

School Board Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Shannon Berg, Treasurer.

Present: Shannon Berg, Louise Cody, Nick Jones, Lindy Reimer and Tim Trowbridge. Also, Lori Hebert, Scott Johnson, Carl Rudi, Sharon Peterson and Jan Kunstmann.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Election of Officers

President:

Trowbridge motioned and Jones seconded to nominate Lindy Reimer for President.
Motion carried 5-0.

Vice President:

Cody motioned and Berg seconded to nominate Tim Trowbridge for Vice President.
Motion carried 5-0.

Treasurer:

Trowbridge motioned and Cody seconded to nominate Shannon Berg for Treasurer.
Motion carried 5-0.

Clerk:

Trowbridge motioned and Jones seconded to nominate Louise Cody as Clerk.
Motion carried 5-0.

Officers are: President Lindy Reimer, Vice President Tim Trowbridge, Treasurer Shannon Berg, Clerk Louise Cody and Member Nick Jones.

Approve Agenda

-Trowbridge motioned and Cody seconded to adopt the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

Appoint Board Representative to CESA 10 Board of Control –

-President Reimer appointed Louise Cody as the CESA 10 Board of Control delegate and Nick Jones as the Alternate.

Appoint Board Representative as School Board Convention Delegate –

-President Reimer appointed herself to be the Delegate at the Annual School Board Convention and Louise Cody to be the Alternate.

ESSA & Technology Committees – President Reimer appointed Shannon Berg to be the on the ESSA & Technology committees.

Approve Minutes

-Trowbridge motioned and Cody seconded to approve minutes of the March 15, 2021 regular school board meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Financial Report –Record of Receipts & Approve the Bills

-Cody motioned and Berg seconded to approve record of receipts for March totaling \$459,763.33. Motion carried 5-0.

-Trowbridge motioned and Cody seconded to approve payments totaling \$475,598.63 for the period 3/15/2021 through 4/26/2021. Motion carried 5-0. Details include \$281K of accounts payable checks #56364-56437 and automated payments plus \$195K for the 3/26/21, 4/9/21 and 4/23/21 payroll transactions #25933-26133 and payroll checks #37-38.

11. Special Presentation .

A. District Goals Updates-the board received written copies of the school improvement committee reports.

12. Public Comments –

Introduction of Guests: There were twenty guests present. Most comments were in opposition to the masking requirement. A student provided a petition opposing masks signed by students. A few people spoke in favor of masks.

OLD BUSINESS

A. COVID-19 Report

-Berg motioned and Trowbridge seconded to continue the mast mandate. Motion failed 2-3.

-Jones motioned and Cody seconded that masks not be required in classrooms when students are at least six feet apart. Students must continue masking in the hallways, cafeteria and on buses. Masks must cover the mouth and nose. Motion carried 3-2.

B. Approve 2nd Reading of Policy 5451.01-Academic Excellence Scholarship

-Trowbridge motioned and Berg seconded to approve the change in Policy 5451.01 in second reading. Motion carried 5-0.

C. Approved 2nd Reading of Policy 5451.02 – Technical Excellence Scholarship

-Cody motioned and Berg seconded to approve the change in Policy 5451.02 in second reading. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Consider Chromebook Purchase

-Berg motioned and Jones seconded to approve an \$8,000 Chromebook/iPad purchase for students. The costs will be reimbursed next year from a grant. Motion carried 5-0.

B. Approve Group Health Plan

-Cody motioned and Shannon seconded to approve the renewal of the Security Health Group Health plan with same benefits and a cost increase of 3% over last year. Motion carried 5-0.

C. Approve E-Succeed Virtual Charter School Renewal

Cody motioned and Trowbridge seconded to renew the E-Succeed Charter School contract for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

D. Approve Social Media Contract Renewal –

Berg motioned and Reimer seconded to approve the renewal of a three year social media contract with Andrea Gribble for \$7,000 per year for three years. Motion carried 5-0.

E. Consider Approval of Lawn Care Bids

Berg motioned and Cody seconded to approve Tom Bischel as the low bidder and winner of the Lawn Care contract. Motion carried 4-0 Trowbridge abstained.

F. Consider Request for Window Murals

Berg motioned and Trowbridge seconded to approve plans for window murals as presented by Michele Crooker. The murals will be paid 100% with donations. Motion carried 5-0.

Administrative Reports

A. Review of Bus Fleet and Invitation for Bids

The board authorized Administration to seek bids for a new school bus.

Special Communications-none.

Closed Session:

Trowbridge motioned and Berg seconded to go to closed session under WI SS 19.85(1)(c) and 1(f). Roll call vote 5-0.

Convene to closed session at 7:28 p.m.

Convene to open session at 8:29 p.m.

Action on any items following closed session:

A. Resignations/Retirements –

-Trowbridge motioned and Reimer seconded to accept resignation of Cheyane Merz, Music Teacher, effective the end of the school year. Motion carried 5-0.

-Berg motioned and Trowbridge seconded to accept the resignation Ethan Anderson MS math teacher, effective the end of the school year. Motion carried 5-0.

-Jones motioned and Berg seconded to accept the resignation of Steve Shackleton as custodian effective mid-May. Motion carried 5-0.

Reimer motioned and Cody seconded to accept the resignation of Brandy Warren, custodian effective 4/26/2021. Motion carried 5-0.

B. New Hires/Transfers –

-Berg motioned and Reimer seconded to hire Braxton Thompson, Spanish Teacher. Motion carried 5-0.

-Cody motioned and Trowbridge seconded to hire Natalie Danielson, Music Teacher. Motion carried 5-0.

-Berg motioned and Cody seconded to hire Kansas North, Middle School Science Teacher. Motion carried 5-0.

-Trowbridge motioned and Jones seconded to hire Paige Gubbrud, Middle School Math Teacher. Motion carried 5-0.

-Cody motioned and Reimer seconded to hire Alyssa Rayburn, Grade 5 Teacher. Motion carried 5-0.

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-Trowbridge motioned and Berg seconded to hire Elijah Lopez, Summer Custodian. Motion carried 5-0.

-Berg motioned and Jones seconded to hire Cynthia Barton, Custodian. Motion carried 5-0.

-Trowbridge motioned and Cody seconded to hire Breahan Hovde, Head Softball Coach. Motion carried 5-0.

-Berg motioned and Reimer seconded to hire Karson Rihn, Assistant Softball Coach. Motion carried 5-0.

-Cody motioned and Berg seconded to hire Elijah Olson, Middle School Track Coach. Motion carried 5-0.

-Berg motioned and Reimer seconded to hire Veronica LaGessee, Assistant Middle School Track Coach. Motion carried 5-0.

C. Approval of 2021-2022 Extra-Curricular Assignments

-Cody motioned and Berg seconded to approve the list of extra-curricular hires for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

D. Parent Request for High School Equivalency Diploma – no action.

E. Other Staff and Student Concerns – none.

-Trowbridge motioned and Jones seconded to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Lindy Reimer, President
New Auburn School Board

Louise Cody, Clerk
New Auburn School Board