

**NORWAY JT. 7 SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Date: February 21, 2023
MINUTES**

Board members present: Don Walter, Lindsey Drought, John Gultch, Ingrid Lang, and Chris Drought

Staff Present: Adam Scanlan, Marisa Joehnk, Amber Cushing

- 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:** No questions
 - B. **PTO Financials:** No questions
 - C. **2023-24 CPI Update:** Marisa provided additional updates on CPI and neighboring districts. She asked the board to consider percentage points they would like to have presented for closed session at the next meeting. Discussed board question on anticipated percent increase for insurance--typically not available until the end of October. Board requested information on salaries and benefits covered with ESSER III funding to date at the next meeting.

- III. **Informational Items**
 - A. **Luke Francois - WUHS Referendum Update:** WUHS has passed 3 referendums in the last 40 years. Capital referendum for Systems Efficiencies, Buildings & Grounds Upgrades (many from 1950s-60s), and Safety & Learning (for example ADA compliance, secure loading dock) will be on the ballot in April. Total ask of \$24,500,000 (\$34 per \$100,000 of property value). Luke addressed board questions on cuts made outside of the referendum, previous referendum asks, teacher load/schedule, post-retirement benefits, sick leave stipend, home purchase for loading dock location, mill rate/10 year average, length of bond (20 year), fund balance status, and student population. WUHS website is a good starting resource for the community.
 - B. **Final look at 2023-2024 School Calendar:** Adam provided an update on the proposed calendar for next school year - considered teacher input; not significant changes from last month.
 - C. **Security Camera Quotes and Updates:** Adam provided an update on the security cameras and vendors' advice to use US systems. Used recommended vendors from area districts/schools for the quotes provided/presented. Potential grant for 23-24 that Bluum has advised on. Board recommended an appropriate lower-cost system (suggested Lorex or Blink Systems) and exploring the grant for a more comprehensive option when it becomes available.
 - D. **Building & Grounds Updates:** Adam provided an update on building and grounds - removing old desks, to come scrap metal proceeds - Kral donation, and shelving/storage.
 - E. **Lawn Mower and Tool Updates:** Adam provided an update on potential mower and tool options, costs, and planned storage. The board agrees with administration proceeding with purchasing a mower and tools similar to those presented as they are non-capital items under \$5,000.
 - F. **Semi-Annual Review of COVID Protocols & Stakeholder Input:** Adam presented on with no suggested updates or changes. No board or community suggested changes.
 - G. **AGR 1st Semester Review:** Adam presented 1st Semester review. No board questions.
 - H. **SIS JMC Update:** Adam provided an update on SIS options. JMC addressed staff questions and presented on their system since our last meeting. Ms. Cushing advised that she likes the customer support and how JMC meets district needs.
 - I. **Website Provider Update:** Adam provided an update on current website spending and the status of the transition to the shared Waterford area platform at a prorated cost.

- IV. **Action Items**
 - A. **Approval of Minutes as presented:** Passed 5-0 (1st by Don; 2nd by John)
 - B. **Approval of Financial Packet as presented:** Passed 5-0 (1st by Don; 2nd by Lindsey)
 - C. **Approval of 2023-2024 Calendar as presented:** Passed 5-0 (1st by Lindsey; 2nd by Ingrid)
 - D. **Approval of Semi-Annual Review of COVID Protocols with no updates/revisions:** Passed 5-0 (1st by John; 2nd by Chris)

- E. Approval of SIS for 2023-2024 with JMC:** Passed 5-0 (1st by Chris; 2nd by Ingrid)
- V. Public Comment:** No community members present. Lindsey requested administration present an ESSER III spending update at the next board meeting.
- VI. Verification of Next School Board Meeting Date:** Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 7:00pm
- VII. Board closed session for personnel – State Statute 19.85(1) -** Motion made by Don Walter at 8:20pm to adjourn meeting to closed session. Motion 2nd by John Gultch; Board voted 5-0 in favor; Motion carried.
- VIII. Reconvene into Open Session -** 9:02pm
- IX. Adjournment -** 9:04pm motion - meeting adjourned