

**Watervliet Public Schools
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
August 9, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Spaulding at 6:00 p.m.

OPENING

Mrs. Hart led the Pledge of Allegiance and opened the meeting with a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bill Spaulding, John Oliphant, Amanda Morlock-Fisher, Eric Laws, Brian Gruszczyk, Kimberley Adams, Wendy Hart

Others in Attendance: Ric Seager, Deah Muth, Brandon Waggoner, Jason Oetjens, David Kindt, Molly Van De Wege, Christina Powers, Terry Adams, Ken Dietz, Mark Isbrecht, Bill Tiefenbach, Beth Houseal, Alyssa Konkel, and members of the community. Many logged in virtually as well.

APPROVAL (and/or) CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Mr. Laws moved for approval of the minutes of the July 12, 2021, Regular Meeting, be approved as presented. Support by Mr. Oliphant . 7-0 Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mrs. Morlock-Fisher moved for approval of the agenda for the August 9, 2021, Regular Meeting as presented. Support by. Mr. Laws. 7-0 Motion carried.

FINANCE

Budget Review

Mr. Laws moved to accept the Historical General Fund and Year-To-Date General Fund report for the 2021-22 fiscal year. Support by Mr. Gruszczyk. 7-0 Motion carried.

Examination and Payment of General Fund Bills

Mr. Oliphant moved that General Fund expenses for July in the amount of \$ 830,231.64 be approved. Noting \$ 462,125.98 is for payroll-related expenses. Support by. Mr. Laws. 7-0 Motion carried.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

BUSINESS

Celebration of Outgoing Staff

Superintendent Seager and President Spaulding spoke and honored the celebration of our outgoing Panthers. Retirees that received their Golden Apple as a token of our appreciation were:

Tammy Hamilton 2000-2020 Custodian
Ted Marvin 1986-2020 Custodian
Beth Houseal (present) 1994-2020 Teacher
Kim Lambrecht 1997-2020 Paraprofessional
Alyssa Konkel (Present) 1991-2020 Teacher

Building Handbook Updates - Second Reading

Mr. Laws moved to adopt the student handbooks from South Elementary, North Elementary, Watervliet Middle School, Watervliet High School, Watervliet W.A.Y. School, and the District Technology Handbook for the 2021-22 School Year. Support by Mrs. Hart. 7-0 Motion carried.

Dialogue Regarding New Course Offerings

Mr. Waggoner shared information on the below list of courses that the district would like to offer.

The courses are:

1. Achievements in History - Grade 6 - Social Studies Elective Rotation
2. Creative Writing - Grade 6 - ELA Elective Rotation
3. Personal Finance - Grade 6 - Mathematics Elective Rotation
4. Geology - Grade 6 - Elective Rotation

Permission to Gather Proposals for a Facilities Study

Mr. Laws moved to direct Mr. Seager, Mrs. Broekema, and Mr. Isbrecht to assemble a request for proposals to conduct a Facilities Study, and to release that request to potential partners no later than August 31, 2021. Support by Mrs. Morlock-Fisher. 7-0 Motion carried.

WPS Return To Learn 2021-22 - Final Version

Mr. Oliphant moved that the Board approve the Watervliet Public Schools Return To Learn Plan for the 2021-22 school year. Support by Mrs. Morlock-Fisher. 7-0 Motion carried.

Return To Learn Plan - Summer School Update

Mr. Waggoner shared that we are in week eight and so far there have been 128 High School credits received. A big thank you went out to Mr. Isbrecht and the Transportation Department, and Mrs. Adams and the Food Service Department. Participation has been above what was projected.

Return To Learn Plan - Additional Dialogue

No further action is needed at this time.

Any Additional Business

Superintendent Seager shared the Apptegy Launch is the New District Website and will be launched in the next several weeks.

BOARD and PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A couple of community members spoke and expressed concerns about the upcoming school year, covid, and masks.

ADJOURN

Mr. Laws moved to adjourn. Support by Mr. Oliphant 7-0 Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.