Proposed Candidate Interview Process - for Discussion

Board President Kay Eggert led a discussion on updates regarding the Superintendent Search and Selection, including the proposed candidate interview process.

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

Proposed Updates to the Annual Work Plan

Motion to approve the Proposed Updates to the Annual Work Plan as submitted.

Motion by James Bowman, second by James Bacon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: James Bowman, Kay Eggert, Deborah Truymen, Kristine Sauter, Edward Ruffolo, Amanda Stuck, James Bacon

Job Descriptions

Motion to approve the Job Descriptions as submitted.

Motion by Edward Ruffolo, second by Kristine Sauter.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: James Bowman, Kay Eggert, Deborah Truymen, Kristine Sauter, Edward Ruffolo, Amanda Stuck, James Bacon

11. Items of Information

A. None

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12. Future Meetings

- A. Board Work Session: Thursday, January 27, 2022, 7:30 AM
 - B. CANCELED Board Meeting: Monday, February 14, 2022, 6:00 PM
 - C. Special Board Meeting: Thursday, February 17, 2022, 7:30 AM
 - D. Board Work Session: Thursday, February 17, 2022, 8:30 AM
 - E. Board Meeting: Monday, February 28, 2022, 6:00 PM
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13. Closed Session

A. Motion to go into Closed Session

Motion to go into Closed Session at 8:19 PM.

Motion by Deborah Truymen, second by Kristine Sauter.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: James Bowman, Kay Eggert, Deborah Truymen, Kristine Sauter, Edward Ruffolo, Amanda Stuck, James Bacon

B. Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, for the purpose of discussing a potential property lease and purchase of real estate.

C. Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 PM.

Motion by Deborah Truymen, second by Kristine Sauter.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: James Bowman, Kay Eggert, Deborah Truymen, Kristine Sauter, Edward Ruffolo, Amanda Stuck, James Bacon