

Call to Order

Don Baloun called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. in the High School library. Board members present were Don Baloun, Larry Cyrus, Lynn Doelle, Darrin Dillinger, Allen Bollinger, and Michael Ayala. Niki Secrist was absent. Also present were Troy White, Thanh Bui-Duquette, Cindy Lambert, Brianna Wolfe, Pam Wolfe, Tom Wolfe, Kaitlyn Minea, Janelle Gibbons, Tom Hiebert, Steve Koldykowski, Amanda Lacey, Stephen Koldykowski, Shaylynn Koldykowski, and Sue McKay.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Mission Statement was read by Don Baloun.

Don Baloun attested to the publication of the meeting.

Approval of the Agenda

Allen Bollinger made a motion to approve the agenda. Darrin Dillinger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Celebration

- **Years of service recognition**

- **Rita Greshik**

Rita was not present at the meeting.

Discussion Items

- **Head Start and district 3K – 5K program update.**

- Don made a statement that as they left the last special meeting the options were for moving forward with assigning classrooms based on licensing. The two options were.

- A. If the license was approved and allowable for 17 children in room 144, the additional district 5K classroom would move to room 115 and Head Start would move to room 144.

- B. If the license was not approved and allowable for 17 children in room 144, the additional district 5K classroom would not move to room 115 and Head Start would remain in room 144.

- Mr. White was asked to report on the licensing. Mr. White explained that April Callihan, licensing specialist for the Wisconsin department of children and families met with Head Start and completed the licensing of room 144, certifying the capacity at 17 children. Then, the next day she discovered that the building inspection on file for room 144 that was submitted by Head Start was not completed by a licensed inspector in 2019 and the room would need an updated building inspection report. Brett Radke, a commercial building inspector for District 8, which includes Buffalo County, was contacted. Brett completed the updated building inspection report licensing room 114 for 18 children and room 146 for 14 children.

- Head Start was given the opportunity to speak, to which they advocated that the space would not allow for all their equipment to do their curriculum with fidelity. They would have needs for storage of materials for the classroom and the resources for the community.

- Board members commented that there has been misinformation in the community and social media and they wanted to be clear no one on the board or in the district has ever wanted Head Start out of the building.

- Janelle Gibson from Head Start made several statements including that room 115 was given to Head Start by district administration, the district doesn't always need a 3rd 5K classroom so why should Head Start be displaced, that they start next week and requested the board take a tour of room #144 and #115,

- The board stated they have seen the areas, but after repeated requests from Head Start, the board agreed to tour the area with the superintendent, Janelle Gibson, Thanh Bui-Duquette, and Brianna Wolfe. The board took a brief recess at 6:30 pm to tour the classrooms.

- The board reconvened at 6:50 pm and Don expressed that planning ahead would eliminate most problems and expressed the need for a committee to be created with 2 board members, administration, and Head Start personnel to develop a 5-year plan. He also stated the board would need time to think about what was presented. Mr. White explained that the board could wait to take time to think about what to direct him to do later in the meeting. This was agreed and Head Start would be notified of the decision by the end of the evening.

- **Engagement & expectations – Bullying, Cyberbullying, and Cell phones.**
Mr. White explained the information given to the Board was being shared with staff, parents, and students. The rules haven't changed, they just need to be collectively agreed to and enforced in every classroom.
- **WASB Region 6 board of director nomination.**
It was reported that contacts were made about other possible candidates and there wasn't anyone interested outside the district. Don made a request for Larry to be nominated, which he accepted, and the board will be nominating him for the seat.
- **Reduction in board member information.**
Information was shared on the rules of this process. The board was informed that if 100 signatures were secured, the district is obligated to have a vote at the annual meeting. If the vote is passed at the annual meeting, the reduction would happen.

Information Items

- **District Audit**
The audit was completed and awaiting information from the state to be finalized.
- **Staff welcome**
 - **August 16 – New staff breakfast 9 am, mentor lunch 12:30 pm, & board meeting 4:00 pm.**
 - **August 21 – All staff breakfast 7:30 am.**
 - **August 23 – Open House 1:00 – 6:00 pm.**Mr. White shared the dates board members are invited to attend.
- **Newsletter**
The newsletter was posted on the web site and mailed to all residents of the district.
- **Family Handbook update.**
The only major changes to the family handbook are to the parent expectations and parent teacher conference as presented to the board.
- **WASB state education convention – January 17-19, 2024.**
The board should inform the district office if they wish to attend so they can be registered.

Future Agenda Items

Don requested the board discuss a referendum to fund a day care center.

Review Timelines and Items for Future Board Agendas and Meetings.

Wednesday	August 16, 2023	Regular Meeting	4:00 p.m.
Monday	September 11, 2023	Committee of the Whole	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	September 20, 2023	Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Monday	October 2, 2023	Committee of the Whole	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	October 18, 2023	Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Monday	October 23, 2023	Budget & Annual Meeting	6:00 p.m.
		Special Meeting	Following Annual Meeting

Adjourn

Larry Cyrus made a motion to adjourn the committee meeting. Lynn Doelle seconded the motion. Motion carried at 7:50 p.m.