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Board of Education Meeting Summary July 27th, 2020 * 7pm * Central Office

Below you will find highlights from the July 27th, 2020 Special Board of Education Meeting. The complete agenda can be found at [USD 353.com](http://USD353.com). A replay of the live stream of the meeting can be found on the USD 353 website. Please note that this is only a summary to provide a timely recap of each BOE meeting. Approved minutes posted by the Board Clerk can be found at USD353.com under the Board of Education tab.

Discussion Items:

- **20-21 Budget**

The BOE discussed the 20-21 budget. Randy Ford, an accountant for the district, was present to answer any questions and provide insight on the budget process.

- **Crusader Credits**

Dr. Jen Kern presented information on implementing a Crusader Credits incentive program to help teachers achieve impact with their professional development and create change within the current system. Crusader Credit participants could identify an area they want to focus on such as Leadership, Redesign, Technology, Curriculum Integration, and School Improvement and create impact in this area within the district. Participants must fill out a plan and work towards their goals and apply that work to the areas of Knowledge, Application and Impact. Completed plans are submitted for approval to individual building PDC reps, principals and the BOE. The district would recognize Crusader Credits for salary movement. Only one Crusader Credit can be earned in a year. The BOE asked for some details to be fine tuned regarding the type of PD allowed and will look at an updated proposal for approval in August.

- **Social Studies Curriculum**

Dr. Kern spoke with the BOE regarding updating the original quotes presented for the WHS Social Studies curriculum to include a few more electives. The new quotes were to add the following electives: Civics, Economics, Current Events, Sociology and Government. All of these electives have an online component as well as workbooks. This would be a 7 year renewal. Due to time constraints, Dr. Kern asked that the purchase of this curriculum be moved to an action item for a vote.

A motion was made and seconded to purchase the curriculum for \$82,700 for the 20-21 school year.

Motion passed 6-0.

- **20-21 Calendar**

Superintendent Adam Hatfield spoke to the BOE regarding local health guidelines and the recommendation from local health officials to delay the start of the school year until September 8th. He said that guidance from our local health officials stated that the delayed start would allow enough time for some of the current local virus incubation periods to pass. This means that starting after Labor Day provides less of a chance that the start of school would be directly connected to a trend upwards in Wellington cases. Mr. Hatfield asked that this recommendation be moved to an action item for a vote.

A motion was made and seconded to delay the start of the 20-21 school year to Sept. 8th.

Motion passed 6-0.

- **Reopening Plan**

Mr. Hatfield and Dr. Kern presented a summary of the plan for reopening schools. The plan involves in-person options and a 100% virtual option for students. It also outlines the health and safety precautions the schools will be taking as mandated by the state and local health officials at this time. See the summary of the plan [here](#). The BOE were in agreement that they wanted a work session before approving the final plan at the August 10th meeting so they could provide input and feedback. Due to time constraints, Mr. Hatfield asked that approval of the summary of the plan be moved to an action item for a vote so that district planning teams could continue planning and filling in the details.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the summary of the district's reopening plan.

Motion passed 6-0.

Action Items:

- **Approve the 20-21 Budget for Publication**

The 20-21 budget to be approved for publication in The Wellington Daily News.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 20-21 budget as presented
Motion passed 5-1.

Executive Session:

BOE went into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss personnel matters for non-elected personnel.

Consent Agenda:

- Approve the Minutes of the July 13th meeting
- Approve New Personnel:
 - Ryan Jenkins- Head Baseball Coach-WHS
 - CJ Carey- Assistant Football Coach- WHS
 - Brittany Valentine- Art Teacher- WMS
 - Stephanie Hopper- Assistant Volleyball Coach- WHS
 - Kurt Sherry- Head Debate Coach- WHS

A motion was made and seconded to approve the consent agenda
Motion passed 6-0.

7.0 Adjourn