

## Board of Education Workshop

Monday, March 11, 2024

4:30 PM

Buffalo High School

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Buffalo, MN 55313

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### MINUTES

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

Absent: None

1. Presentation: Mark Mischke, Buffalo High School Principal, Mike MacMillan, Nate Hanson

Presented information about wRight Choice Program. Created to take the place of suspending students. Attended Safe Schools meeting and worked with Mike MacMillan from Wright County Court Services to form a partnership. Seven schools are partners grades 6-12. Some transfer of students from other districts takes place from WTC. Secure check-in at the Wright County Government Center and cell phones are also checked in. Provide anger management, conflict resolution and problem solving along with restorative justice opportunities. Also have probation and social workers available on site for families. Teachers are included for homework. Case Manager provides one-on-one time with students. Work with school intervention programs. Restorative Justice letters are completed by students. 45-day suspensions can avoid expulsion.

Discussion: How many students - Up to 12 students per day. Average 3-9 per day. Do you see students multiple times – yes. Working on a program to help students re-enter the school program. Work with school counselors regarding what students say they need in environment and services. wRight Choice is a choice by student and parents. Number of days served can be discretionary. All schools in Wright County may participate in the program. Have added a charter school as a member. How does the teaching take place – teachers provide google meets. There is a homework landing page that teachers update and provide opportunity to get past homework done along with current assignments.

2. BHS 2023-24 Fall Activities Report

Nick Guida, BHS Activities Director

wRight Choice program also helps students re-enter activities. Students get to participate in practices while suspended.

We are 'hanging in' in the Lake Conference. Finding that the experience is good for students and make them work harder and perform better. Coaches work to recruit kids within the high school.

Provided fall season activity summaries.

3. K-5 Math Curriculum Adoption Proposal 2024

Pam Miller, Director of Teaching and Learning, Jenina Rothstein, Becky Hanson

enVision math was adopted in 2010. New math standards were implemented in 2022. Reviewed eight programs and selected four to look at and then piloted two programs. Bridges in Mathematics curriculum with number corner was chosen by the committee. Gathered student and teacher comments. Cost is \$259,188 for the first year. Annual cost of \$40,000 for books. Total cost is estimated at \$579,188. Assessments of the new curriculum will take place through testing and teacher input. Professional development modules are included. Old curriculum materials are discarded.

4. Operating Referendum Renewal

Ryan Tangen, Director of Finance and Operations

This referendum was authorized in 2019. Legislation now authorizes a one-time renewal without voter approval. Referendum provides \$750 per pupil which is \$4,193,850 for school year 2024-25. Will provide for public testimony at the March 25, 2024 board meeting and then recommend approval.

5. Committee Reports

SL – WTC, Safe Schools

AB – Negotiations

BS – Negotiations

AL – AMSD, 877 Foundation

SS – DCTL

MB – Teacher Negotiations, Custodian Negotiations

Supt Report – Day at the Capital on Monday, March 18, 2024

Adjourn at 6:21 pm