# TWO RIVERS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

# Committee of the Whole Board Meeting Minutes - August 23, 2021

- 1. The meeting was called to order by President Salta at 5:45 p.m.
- 2. The following members were present: Commissioners Jennifer Henrickson, Zak Peterson, Julie Schroeder, Maria Veldre, Randy Williams and Jaimie Salta. Commissioner Michael Canty was excused.
- 3. Written notice of this meeting was sent to the news media on Friday, August 20, 2021
- 4. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- 5. Motion by Com. Peterson, seconded by Com. Veldre to approve the agenda as posted; motion carried unanimously.
- 6. Recognition of Invited Visitors and Guests: None
- 7. Items for discussion- A community member shared data in support of non-masking for the school year.
- 8. Board Committee Reports
  - a. Facilities/Technology Subcommittee: August 19-meeting cancelled. Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 2, 2021 at 4:30pm in Room 305 (not 218-misprint on agenda) at the high school.
- b. Policy Meeting: Monday, September 20, 4:45pm, central office conference room 9. Old Business:
  - a. A BoardDocs representative will train Diane J. and Sheila B. soon.

# 10. New Business:

- a. Motion by Com. Williams, seconded by Com. Veldre to approve the 2021-2022 Budget for presentation in the newspaper; motion carried unanimously.
- b. Accepted Resignations:
  - i. Motion by Com. Veldre, seconded by Com. Peterson to approve the resignation of Rachel Kaderabek, Program Support and District Coach, effective August 24, 2021; motion carried unanimously.
  - ii. Motion by Com. Schroeder, seconded by Com. Veldre to approve the resignation of Melissa Hansen, TRHS Math Teacher, effective August 13, 2021; motion carried unanimously.
- c. Accepted Teacher Contracts for the 2021-2022 school year:
  - Motion by Com. Veldre, seconded by Com. Schroeder to approve the teacher contract for Tracy Shillcox, 4K Teacher, Koenig Elementary; motion carried unanimously.
  - ii. Motion by Com. Peterson, seconded by Com. Williams to approve the teacher contract for Jack Coulter, Math Teacher, Two Rivers High School; motion carried unanimously.
- d. Motion by Com. Veldre, seconded by Com. Henrickson to approve the revisions to the Teacher Handbook and the Support Staff Handbook; motion carried unanimously.

- e. A discussion took place on the challenging decision to mask or not to mask for the start of the school year. Diane J. referenced the information on the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Covid 19: Wisconsin Summary Data. This website has information by county, town, and school district. The administration team and Diane requested the fall opening plan remain unchanged. President Salta suggested tabling any decision in order to give Diane J. time to investigate surrounding districts and share additional information to help set up a metric for the district. Board members directed Diane J. to research and bring forth a metric for the Two Rivers School District regarding unmasking vs. masking (and vice versa) for the next board meeting.
- f. Austin S. proposed purchasing 40 laptops per year on a 4 year rotation based on urgent need. Motion by Com. Peterson, seconded by Com. Schroeder to approve the purchase of 40 laptop computers; motion carried unanimously.
- g. Motion by Com. Veldre, seconded by Com. Peterson, to accept the donation of \$250 from Shirley Baroun for the delivery and planting of the tree at Koenig Elementary donated in Ken Baroun's memory; motion carried unanimously. Thank you Shirley for thinking of the district.

# 11. District Administrative Reports

# a. Updates:

- i. Tim Engh/Brian Gallagher
  - 1. Brian G. announced tennis, football, cross country, soccer, volleyball have begun. There will be free live streaming of the home games. At this time, there are no restrictions on spectators. Masks are optional.
  - Tim E. discussed the great welcome back message shared by Diane J., administrative team, and Pres. Salta at the all-staff meeting. The district will bring attention to the wonderful things happening in our district by displaying evidence throughout our buildings.

# ii. Austin Schroeger

- 1. The IT team will be installing Papercut, a printing system to manage paper, ink costs, and redirecting high volume printing to central duplicating.
- 2. The Chromebooks for kindergarten, 5th & 9th grades, will be distributed to families by the start of the school year.
- 3. Esports will require athletes to sign in, attend scheduled practices, and work with Michael D. to strengthen their mind, body and spirit.

#### iii. Diane Johnson

- 1. The *Kids at Hope* Town Hall meeting was held August 11. Stacy Levina and Rick Miller inspired the crowd with the Kids at Hope vision where all children experience success, no exceptions.
- 2. The New Staff Mentoring training welcomed and connected 15 great people into our district.

- 3. The Lighthouse Learning Academy had parent orientation and gathered together at the Manitowoc Aquatic Center to welcome families.
- 4. Diane J. gave a staff update on open positions.
- 5. Other items
- b. Coming Events were announced.
- 12. Motion by Com. Peterson, seconded by Com. Veldre to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Schweder

Julie Schroeder, School Board Clerk

Sheila Bialek, Administrative Assistant

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