

Upper West Shore School District #33
Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
May 28th, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

TRUSTEES:

Progress of Proctor Remodel Project (culmination of ARP ESER funding)

Peter Bower briefed the Trustees on the project. The pay app has been submitted and the project is over budget. At this time Shane with A&E are still working on the best way to pay the difference. All contingency money has been released to date. Peter is doing his due diligence in stay within budget and has had to pay contractors and materials out of his own pocket. He noted that he is having trouble getting the final Pay App approved by A&E. Carolyn Hall will be stepping in to work with A&E to come to an agreement.

It has been requested by Carolyn Hall that the board authorize the remaining funds to be released for payout. Trustee Bjork motioned to approve the recommendation, trustee Tjaden seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. April 15th Board Minutes: Trustee Bjork motioned to approve the April 15th, 2024 Board Meeting minutes, Trustee Simonson seconded, motion approved.
2. Warrants and PO's: Trustee Tjaden had some questions regarding the culligan bill, Principal Ek has agreed to look into the cooler charge and call Culligan. Trustee Tjaden motioned to approve warrants and PO's presented for May. Trustee Bjork seconded, motion passed.
3. Safe Return Plan & ARP ESSER plan update: Principal Ek has recommended that no changes be made to the Safe Return Plan. Trustee Bjork motioned to accept the recommendation, Trustee Tjaden seconded the motion, motion passed.

IEC - No Report

PTO - No Report -

Principal Report

Principal Ek shared the student enrollment numbers for the 2024-2025 school year. He also presented the school calendar for the 2024/2025 school year. He is proposing an additional calendar for the 4-6th grade classes. Principal Ek would like to add 10 days to the calendar for these classes and offer STEM/STEAM classes.

ACTION: Approve calendar A as presented and approve the 10 instructional days to be held on Fridays, instruction will be carried out by Principal Ek.

Trustee Tjaden motioned to approve the action, Trustee Bjork seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Principal Ek reported that the MAPS testing is done and the students did show growth. Next school year he would like to focus on how the school can promote family learning. An idea of

doing a summer reading competition was recommended. Trustee Tjaden offered to purchase two bikes to be presented to the top performers of the reading program.

Year end wrap up: The students attended the River Honoring hosted by CSKT, the students were praised for their behavior.

Graduation has been scheduled.

CLERK:

Budget vs Actual Report: RaSena presented the YTD budget vs Actual report and gave her estimate on the amount that will need to be expensed from Impact Aid Fund 126 due to being over budget in salaries. Superintendent Hall is requesting authorization to use Fund 126 to cover expenses as needed from the General Fund. Trustee Bjork motioned to approve the request to use Impact Aid Fund 126, Trustee Tjaden seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Authorization to Renew Bids(Landscaping, snow removal, cleaning, summer prep).

RaSena and Superintendent Hall have requested permission to advertise to get bids on the annual maintenance items, Trustee Bjork motioned to approve the request, Trustee Tjaden seconded the motion, motion carried.

Internet and Phone System: RaSena and Superintendent Hall are recommending we cancel internet services with Lumen and order Star Link. We will still need to keep Centurytel/Lumen for Fax and one phone line. Trustee Bjork motioned to approve the recommendation, Trustee Tjaden seconded the motion, motion passed.

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT: Carolyn Hall

Accepting and Swearing in of Trustees:

Trustee Arnold Bjork was sworn in by Lake County Superintendent Hall.

Reorganization of the Board of Trustees: Trustee Bjork made a motion to elect Greg Simonson as Board Chair, motion was seconded by Trustee Tjaden, motion passed. Organization of the board is as follows:

CHAIR: Greg Simonson

Vice Chair: Ron Tjaden

Trustee: Arnold Bjork

Appointing and Swearing in of the District Clerk: Chairman Simonson approved appointing RaSena Christopher as District Clerk, Vice Chair Tjaden seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously. RaSena Christopher was sworn in by Superintendent Carolyn Hall.

Resolution for County to Conduct Elections:

Trustee Bjork motioned to approve the resolution for the County to conduct elections. Vice Chair Tjaden seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Recommendation to approve MSSA Agreement: The MSSA Agreement is for professional development for teachers. Next year the schools may be moving to MAST testing from SBACK. Trustee Bjork motioned to approve the recommendation, Trustee Tjaden seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Hiring of Staff for 2024-2025 Certified and Classified Staff: Superintendent Hall recommends the following staff to be hired for the 2024-2025 school year.

Certified Teachers: Rachel McCollough, Carole Scheer, Heather Buske

Nurse/Paraprofessional: Dee Oberg

Classified Staff: Paraprofessionals: Christiana Koslosky, Hannah Ritolla, Melanie Mills, Jan Rafter

Administrative Assistant: Jennifer Nelson

Vice Chair Tjaden motioned to approve the recommendations of hire, trustee Tjaden seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Trustee & Community Public Comment on non agenda items:

Superintendent Hall noted that Cliff Palmer will be able to provide services next year. June 17th Board meeting was confirmed, but Board Chair Simonson will not be available to attend. July 15th board meeting is confirmed, Trustee Bjork will plan on attending via Google Meet.

Motion to Adjourn:

Trustee Bjork motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 PM, Vice Chair Tjaden seconded the motion, motion passed.

Greg Simonson – Board Chair

Board Clerk, RaSena Christopher