

Appleton Area School District
Board of Education Meeting (Monday, January 10, 2022)

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The meeting was called to order at 4:30 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 Truyma, Kristine Sauter, Edward Ruffolo, Amanda Stuck, James Bacon

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 Truyma requested to remove item 11(C) - WCA Charter School Contract, from the Superintendent's Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

B. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the Board Agenda as revised, moving Item 11(C) to Board Business for separate consideration.

Motion by Edward Ruffolo, second by James Bacon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

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3. Closed Session

A. Motion to go into Closed Session

Motion to go into Closed Session at 4:34 PM.

Motion by Kristine Sauter, second by Deborah Truyma.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: James Bowman, Kay Eggert, Deborah Truyma, 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 purchase of real estate.

C. Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, for the purpose of discussing internal staff planning.

D. Motion to return to Open Session

Motion to return to Open Session at 5:56 PM, moving into a brief recess.

Motion by James Bacon, second by James Bowman.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

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4. Possible Recess / Reconvene at 6:00 PM

The Board took a brief recess and reconvened at 6:06 PM.

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5. Superintendent Search and Selection

A. Review of Focus Group and Survey Information and Presentation of Superintendent Profile - for Discussion

WASB Consultant Louise Blankeheim presented the Focus Group and Survey Information, Superintendent Profile, and a proposed timeline and contract extension for the next steps in the Superintendent Search and Selection process.

B. WASB Contract Extension and Next Steps - for Discussion/Possible Action

Motion to extend the contract with the Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB) to assist with the next steps in the Superintendent Search and Selection process.

Motion by Kay Eggert, second by Deborah Truyma.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

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6. Special Presentation

A. Drawing of Lots for Ballot Order for the February 15, 2022 AASD School Board Member Primary Election

Board Clerk Deb Truyma supervised the drawing of lots, performed by Vice President Kris Sauter, to determine ballot order for the February 15, 2022 School Board Spring Primary Election.

Candidates will appear on the ballot as follows:

Dave Moscinski
Mike Schinke
Jim Bowman
Nick Ross
Pheng Thao
Andrea D. Klitzke
Deb Truymen
James Bacon
Jason Kolpack

B. Student School Board Representative Report: Sulia Chang, West High School

Student School Board Representative Sulia Chang updated the Board of Education on events and happenings at West High School.

C. Fine Arts Spotlight: Elementary Board Room Student Artwork

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

D. Staff Spotlight: Wisconsin Adult School Crossing Guard Recognition Week

A video was shared recognizing the significant contributions and dedication of, and appreciation for, the AASD Adult School Crossing Guards.

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

A. Public Input

B. On-site Speakers (Registration Required)

The following individuals addressed the Board of Education during On-site Public Input:

1. Eric Lewellyn (Appleton, WI)

C. Virtual Speakers (Registration Required)

The following individuals addressed the Board of Education during Virtual Public Input:

1. Cindy A Carter (Appleton, WI)

2. Andrea Klitzke (Appleton, WI)

3. Joseph McCleer (Appleton, WI)

4. Sheri Hartzheim (Appleton, WI)

5. Stephanie Marshall (Appleton, WI)

6. Tina Baeza (Appleton, WI)

7. Adam Germain (Appleton, WI)

D. Written Comments (Posted as Attachment)

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

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8. 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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9. 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): AP Check Register November and December 2021; Grants 2021-2022

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

B. School Services Update(s): WCA Charter School Contract

Assistant Superintendent Matt Zimmerman reported on the WCA Charter School Contract item on the agenda for consideration.

C. Personnel Services Update(s): Professional Educator New Hires(s), Contract Change(s), Resignation(s); Internship(s)

Chief Human Resources Officer Julie King updated the Board on Personnel Services items for consideration.

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10. 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 submitted.

Consent Items Approved:

A. Board Meeting Minutes from December 13, 2021

B. Expulsion Hearing Minutes from December 14, 2021 - Student A

C. Expulsion Hearing Minutes from December 14, 2021 - Student B

D. R-2.1.4 Civics and Social Studies - Interpretation and Indicators - Final Draft

E. R-2.1.5 Health and Human Performance - Interpretation and Indicators - Final Draft

F. R-2.1.6 Fine Arts - Interpretation and Indicators - Final Draft

G. R-2.1.7 World Languages - Interpretation and Indicators - Final Draft

H. R-2.1.8 Career and Technical Education - Interpretation and Indicators - Final Draft

I. R-2.1.9 Financial Literacy - Interpretation and Indicators - Final Draft

Motion by Deborah Truymman, second by Edward Ruffolo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

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11. 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-B and D-G.

Consent Items Approved:

A. AP Check Registers - November and December 2021

B. Grants 2021-2022

D. Professional Educator New Hires(s)

E. Professional Educator Contract Change(s)

F. Professional Educator Resignation(s)

G. Internship(s)

Motion by Deborah Truymman, second by James Bacon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

C. WCA Charter School Contract

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

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12. 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 Meetings

Committee Chair Ed Ruffolo reported on the Community Linkages Committee meetings held on Monday, December 20, 2021, and Thursday, January 6, 2022, and presented the Committee's proposed (draft) plan.

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 3rd and 4th, 2022.

C. Superintendent's Report: The District Leadership Team will provide an update on COVID data, including staffing.

The District Leadership Team, with assistance from City of Appleton Interim Health Officer Sonja Jensen, provided an update regarding pandemic conditions/activity within our schools and community, in relation to the current mitigation protocols, including masking.

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13. Board Business

A. COVID Mitigation Protocols - Potential Reconsideration of Mask Optional Date - for Discussion/Possible Action

Board Member Deb Truymman presented information she compiled regarding mitigation protocols, particularly masking.

1. Motion to continue universal masking until February 17, 2022.

Motion by Kay Eggert, second by James Bowman.

2. Motion to amend the main motion to include the language, "if we see a considerable, two-week downward trend, we will convene on February 17 and agree to move to mask optional immediately."

Motion by Deborah Truymman, second NONE.

Motion Failed.

(Original) Motion to continue universal masking until February 17, 2022.

Motion by Kay Eggert, second by James Bowman.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

No: Deborah Truymman

B. Space Availability for the 2022-23 Open Enrollment Application Period - for Consideration

Motion to approve the space availability for Open Enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year as recommended, as outlined below:

Based on the Board Policy space availability calculation, which is consistent with Wis. State Statute 118.51 and its implementing Administrative Code regulations, it is recommended that grades K-6 at Huntley Elementary School be closed for open enrollment (no spaces available). All grades at other elementary schools are open. All grades at middle and high schools are open. In addition, based upon the same Board Policy it is recommended that all special education programs and related services are closed (no space available) with the exception of Early Childhood, Middle School Intellectual Disabilities, Middle and High School Intellectual Disabilities - Severe, Special Physical Education, and Physical Therapy. The determination of space availability for regular and special education is based on Board Policy, Wis. State Stats. 118.51 and its implementing Administrative Code regulations.

Motion by James Bowman, second by Deborah Truymman.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

C. Purchase of Property - for Consideration

Motion to approve the Purchase of Property as recommended.

Motion by Deborah Truyma, second by James Bacon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

D. Consent Agenda Item(s) Removed for Separate Consideration
WCA Charter School Contract

Motion to approve the WCA Charter School Contract as presented.

Motion by Deborah Truyma, second by Kristine Sauter.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

E. WASB Resolutions - for Discussion

The Leadership Team and the Board of Education discussed the WASB Proposed Resolutions in preparation for the Delegate Assembly at the State Education Convention.

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14. Items of Information

A. None

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15. Future Meetings

- A. Next Board Meeting: Monday, January 24, 2022, 6:00 PM
- B. Board Work Session: Thursday, January 27, 2022, 7:30 AM
- C. CANCELED Board Meeting: Monday, February 14, 2022, 6:00 PM

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16. Adjourn

A. Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 PM.

Motion by Kristine Sauter, second by James Bacon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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