

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Education
Willow Springs Consolidated School District No. 108
Wednesday, April 17, 2024
Willow Springs School Library**

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present: Anderson, Bonomo, Wojciak, and Patterson
Administration: Superintendent Bahn & Principal Oreluk

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President, Joe Bonomo.

Public Comment

Community members wishing to address the Board must complete a form and submit it to Ms. Valerie Wacker – Board Secretary. Please state your name at the beginning of your comments and direct your statements to the Board President. Your time will be limited to three minutes and members of the Board will not respond during this portion of the meeting.

Additionally, board policy 2:230 permits the Board President to shorten a person’s opportunity to speak. “The President may also deny the opportunity to speak to a person who has previously addressed the Board on the same subject.” (2:230)

Mrs. Cahill thanked the Board after 27 years she is retiring on May 31, 2024. She said it was an awarding experience.

The superintendent thanked her for her years of service.

Board/Superintendent Announcements

None

Financial Report

The superintendent stated Rob could not make it to the meeting. The monthly reports were shared with the Board.

Consent Agenda

The superintendent recommends the approval of the consent agenda.

Motion 24-059 by Bonomo, seconded by Wojciak as recommended by the superintendent for the approval of the consent agenda.

Consent #1

The superintendent recommends the approval of the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on March 20, 2024.

Consent #2

The superintendent recommends the approval of the payroll and the approval of the Payables in the amount of \$388,410.20, the reimbursement of the Imprest Fund in the amount of \$1,023.20 and approval of the Activity Fund balance of \$28,865.23 for the month of April 2024.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Anderson, Bonomo, Wojciak, and Patterson

Item 8 Action Items

Approval of 2024-2025 Willow Springs District 108 School Calendar

A copy of the school calendar for 2024-2025 was in the packet. Superintendent stated that there have been no changes to the calendar within the last two months that it was discussed.

The superintendent recommends the approval of the 2024-2025 Willow Springs District 108 School Calendar.

Motion 24-060 by Bonomo, seconded by Wojciak as recommended by the superintendent for the approval of the 2024-2025 Willow Springs District 108 School Calendar.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Anderson, Bonomo, Wojciak, and Patterson

Approval of the 2024-2025 Willow Springs District 108 Staffing Plan

The superintendent provided information regarding the proposed staffing plan for the 2024-2025 school year. He put information regarding the total proposed FTE for the 24-25 school year compared to 23-24 in the packet.

He also stated that he was recently informed of the increase to the health insurance coverage for next school year with both HMO (8.8%) and PPO (7.3%) plans increasing.

The Superintendent recommends the approval of the 2024-2025 Willow Springs District 108 Staffing Plan.

Motion 24-061 by Bonomo, seconded by Anderson as recommended by the superintendent the approval to the 2024-2025 Willow Springs District 108 Staffing Plan.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Anderson, Bonomo, Wojciak, and Patterson

Approval of April 2024 Personnel Report

The superintendent provided a report which included a few new recommended employees for the 24-25 school year.

The Superintendent recommends the approval of the April 2024 Personnel Report which includes the employment of:

Anita Spero	-	3 rd grade teacher
Lyda Bogdanovich	-	Kindergarten Teacher
Etta Roberts	-	4 th /5 th grade teacher
Kalina McErlean	-	Special education teacher

Motion 24-062 by Bonomo, seconded by Anderson as recommended by the superintendent the approval of the April 2024 Personnel Report which includes the employment of.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Anderson, Bonomo, Wojciak, and Patterson

Approval of 2024-2025 Willow Spring 108 Board of Education Meeting Dates

The superintendent included the schedule for the 2024-2025 Board of Education meetings.

The Superintendent recommends the approval of the 2024-2025 Willow Springs Board of Education Meeting Dates as presented.

Motion 24-063 by Bonomo, seconded by Wojciak as recommended by the superintendent the approval of the 2024-2025 Willow Springs Board of Education Meeting Dates as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Anderson, Bonomo, Wojciak, and Patterson

Item 9 Presentations/Committee Reports

None

Item 10 Information/Discussion Items

Health Education Update

Dr. Oreluk provided information about the upcoming events in the school related to student health and mandated training. She reached out to parents regarding health education and Erin's Law. This teaches students about their personal body and inappropriate touching. Fifth – Eighth grade have Candor Health. Each grade level has a different lesson appropriate to age. Parents can opt out their students if they do not want them to participate.

Willow Springs 108 Scorecard Update

The superintendent shared a draft of the upcoming district scorecard that will be published on the district website this summer. He explained key performance targets will be set for all grade levels. The strategy plan scorecard will have this years and last years. They are tracking the grade point average for Jr. High and will have ARGO track the 9th grade levels. This year we are recognizing growth on the state assessment. With each grade level assessment, if they answer all their questions then it takes them to the next grade level questions. They take this test in the beginning of the year and then toward the end of the year. They use grade level standards which are more useful. He will be able to find certain data points from last year to do comparisons with. Fine-tuning of some of these data points and how they will monitor and evaluate these targets are still being done. He hopes to have a final product for the Board to see in June.

May Board of Education Meeting/Eighth Grad Graduation

The superintendent stated, as we have done in previous years, graduation and the May meeting will be condensed in order to move up to the gym for the eighth grade graduation. The meeting will start at 6:30 and everyone will need to be upstairs in the gym at 7:15.

Teacher Appreciation Week

The superintendent and principal shared information on how they plan to celebrate the teachers.

End of the Year Updates

Dr. Oreluk talked about the end of the fun the students will have like picnics for all grades and the Dinner Dance at the Royalty West down the street. She said it is a miniature castle. Eighth grade are going to the Holocaust Museum and Six Flags Great America. Several classes are going to the Zoo.

2024 Empowering Future Leaders in Medicine

Dr. Oreluk stated that five students watched a webinar with doctors in Washington who told stories of how they grew up. Thirty-five schools participated via Zoom. They asked questions like “How do I get my grades up?” And “What field do I go into?”

Mr. Wojciak asked if the students like it. Dr. Oreluk they enjoyed it. The eighth grade sponsors chose the students that participated.

Item 11 Communication/Correspondence

None

Item 12 Upcoming Events/Activities

Monday, May 6 – Friday May 10 – Teacher Appreciation Week

Sunday, May 12 – Mothers' Day

Tuesday, May 21 – ARGO Graduation

Wednesday, May 22 – WS JH End-of-Year Dance

Thursday, May 23 – K-8 Field Day

Thursday, May 23 – WS PFC End-of-Year Bash @ 5: PM

Monday, May 27 – No School – Memorial Day

Wednesday, May 29 - Board of Education Meeting @ 6:30 PM

Wednesday, May 29 – WS 8th Grade Graduation @7:30 PM

Friday, May 31 – Last Day of School – 11:45 dismissal

Item 13 Items for Next Agenda

- Summer School Update
- Negotiations

Item 14 Closed Session

**Motion 24-064 by, Bonomo, seconded by Wojciak to go into Closed Session at 7:37 p.m.
Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Anderson, Bonomo, Wojciak, and Patterson**

**Motion 24-065 by Bonomo, seconded by Anderson to return to open session at 8:42 p.m.
Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Anderson, Bonomo, Wojciak, and Patterson**

Item 15 Closing Actions

None

Item 16 Adjournment

**Motion 23-066: Adjournment at 8:42 pm
Motion made by, Bonomo Seconded by Anderson
Hearing no objections so moved.**



President



Secretary