

Regular Session
April 17th, 2023 at 7 p.m.

The North Wamac Grade School District #186 Board of Education met in Regular Session on Monday, April 17th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Computer Lab located at 1500 Case Street, Centralia, IL.

AGENDA ITEM #1-CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ROLL CALL - President Norman Faulkner called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Cathy Faulkner, Heather Atchison, LeeAnn Westbrook and Kerri Hawley were present. Donnie and Ashley Calvert were absent.

AGENDA ITEM #2 - Special Board Meeting

2.1 Canvas School Board Election - Mr. Morris stated that we will need to reorganize the school board and fill 6 seats. Norman Faulkner received 21 votes for the School Board President. He will start a new 4 year term. The other six will be reappointed if they so desire.

2.2 Current School Board Adjourns *Sine Die* - The current school board ends.

AGENDA ITEM #3-ADJOURNMENT OF SPECIAL MEETING - A motion was made by Cathy Faulkner and seconded by LeeAnn Westbrook to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. N. Faulkner, aye; C. Faulkner, aye; Atchison, aye; Hawley, aye; Westbrook, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM #4 - CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ROLL CALL - President Norman Faulkner called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m. Cathy Faulkner, Heather Atchison, LeeAnn Westbrook and Kerri Hawley were present. Donnie and Ashley Calvert were absent.

4.1 Board Member Code of Conduct - Mr. Morris thanked the board members for their willingness to continue to serve the NWGS and gave the code of conduct to all the board members, Cathy Faulkner, Kerri Hawley, Heather Atchison, LeeAnn Westbrook, Ashley Calvert, and Donnie Calvert, as they started their new 2 year terms.

4.2 Election of Officers - The vote to approve the school board officers for the 2024-2025 school term went as follows: Norman Faulkner would continue as School Board President and Ashley Calvert would continue as Secretary. Kerri Hawley was designated as Vice President. N. Faulkner, aye; C. Faulkner, aye; Atchison, aye; Hawley, aye; Westbrook, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM #5- CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

5.1 Review and Approve Minutes - A motion was made by Cathy Faulkner and seconded by Kerri Hawley to approve the minutes from the March 2023 meeting. N. Faulkner, aye; C. Faulkner, aye; Hawley, aye; Westbrook, aye; Atchison, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

5.2 Financial Report

5.2.1 Treasurer's Report - A motion was made by Heather Atchison and seconded by LeeAnn Westbrook to approve the March 2023 Treasurer's Report. N. Faulkner, aye; C. Faulkner, aye; Atchison, aye; Hawley, aye; Westbrook, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

5.2.2 Review and Approve Bills - A motion was made by Cathy Faulkner and seconded by Kerri Hawley to approve the bills for payment. N. Faulkner, aye; C. Faulkner, aye; Atchison, aye; Hawley, aye; Westbrook, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM #6 - OLD BUSINESS

6.1 Spring KSED Governing Board Meeting - Mr. Morris stated that Kerri Hawley attended the meeting on March 27th. Kerri reported that there was a long wait list for Bridges; at least 30 kids. It seems Bridges has a lack of staff and can not accommodate the student count.

6.2 8th Grade Graduation - Mr. Morris stated that the ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 18th at 7 pm. He is looking to find a NWGS alumnus to give the keynote address.

6.3 Consolidated District Plan - This plan is a prerequisite to being allowed to complete grants and receive funding for the FY24 school year.

6.4 Amendment to FY24 School Calendar - Mr. Morris stated that after some review of the calendar, some of the staff was hoping we could change Spring Break to coincide with New Horizon's Spring Break. It would start on March 29th and go through April 8th.

AGENDA ITEM #7 - NEW BUSINESS

7.1 School Board Member Training - The ROE is offering a "New School Board Member Training" on Wednesday, May 3rd, beginning at 5 pm with a dinner and then the program at 5:30. Mr. Morris stated that the training would apply to Heather and LeeAnn since they are the newest members. NWGS would cover the cost of the program plus pay a \$50 stipend for each board member to attend. The training location would be in Mt. Vernon.

7.2 Field Trip to Busch Stadium - Mr. Morris stated that on Wednesday, April 19th, students in grades 5-8 would attend a St. Louis Cardinals' baseball game in St. Louis. The game begins at 12:45. Prior to the game, the students would enjoy a "Weather Day" presentation.

7.3 Faculty/Staff Appreciation Week - Mr. Morris stated that the week of May 8th - 12th has been dedicated as "Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week". Throughout the week, faculty and staff will receive special gifts and luncheons to show appreciation for their quality service.

7.4 8th Grade Diplomas - We have received the 8th grade diplomas for our 2023 graduates. Our school board president, Norman Faulkner, will need to sign those diplomas.

7.5 End of Year Activities - Mr. Morris stated that we have a few track meets to finish out the year but also planned are Cedarhurst presentations, Athletic Awards, 8th grade trip to Holiday World, and a Play Day for the students on the 25th of May. The last day of school will be May 26th with an 11:35 Dismissal.

7.6 Summer Maintenance Projects - Mr. Morris stated he would have a broad list of summer maintenance projects transpired.

7.7 Student Registration for the 2023-2024 School Year - Student registration will be held on Thursday, July 20th and Friday, July 21st from 9am to 3pm

7.8 Student Handbook Policies - The faculty are reviewing the "Student Handbook" policies for the 2023-2024 school year. Mr. Morris will have any recommended changes at the May board meeting.

7.9 Appointment of KSED Governing Board Member for the 2023-2024 school year - Mr. Morris stated that we need to appoint one of our board members to serve as the NW representative for the KSED Governing Board. There are 2 meetings per year.

7.10 KSED Fall Governing Board Meeting - Kerri Hawley stated that the fall meeting will be held on August 28th and it will be "in person" instead of virtually.

7.11 Potential Secretarial Position - Mr. Morris stated that he would like to explore the possibility of hiring a secretary for the 2023/2024 school year. The position would be for approximately 25-35 hours per week over a 10 month period. Benefits would include 10 sick days and IMRF. There would be no health insurance option.

7.12 Teachers' Rep (Megan Marcum) - Mrs. Marcum stated she is facing a struggle on how to teach our new Spanish-speaking student in 2nd grade. She has adapted many different methods including translating airpods as well as the Rosetta Stone program and flashcards. The most beneficial method so far has been having a fellow student in 2nd grade as a translator. She has helped so much and recommends an appreciation gift for her at the end of the school year.

AGENDA ITEM #8 - EXECUTIVE SESSION - No Executive Session was held.

The following motions were made:

A motion was made by Kerri Hawley and seconded by Heather Atchison to approve the Consolidated District Plan. C. Faulkner; aye, N. Faulkner; aye, Atchison; aye, Westbrook; aye, and K. Hawley; aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by LeeAnn Westbrook and seconded by Heather Atchison to approve the amendment to the FY24 calendar and change spring break to March 29th, 2024 through April 8th. C. Faulkner; aye, N. Faulkner; aye, Atchison; aye, Westbrook; aye, and K. Hawley; aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Cathy Faulkner and seconded by Heather Atchison to appoint Kerri Hawley as the KSED Governing Board Member for the 2023-2024 school year. C. Faulkner; aye, N. Faulkner; aye, Atchison; aye, Westbrook; aye, and K. Hawley; aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Heather Atchison and LeeAnn Westbrook to approve the possibility of a secretarial position. C. Faulkner; aye, N. Faulkner; aye, Atchison; aye, Westbrook; aye, and K. Hawley; aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM #9 Public to Address the Board - No one addressed the board.

AGENDA ITEM #10 Other

AGENDA ITEM #11 ADJOURNMENT - A motion was made by LeeAnn Westbrook and seconded by Heather Atchison to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. N. Faulkner, aye; C. Faulkner, aye; Atchison, aye; Hawley, aye; Westbrook, 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