

**MINUTES**  
**SCHOOL BOARD, DISTRICT #2342**  
**WEST CENTRAL AREA SECONDARY SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER**  
**January 20, 2021**

Meeting called to order at 6:32pm by Ulrich. Members present per roll call: Christenson, Strunk, Grosz, Sanstead, Ulrich Absent: Nessman, Sabolik  
Administration present: Hogie, Powers, Prasch, Knutson, Foslien, Norenberg and Moerke.

Visitors: Chrissy Oachs, Chris Ray, Sheena Haack

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Mission Statement read aloud.

Motion by Strunk, seconded by Christenson to approve the modified agenda. *MCU*

Motion by Strunk, seconded by Christenson to approve the minutes of the December 16th, 2020, and January 4, 2021, meetings. *MCU*

Motion by Christenson, seconded by Grosz to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$661,016.68. *MCU*

### **Committee & Other Reports**

John Kreft gave a report on the proposed renovation of the Secondary School Media Center.

### **Administrative Reports**

Technology Coordinator: (Kevin McNamara) – Continue to work through issues with the gym camera for streaming events. Staff and students are surpassing technology expectations and gaining life skills.

Community Education: (Naomi Moerke) – STEAM, babysitting clinic, and basketball camp are happening, but adult volleyball league was cancelled. Preschool screenings will be taking place in February and March.

Activities Director: (Jacob Foslien) – Guidelines and rules for the MSHSL activities continue to be a fluid situation and presents some challenges but winter sports are happening. The flexibility of the coaches, athletes and families has been appreciated.

Buildings & Grounds Director: (Chad Norenberg) – Being short-staffed has presented challenges. The heat pump system repairs are wrapping up and construction on the Secondary media center will soon begin.

Elementary School Principal: (Natalie Prasch) – The number of distance learners has decreased. Kindergarden round up will look different this year due to COVID.

Secondary School Principal: (Susan Knutson) – Second semester is underway. Options for summer school or class retakes are being considered to help students stay on track academically.

Business Manager: (Diane Powers) – We will receive an additional \$575,000 in COVID relief funds. The Pay Equity report has been completed.

Superintendent: (Dale Hogie) – We will have a Payroll Manager on board beginning February 8<sup>th</sup>. Staff have been given opportunities to partake in COVID saliva testing and soon the MDE vaccination rollout will begin for school staff. The District has an Asbestos Management Plan and the buildings are inspected every six months.

### **Consent Items**

Motion by Grosz, seconded by Strunk to approve the following: Approve the resignation of Rachel Talbott, evening custodian at Secondary. **And**, approve the lane change request from BA +10 to BA +20 for Courtney Puchalski. **And**, approve the hiring of Jessica Nelson as Payroll Manager for 30-32 hours at Step 4. **And**, approve the resignation of Kari Kreft as Head Girls Golf coach. **And**, approve the Pay Equity report. *MCU*

### **New Business**

Motion by Grosz, seconded by Sanstead to amend and approve the following WCA policies: 410,413,413F, 414, 414F, 506, 506F, 514, 514F, 522, 522F, 524, 524F, 616, 806. *MCU*

Motion by Grosz, seconded by Sanstead to approve the resolution to continue offering sick leave consistent with the provisions of Families First Coronavirus Response Act. *Roll call vote: all yes; MCU*

Motion by Christenson, seconded by Grosz to approve the resolution for acceptance of donations. *Roll call vote: all yes; MCU*

Motion by Strunk, seconded by Grosz to adjourn. *MCU Time: 7:31 PM*

Sara Strunk, Clerk