

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW AUBURN Open Session
March 15, 2021 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes**

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Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Tim Nelson, President.

Present: Shannon Berg, Tanya Leo (arrived at 6:00 p.m.), Staci Martinson, Tim Nelson and Tim Trowbridge. Also, Scott Johnson, Lori Hebert, Carl Rudi, Sharon Peterson and Jan Kunstmann.

Pledge of Allegiance.

-Trowbridge motioned and Berg seconded to adopt the agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

-Berg motioned and Martinson seconded to approve minutes of the February 15, 2021 regular school board meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

-Berg motioned and Martinson seconded to approve record of receipts for February of \$1,504,650.69 Motion carried 4-0.

-Trowbridge motioned and Berg seconded to approve payments totaling \$324K for the period 2/15/21 through 3/12/21. Motion carried 4-0. Details include \$186K of accounts payable checks #56300-56363 and automated payment plus \$138K for the 2/26/21 and 3/12/21 payroll transactions #25791-25932 and checks #34-36.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS- none.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Covid-19 Report – Back to School Update

School will continue policy of wearing masks and social distancing until next board meeting.

Facility Requests –Basketball camp planned in June. FFA Dairy Breakfast will prep food in kitchen but serve at park pavilion.

Events: Prom will be in the commons, only our students are invited. A limited number of guests of each participant will be invited to watch the school Play. Graduation will remain scheduled for Friday, May 28. It will be held in the gym with social distancing and masking in force.

B. ESSER II Grant Spending Proposal for Academic Success Program

Nelson motioned and Martinson seconded to approve the plan for spending the \$266,500 ESSER II funds on an Academic Success Program. Motion carried 4-0. Academic Success Coordinator Cindy Guest and School Psychologist Dennis Gunnick with direction from Principal Lori Hebert will help struggling students get back on track.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Authorize Summer School Planning

-Trowbridge motioned and Leo seconded to approve Summer School planning at a cost of around \$26K. Dates are June 8-18th. There may also be a 5 day program in August dated 8/16/21 to 8/20/21 Motion carried 5-0

B. Approve Summer Roofing Project

Nelson motioned and Trowbridge seconded to approve the roofing project, above the music room, for \$20,426. Motion carried 5-0.

C. Consider purchase of Lawn Mower –tabled.

The board directed Administration to get bids for a lawn service.

D. Consider Amending CESA 10 Service Contract

Nelson motioned and Berg seconded to approve a change in the CESA 10 contract due to Lorna Margenau retiring and Dennis Gunnick stepping into the Special Ed Director role while continuing to be the school's psychologist. Motion carried 5-0.

E. & F. Changes to Board Policy 5451.01 Academic Excellence Scholarship and Board Policy 5451.02 Technical Excellence Scholarship- 1st reading.

Leo motioned and Berg seconded to approve changes to Board Policy 5451.01 and 5451.02 because switching to trimesters in the 2021-2022 school year requires deadlines in both policies to be adjusted. Motion carried 5-0.

G. Approve Group Dental Rate for 2021-2022

Trowbridge motioned and Leo seconded to approve the 2021-2022 dental insurance increase of 0%. Motion carried 5-0.

H. 2021-2022 Wage Rates

-Leo motioned and Martinson seconded to approve a wage rate increase of 3% for certified staff, Administration and office staff and a raise of \$.50 per hour for support staff for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried 5-0. No raises were given to anyone in the 2020-2021 school year.

-Berg motioned and Martinson seconded to increase substitute teacher pay from \$100 per day to \$110 per day immediately. Motion carried 4-1.

Administrative Reports

Five-Year Budget Forecast & Planning Timeline: Administration presented a schedule of high dollar purchases/projects needed over the next five years.

Special Communication – none.

-There was one guest present.

Closed Session – Leo motioned and Berg seconded to convene to closed session under WI SS 19.85(1)(c) and (f). Roll call vote 5-0.

Convened to closed session at 7:35 p.m.

Convened to open session at 8:25 p.m.

Action on any items following closed session.

A. Resignations/Retirements

-Leo motioned and Trowbridge seconded to accept the retirement of Kristi Ellwanger effective the end of the school year. Motion carried 5-0.

-Nelson motioned and Berg seconded to accept resignation of Jessica McCurdy effective the end of the school year. Motion carried 5-0.

B. New Hires/Transfers

-Nelson motioned and Berg seconded to hire Taran Wols as the new Business Education Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

C. Summer Staffing Considerations – Discussion.

D. 2021-2022 Staffing Pattern-

-Leo motioned and Berg seconded to approve the 2021-2022 staffing pattern as presented by Administration. Motion carried 5-0.

E. Other Staff and Student Concerns – During closed session, custodial pay was increased by \$1 per hour effective immediately in an effort to recruit more candidates for custodial work.

-Nelson motioned and Berg seconded to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

President Lindy Reimer
New Auburn School Board

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