

**Minutes of the Board of Education
Waterloo Schools
County of Black Hawk, State of Iowa
March 22, 2021**

The Board of Education of the Waterloo Schools, County of Black Hawk, State of Iowa, was called to meet in regular session at 5:00pm on Monday, March 22, 2021 in the Board Room of the Education Service Center, 1516 Washington Street, Waterloo, Iowa.

Present: Board Members: Jesse Knight, Sue Flynn, Astor Williams, Stacie Mills, Lyle Schmitt
(*by phone*) and Shanlee McNally
Superintendent, Dr. Jane Lindaman
Associate Superintendent for Educational Services, Dr. Stephanie Mohorne
Chief Officer of Human Resources/Equity, Kingsley Botchway II
Chief Financial Officer/Board Treasurer, Michael Coughlin

Absent: Board member, Endya Johnson
Assistant to the Superintendent/Board Secretary, Pam Arndorfer

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ms. McNally at 5:04pm.

II. Moment of Silence

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Mission Statement

The Waterloo Schools Mission Statement was read by Mr. Knight.

V. Board Celebration: 2020/2021 Athletic Accomplishments

This item was presented as Information Only. Dan Huff, District Athletics & Activities Director, Tim Moses, East High Athletic Director, and Dr. Anthony Pappas, West High Athletic Director, along with several coaches and student athletes from East and West High Schools, provided information.

VI. Graduation Dates for WCSD High Schools – Class of 2022

This item was presented as Information Only. Graduation dates for the Class of 2022 are:

- Expo Alternative Learning Center at Expo ALC, Tuesday, May 24, 2022, 6:00pm
- West High School at McLeod Center, UNI, Wednesday, May 25, 2022, 6:00pm
- East High School at McLeod Center, UNI, Thursday, May 26, 2022, 6:00pm

VII. Information from Individuals and Delegations

No public comments were brought forth.

VIII. Consent Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Knight and seconded by Ms. Flynn that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 6-0. The following items were approved:

- Minutes of the March 3, 2021 Special Board Meeting and the March 8, 2021 Regular Board Meeting
- Personnel Appointments and Adjustments
- Bills Due & Payable and Bills Paid Between Board Meetings

IX. Textbook Adoption for World Language Grades 9-12

It was moved by Ms. Flynn and seconded by Mr. Knight that the Board of Education approve the adoption of EntreCultures, EntreCulturas, and Klett textbooks and 8-year digital license in the amount of \$407,017.50 for World Language Grades 9-12. Dr. Stephanie Mohorne, Associate Superintendent for Educational Services, and Sherice Ortman, Advanced Programs Coordinator, provided information along with World Language instructors John Balong and Amber Pichelman. Motion carried 6-0.

X. Technology Purchase

It was moved by Ms. Flynn and seconded by Mr. Williams that the Board of Education approve the purchase of 1500 chromebooks and 80 laptops from Dell at a total cost of \$362,988, 2300 carrying cases from CDW-G at a total cost of \$39,100, and Mitel VOIP phone equipment from Marco at a total cost of \$63,587.50. Matt O'Brien, Executive Director of Technology, provided information. Motion carried 6-0.

XI. Durham Wage Proposal

It was moved by Ms. Flynn and seconded by Mr. Knight that the Board of Education approve the proposed contract addendum with Durham School Services. Kingsley Botchway II, Chief Officer for Human Resources/Equity, and Michael Coughlin, Chief Financial Officer, provided information. Motion carried 6-0.

XII. 2021-22 Budget Estimate and Publication

It was moved by Ms. Flynn and seconded by Mr. Knight that the Board of Education approve the budget expenditure estimate and the tax levy rate for publication and set the public hearing for the 2021-22 Certified Budget at 5:00pm on April 12, 2021. Michael Coughlin, Chief Financial Officer, provided information. Motion carried 6-0.

XIII. Budget Guarantee 2021-22

It was moved by Mr. Knight and seconded by Ms. Mills that the Board of Directors of the Waterloo Community School District, will levy property taxes for fiscal year 2021-2022 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under section 275.14, Code of Iowa. Michael Coughlin, Chief Financial Officer, provided information. Motion carried 6-0.

XIV. Superintendent's Report

- We are seeing a relatively low COVID positivity rate in Black Hawk County (3.9% today), and the lowest number of students out of school since September – we will remain diligent with our mitigation efforts
- ESSER 2 & ESSER 3 money
 - We are working through our plans for using these funds
 - Will plan a board workshop this spring

- The deadline for spending the new money has been extended out through 2024 which is very good news
- Encourage the public to continue to watch legislation affecting public schools – please reach out to your legislators
- ISASP testing will begin first part of April
 - Schedules should be sent out from the buildings very soon
 - Virtual students will be testing onsite – we will work with parents and families as needed

XVII. Information from Board Members

Each board member was given the opportunity to comment.

XVIII. Adjourn

It was moved by Mr. Williams and seconded by Ms. Flynn that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela G. Arndorfer, Board Secretary

Date Approved by the Board of Education

THE SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION IS:

“the Board of Education approve the minutes of the March 22, 2021, Regular Board meeting.”