

PUBLIC NOTICE

WF Minutes 2.15.2021

WEST FORK COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS – REGULAR MEETING – FEBRU- ARY 15, 2021 – UNAPPROVED

The West Fork Board of Education met for its organizational meeting in the Superintendent's Office in Sheffield. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Board President, Grant Petersen. Board members present: Jeff Tudor, Mary Schlichting, Erin Suntken and Roger Witte. Also present were Superintendent Mike Kruger, Elementary Principal Ashley Flatebo, Middle/High School Principal Bobby Willms and West Fork Board Secretary Lacey Pueggel.

Visitors: Dick Fridley via Zoom.

Tudor made a motion to approve the Agenda, Minutes from January 18, 2021, January Financials and February Bills; seconded by Schlichting. Motion carried 5-0.

Principal's Report –Mrs. Flatebo and Mrs. Willms:

Staff took an SEL survey

Boys Basketball Districts kicks off tonight

Girls Basketball Districts kick off tomorrow (2/16)

Congrats to Kale Petersen for making it to State Wrestling, starting Thursday

It's FFA week

Prom, Senior Trip and Graduation are the planning process

Elementary is almost finished with FAST testing, results are looking great

Continuing to work on Zones of Regulation at the Elementary Level

Preschool Registration is open

Superintendent's Report - Mike Kruger:

Legislative updates

State Supplement Aide set at 2.4%

Staff has received their first dose of COVID vaccine

Today was a successful Professional Development day

Transportation Report:

Buildings and Grounds Report:

Old Business:

The board discussed Facilities project updates. Some of the projects discussed were:

West Entry Rockwell

Bus Cameras

New Business:

Witte moved to approve the Open Enrollment Request as presented; seconded by Suntken. Motion carried 5-0.

After discussion, Schlichting moved to approve the first reading of Board Policy Series 100 and 200; seconded by Tudor. Motion carried 5-0.

The Board discussed the SIAC agenda for the SIAC meeting on February 17th, 2021 at 6pm in Rockwell in the Band Room. Items to be discussed are: Principal updates on buildings, input from committee members, and bullying/harassment update.

Tudor moved to approve a contract with the North Iowa Bucs to use the Rockwell Facilities this Spring for Football; seconded by Schlichting. Motion carried 5-0.

After discussion, Witte moved to

approve the resolution on School Vouchers, seconded by Schlichting. Motion carried 5-0.

WHEREAS, the Iowa Legislature is considering enacting SF 159, a scholarship fund for the purpose of enacting educational savings accounts or vouchers, expanded open enrollment leading to segregation and expanded tax credits and,

WHEREAS, the West Fork Community School District Board of Directors has determined that the Iowa Legislature should not enact any type of legislation of any kind, for any student, and should continue to promote and fully invest taxpayer resources in Iowa's public schools, who are barred by law from discriminating against any student and who are held to standards set forth by both federal and state government. Public schools are provided oversight by locally elected school boards and by the state of Iowa. Public schools must adhere to strict state testing requirements and ensure equitable success and outcomes for each learner regardless of income, race, religion, nationality, sexual orientation, or disability. Nonpublic schools are not held to the same public accountability standards. Iowa taxpayers deserve to know how their public funds are being used. School choice already exists in Iowa in the form of open enrollment, enrollment in private online institutions, and tuition tax credits.

WHEREAS, the West Fork Community School District Board of Directors believes that Iowa public schools provide a strong educational experience for all students, the overwhelming majority of students attend public schools in Iowa, and families choose to remain in Iowa due to quality public school systems, we denounce any attempt to divert public funds from chronically underfunded, highly accountable public schools to private institutions that lack accountability and are not subject to rigorous academic scrutiny or financial oversight by publicly elected school boards.

Board President:

Grant Petersen

Board Vice President: Roger

Witte

Board Member: Mary Schlichting

Board Member: Erin Suntken

Board Member: Jeff Tudor

Schlichting moved to approve a contract to Pam Black, to serve as a Part Time Cook at the Rockwell Campus; seconded by Tudor. Motion carried 5-0.

Witte moved to approve a contract to Jessica Kuebler to serve as the MS Softball Coach; seconded by Schlichting. Motion carried 5-0.

Suntken moved to approve a contract to Laura Huber, to serve as MS Girls Track Coach; seconded by Schlichting. Motion carried 5-0.

Next Board Meeting Monday March 15th at 5pm in Rockwell. This will also be the Budget Hearing.

Schlichting moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:25pm; seconded by Tudor. Motion carried 5-0.

Board Vice President – Grant Pueggel

Board Secretary – Lacey Pueggel