

Martin County West Schools  
Board of Education  
Independent School District #2448  
Sherburn, MN 56171

Regular Meeting  
February 26, 2024  
5:00 PM  
MCW Central Office

The Martin County West School Board met in special session on February 26, 2024 at the Martin County West Central Office. The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Sarah Jagodzinske-Rohman at 5:00pm. Board members present were Laura Borchardt, Sarah Jagodzinske-Rohman, Danielle Wilmes, Nathan Vrieze, Jeff Scholl, Darren Thate, and Mark Wohlhuter. Also present were Superintendent Cori Reynolds, Principal Autumn Welcome, Principal Michele Baker, and Principal/Community Education Director Nickole Bowie.

Visitors present were Dianne Armbrust, Mary Whitehead, Sharon Rosen, Lynne Mulso, Lyle Wolle, Roberta Garbers, Myrna Peters, John Anderson, Karen McConnell, Neal Barber, Alma Barber, Kathy Taylor, Jackie Royer, Mary Johnson, Donny Faber, Ross Hilgendorf, Victoria Hilgendorf, Ferry McGee, Kevin Kuehl, Noah Anderson, Jamie Larson, Nikki Indergaard, Wes Anderson, Lisa Crosby, Robb Larson, Jamie Larson, Ryan Melkert, Robin Carlson, Kermit Carlson, Doug Hilgendorf, Marvin Garbers, Reada McConnaughy, Duane Younwith, Maria Krusemark, Kia Ringnell, Randy Nelson, Adam Schorn, Dana Faber, Paul Schoen, Kristin Schoen, Rodger Taylor, Stephanie Wohlhuter, Jean Burkhardt, Stephanie Kneeland, Brooklyn Bakker, Maia Taylor, Jenna Steele, Mallory Rudolph, Brittany Bass, Bridgett Geiger, Payten Crosby, Jen Clow, Courtney Schultz, Gail Honnette, Biny Claussen, Tracie Schumann, Pat Chase, Jordan Neduzak, Sarah Gwin, Jacob Helmstetter, Tom Wilson, Taniesha Goedken, Tom Elliott, Barry Kneeland and Alaina Baker.

Lyle Wolle, Karen McConnell, Mary Johnson, Doug Hilgendorf, Jean Burkhardt, Alaina Baker, Dana Faber, Maria Krusemark, and Donnie Faber spoke about the proposed referendum.

Motion made by Danielle Wilmes, motion seconded by Mark Wohlhuter to approve the agenda with additions, and removal of Elementary Staffing Guidelines for FY25. Motion carried 7-0.

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve the Minutes of the January 22, 2024 regular and reorganizational meeting as presented/with changes
- b. Approve the January Payroll of \$588,062.09
- a. Approve the January Checks of \$337,946.64
- c. Approve the Following Grants/Donations:
  - i. \$160 worth of personal care items from United Methodist Church in Trimont to Trimont Elementary

- ii. \$1000 from the Sherburn Lions for training for (2) Water Safety Instructors to attend training in April
  - iii. \$2000 donation to Drama from Fox Lake Conservation Club
  - iv. \$4,000 from the Martin County Youth Foundation for CER Youth Theatre
  - v. \$500 from Central Farm Service Foundation to the FFA
  - vi. \$500 from Land O'Lakes to the FFA
- d. Accept the retirement of Gerald Laue effective February 28, 2024.
- e. Approve leave for Carolyn Ficken, Sherburn Elementary Administrative Assistant, from approximately February 12, 2024 through March 22, 2024.
- f. Approve Hiring the following
  - i. Carole Harris Long-Term Substitute Administrative Assistant at Sherburn Elementary, from approximately February 12, 2024 through March 22, 2024.
  - ii. Connie Stenson, long term second grade substitute beginning approximately April 22, 2024 through the end of the school year.
  - iii. Parker Anderson half time wrestling assistant coach
- g. Accept Resignation of the following
  - i. Ashley Olson, Human Resources Coordinator, effective April 15, 2024
  - ii. Greg Wohlhuter, Transportation Director and Bus Driver, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year.
  - iii. David Jones, Bus Driver, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year.
  - iv. James Lien, Bus Driver, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year

Motion made by Nathan Vrieze, motion seconded by Darren Thate to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

#### Non-Action Items

##### Finance & Enrollment

Motion made by Jeff Scholl, motion seconded by Laura Borchardt to approve the Senior Class Trip to Washington, DC, March 24-29, 2024 Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Jeff Scholl, motion seconded by Mark Wohlhuter to approve final audit results. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Mark Wohlhuter, motion seconded by Danielle Wilmes to approve Direction to Administration and Consultants to Amend the Submission for Review & Comment by the MN Department of Education  
Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Mark Wohlhuter, motion seconded by Laura Borchardt to Approve the attached resolution relating to Determining the Necessity of Issuing General Obligation Bonds and Calling a Special Election Thereon

Members Voting Yes: Mark Wohlhuter, Danielle Wilmes, Jeff Scholl, Laura Borchardt, Darren Thate, Sarah Jagodzinske-Rohman

Members Voting No: Nathan Vrieze

Pass/Fail 6-1.

Motion made by Laura Borchardt, motion seconded by Danielle Wilmes to approve establishing referendum communications ad hoc committee. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Mark Wohlhuter, motion seconded by Laura Borchardt to approve the Memorandums of Agreement for Earned Sick and Safe Learn with the following groups.

- a. Bus Drivers
- b. Martin County West Educational Association (Certified)
- c. Education Minnesota Martin County West Education Support Professionals (Clerical)
- d. International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 70 Custodians
- e. Martin County West Educational Support Professionals
- f. Food Service
- g. Martin County West Principals' Association
- h. Jennifer Beseke
- i. Nickole Bowie
- j. Heather Leiding
- k. Ashley Olson
- l. Cori Reynolds
- m. Alicia Swanson

Motion carried 7-0

Motion made by Nathan Vrieze, motion seconded by Danielle Wilmes to approve the FY24 Achievement & Integration Budget. Motion carried 7-0.

#### Reports/Non-Action Items

- a. Superintendent Cori Reynolds
- b. Principal Autumn Welcome
- c. Principal Michele Baker
- d. Principal & Community Education Director Nickole Bowie

#### Committee Reports

- a. Certified & Classified Negotiations/Meet & Confer
- b. Curriculum/Technology/Staff Development
- c. Community Education
- d. Operations
- e. Southern Plains Education Cooperative

#### Dates to Remember

- a. March 27 - End of 3rd Quarter
- b. March 24-29 - Senior Trip
- c. March 28 - April 2 - Spring Break
- d. April 30 - Midquarter

Motion made by Jeff Scholl, motion seconded by Darren Thate to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0.  
Meeting adjourned at 6:05pm.