

WYOMISSING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 2021-6087

Minutes October 11, 2021

The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board of School Directors convened at 4:45 p.m. in the Community Board Room with Mrs. Maria Ziolkowski, Board President presiding.

CALL TO ORDER

Following the pledge of allegiance, Mrs. Ziolkowski asked if anyone would be recording the meeting. Mr. Arnst indicated he will be recording the meeting.

Board Members Present: Mrs. Harenza, Mrs. McAvoy, Mr. McCaffrey (arrived at 5:15pm), Mrs. Phillips, Mr. Pottieger, Mr. Redner, Mrs. Taylor, and Mrs. Ziolkowski.

Board Members Absent: Mrs. Waxler.

Administrative Staff Present: Mr. Scoboria, Dr. Woodard, Mr. Boyer, Mr. Arnst, and Mr. Cafoncelli.

Attendees: Alex Gabryluk, Technology Support
An audience sign-in sheet is included as part of these official minutes.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Ziolkowski welcomed all and announced upcoming meetings listed below, and announced a Finance Workshop would be held on October 20th. She announced an Executive Session would follow tonight's business meeting to discuss personnel.

- School Board Business Meeting – October 11, 2021, Following Committee of the Whole Meeting, Community Board Room
- School Board Business Meeting – October 25, 2021, 6:00 p.m., Community Board Room

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

ROUTINE APPROVALS

MEETING MINUTES

Upon a motion by Mr. Pottieger second by Mrs. Taylor the Board approved the following minutes:

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Yeas: Mrs. Harenza, Mrs. McAvoy, Mrs. Phillips, Mr. Pottieger, Mr. Redner, Mrs. Taylor, and Mrs. Ziolkowski.

Absent at time of vote: Mr. McCaffrey.

Absent: Mrs. Waxler.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

COMMITTEES

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**A. CURRICULUM
AND TECHNOLOGY**

WASD Data Summary Presentation – Dr. Woodard

Dr. Woodard explained the Board had previously reviewed Part I of the Data Summary which was the Survey Results and today she would be reviewing Part II, the Data Report. Dr. Woodard reviewed demographic data and grade level enrollment K-12 for this school year, stating the senior class has the highest enrollment at 165. She explained the other grades are fairly consistent with a drop off in the early learner grades kindergarten and first grade. Dr. Woodard stated this is fairly consistent with projections. Dr. Woodard shared we are seeing a decline in enrollment overall K-12, with a steady increase of low-income students into the District. Dr. Woodard reviewed demographics and number of low-income students per building as well as race and ethnicity data explaining how the data is reported and sharing a slide illustrating the breakdown. Dr. Woodard reviewed attendance data for 2020 and discussed the decrease in attendance stating the data included all absences, not specific to unexcused or excused, and how the difficulties and challenges of last school year may have impacted attendance. Dr. Woodard is hopeful that this year will rebound to a higher attendance rate. Dr. Woodard reviewed K-2 enrollment and said they strive to maintain lower class sizes to help bridge the gap for learning loss. Dr. Woodard reviewed a Special Education slide depicting data pulled directly from child enrollment which compares WASD enrollment versus the state enrollment, stating the data shows that our enrollment is fairly consistent with the state. Dr. Woodard shared a slide depicting race/ethnicity within Special Education and explained this relates to equity and bears monitoring and observation to ensure proper identification of students with special needs. Dr. Woodard reviewed graduation rates from years 18-19 and 19-20 which although shows a decrease from 18-19 to 19-20 still indicates WASD ahead of the statewide graduation rate percentages. She reviewed a slide indicating the student reported percentages of 2021 WASD graduates in their choice following graduation.

Dr. Woodard reviewed achievement data based on 18/19 school year which illustrates the ELA breakdown, and that 78% of WHEC students scored proficient and above the statewide interim target goal, and which also indicates, with up arrow on the graphic, that many scores are better than the previous year. Dr. Woodard shared preliminary testing results for 20-21, but cautions we need to wait for state data to effectively compare. She reminded that in 19-20 state testing did not occur in the spring. Dr. Woodard said they are targeting grade level teaching to ensure all skill levels are being taught effectively within each grade and class. Mr. Boyer reviewed an interactive screen depicting the Forecast Five data component and shared examples of WHEC grade level proficiency reporting, comparing WASD to peers in the county, comparison groups, and others. Dr. Woodard spoke more about ELA

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and West Reading proficiencies stating they are nearly meeting 2030 statewide goals and explained how percentages can be impacted in smaller districts such as WASD. Mr. Boyer shared the Forecast Five interactive data for West Reading ELA.

Dr. Woodard reviewed PSSA Math for WHEC and stated that they were proficient and higher than the statewide average, although some percentages indicated lower results than the previous year. They reviewed Grade 3 and 4 math data on Forecast Five which depicts WHEC below the county average. Dr. Woodard explained the steps they are taking and resources they are using to fill in the gaps in math learning. WREC Math percentages for the 18-19 school year also showed a decrease. Dr. Woodard explained that 5th and 6th grade years are typically more difficult in math learning and also spoke about how the smaller size of the District may impact percentage numbers. Dr. Woodard reviewed PSSA Math and Keystone Algebra explaining the percentage results, and discussed ways to integrate learning that is inclusive of all learning types in the classroom. Dr. Woodard reviewed 7th grade math citing below average percentages and discussed plans to address gaps, examine math curriculum, and strategies to improve instructional practices, as well as to review the state data for comparison when that becomes available.

Dr. Woodard reviewed grade distribution for senior class and summer credit recovery participation which included in-person and BOL options for students. She reviewed BCTC clusters and WASD participation, which has increased over prior years and said they will continue to encourage BCTC participation. Dr. Woodard shared internship opportunities and said 26 WASD students are participating this year.

Dr. Woodard reviewed WASD SAT results which are above state and national averages for both reading and math. ACT testing results were favorable and above average. Dr. Woodard said WASD students were permitted to opt out of the AP test, which affected score percentages.

Mr. Scoboria said he would like to recommend they continue to review this data at this time each year and that this presentation would be posted to the District website for public viewing.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. McAvoy second by Mr. McCaffrey to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

Board Secretary