

Appleton Area School District Board of Education Meeting (Monday, February 8, 2021)

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The meeting was called to order virtually at 6:01 PM by President Kay Eggert.

1. VIRTUAL MEETING NOTICE

This meeting will be conducted as a virtual meeting due to the active COVID-19 public health emergency situation, meaning that multiple Board members may be participating in the meeting from remote locations through the use of communications technology and/or that public access to the meeting may be arranged through the use of technology. The District discourages the public and/or media from attending the meeting in person at its noticed location due to concerns with health and safety and encourages use of the alternative method(s) of access that the District is providing.

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With respect to the gravity of the current public health emergency, we have made every effort to streamline this meeting as much as possible while still focusing on items that are essential to the current and future operations of the District. As such, there will be no opportunity for live public comments this evening.

Any comment you wish to have considered by the Board in conjunction with this meeting must be submitted in writing no later than 3:00 PM on the day of the meeting to Clara Kopplinger at kopplingerclar@aad.k12.wi.us (preferred) or mailed to 131 E. Washington Street, Suite 1A, Appleton, WI, 54911. **If you wish to have your comment included as public input, please clearly indicate PUBLIC COMMENT in the subject line of the email or in the body of the letter.**

All written comments submitted by the deadline will be distributed to all members of the Board prior to the meeting, as outlined in Policy 189 - Virtual Board Meetings in Emergency Situations. We appreciate your understanding during this unprecedented time.

2. Meeting Opening

A. Roll Call

Members present: Barry O'Connor, James Bowman, Kay Eggert, Deborah Truymen, Gary Jahnke, Kristine Sauter
All Board Members present via remote connection.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

3. Approval of Minutes & Agenda

A. Board Meeting Minutes from January 25, 2021

Motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from January 25, 2021.

Motion by Gary Jahnke, second by Deborah Truymen.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Barry O'Connor, James Bowman, Kay Eggert, Deborah Truymen, Gary Jahnke, Kristine Sauter

B. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the Board Agenda as written.

Motion by Barry O'Connor, second by James Bowman.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Barry O'Connor, James Bowman, Kay Eggert, Deborah Truymen, Gary Jahnke, Kristine Sauter

4. Board Business

A. School Board Vacancy: Selection of Board Appointee

There were four (4) board member applicants for the current board vacancy, beginning February 2021 and expiring April 25, 2021. Each candidate was given an opportunity to make a three (3) minute statement in support of their nomination and possible appointment to the board prior to the nomination process. The order of statements was determined by random selection as follows:

1. Stephanie Burry
2. Sheri Hartzheim
3. James Clemons
4. Katherine Van Groll

Following applicant statements, President Kay Eggert opened the floor to nominations. Nominations were received for the following candidates:

Katherine Van Groll - nominated by Jim Bowman, seconded by Barry O'Connor

Sheri Hartzheim - nominated by Deb Truymen

James Clemons - nominated by Gary Jahnke, seconded by Kay Eggert

Two applicants received both a nomination and a second, moving them into consideration for voting. Board members voted via signed ballot, with Jim Bowman, Barry O'Connor, and Kristine Sauter casting their vote for Katherine Van Groll, and Gary Jahnke, Kay Eggert, and Deb Truymen casting their vote for James Clemons. Each candidate received three (3) votes, with no candidate receiving a majority vote. The floor was opened up for discussion among board members.

Following a brief discussion, board members again voted via signed ballot, with Jim Bowman, Barry O'Connor, Gary Jahnke, Kay Eggert, and Deb Truymen casting their vote for James Clemons, and Kris Sauter casting her vote for Katherine Van Groll. With five (5) votes, James Clemons received a majority vote of the board.

James Clemons was appointed as School Board Member.

5. Reports

A. Public Input Communications: Board President Kay Eggert will summarize communications that were received as public input for this meeting.

Board President Kay Eggert gave a summary of the public comment communications that were received by the Board of Education in advance of the meeting.

B. Safe and Resilient Return Report: Dr. Baseman and members of the Leadership Team will report on current matters relating to the Safe and Resilient Return.

Superintendent Judy Baseman and members of the Leadership Team gave a report on the District's Safe and Resilient Return, including an update on the Learning Model Planning Timeline and the Learning Model Re-Evaluation Matrix, COVID-19 Activity Levels (including staff and student absences and positive cases) within the Appleton Area School District student and staff populations, updates regarding co-curricular opportunities for students at all three levels, and an update on Student Progress Monitoring and Next Steps.

6. School Services/Student Services Action Items

A. 2021-2022 Appleton Community 4K School Calendar

Motion to approve the 2021-2022 Appleton Community 4K School Calendar as presented.

Motion by Barry O'Connor, second by Kristine Sauter.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Barry O'Connor, James Bowman, Kay Eggert, Deborah Truymen, Gary Jahnke, Kristine Sauter

7. Business Services Items

A. Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$7,636,000 Taxable (Convertible to Tax-Exempt) General Obligation Refunding Bonds

Motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$7,636,000 Taxable (Convertible to Tax-Exempt) General Obligation Refunding Bonds.

Motion by James Bowman, second by Gary Jahnke.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Barry O'Connor, James Bowman, Kay Eggert, Deborah Truymen, Gary Jahnke, Kristine Sauter

B. AP Payment Register for January 2021

Motion to approve the AP Payment Register for January 2021 as submitted.

Motion by James Bowman, second by Deborah Truymen.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Barry O'Connor, James Bowman, Kay Eggert, Deborah Truymen, Gary Jahnke, Kristine Sauter

C. Renaming Lincoln Elementary School to honor Mr. Ronald C. Dunlap - Item of Information/Discussion Only

The potential renaming of Lincoln Elementary School to honor Mr. Ronald C. Dunlap was presented as an item of information and discussion for the Board.

8. Personnel Services Action Items

Motion to approve the following Personnel Services Action Items:

A. Professional Educator New Hires

The following Professional Educators for contractual positions for the 2020-2021 school year:

Name	Position	Location	FTE	Salary	Effective Date
Emilie D. Buechel	Special Ed-IDS	Berry	100%	\$19,962	1/27/2021
Andrea R. Schoerner	School Counselor	Johnston	100%	\$21,288	2/2/2021
Timmlyn I. Schroeder	Special Ed-TBD	TBD	100%	\$19,274	2/1/2021

B. Professional Educator Contract Changes

The following Professional Educator contract changes for the 2020-2021 school year:

Name	Position	Location	FTE	Effective Date
Kelly A. Blair	World Language-Spanish	Madison	80% to 104%	1/19/2021
Mari J. Nelson	World Language-Spanish	NHS	100% to 110%	1/19/2021
Courtney D. Pierce	Business	WHS	100% to 110%	1/19/2021
Amy T. Sunke	Science	eSchool	100% to 110%	1/19/2021
Katherine E. Trcka	At-Risk	WHS	100% to 110%	1/19/2021
Jacci L. Vanden Heuvel	Science	eSchool	110% to 120%	1/19/2021

C. Professional Educator Resignations

The following Professional Educator Resignations:

April M. McNamara has been with the District for seven years, most recently as an Occupational Therapist. Ms. McNamara's resignation is effective the end of the June 4, 2021 workday.

D. Administrative Contracts

Offering the recommended one-year contracts, as permitted by Wisconsin Statutes § 118.24(6), to the administrators as listed.

E. Consideration of Superintendent's Contract

The recommended 2020-21 total compensation adjustment of 2.5% for Superintendent Judith Baseman, which would result in a \$4,946 salary increase with a revised annual salary of \$197,767 (retroactive to 7/1/2020).

Motion by Gary Jahnke, second by James Bowman.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Barry O'Connor, James Bowman, Kay Eggert, Deborah Truymen, Gary Jahnke, Kristine Sauter

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9. Items of Information - None

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10. Future Meetings

A. CANCELLED Programs and Services Committee Meeting: Thursday, February 11, 2021, 7:45 AM, Remote

B. CANCELLED Policy Review Committee Meeting: Thursday, February 11, 2021, 10:00 AM, Remote

C. Board Work Session - Coherent Governance Implementation Training and Policy Development (Session Two): Friday, February 19, 2021, 8:00 AM, Remote

D. Next Board Meeting: Monday, February 22, 2021, 6:00 PM, Remote

E. Business Services Committee Meeting: Tuesday, February 23, 2021, 7:30 AM, Remote

F. Personnel Services Committee Meeting: Tuesday, February 23, 2021, 9:00 AM, Remote

G. Programs and Services Committee Meeting: Thursday, February 25, 2021, 7:45 AM, Remote

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11. Adjourn

A. Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 PM.

Motion by Barry O'Connor, second by Kristine Sauter.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Barry O'Connor, James Bowman, Kay Eggert, Deborah Truymen, Gary Jahnke, Kristine Sauter