

**NORWAY JT. 7 SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Date: September 20, 2022 Minutes**

Board members present: Don Walter, John Gultch, Lindsey Drought, Ingrid Lang, and Chris Drought.
Staff Present: Adam Scanlan, Marisa Joehnk

- I. **Call Meeting to Order:** Don Walter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

- II. **Finance and Operations**
 - A. **BOE Financial Reports - Treasurer's Report/Cash Position:** Treasurer John Gultch read the balances as: Total District Bank Balances: \$858,725.99 and General Checking: \$4,686.73 - Don Walter motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report; Chris Drought 2nd the motion; Passed 5-0
 - B. **ESSER III Updates:** Administration provided an update on the EBIS Budget submitted to DPI. Adam went over some of the key elements that were submitted including funding for new staff devices, technology lab updates, instructional space outside, and flexible furniture.
 - C. **21-22 Financial Results:** Marisa presented the 2021-22 financial results including being able to add \$114,379.77 to fund balance this year with the caveat that approximately \$11,000 of the funds added are related to the Get Kids Ahead Funds and the offsetting expenses will be incurred in future years. Questions were fielded from community members on Special Education spending/MOE, non-recurring funds received, the impact of ESSER funds, and the preference for ESSER funds to impact the future for students and staff.

- III. **Informational Items**
 - A. **Buildings and Ground Updates:** provided an update on multiple buildings and ground improvements including The Hornets' Nest makerspace. The board provided input on the suggestion to purchase a mower and weed wacker and transition from contracting lawn care starting with the 2023 season. The board likes the suggested athletic chairs and would like the PTO to fundraise for those - perhaps a buy/sponsor a chair idea from local businesses.
 - B. **PTO Events and Structure Updates:** Adam provided an update on the September PTO meeting. The meeting was encouraging with record attendance/involvement. The PTO voted to move their funds to the district due to challenges in maintaining the organization as a separate non-profit organization. The PTO will continue to provide fun activities for students and families and fundraise for field trip transportation and other goals with multiple events upcoming. The PTO is looking at setting a 2-3 year plan for items they are fundraising for at their next meeting.
 - C. **Staffing Updates:** The Board asked for clarification on recommended ratio of school counselor to student counts. The recommended national ratio is 1:250. Discussion with our enrollment of 83 students puts us close to the recommended ratio while many other schools are significantly over.

- IV. **Action Items**
 - A. **BOE Financial Reports:** Passed 5-0 (1st by Lindsey; 2nd by Ingrid)
 - B. **Approval of Minutes:** Passed 5-0 (1st by Don; 2nd by John)
 - C. **Approval of 66.03 Agreement:** Passed 5-0 (1st by Chris; 2nd by Don)

- V. **Public Comment:** No community members present

- VI. **Verification of Next School Board Meeting Date:** Monday, October 24th at 6:30pm - Budget Presentation and Annual Meeting

- VII. **Board closed session for personnel – State Statute 19.85(1)** - Motion made by Don Walter at 8:15pm to adjourn meeting to closed session. Motion 2nd by Ingrid Lang; Board voted 5-0 in favor; Motion carried.