#### Woodland Park School District Re-2

#### **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Regular Board Meeting - November 9, 2022

#### **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Board President David Rusterholtz at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Chris Austin, David Illingworth II, Cassie Kimbrell, Suzanne Patterson, and Mr. Rusterholtz.

# PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION OF STATE OF COLORADO, MOMENT OF SILENCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led using American Sign Language by Middle School students Reagan Duncan, Morgan Kietzman, Reagan Smith, and Mae Vasek. The Pledge was followed by reading The Preamble to the Constitution of the State of Colorado and a moment of silence.

#### **AMEND AGENDA**

President Rusterholtz asked that the 2023-2024 Calendar be tabled to allow more time to gather feedback on this calendar. MOTION Kimbrell, second Illingworth II, to amend the agenda by tabling item VI.d. 2023-2024 Calendar. MOTION CARRIED; Voting Aye — Austin, Illingworth II, Kimbrell, Patterson, Rusterholtz.

President Rusterholtz asked that two agenda information items, VII.b. and VII.c., be added as potential action items. MOTION Illingworth II, second Patterson, to add potential action to items VII.b. and VII.c. MOTION CARRIED; Voting Aye — Illingworth II, Kimbrell, Patterson, Rusterholtz. Voting No — Austin.

#### APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA

MOTION Kimbrell, second Illingworth II, to approve the amended agenda. MOTION CARRIED; Voting Aye – Illingworth II, Kimbrell, Patterson, Rusterholtz. Voting No – Austin.

### **DISTRICT/COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT**

Woodland Park High School Principal Kevin Burr presented Information to the Board of Education on the college credits and certifications high school juniors and seniors can earn through Woodland Park High School (Addendum A). Mr. Burr highlighted all the offerings and shared the high school continues to expand choice opportunities, build awareness of programs already being offered, build positive communication, and demonstrate complexity and breadth of programming.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following list of people (name and topic they listed when signing up to speak) made public comment to the Board of Education listed in the order in which they signed up: Aaron Helstrom, MC JROTC Veterans; Dani Black, 2023-24 calendar; Cynthia Behr, IEP vs. Concurrent Enrollment.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR/Blanket Motion**

MOTION Kimbrell, second Illingworth II, to accept administrative recommendation and approve action on the following items:

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- VI.b. Financial Reports (Addendum B)
- VI.c.1. Personnel New Contracts Certified: Heidi Howard, GES .5 FTE Interventionist (OYO), effective October 17, 2022. Classified: Selene Hernandez, SES .5 FTE Special Education Paraeducator, effective November 7, 2022; Ashley Echols, HS Special Education PLACE Paraeducator, effective November 7, 2022; Michael Parker, HS Head Custodian, effective November 28, 2022. Guest Teacher List: Erika Schoenberger, Jessica Spehar, Kimberly Miller, David Kosley.
- VI.c.2. Personnel Resignations Classified: Danny Drusch, HS Head Custodian, effective October 24, 2022; Amy Wolin, District Crossing Guard, effective November 18, 2022; Deborah Patterson, HS Special Education SSN Paraeducator, effective January 9, 2023.

MOTION CARRIED; Voting Aye - Austin, Illingworth II, Kimbrell, Patterson, Rusterholtz.

#### **BUDGET AND COMPENSATION & BENEFITS PRESENTATION**

Chief of Staff Del Garrick presented information on the Budget and information on Compensation & Benefits (Addendum C).

# UPDATE FROM BOARD COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH OF POTENTIAL ACTIONS FOR HIRING FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT POSITION

Sub-committee members Cassie Kimbrell and David Illingworth II presented information to the Board and a tentative timeline for hiring a new interim superintendent. Attorney Brad Miller also provided information on the legal requirements, interview process, naming finalists, and hiring, emphasizing that finalists' names must be posted at least two weeks before a superintendent is hired and finalist interviews are public. The Board then discussed the options. After discussion, MOTION Austin, second Kimbrell, to table any action to allow the opportunity for stakeholder feedback/input, along with the Board of Education to meet and discuss with DAC on November 17. MOTION CARRIED; Voting Aye – Austin, Illingworth II, Kimbrell, Patterson, Rusterholtz.

# UPDATE FROM BOARD COMMITTEE ON DRAFT PURPOSE AND CORE VALUE LANGUAGE

Sub committee members Suzanne Patterson and David Rusterholtz reviewed the draft purpose statement. After some minor revisions, MOTION Illingworth II, second Patterson to approve the purpose statement as revised. MOTION CARRIED; Voting Aye — Illingworth II, Kimbrell, Patterson, Rusterholtz. Voting No — Austin. The Board of Education reviewed the proposed core values, after some revisions, MOTION Illingworth II, second Kimbrell, to approve the core values as revised. MOTION CARRIED; Voting Aye — Austin, Illingworth II, Kimbrell, Patterson, Rusterholtz.

#### **FAMLI – FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE**

Mr. Garrick reminded the Board of what was presented at a previous meeting and provided the District recommendation of selecting Option 2 — Decline all participation. MOTION Illingworth II, second Patterson, to select Option 2 — Decline all participation. MOTION CARRIED; Voting Aye — Austin, Illingworth II, Kimbrell, Patterson, Rusterholtz.

# **UPDATE – NATE OWEN, WPEA PRESIDENT**

Woodland Park Education Association President Nate Owen shared that Friday, we will celebrate Veterans Day with our annual Veterans Day assembly, which is being held at the high school. Our

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students will sing patriotic songs, and we will honor our Veterans. Mr. Owen provided a nice tribute to all military veterans.

## **UPDATE - MERIT ACADEMY, DR. GWYNNE PEKRON, CHIEF ACTION OFFICER**

Merit Academy Chief Action Officer Dr. Gwynne Pekron provided an update on Merit Academy programs; intent to enroll for 23-24 will be by lottery in late February/early March; and a Veterans Day celebration is on Friday at 2:30 p.m.

#### **CO-INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Co-Interim Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer Tina Cassens shared with the Board some strategic highlights: Building Rigor: Elementary 2x2; Leaning into Mentoring: New Staff Induction; Fostering Stakeholder Voice: Networking with Staff & Students; Celebrations – WPHS Fall Practice PSAT Scores, WPHS Volleyball; and shared information on upcoming events they may be interested in.

#### **BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS**

No Director reports.

#### **ADJOURN**

MOTION Illingworth II, second Patterson, to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 p.m. MOTION CARRIED; Voting Aye – Austin, Illingworth II, Kimbrell, Patterson, Rusterholtz.

**Attest** 

Board of Education Secretary

**Board of Education President**