Regular Meeting Minutes School District #39

July 15, 2024

The Wahoo Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, July 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center located at 2201 N. Locust, Wahoo, Nebraska. Publicized notice was given by advertising the meeting in the Wahoo Newspaper on June 10, 2024 and on the school's website and doors.

The meeting was opened by President Brett Eddie with the following board members answering roll call: Brett Eddie, Mike Hancock, Di Pfeiffer, Alex Shada, Bob Sullivan and Renae Feilmeier. Also present were Superintendent, Brandon Lavaley, Secretary, Alyssa Nelson; Administrators; Vernon Golladay. Marc Kaminski, Ben Kreifels, Robert Barry; a few local patrons and some staff members.

The open meetings law was mentioned, and the open meetings law poster is displayed and attached.

The Board of Education said the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Hancock, seconded by Sullivan to approve the agenda. On roll call vote Eddie, yes, Sullivan, yes, Shada, yes, Hancock, yes, Pfieffer, yes, Feilmeier, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hancock, seconded by Feilmeier to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 17, 2024 as submitted. On roll call vote Eddie, yes, Sullivan, yes, Shada, yes, Hancock, yes, Pfieffer, yes, Feilmeier, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hancock, seconded by Pfieffer to approve payment of the July 2024 claims as submitted, except Eddie Lawn Service. On roll call vote Eddie, yes, Sullivan, yes, Shada, yes, Hancock, yes, Pfieffer, yes, Feilmeier, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hancock, seconded by Feilmeier to approve the claim for Eddie Lawn Service in the amount of $2,800. On roll call vote Hancock, yes; Pfeiffer, yes; Shada, yes; Feilmeier, yes; Sullivan, yes Eddie abstained. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the account funds and balances related to the routine business of the school district pertaining to the accounts the district controls.

A motion was made by Sullivan, seconded by Hancock to open a public hearing on policies regarding items 5018 and 5045, the informational items attached to the agenda. After board discussion, Eddie opened the meeting to public comment. Hearing none, a motion was made by Hancock, seconded by Shada to approve the items. On roll call vote Eddie, yes, Sullivan, yes, Shada, yes, Hancock, yes, Pfieffer, yes, Feilmeier, yes. Motion carried.

Informational items 5054 and 5057 were reviewed. No changes were made.

Superintendent Lavaley gave his monthly report to the board including updates to the proposed school start date. It was determined that school would begin about two weeks later than previously scheduled due to the ongoing construction/renovation projects in the Middle/High School and issues with the chiller in the elementary school. The first student date will be September 3rd and will be a full day. In efforts to keep the approved school year schedule, the length of the school day will be extended by fifteen minutes each day. Continuing Head Start as an option for preschool in the district was discussed. It was noted that the grant supporting the program would expire in January. The district has had issues filling the program based on family qualifying income thresholds. An in-house preschool option was mentioned.

There were no audience comments addressed to the board.

A motion was made by Bob Sullivan, seconded by Renae Feilmeier to contract with Marsh & McLennan Agency for district insurance for the 2024-2025 school year with a total premium of $194,346. On roll call vote Eddie, yes, Sullivan, yes, Shada, yes, Pfieffer, yes, Feilmeier, yes. Hancock abstained. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Bob Sullivan, seconded by Hancock to approve the meal prices at current rates for the 2024/2025 school year. On roll call vote Eddie, yes, Sullivan, yes, Shada, yes, Hancock, yes, Pfieffer, yes, Feilmeier, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hancock, seconded by Shada to approve Sydney Abbott as a Wahoo Public Schools Foundation Board Member. On roll call vote Eddie, yes, Sullivan, yes, Shada, yes, Hancock, yes, Pfieffer, yes, Feilmeier, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Feilmeier, seconded by Pfieffer to approve up to a 4% increase in classified staff total compensation package for the 2024-2025 school year. On roll call vote Eddie, yes, Sullivan, yes, Shada, yes, Hancock, yes, Pfieffer, yes, Feilmeier, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hancock, seconded by Feilmeier to approve leasing robots for custodial duties for four years from Taski of My Central Supply at a cost not to exceed $223,500. On roll call vote Eddie, yes, Sullivan, yes, Shada, yes, Hancock, yes, Pfieffer, yes, Feilmeier, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Shada, seconded by Hancock to approve contracting with Mainstay Communications to replace the telephone system across the district. On roll call vote Eddie, yes, Sullivan, yes, Shada, yes, Hancock, yes, Pfieffer, yes, Feilmeier, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sullivan, seconded by Hancock to approve updates to cameras in the new addition through Mainstay Communications at a cost not to exceed $18,722. On roll call vote Eddie, yes, Sullivan, yes, Shada, yes, Hancock, yes, Pfieffer, yes, Feilmeier, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Shada, seconded by Hancock to complete the Pay Application #15 from MCL in the amount of $1,702,368.47 on the current construction project. On roll call vote Eddie, yes, Sullivan, yes, Shada, yes, Hancock, yes, Pfieffer, yes, Feilmeier, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hancock, seconded by Feilmeier to approve all but policies 2006, 2009 and 6025 of the policy and handbook updates presented at the June 17, 2024 meeting. On roll call vote Eddie, yes, Sullivan, yes, Shada, yes, Hancock, yes, Pfieffer, yes, Feilmeier, yes. Motion carried.

Discussion on Add Alternates was tabled until the August meeting.

The following requests were made for the August meeting.

A. Information on audio equipment for the new gym

B. Certified payroll documentation from MCL

C. Input from teachers on cell phone usage by students

A motion was made by Hancock, seconded by Pfieffer to adjourn the meeting. On roll call vote all members present voted yes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

The next regular school board meeting will be held on Monday, August 19, 2024.

Mike Hancock Secretary