# WHITEFORD SCHOOLS OTTAWA LAKE, MICHIGAN 49267

## **Special Meeting**

#### June 25, 2024

## Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Roll Call

A special meeting of the Whiteford Agricultural School Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Shane Hillard on June 25, 2024. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Hillard. Members present were Shane Hillard, Dave Dixon, Mike lott, Janelle Young, Jeff Bunge, Kristi Mock and Jason Vida.

Also present were Superintendent Scott L. Huard, Director of Finance & Business Services Marisa Tebbe-Cousino, and MASB Consultant Dr. Rod Green (for closed session). There was 1 visitor in attendance.

## Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Janelle Young, seconded by Kristi Mock, to approve the June 25, 2024, Special Meeting Agenda as presented. Motion approved – 7 yes

#### **Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

## Closed Session – Consideration of Employment, Promotion, Compensation, Discipline, or Performance Evaluation

A motion was made by Dave Dixon, seconded by Janelle Young, pursuant to Sections 8(a) and 8(c) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act and upon the request of the employee, to go into closed session at 6:17 p.m. for the purpose of considering a periodic personnel evaluation of an employee. Motion approved – 7 yes

## Special Meeting Resumed

The special meeting resumed at 8:15 p.m.

## Approval of Superintendent Evaluation

A motion was made by Mike lott, seconded by Janelle Young, to approve the Superintendent's 2024 evaluation. Motion approved – 7 yes

## Approval of Employment Contract – Superintendent of Schools

A motion was made by Dave Dixon, seconded by Janelle Young, to approve the employment contract for the Superintendent of Schools, Scott. L. Huard. Motion approved – 7 yes

## **Administrative Reports**

## Business Office - Mrs. Marisa Tebbe-Cousino:

 Mrs. Tebbe-Cousino verbally explained the 2024 Tax Rate Request form and Tax Levy forms, and the forms were made available for the board's review and for signatures at the close of the meeting. Ottawa Lake Michigan Special Minutes Continued June 25, 2024

## Superintendent's Report

#### 1. Recognition for Probationary Status

#### 2nd Year:

Jamie Bischoff (1st Grade) Erin Cousino (Elementary Special Education) Milayna lott (4th Grade) Monica Laughlin (MS Special Education)

#### 3rd Year:

Amanda Diesing (6<sup>th</sup> Grade) Tori Edmonds (6<sup>th</sup> Grade)

#### 4th Year:

Erika Biddle (5<sup>th</sup> Grade) Janie Bunge (Hs Special Education)

#### 5th Year:

Peyton Shepherd (5<sup>th</sup> Grade) (Note: due to Mrs. Shepherds one-year unpaid leave of absence, she will be 5<sup>th</sup> year status again the 2025-26 school year)

## 2. Recognition for Tenure Status

Marsha Groll (MS/HS Science)
Jennifer Floyd-Kemritz (Elementary Special Education)
Emily Nagel (Kindergarten)
Rebecca Prajzner (1st Grade) (October 2023)
Richard Rios (HS Physical Education/Health)
Jonathan Scheffer (MS Math)
Katie Tabbert (3rd Grade)
Jeffrey Thomas (MS Social Studies)
Ashley Vittore (MS Science)
Lauryn Vogel (2nd Grade)
Brian VanAlstine (MS/HS Math)
Mindy Welch (K-8 STEM)

## **Approval of Exempt Position Contracts**

A motion was made by Mike lott, seconded by Dave Dixon, to approve the exempt position contracts as presented for the following district employees: Marcy Anderson, Ken Groch, Marisa Tebbe-Cousino, Charlie Butz, Marcus Luzier (Addendum - Cash in Lieu), Elaine Thieman, Laura Cruz-Hartland, Jeremy Fielder, Cathy Machcinski. Motion approved – 7 yes

## Budget Hearing / Adopt 2024-2025 Proposed Budget

The Board of Education conducted a public hearing on the proposed 2024-2025 budget and informed the public that the district will levy18 mills of ad valorem property taxes against non-homestead and non-qualified agricultural property for operating purposes.

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A motion was made by Kristi Mock, seconded by Jason Vida, to approve the proposed budget for the 2024-2025 school year as presented. Motion approved – 7 yes

## Tax Rate Request / Set Millage Rate

A motion was made by Mike lott, seconded by Jeff Bunge, to approve the millage rate as indicated on the L-4029 2024 Tax Rate Request Forms as presented. Motion approved – 7 yes

#### **Board Concerns/Reports**

There were no Board of Education concerns.

## Special Meeting Adjourned

The special meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Minutes approved

President

Minutes approved

Secretary