

Regular Session
November 15th, 2021 at 7 p.m.

The North Wamac Grade School District #186 Board of Education met in Regular Session on Monday, November 15th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Computer Lab located at 1500 Case Street, Centralia, IL.

AGENDA ITEM #1-CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER/ROLL CALL - President Norman Faulkner called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m. Cathy Faulkner, Ashley Calvert, and Donnie Calvert were present. Pam McKay, Roger McKay, and Kerri Hawley were absent. Karisa Neudecker was present.

AGENDA ITEM #2 - CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

2.1 Review and Approve Minutes - A motion was made by Cathy Faulkner and seconded by Ashley Calvert to approve the minutes from the October 2021 meeting. C. Faulkner, aye; N. Faulkner, aye; A. Calvert, aye; D. Calvert, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

2.2 Financial Report

2.2.1 Treasurer's Report - A motion was made by Ashley Calvert and seconded by Cathy Faulkner to approve the October 2021 Treasurer's Report. C. Faulkner, aye; N. Faulkner, aye; A. Calvert, aye; D. Calvert, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

2.2.2 Review and Approve Bills - A motion was made by Cathy Faulkner and seconded by Ashley Calvert to approve the bills for payment. C. Faulkner, aye; N. Faulkner, aye; A. Calvert, aye; D. Calvert, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM #3 - OLD BUSINESS

3.1 Cafeteria Extension Status – The wall from the gym into the cafeteria was broken out and the new doorway installed. Painting the floor and installing gutters/downspouts are the remaining projects to be finished.

3.2 School Christmas Program Date & Time - We are practicing daily and classes are progressing. The program will be on December 13th at 7 pm.

3.3 December School Board Meeting – Meeting will be held on the regular date & time, Dec 20th, at 7pm.

AGENDA ITEM #4 - NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Basketball Season Update – We are off to a great start – the varsity has a record of 7 -2 now because of tonight's win and junior varsity has a record of 6-4.

4.2 Faculty/Staff Gift Cards – Mr. Morris recommends that we allocate the same amount of \$50 gift cards to each person as a Christmas gift.

4.3 FY23 Tax Levy – Mr. Morris has prepared a tentative copy of the proposed levy for FY23. FY22 took a little hit with the decrease of property values. Mr. Morris believes we should maintain the standard 4.99% tax levy.

4.4 15 Passenger Van – Mr. Morris has been exploring the idea of purchasing a 15-passenger van for the 2022-2023 school year. Since Mr. Marcum is retiring, we will no longer have the luxury of him driving the 29-passenger bus to sporting events that he coaches. This type of van would not require the driver to have their bus CDL license; therefore, coaches would be able to use the van for their sporting events. This van wouldn't be cheap, but Mr. Morris believes he could write the cost of the van into one of the ESSER grants.

4.5 IAR Incentive Program – Each year of our standardized testing, we “monetarily reward” the students who either meet or exceed the state standards on the test. This reward is meant as an incentive for students to do their best with the IAR testing. Mr. Morris recommends that we give \$25 to each of the 37 scores that met the state standards. The total amount would be \$925.00.

4.6 January School Board Meeting – Due to the January meeting falling on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, it is Mr. Morris's recommendation that we move the meeting to the 24th. This date has a conflict with Norman and Cathy Faulkner, so the meeting may be held earlier in the month instead, possibly the 10th.

4.7 Use of ARP ESSER III Funds – We adopted the plan to use the funds in certain areas but since then, various changes had to be made to coincide with the expenditures. North Wamac is eligible for \$503,222.00. NWGS is proposing to use the funds in 3 areas: Payroll, Contracted Services, and Supplies and Materials. Payroll will use \$306,226.00 which will cover the costs of additional staff to help with learning loss, summer school, summer enrichment, comprehensive after-school program, and after-school tutoring. Contracted Services will use \$161,996.00 to construct the cafeteria extension, construct outdoor learning centers, etc., improve air quality and reduce the risk of virus transmission and environmental health hazards. Supplies and Materials will use \$35,000 to provide masks necessary for reducing the probability of spreading COVID-19 virus. Also, instructional materials will be purchased to address learning loss through updated technology and evidence-based interventions.

4.8 Teacher's Rep (Karisa Neudecker) - Mrs. Neudecker says she is happy with the data and corresponding lessons provided by the I-Ready assessment. Byron Marcum loves the IXL program and uses it frequently as it aligns with the GoMath text. Mrs. Neudecker also commented that she and the other faculty appreciate having Bryan Meskil, Stephanie Obermeier, and Bennett to support our special education and pull out programs.

AGENDA ITEM # 5- EXECUTIVE SESSION -

A motion was made by Ashley Calvert and seconded by Cathy Faulkner to go into Executive Session at 8:16 pm. C. Faulkner, aye; N. Faulkner, aye; A. Calvert, aye; D. Calvert, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ashley Calvert and seconded by Cathy Faulkner to adjourn from Executive Session at 8:38 pm. C. Faulkner, aye; N. Faulkner, aye; A. Calvert, aye; D. Calvert, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

The following motions were made:

A motion was made by Ashley Calvert and seconded by Cathy Faulkner to approve the \$50 gift cards for the faculty/staff for Christmas gifts. C. Faulkner, aye; N. Faulkner, aye; A. Calvert, aye; D. Calvert, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ashley Calvert and seconded by Cathy Faulkner to approve the January School board meeting for January 10th, 2022. C. Faulkner, aye; N. Faulkner, aye; A. Calvert, aye; D. Calvert, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Cathy Faulkner and seconded by Ashley Calvert to approve the monetary reward of \$25 per student for meeting the IAR state standards. C. Faulkner, aye; N. Faulkner, aye; A. Calvert, aye; D. Calvert, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ashley Calvert and seconded by Cathy Faulkner to approve the amended ESSER III plans. C. Faulkner, aye; N. Faulkner, aye; A. Calvert, aye; D. Calvert, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ashley Calvert and seconded by Cathy Faulkner to approve the IMRF resolution Form 6.75. C. Faulkner, aye; N. Faulkner, aye; A. Calvert, aye; D. Calvert, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Cathy Faulkner and seconded by Donnie Calvert to approve the posting of the job vacancy of Mr. Marcum since he is retiring in May 2022. C. Faulkner, aye; N. Faulkner, aye; A. Calvert, aye; D. Calvert, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Cathy Faulkner and seconded by Donnie Calvert to pay the Assistant Basketball Coach, Eli Dobbs, \$750. C. Faulkner, aye; N. Faulkner, aye; A. Calvert, aye; D. Calvert, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM #6 Public to Address the Board - No one addressed the board.

AGENDA ITEM #7 Other

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT - A motion was made by Cathy Faulkner and seconded by Donnie Calvert to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m. C. Faulkner, aye; N. Faulkner, aye; A. Calvert, aye; D. Calvert, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Bone, Board Secretary

Date

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Norman Faulkner, President

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Ashley Calvert, Secretary