

**MINUTES**  
**SCHOOL BOARD, DISTRICT #2342**  
**WEST CENTRAL AREA SECONDARY SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER**  
**February 17, 2021**

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm by Nessman.

Members present per roll call: Christenson, Strunk, Grosz, Sanstead, Ulrich, Nessman, Sabolik

Administration present: Hogie, Powers, Prasch, Knutson, Foslien, Norenberg, McNamara and Moerke.

Visitors: Chrissy Oachs, Chris Ray, Sheena Haack, John & Kari Kreft, Jessie Simon, Claire Vincent, Chuck Meidl, Kelly Haack, Chad Biss, Erika Brown, Jacki Anderson, Brooke Anderson, Rachel Swenson, Jill Beuckens, Ellis Holl, Kesha Trinkka

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

Kari Kreft thanked Board members for their hard and important work and presented them with cards and treats for Board Member Recognition Week.

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

Motion by Strunk, seconded by Sanstead to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2021, and February 3, 2021, meetings. *MCU*

Motion by Sabolik, seconded by Ulrich to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$687,514.65. *MCU*

### **Administrative Reports**

Technology Coordinator: (Kevin McNamara) – NFHS Network/Sports Streaming has been improved and preparation for state and national testing has begun.

Community Education: (Naomi Moerke) – More activities are being offered, and an extra session of STEAM has been added at North elementary. AARP driving classes will hopefully be added this spring.

Activities Director: (Jacob Foslien) – Speech, wrestling and basketball are up and running. March 8<sup>th</sup> more information on spring sports should be available from MSHSL.

Buildings & Grounds Director: (Chad Norenberg) – We should be back to full staff on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Currently gathering quotes for boiler repairs at South and roofing concerns at North.

Elementary School Principal: (Natalie Prasch) – 96% parent-teacher conference attendance, Kindergarten registration is happening this month. Currently looking in to a Teachers Pay Teachers license to improve resources for teachers.

Secondary School Principal: (Susan Knutson) – Mr. Kreft's carpentry class is making great progress on the Media Center remodel project. Spring will hopefully feel a little more normal this year as discussions have begun regarding Prom and Graduation. Approval from MDE was granted for a kiosk for the WCA School Store. Secondary is now fully staffed.

Business Manager: (Diane Powers) – Health Insurance RFP has been sent out. Still waiting to hear on allowable uses for second wave of CARES money.

Superintendent: (Dale Hogie) – Discussions have begun at the state level as to what next year's learning model may look like for the 2021-22 school year.

## **Consent Items**

Motion by Sabolik, seconded by Ulrich to approve the following: Approve the leave request from Brenda Andreasen. **And**, approve the leave request from Joan Sykora. **And**, Approve the hiring of David McFarlane as full-time custodian at Secondary. **And**, approve Nate Wood's request for a lane change from MA+10 to MA+20 effective January 29, 2021. **And**, Approve Richard Duncan's resignation from his teaching contract. **And**, approve the hiring of Dylan Hanson as a full-time custodian at Secondary. *MCU*

## **New Business**

Motion by Ulrich, seconded by Christenson to approve the public engagement rules. *MCU*

Motion by Strunk, seconded by Christenson to amend and approve facility and referendum planning recommendation for community member participation and projected timeline.

Motion by Strunk, seconded by Sabolik to approve the following WCA policies to reflect the changes recommended by MSBA: 101, 101.1, 102, 103 and 104. *MCU*

Motion by Strunk, seconded by Grosz to table the Superintendent goals until the next meeting.

Motion by Christenson, seconded by Sabolik to table the upgrade to retrofit lighting in the Secondary school commons.

Motion by Grosz, seconded by Ulrich to approve the Seniority Lists. *MCU*

Motion by Ulrich, seconded by Sabolik to approve changing Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> to a Wednesday hybrid schedule and Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> to an in-person instructional day. *MCU*

Motion by Ulrich, seconded by Sanstead to approve changing Friday, April 9 from an early dismissal day to a full in-person instructional day. *MCU*

Motion by Sabolik, seconded by Christenson to approve the World's Best Workforce Report. *MCU*

Motion by Ulrich, seconded by Sabolik to approve the MSHSL Constitutional Amendment resolution. *MCU*

Motion by Strunk, seconded by Grosz to adjourn. *MCU Time: 8:03 PM*

Sara Strunk, Clerk