

WDS Board of Education Monthly Meeting Minutes

DATE: June 19, 2023

PLACE: VAC

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paula Martin, Chris Mahoney, Tim Cross, Melissa Moore, Jimmy TenBrink, Shannon McGoran, Rachel Fekken

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

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

BUDGET HEARING

Review of 23-24 Budget

Finance Director, Steve Aardema, shared a review of the 23-24 proposed school budget and answered questions from board members. There was no public comment.

Adjournment

TenBrink/Martin moved to adjourn the budget hearing.

Ayes (7) TenBrink, Martin, Mahoney, McGoran, Moore, Cross, Fekken

Nays (0)

Motion Carried

MONTHLY MEETING

Approval of Agenda

Martin/Cross moved to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes (7) Martin, Cross, McGoran, Moore, Martin, Mahoney, Fekken

Nays (0)

Motion Carried

Public Comment

M. Dillon – Book follow-up

J. Klco – NHD Results

M. Brower – Books

C. Goodrich – 2023 Grad Stats

D. Goodrich – Communication

Consent Action Agenda

Moore/McGoran moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Ayes (7) Moore, McGoran, Martin, Mahoney, Cross, TenBrink, Fekken

Nays (0)

Motion Carried

Minutes of meetings dated May 15, June 12, disbursements for the month of May, 2023 which include: general fund - \$442,851.52, community education - \$31,250.81, food service - \$15,835.28, technology MAISD - \$5,968.24, activity accounts - \$10,334.51, common debt-\$0, capital projects -\$0, annual renewals MASA, MASB, MHSAA, new hire recommendations of Marks, Huizenga, Bacon, Rands.

Committee Meeting Reports and any Board Discussions

Finance – committee chair, TenBrink, shared a summary of their finance committee meeting on June 12. The upcoming audit with Brickley-DeLong was reviewed. Discussed the budget hearing and budget amendment.

Policy – Martin shared a summary of the policy meeting on June 8. The committee reviewed the book review process and video by Miller Johnson.

Facilities –

Personnel – board member, Moore, shared a summary of their personnel committee meeting on Thursday, June 1. The committee reviewed open positions, projected openings and the processes around that.

Board Report (Other) - Mahoney shared that Wanda Lee Suits and Michael Weesies were chosen for the ISD Board.

Colby St. and Franklin St. Crosswalk Proposal

Community member Shelby Kestleloot presented a Crosswalk and Signage Proposal for the intersections of Colby and Franklin Streets. He expressed concern over the large number of students that cross Colby St. on a daily basis. Research with MDOT and WPD shows that the location qualifies as a “school zone” which creates an opportunity for the request of a crosswalk.

TenBrink/Cross moved to put together a proposal to make Colby St. and Franklin St. a Crosswalk.

Ayes (7) TenBrink, Cross, Moore, Martin, McGoran, Mahoney, Fekken

Nays (0)

Motion Carried

Adoption of 23-24 Budget

Finance Director, Steve Aardema, shared the 23-24 budget at a hearing prior to tonight’s meeting.

Mahoney/Moore moved to adopt the 23-24 Whitehall District Schools General Appropriations Act Resolution as presented.

ROLL CALL

Ayes (7) Mahoney, Moore, Martin, McGoran, Cross, TenBrink, Fekken

Nays (0)

Resolution Adopted

Monthly Financials

Aardema reviewed monthly financials with the Board.

Material Objection Review Process

Dr. McDowell reviewed the Book Objection Internal and Formal Review Process, and showed a video from Kevin Sutton with Miller Johnson.

Adjournment

Martin/TenBrink moved to adjourn.

Ayes (7) Martin, TenBrink, Cross, Mahoney, McGoran, Moore, Fekken

Nays (0)

Motion Carried

Adjourned at 8:24 p.m.



Board Secretary/Designee