

WDS Board of Education Monthly Meeting Minutes

DATE: November 21, 2022

PLACE: VAC

MEMBERS PRESENT: McGoran, Mahoney, Ogden, Martin, Means, Mitteer

MEMBERS ABSENT: TenBrink

OTHERS PRESENT: Jerry McDowell, Steve Aardema, Michelle Pulver, Kirsten Bolles, other staff and community members

President Ogden called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Motion Martin/Mitteer to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes (6) Martin, Mitteer, Means, Mahoney, McGoran, Ogden

Nays (0)

Motion Carried

Motion made by McGoran to table item 8 until after new board members are sworn in. She has concerns about policies 0003 and 3004. Ogden stated she can ask to have those two policies taken out of the motion when we get to item 8. Ogden asked if she still wanted to make the motion now. McGoran answered yes.

Motion McGoran/Means to table item 8 until after the first of the year.

Ayes (2) McGoran, Means

Nays (4) Martin, Mahoney, Mitteer, Ogden

Motion denied

Public Comment

Martha Dillon – proposals

Christina Normandin – facebook

Jan Klco – elective classes available

Tom Ziemer – policy MCL 380.10

Consent Action Agenda

Motion Mahoney/Mitteer to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Ayes (6) Mahoney, Mitteer, Martin, McGoran, Means, Ogden

Nays (0)

Motion Carried

Items Approved: minutes of meetings dated October 17, and November 4, disbursements for the month of October 2022: general fund \$567,187.95, community education \$91,230.00, food service \$24,832.38, technology MAISD \$184.80, activity account \$41,890.57, common debt \$0, capital projects–bond \$0.

Committee Reports and any Discussions

Mahoney discussed finance committee meeting from 11/4. Mitteer and Ogden shared their thoughts on presentations at the MASB conference they recently attended.

Unfinished Business – None

Financial Audit Report

Brickley DeLong Representative Brenda Jacobs gave an update on recent finance audit and noted that we received a Clean Opinion, which is the highest rating given. The single audit had a couple of deficiencies that were corrected.

Motion Mahoney/Martin to accept the audited financial statements, management letter, and single audit report as presented.

Ayes (6) Mahoney, Martin, McGoran, Means, Mitteer, Ogden

Nays (0)

Motion Carried

Second Reading and Adoption of Policies

Dr. McDowell reviewed all policies in the update provided by Miller Johnson. Board discussion followed. McGoran suggested tabling policies 0003 and 3004 until new board members have a chance to review. Mahoney stated policy revisions happen often and new board members will be part of the process once they are on the board. McGoran does not like the way policy 3004 is worded and feels there is a lack of transparency. Mitteer shared "as stated in policy 0003, the Board is the final decision. We do not get involved in the everyday things, that is what we employ a Superintendent for." McDowell shared that administrators and teachers are highly qualified and trained in design and delivery of instruction. They are trusted to teach students by developing engaging lesson plans using textbooks and other forms of instructional materials that follow the MDE standards. Means asked if teachers have to get pre-approval before they use the materials. McDowell answered no. They are trusted to develop lessons following MDS standards. Discussion ended

Motion Mahoney/Mitteer to approve the second reading and adoption of the July 2022 policy update provided by our School Policy Services Provider, Miller Johnson.

Ayes (6) Mahoney, Martin, Means, McGoran, Mitteer, Ogden

Nays (0)

Motion Carried

Resolution Authorizing Membership into W MI Health Insurance Pool

Motion Mahoney/Means to approve the resolution to authorize membership of WDS into the WMHIP for a minimum period of three years.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (6) Mahoney, Means, Mitteer, McGoran, Martin, Ogden

Nays (0)

Motion Carried

Auditorium Lighting Project

Motion Mitteer/Martin to accept the bid of Korthase & Sons for the auditorium lighting project in the amount of \$42,197.00.

Ayes (6) Mitteer, Martin, McGoran, Means, Mahoney, Ogden

Nays (0)

Motion Carried

Monthly Financial Reports

Finance Director Aardema shared the monthly financials with the Board.

Adjournment


Motion Mitteer/Martin to adjourn.

Ayes (6) Mitteer, Martin, Mahoney, Means, McGoran, Ogden

Nays (0)

Motion Carried

Adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



Board Secretary or Designee