

MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
February 19, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the School District of Fall Creek was called to order by President Wright at 6:00 P.M. in the District Conference Room. Members present were Brock Wright, Eric Ryan, Jill Geske, Amy Kurtz and Courtney Kneifl. Also present was Ashley Goodman-Mason, Brad Ceranski, Trevor Kohlhepp and John Goodman. Kim Zabel attended virtually. Student Council Representatives Megan Johnston and Emallie Sorensen were absent.

President Wright stated that the public notice of the meeting was properly posted per Chapter 19.84 of the Wisconsin Statutes (Subchapter IV).

Motion by Mr. Ryan and seconded by Ms. Geske to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

President Wright reported the next meeting dates:

- February 26, 2024 – Special Bd Meeting – 6:00 P.M.
- March 18, 2024 – Regular Bd Meeting – 6:00 P.M.
- April 15, 2024 – Regular Bd Meeting – 6:00 P.M.
- April 29, 2024 – Special Bd Meeting – 6:00P.M.
- May 20, 2024 – Regular Bd Meeting – 6:00 P.M.
- September 23, 2024 - Annual Meeting – 6:00 P.M

Student Highlights – High School Cricket Cup

General Public Address to the Board- Penny Schmidt

Motion by Mrs. Kurtz and seconded by Ms. Geske to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

- A. Minutes of Regular Bd. Meeting of January 15, 2024
- B. Minutes of Executive Session of Bd Meeting of January 15, 2024
- C. Minutes of Special Bd Meeting of January 22, 2024
- D. Financial Statement dated January 2024
- E. Approval of Monthly Receipts and Checks
- F. Student Activity Account Receipts and Checks
- G. Consideration of Accepting a High School Football Coaching Resignation
- H. Consideration of Accepting a High School Assistant Cross Country Coach
- I. Consideration of Accepting the Spirit Card Donation from Unity Bank

Mr. Ceranski gave a Facilities and Transportation Committee Meeting Report. No action or motion was requested.

No Retirement Requests were submitted.

Mrs. Zabel gave a January Membership Count Report. No action or motion was requested.

Mrs. Zabel gave a Preliminary Budget Reductions/Enhancements and Program/Staffing Planning Recommendations for 2024-2025 Report. No action or motion was requested.

Motion by Mrs. Kneifl and seconded by Mrs. Kurtz to add a Middle School Counselor Position to begin with the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Ryan and seconded by Mrs. Kneifl to approve changing the middle school structure beginning in the 2024-2025 school year to include 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Motion carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

Motion by Ms. Geske and seconded by Mrs. Kurtz to award the bus bid to Mid-State Truck Service. Motion carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

Motion by Mrs. Kneifl and seconded by Ms. Geske to approve the CESA 10 Service Contract for 2024-2025 as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Ryan and seconded by Mrs. Kurtz to approve the CESA 10 Environmental Health and Safety Program contract as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

Motion by Mrs. Kurtz and seconded by Mr. Ryan to approve the Series 0000 Bylaw Policies as presented with the adoption of this series at a future meeting. Motion carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

Motion by Ms. Geske and seconded by Mr. Ryan to approve the Series 1000 Administration Policies as presented with the adoption of this series at a future meeting. Motion carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

Mr. Ceranski reviewed with the Board the Summer School offerings. No action or motion was requested.

Motion by Mrs. Kneifl and seconded by Mrs. Kurtz to approve the 2024-2028 District Library Plan as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

Mr. Ceranski gave a stadium renovation update. No action or motion was requested.

#### Announcements by Administration

- A. Elementary Mini Sessions – Ashley Goodman-Mason
- B. Middle School Showcase – John Goodman
- C. Winter Sports Playoffs – Trevor Kohlhepp
- D. CVTC Academies – Trevor Kohlhepp
- E. Music Celebrations – Trevor Kohlhepp

#### Announcements by the Board of Education

- A. WASB/WASDA/WASBO Joint Convention- January 17-19 in Milwaukee – Amy Kurtz

The Hearing 1 on the City of Altoona Petition to Alter School District Boundaries was called to order by President Wright at approximately 7:01 P.M. in the District Conference Room. Board Members present were Brock Wright, Amy Kurtz, Courtney Kneifl, Jill Geske and Eric Ryan. Also present were Brad Ceranski and Teresa Reetz. Proponent of the Petition, Taylor Greenwell was present.

President Wright was identified as the Chairperson of the hearing.

Motion by Mrs. Kneifl and seconded by Mr. Ryan to have Teresa Reetz be the secretary for this hearing. Motion carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

Notice of the Hearing was read.

Introduction of the Board Members was conducted: Brock Wright, Amy Kurtz, Courtney Kneifl, Jill Geske and Eric Ryan.

President/Chairperson Wright stated the statutory basis for making a decision was included in the Board Booklet.

President/Chairperson Wright gave an overview of the petition.

President/Chairperson Wright stated the rules of this hearing.

Taylor Greenwell, AICP Planning Director for the City of Altoona, 1211 Summit Street, Eau Claire, WI gave reasons for altering the school district boundaries.

Brad Ceranski, Superintendent of the Fall Creek School District residing at 425 S. Victory Street, Fall Creek, WI 54742 gave reasons against altering the school district boundaries.

No additional information was presented from the proponents of the petition for altering the school district boundaries.

No additional information was presented from the opponents of the petition to alter the school district boundaries.

President/Chairperson Wright closed the public presentations.

Motion by Mrs. Kneifl and seconded by Ms. Geske to deny the transfer of the territory described in the petition. That the reorganization requested in the petition filed on January 15, 2024 by the City of Altoona, to detach territory described in said petition from the School District of Fall Creek and to attach it to the School District of Altoona be denied and that said petition be dismissed. Motion carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

Motion by Mrs. Kneifl and seconded by Mrs. Kurtz to adopt a resolution authorizing issuance of an order of denial. Motion carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

Motion by Mrs. Kneifl and seconded by Mr. Ryan to adjourn the hearing at approximately, 7:09pm. Motion carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

The Hearing 2 on the Brianna Nichols Petition to Alter School District Boundaries was called to order by President Wright at approximately 7:09 P.M. in the District Conference Room. Board Members present were Brock Wright, Amy Kurtz, Courtney Kneifl, Jill Geske and Eric Ryan. Also present were Brad Ceranski and Teresa Reetz. Proponent of the Petition, Alexander Nichols was present.

President Wright was identified as the Chairperson of the hearing.

Motion by Mrs. Kurtz and seconded by Mrs. Kneifl to have Teresa Reetz be the secretary for this hearing. Motion carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

Notice of the Hearing was read.

Introduction of the Board Members was conducted: Brock Wright, Amy Kurtz, Courtney Kneifl, Jill Geske and Eric Ryan.

President/Chairperson Wright stated the statutory basis for making a decision was included in the Board Booklet.

President/Chairperson Wright gave an overview of the petition.

President/Chairperson Wright stated the rules of this hearing.

Alexander Nichols, Property Owner, 4840 Hobbs Road, Fall Creek, WI 54742. gave reasons for altering the school district boundaries.

Brad Ceranski, Superintendent of the Fall Creek School District residing at 425 S. Victory Street, Fall Creek, WI 54742 gave reasons for altering the school district boundaries.

No Opponents were present.

No additional information was presented from the proponents of the petition for altering the school district boundaries.

No additional information was presented from the opponents of the petition to alter the school district boundaries.

President/Chairperson Wright closed the public presentations.

Motion by Ms. Geske and seconded by Mrs. Kneifl to grant the transfer of the territory described in the petition. That the reorganization requested in the petition filed on January 5, 2024 by Brianna Nichols, be granted and an order entered detaching the territory described in said petition from the School District of Eau Claire and attaching said territory to the School District of Fall Creek. Motion carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

Motion by Mrs. Kneifl and seconded by Mrs. Kurtz to adopt a resolution authorizing issuance of an order of reorganization. Motion carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

Motion by Mrs. Kneifl and seconded by Mr. Ryan to adjourn the hearing at approximately, 7:15pm. Motion carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

The Hearing 3 on the Amber & Tanner Brunschmid Petition to Alter School District Boundaries was called to order by President Wright at approximately 7:15 P.M. in the District Conference Room. Board Members present were Brock Wright, Amy Kurtz, Courtney Kneifl, Jill Geske and Eric Ryan. Also present was Brad Ceranski and Teresa Reetz.

President Wright was identified as the Chairperson of the hearing.

Motion by Mrs. Kurtz and seconded by Ms. Geske to have Teresa Reetz be the secretary for this hearing. Motion carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

Notice of the Hearing was read.

Introduction of the Board Members was conducted: Brock Wright, Amy Kurtz, Courtney Kneifl, Jill Geske and Eric Ryan.

President/Chairperson Wright stated the statutory basis for making a decision was included in the Board Booklet.

President/Chairperson Wright gave an overview of the petition.

President/Chairperson Wright stated the rules of this hearing.

Brad Ceranski, Superintendent of the Fall Creek School District residing at 425 S. Victory Street, Fall Creek, WI 54742 gave reasons for altering the school district boundaries.

No Opponents were present.

No additional information was presented from the proponents of the petition for altering the school district boundaries.

No additional information was presented from the opponents of the petition to alter the school district boundaries.

President/Chairperson Wright closed the public presentations.

Motion by Mrs. Kneifl and seconded by Ms. Geske to grant the transfer of the territory described in the petition. That the reorganization requested in the petition filed by Amber & Tanner Brunschmid, be granted and an order entered detaching the territory described in said petition from the School District of Augusta and attaching said territory to the School District of Fall Creek. Motion carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

Motion by Ms. Geske and seconded by Mr. Ryan to adopt a resolution authorizing issuance of an order of reorganization. Motion carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

Motion by Mrs. Kneifl and seconded by Mrs. Kurtz to adjourn the hearing at approximately, 7:19pm. Motion carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Ryan and seconded by Mrs. Kurtz to convene to executive session as per Chapter 19.85 (1)(c)(e) Wisconsin Statutes at 7:19pm to discuss hiring recommendations, and negotiations update. Motion carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

Motion by Mrs. Kneifl and seconded by Mrs. Kurtz to reconvene to open session at 7:32pm. Motion carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

The clerk reported the Board discussed hiring recommendations and received an update on negotiations. No action was taken.

Motion by Mrs. Kneifl and seconded by Mr. Ryan to hire Mark Grossinger for the Middle School Football Coaching position. Motion carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

Motion by Ms. Geske and seconded by Mrs. Kurtz to approve the certified staff base wage contract as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

Motion by Ms. Geske and seconded by Mr. Ryan to adjourn at 7:33PM. Motion carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

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Courtney Kneifl, Board Clerk