

## WDS Board of Education Monthly Meeting Minutes

DATE: March 20, 2023

PLACE: VAC

MEMBERS PRESENT: Melissa Moore, Tim Cross, Jim TenBrink, Rachel Mitteer, Chris Mahoney, Paula Martin

MEMBERS ABSENT: Shannon McGoran

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Aardema, Jerry McDowell, Dorianne Kittridge, other staff and community members

President Mitteer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Approval of Agenda

Motion Cross/TenBrink moved to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes (6) Cross, TenBrink, Martin, Moore, Mahoney, Mitteer

Nays (0)

Motion Carried

### Student Spotlight – BPA

BPA students presented, explained background and shared successes.

### Public Comment

T. Ziemer – Section 98b

C. Normandin – public comments

C. Cook – public comments

K. Cyr – public comments

R. Nienhouse – thank board, and public comments

M. Ziemer – public comments

M. Boven – public comments

S. Cross – public comments

R. James – public comments

### Consent Action Agenda

Motion Mahoney/Martin moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Ayes (6) Mahoney, Martin, Moore, Cross, TenBrink, Mitteer

Nays (0)

Motion Carried

Minutes of meetings dated February 13, disbursements for the month of February which include: general fund - \$501,687.20, community education - \$51,858.03, food service - \$20,146.58, technology MAISD - \$20,185.83, activity account - \$15,060.98, common debt - \$0, Capital Projects - \$0.

### New Hire Recommendation

High School Principal Westerlund recommended Brandon Rake for the High School Science teaching position.

Motion Mahoney/Martin moved to approve the hiring of Brandon Rake.

Ayes (6) Mahoney, Martin, TenBrink, Cross, Moore, Mitteer

Nays (0)

Motion Carried

Committee Meeting Reports and any Discussions

The following board members listed the courses they recently attended through MASB:

Mitteer – Board President’s Workshop

TenBrink – Open Meeting Act Workshop

Moore – CBA 101 and School Board Policy Workshop

Martin – School Safety Workshop

Public Comment Placement

Mitteer shared McGoran’s thoughts regarding board packets being available prior to the meetings (included in these minutes). Mitteer read excerpt from the Open Meetings Act and also a sampling of other districts’ ways of conducting public comment at their board meetings. Mitteer also shared some legal rules to consider. Cross, in support of two comment placements, also said it is our decision. TenBrink shared how important it is to hear public opinion prior to the business discussion. Martin would like to hear from citizens prior to the voting, not after the majority of the meeting. Mahoney stated that we follow best practice and legal opinions from our attorneys.

Unfinished Business

None

2022-2023 MSBO Bus Purchase

Motion Moore/TenBrink moved to approve as presented the resolution for a new Special Education bus in the amount of \$152,978.00.

Roll Call Ayes (6) Moore, TenBrink, Cross, Mahoney, Martin, Mitteer

Nays (0)

Resolution Approved

WLACE – Lighthouse Learning Center Renovation

Motion Cross/Mahoney moved to approve the bid from Boardwell Mechanical Services, Inc. in the amount of \$47,600, White River Electric in the amount of \$40,430.37, and White Lake Glass in the amount of \$55,225.00.

Ayes (6) Cross, Mahoney, Moore, Martin, TenBrink, Mitteer

Nays (0)

Motion Carried

Ealy Cafeteria Bids

Motion Martin/TenBrink moved to approve the bid from Dew-el in the amount of \$103,308.33 and Merchandise Equipment and Supply in the amount of \$400,378.73.

Ayes (6) Martin, TenBrink, Moore, Mahoney, Cross, Mitteer

Nays (0)

Motion Carried

MAISD 23-24 Schools of Choice Participation Resolution

Motion Mahoney/Moore moved to adopt the resolution to participate in the MAISD 23-24 School of Choice Program.

Roll Call Ayes (6) Mahoney, Moore, Martin, TenBrink, Cross, Mitteer

Nays (0)

Resolution Adopted

MAISD Spring Annual Budget Review Representative

Motion Mahoney/Martin moved to appoint TenBrink to attend the Spring MAISD Budget Review on May 4<sup>th</sup> and Mahoney as alternate if TenBrink is unable to attend.

Ayes (6) Mahoney, Martin, TenBrink, Cross, Moore, Mitteer

Nays (0)

Motion Carried

Curriculum – ELA and Math

Principals Bailey and Whaley presented new ELA curriculum. Looked at and evaluated four programs. Committee met and narrowed it down to two programs; both liked the same one – EL Education.

Bailey and Mierz presented the new Math curriculum, Desmos. Board Members received a link from Desmos to review.

Monthly Financials

Aardema reviewed monthly financials with the Board.

Superintendent Report

Communication was sent out for the bond proposal. There are informational community meetings set up to discuss/describe projects and details for the bond.

Adjournment

Motion TenBrink/Martin moved to adjourn.

Ayes (6) TenBrink, Martin, Moore, Mahoney, Cross, Mitteer

Nays (0)

Motion Carried

Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

  
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Board Secretary/Designee



Kirsten Bolles &lt;kirstenbolles@whitehallschools.net&gt;

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**Fwd: Public comment talking points**

1 message

**Rachel Mitteer** <rachelmitteer@whitehallschools.net>

Mon, Mar 20, 2023 at 9:49 AM

To: "kirstenbolles@whitehallschools.net" &lt;KirstenBolles@whitehallschools.net&gt;

Kirsten,

Please print this for me so I can read it at the meeting.

Thank you,  
Rachel[Get Outlook for iOS](#)

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**From:** Shannon McGoran <shannonmcgoran@whitehallschools.net>**Sent:** Saturday, March 18, 2023 11:42:49 AM**To:** Rachel Mitteer <rachelmitteer@whitehallschools.net>**Subject:** Public comment talking points

Hi Rachel,

Unfortunately, I don't think I will be attending the meeting on Monday due to my vacation. Thank you for adding the item on the agenda. Here's some of the talking points I discussed with you:

- Due to the fact the packet is not available to the public until arriving at the meeting, there is no opportunity for them to review it and share any thoughts in time to speak. This is public information and should be available to everyone prior to the meeting.
- The public deserves the right to comment on anything discussed by the board during the business meeting.
- The fact that this was discussed in a work session a year ago is a moot point to me. Thoughts, opinions, experience, expertise can change drastically in a year's time.
- We should advocate with those that regularly attend meetings and care about this district instead of limiting their opportunity to speak.
- State and local governments abide by the same OMA that school districts do. All government agencies are spending taxpayers money. The public deserves the right to speak both before and after the board's business is conducted. Two public comments with no stipulations (just simply public comment) allows them that right. It doesn't have to be complicated. There's no legal issue for them to do so.

I've watched county government listen to constituents and make changes accordingly, to promote transparency and collaboration. I'd like to see this board be more accommodating to those that take time away from their families and busy schedules to attend the meeting. These are my thoughts. Thanks for listening.

Shannon

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