

Board of Education Workshop

Monday, February 12, 2024

4:30 PM

Northwinds Elementary

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Buffalo, MN 55313

MINUTES

Present: Bob Sansevere, Sheila Smude, Matt Hoffman, Sue Lee, Amanda Lawrence,
Adam Bjorklund

Absent: Melissa Brings

1. Presentation: Carmen Tubbs, NES Principal
\$30,000 grant money from Wright County for Outdoor Learning spaces. Grant is over two years.
2nd Grade Teacher Sara Berning shared about teaching agriculture literacy in her classroom. BHS FFA officers speak to students. Some activities/programs are: planting seeds, talk about plant growth, will talk about honey and bees through a program with the MN arboreteum, have a virtual cow (adopt a cow), have mystery readers from across the state, tower garden. Harvested some lettuce and made salads.
2. English Language Arts REFLECT Report
Pam Miller, Director of Teaching and Learning
Jenina Rothstein and Kaia Grant – ELA covers all the aspects including public speaking, grammar, spelling, forms of writing, reading, etc., and is in alignment with standards and benchmarks. Surveyed students and parents for strengths and weaknesses.
3. BCMS Fall 2023 Activities Review
John Hayden, BCMS Activities Director
Provided a summary of the fall activities. Good participation this year and coaches always work to provide growth and good experiences.
4. Quarterly Financial Report
Miranda Kramer, Controller
Provided a review of the operating and non-operating funds in general, food service, community service, capital outlay, building fund and debt service. Food service increase in funds is allowing for purchase of equipment.
5. Quarterly Cash and Investment Report
Ryan Tangen, Director of Finance and Operations

Cash balance as of January 31, 2024 is \$18,886,137. Cash flow is consistent from month to month. OPEB continues to do well with a balance of \$13,562,923.

6. 2025-26 School Calendar

Scott Thielman, Superintendent

Important to balance trimesters and quarters. Traditional holidays and breaks are observed. Earliest graduation due to where Labor Day lands.

7. Committee Reports

AL – AMSD, 877 Foundation,

SL – WTC

MH – DCTL

SS – DCTL, CEAC

Adjourn at 5:34pm