

## MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER





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One more month. It's hard to believe that we have come such a long way - and things continue to change for the better here at Green Lake School. I remember in my first newsletter article I said that the end of every day that we were here, inperson, was a victory. And I still feel that way; each night that I walk out of these doors, I have a grateful heart for the day we've completed.

None of these days would have been possible if it wasn't for our entire community working together as one amazing team! Making it through this year of COVID has not been a side-line event. We've all been in the game in some form, from our crossing guard keeping us safe, to teachers teaching dual classes (in-person and virtual simultaneously), to extra aides that allowed us to create smaller class sizes, to cafeteria workers who lugged lunches to individual classrooms, to parents who monitor and communicate with us about their children, to office staff who have learned new record keeping and still make all who enters this school feel welcome, to a school board who discerns what works best for everyone in this district, to substitutes and staff who cover classes when someone is ill, to custodial staff who constantly sanitizes and is willing to work extra to facilitate change, to our students who have never lost hope for normalcy.

And that's our end goal: normalcy. I feel we are getting to that stage, where we are performing, or working smoothly together to make things happen. As COVID restrictions have relaxed a bit, our students and staff have created opportunities to begin to feel normal in the form of field trips, activities, sports, end of the year events, and something as simple as going through a lunch line. We've enjoyed some pretty good lunches now that everything is not pre-made and packaged, like ham and cheese sliders, warm cinnamon rolls, and mashed potato bowls. Yum. Keep in mind, we're still being safe, striving to maintain 3 feet of social distancing, wearing masks, ticketing end of the year indoor events.

I applaud our community for its inspiring teamwork. We've done this together by being safe, thinking of others, being resourceful, thinking outside the box, and by having tenacity and resilience. It makes it pretty easy to be confident. There's nothing that the future holds that we, together, cannot overcome. Good job, Green Lake!

# From the desk of the Principal -Cathy Moore







# Green Lake High School named to 2021 Best High Schools List

US News & World Report just released their annual list of "Best High Schools". We are proud to announce that Green Lake High School is on the list. Green Lake High School is ranked #63 in the state and #2413 in the country. This ranking is in the top 12% of high schools in the state and in the top 14% of ranked schools in the country. Rankings are based upon IB test participation and pass rates, reading and math proficiency on state required tests, graduation rates, and preparation for college. Congratulations to our school community of parents, teachers, support staff, administration and most of all, OUR AMAZING STUDENTS!

# District Board Of Education Members

- Tim Lyke
- Loni Meiborg
- Michelle Grimes
- Sue Sorenson
- Matt Bond
- Sarah Allen
- Andy Gyrske



Superintendent Mary Allen

The Green Lake School District, in partnership with the community, commits to an education of excellence by creating a safe environment that encourages mutual respect, enthusiasm for learning through personal attention, and integrated, challenging curriculum so that students can reach their full potential as positive members of our community and the world beyond the classroom.

Dear Green Lake Parents, Students, Colleagues and Community Members,

I want to thank you for giving me a part in the Green Lake story. The Green Lake School District has such a rich history, and I am overjoyed to have been a part of it for the last 43 years. My fondest memories are of my two children attending the school- the first day of kindergarten, the ups and downs of junior high, the exciting sporting events and finally, high school graduation. The teachers at Green Lake prepared my children academically, and they have both gone on to be successful adults. But more important, the school gave them amazing memories, hilarious stories, and lifelong friendships. For this, I will forever be grateful.

I have also been touched by the magic of Green Lake. In my 31 years of teaching, my students challenged me to not only be a better teacher, but a better person. I was so fortunate to have my students for six years and really get to know them. As diverse learners, I will always admire their individual strengths and perseverance as they navigated through a traditional school curriculum. I am so proud of who they have become.

My years as an administrator went by quickly. I am extremely indebted to the amazing individuals who mentored me in the position and to the School Board for their dedication to the school and trust in me. Throughout this time, I was surrounded by an outstanding team of teachers and support staff. COVID-19 was a prime example of how the staff pulled together and solved the problems necessary to keep the school open virtually and in-person. I will always be in awe of their ingenuity and selflessness.

It has been an honor and a privilege to be part of the Green Lake story, and I will continue to tell the story in the future. It is such a great story that includes a topnotch academic and extracurricular program, wonderful students, a committed staff, and a supportive community. Like my children, I have also reaped the benefits of this little school, as I have so many amazing memories, hilarious stories, and lifelong friendships.

Good luck to Mrs. Baxter and all of the Green Lake staff.

With love and gratitude, Mary Allen

### **Concours Oral**

The Concours Oral is a French language speaking competition similar to Forensics. This competition is sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of French. The Wisconsin Chapter has a long tradition of excellence with this competition, and so does GLHS. This year, our team of 22 students competed in the regional competition on March 12. Just like most other things this year, the competition was different. We certainly missed out on our tradition of enjoying a French meal, but allowing students to record their performance and submit it virtually had some advantages allowing flexibility with scheduling and more student participation.

### **Categories & Participants**

In the category of Prose, participants included Siera Whiting, Blake Meiborg, Nolan Madrigrano, and Morgan Chyma. These students sight read a piece of literature that they have not practiced before, testing their pronunciation and knowledge. Poetry is a popular category where students memorize and recite a poem. Contestants were Klaeton Stibb, David Chier, and Carley Chyma. In the category of Reader's Theater, performers were Meghan Gilbert, Elliat Zodrow, Hope Pelland, Jacob Moore, Avery Nigbor, Garrett Clark, Ethan Carter, Cameron Sandberg, Felicia Ciukaj, Peyton Zamzow, Emilie Hurley, Zoey Girmscheid, Anna Johnson, and Riley Vertz.

#### State

Over 200 of Wisconsin's finest French students competed in this year's State Concours Oral held on April 16. Green Lake was proud to have 15 students qualify. And here are the final results. Congratulations to all the participants!

**Gold Medalists:** Carley Chyma, David Chier, Nolan Madrigrano, Morgan Chyma, Meghan Gilbert, Elliat Zodrow, Cameron Sandberg and Felicia Ciukaj

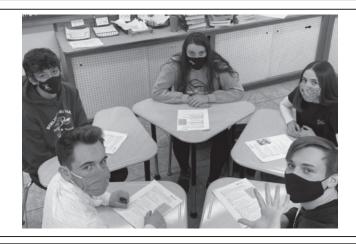
Silver Medalists: Siera Whiting, Frankie Menting, Zoey Girmsheid, Anna Johnson and Riley Vertz

## Société Honoraire de Français

The French Honor Society is a national organization sponsored by the AATF (American Association of Teachers of French). Students are inducted annually to the GLHS French Honor Society based on their academic achievement and honor, and the longevity of their French studies. The following students are being inducted this year: Caleb Meiborg, Avery Nigbor, Hope Pelland, Garrett Clark, Carley Chyma and Jacob Moore. They will join the current members: Jack Taylor, Paris Prahl, Raven Davis and Morgan Chyma. Congratulations to all the members!

### **Spanish Honor Society Induction**

The Green Lake Spanish Honor Society, Remedios Varo Chapter, is proud to induct nine students into the Society. In order to qualify for the society, students must maintain an honors GPA overall with a high honors GPA in Spanish classes. This year's inductees are Mila Chetto, Ella Hoch, Kaitlin Jacoby, Avery James, Erik Olmen, Ian Sandberg, Claire Trapp, Staica Viars, and Aída Barahona Marquez. They will join current members Emma Moore, Kelsey Olmen, Addison Poock, Dominique Schwartz, Bret Sell, Emma Vrechek, Shaely Hoch, Michaela Kosti, and Alexander Douglas. ¡Felicitaciones!



# **Green Lake HS Senior Earns State Recognition for Language Study**

The Wisconsin Association for Language Teachers is a non-profit professional development organization committed to the promotion and support of World Language Education throughout the state. As part of this mission, WAFLT offers the Honors in Language Study Award, which may be given to students currently enrolled in the highest level course of a language that a school offers, which is the DP Spanish class at Green Lake. The award honors the dedication and outstanding achievement of a student in the school's language program in addition to applauding an open-minded curiosity of the world and a desire to continue learning. This year, WAFLT has presented this award to Michaela Kosti for her work in Spanish. ¡Enhorabuena!

Although this year has had challenges for many of us, I've seen amazing resilience in our staff and students. Sharing, supporting, flexibility, empathy, and positivity, have been very visible here in Green Lake throughout the school year. We've had a few bumps but have recovered thoughtfully and admirably, which takes effort on everyone's part. We're very proud of our Green Lake School District and all of its members.

As we finish up the school year some of our challenges may change. Final grades, more free time, daycare, finding jobs, etc. Below are some links to sites that offer some fun and informative information reminding us to breath, take a break, and relax when we can.

Need a break? Green Lake's Virtual Calming Room

https://sites.google.com/glsd.k12.wi.us/greenlakevirtualcalmingroom/home

is a great place for all ages to relax, enjoy, and have fun exploring.

Social Emotional Intelligence can be practiced this summer through reading, mindful walks, gardening, practicing yoga, watching a movie, cooking, baking, visiting a museum...for the complete list of ideas and more information please click <u>Move This World</u>.

https://www.movethisworld.com/family-community-engagement/2019-8-2-14-summer-activities-to-continue-teaching-social-emotional-learning-2/

<u>Centervention https://www.centervention.com/social-emotional-learning-activities/?\_page=5</u>

and <u>Columbia University https://blogs.cuit.columbia.edu/child-adolescent-psychiatry/2016/06/08/fun-summer-activities-for-kids-that-encourage-mental-health/</u> are two more resources for Social and Emotional and Mental Health learning for all ages.

Summer schedule changes can be challenging Child Mind Institute

https://childmind.org/article/can-help-kids-self-regulation/

shares information on how to help self-regulate emotions and resist impulsive behavior. Have a safe and happy summer everyone!

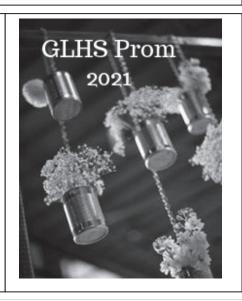
- Green Lake School District School Counseling Department

This year's Rustic Elegance From will be held on Saturday, June 5, 2021.

It will be held at the Lodge at Tuscumbia, 7-11pm.

We will be recognizing a Junior and a Senior Prom Court this year.

All Green Lake High School students are invited to attend.







### International Baccalaureate (IB) Gala to be held at Green Lake School, May 26th, 5:00-6:00PM.

We are taking our IB Primary Years Programme (PYP) Exhibition and IB Middle Years Programme (MYP) Personal Project Showcase as well as the Diploma Program (DP) Capstone project a step further. Together we are celebrating our students' culminating efforts. The Gala provides Green Lake students representing three programs across the IB continuum to publicly present their work.

Make sure you mark your calendars.

Sophomores continue to research, reflect and finalize their MYP Personal Projects. The MYP Personal Project is designed to be a personal inquiry that puts the students' learning into action, with a specific focus on the Approaches to Learning (ATL) skills: Communication, Social (Collaboration), Self-Management, Research, and Thinking. The emphasis in the Personal Project is on the learning journey, not the destination.

Freshmen and Sophomore MYP Music students are focusing on Music & the Environment using their ATL skills as they consider how musicians helped spread climate activist Greta T's efforts.

Seventh and Eighth grade MYP students focus on Music & the Environment by completing a project on how singer-songwriters of the 1960's and 1970's addressed the concerns of the environment movement.

The eighth grade MYP Science students are working on an Environmental Literacy Unit which began with the life cycle of a chicken nugget. They are learning the three pillars of sustainability: economic, environmental, and social. The class is working on a "PhotoVoice," reflecting on their daily lives via images. Their work will be displayed in the school. Using critical thinking skills the students are working on interventions to make the systems more circular and less linear.

The eighth grade MYP Technology Education students are practicing the design cycle as they propose an upgrade to any item they commonly use, such as storing a phone into a high-heeled shoe, or a better water bottle holder. The Design Cycle is comprised of four steps: Inquiring and Analyzing, Developing Ideas, Creating a Solution and Evaluating. The four steps do not necessarily have to be completed in order, and it's actually encouraged to backtrack and jump around when needed.

In recognition of Earth Day the seventh graders cleared Playground Park and the Mill Pond of any and all litter. The students did an awesome job and were soon racing around the Park to see who could collect the most trash. A focus of their assignment was to leave things better than they found them. They realized that this concept does not only relate to material objects like the park, but our friends and people in general as well. For example, if you see someone having a difficult time, say "hello" and share a few kind words; don't "litter" and put them down more.

For weeks now, young entrepreneurs from Green Lake Elementary have been studying their business plans, gathering up supplies, building stands, getting ready for the big day. That big day is this Saturday, May 1, 2021, Lemonade Day in Green Lake.

Lemonade Day is an program to help prepare youth for life through experiential activities that involve life skills, character education and entrepreneurship. And several batches of delicious, chilled lemonade for you and I to sip on this Saturday.

The goal is to help today's youth become the business leaders, social advocates, community volunteers, and forward thinking citizens of tomorrow.

The program itself runs several months and all comes to an exciting culmination this Saturday with several Lemonade Stands scattered around Ripon and Green Lake. At last count there were nearly 40 stands registered in and around the Fond du Lac area. The kids, along with their mentors and sponsors, have been working hard for several months so if you spot them manning a stand while you're out running around this Saturday, purchase a glass or two. It's never a bad day for Lemonade.

Once this year's Lemonade Day is over the kids and their mentors will get together and figure out what worked and what didn't and start planning for next year's event.



# **Science Club Camping Trip**

The Green Lake Science Club went camping at Perrot State Park near La Crosse along the Mississippi River. Students hiked over 25 miles up and down the bluffs throughout the park. Some of the hikes were at night to watch the trains pass along the river, a police car pulling someone over, as well as see the lights across the countryside. After hiking students still had energy to play ultimate frisbee and cook all of their meals. The cooler temperatures made sitting around a campfire nice, but left a strong campfire smell on everyone on the trip, even those who went swimming. It was good to spend time outside being active and seeing faces without masks.



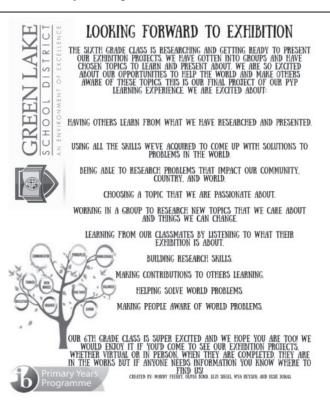
### The Spectacular Super Amazing 6th Grade Year

Our 6th grade class has gotten some amazing learning opportunities. Earlier this year, we took a walking field trip to the Puchyan and collected snails, crawfish, and other little creatures to study. A little while after, we were included in a sturgeon data science project. We all got into groups and each watched two, one hour long videos of the Black River in Michigan, recording the data of the fish they saw. We are currently reading Harper Lee's, award winning book, To Kill a Mockingbird. "I love it!" said Mya Reysen. "It is easy to relate to the characters and really entertaining." Eli Stibb comments "I think it is mysterious and interesting."

This year we have done a lot with a major world problem: Large Scale Farming. We watched The Biggest Little Farm in class. This interesting documentary was all about a couple who tried to do the traditional type of farming. They farmed in harmony with nature, not against it. This place is called Apricot Lane Farms. This old-style farm is located in Moorpark, California. We learned a lot from this film. It taught them all about the problem with our soil, how we can change it, and what we can do to rejuvenate it. We only have 60 years of farmable soil left, and people like that are doing their best to change it. This film is available on Amazon Prime for \$3.99.

In the class, Tech and society, with Mrs. Killian, we had the chance to learn about many people who are less fortunate than ourselves. We watched One Dollar A Day, which is about 2 college students, Chris Temple and Zach Ingrasci, going to Peña Blanca, Guatemala and live on 0 to 9 dollars a day for 56 days. They had experienced sickness and starvation. They realized the struggle of many people in that area. For example, girls would only go to school until 6th grade and then stay home doing chores and boys would work tirelessly in the field. For farmers, each day their income would be different, ranging from 0-10 dollars a day. In the end, they were able to help most of the citizens in Pena Blanca, creating many friendships along the way.

For this year's Exhibition Project we have picked some very important topics. We will be sharing them with the community on May 26th at 5:00 - 6:00 PM in the High School Gym at Green Lake Public School. We have been working very hard on this project and cannot wait to share! We hope we can see you there! Written by: Reagan Beuthin, Olivia Bond, Elsie Jonas, Eli Stibb, and Mya Reysen



### **Topics For Exhibition:**

Sex Trafficking: Elsie Jonas and Ella Glod

Ocean Floor Damage: Olivia Bond, Mya Reysen, and Eli Stibb

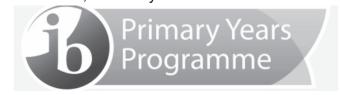
Depression: Reagan Beuthin, Olivia Carter, and Alexis Siegel

Suicide: Lilly Hiemstra , Carsyn Gerig, Lily Henke, and Eve Jenkinson

Poaching: Jamison Luepke, Aiden Feeney, and Tyler Wittchow

Animal Trafficking: Fisher Hurley, Timothy Tress, and Harrison Tyrel

Cosmetic Testing on Animals: Madeleine Feeney, Winnie Culver, and Jadyn Waters



On Wednesday April 28th, the 8th grade class had the opportunity to visit a local organic farm as part of their environmental literacy unit. The students were able to tour the 70 acre Boerson Farm land and experience the process of no-till organic farming, a unique type of farm in the area. Students saw how the manure is turned into compost, the pastures where the cattle graze, the hen house, the horses, the 40+ bee hives, and the vegetable gardens. It was a great day to be outside and the students learned a lot about how farming of this kind absorbs carbon dioxide while not putting much back out into the atmosphere and prevents runoff into our surface water.



The 9th graders spent 2 days camping at the school forest in early May. They also spent a morning doing a service learning project with the Green Lake Sanitary District pulling the invasive plant garlic mustard and helped mulch Hammer's Trail.





#### School District of Green Lake Minutes of the Board of Education Regular Meeting

February 17, 2021

The meeting of the Board of Education was held Wednesday, February 17 via zoom. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Vice President, Andy Gryske.

Notice of this meeting was given to the Ripon Commonwealth Press and the Green Lake Reporter. In addition, notices of the meeting were posted in the display case of the school, at the Green Lake Post Office, Horicon Bank, and on the school district website. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the stay at home and social distancing order from Governor Evers, board members, media, and community members joined the meeting via Zoom.

#### Roll Call:

President, Sarah Allen- absent; Andy Gryske - present; Meade Grim - present; Matt Bond - present; Sue Sorenson - present; Loni Meiborg - absent; Michelle Grimes - present.

Others present – Superintendent, Mary Allen; Elementary Principal; Gina Baxter; Secondary Principal, Cathy Moore; School Board Secretary Donna Waterworth: Operations Manager, Tom Archambo via Zoom and members of the media, and community via Zoom.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: A motion was made by Meade Grim, seconded by Matt Bond to approve the agenda and consent agenda. Motion carried by voice vote of 5 – 0; absent – 2; Sarah Allen and Loni Meiborg.

#### **Community Connection**

Vice President Andy Gryske led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITION: Erik Olmen and Derek Zamzow competed at the state swimming meet. Alexander Douglas placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at the sectional wrestling meet. Scott Tappendorf for his quick thinking/response and problem solving when the heating system malfunctioned.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA- NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Vice President, Andy Gryske read into record a letter from a parent asking for consideration on going to weighted classes for high school.

### Information (I), Discussion (D), Action (A) Agenda Items:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (I, D): Vice President, Andy Gryske, gave an update on the Superintendent search.

CESA 6 REPORT (I, D): Sue Sorenson reviewed the CESA 6 report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (I, D): Mary Allen, Superintendent, gave an update on ESSER II (CARES funding for school from the federal government), spring coaches/sports and the cancelled choir cruse. The formula for ESSER II is still be discussed at the legislative level. This is not a typical year and we will be having some fall sports competing this spring.

SECONDARY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (I, D): Cathy Moore, Secondary Principal reported on secondary level book study. The group meets every two weeks and to reflect on the equitable grading. The current grading system was discussed.

ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (I, D): Gina Baxter, reported that the number of positive COVID cases still continues to decrease. IB self-assessment and state testing dates for this school year.

CONSIDER APPROVE OF TEACHER RESIGNATION (I, D, A): A motion was made by Sue Sorenson, seconded by Matt Bond to approve the resignation of Peter Hintz with much regret and sadness. Motion carried by voice vote of 5 – 0; absent – 2; Sarah Allen and Loni Meiborg. Peter Hintz will be moving to Minnesota at the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CO-OP AGREEMENT FOR BASEBALL, SOFTBALL, GOLF AND TRACK (I, D. A): A motion was made by Sue Sorenson, seconded by Matt Bond to approve the Co-op agreement with Princeton for baseball, softball, golf and track. Motion carried by voice vote of 5 – 0; absent – 2; Sarah Allen and Loni Meiborg.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF DPI MODEL POLICY FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION (I, D, A): A motion was made by Meade Grim, seconded by Sue Sorenson to approve the DPI model policy for special education. Motion carried by voice vote of 5-0; absent -2; Sarah Allen and Loni Meiborg.

CONSIDER EXTENSION OF FFCRA (I, D, A): Mary Allen, Superintendent

explained what FFCRA is. The FFCRA is 10 paid sick days for COVI -19 related reason i.e., exposure, quarantine etc. The extension goes through March 31, 2021 but will mostly likely be extended by federal legislation. This is not an additional 10 days added to the original 10 days. If you have used your 10 days your 10 days are done. A motion was made by Meade Grim, seconded by Loni Meiborg to approve the extension of FFCRA through March 31, 2021. Motion carried by voice vote of 7 – 0; absent – 0.

POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT (I, D, A): A motion was made by Sue Sorenson, Michelle Grimes to approve the 1st reading of policies 0100 – Definitions (Revised); 0142.5 – Vacancies (Revised); 0164.2 – Special Meetings (Revised); 1662/3392/4362 – Employee Anti-Harassment (Revised); 2260 – Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Educational Opportunity (Revised); 2260.01 – Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Discrimination Based on Disability (Revised); 2261.01 – Parent and Family Member Engagement in Title 1 Program (Revised); 2261.03 – District and School Report Card (New) 2271.01 – Start College Now (New/Revised); 2420 – Education for Employment (Replacement); 2460 Program for Student with Disabilities (Revised); 3131/4131 – Staff Furloughs (Revised). Motion carried by voice vote of 5 – 0; absent – 2; Sarah Allen and Loni Meiborg.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT (I, D, A): Sue Sorenson gave report. Mission and goals were discussed at the last meeting. A motion by Meade Grim, seconded by Sue Sorenson to approve the finance committee report. Motion carried by voice vote of 5 – 0; absent – 2; Sarah Allen and Loni Meiborg.

<u>BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT (I, D, A):</u> No report given. Will be having a meeting in the next couple of weeks.

MARKETING COMMITTEE (I, D, A): Michelle Grimes is the new Chair of the committee. Parent Survey was tabled. The school newsletter will be on the school website

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

A motion was made by Meade Grim, seconded by Matt Bond to adjourn Motion carried by voice vote of 5-0; absent -2; Sarah Allen and Loni Meiborg. Meeting adjourned at  $6:00\ p.m.$ ..

The next meeting will be held on March 17, 2021 via Zoom, if the stay at home and social distancing order are still in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Notice of any special meetings will be posted in the display case of the school at 612 Mill Street, the Horicon Bank, and the Green Lake Post Office.

Approved March 17, 2021

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CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: A motion was made by Andy Gryske, seconded by Meade Grim to approve the agenda and consent agenda, except for policy 0168.1; Meeting Minutes to be sent back to Policy Committee for further review. Motion carried by voice vote of 7-0; absent -0.

### **Community Connection**

Vice President Andy Gryske led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITION: Anonymous donation to the needy student fund. PTO for their

donation of supper for staff during parent teacher conferences. Webster's Marketplace for their continued support of public education through their grants.

Former student Grace Reininger alone with some college classmates gave a presentation on Literacy. Grace is currently a student at Winona State University in Minnesota.

<u>PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA- NON – ITEMS</u>: President, Sarah Allen and Vice President, Andy Gryske read into record 4 letters from a parents and citizens regarding possible changes to the grading system.

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CESA 6 REPORT (I, D): Sue Sorenson reviewed the CESA 6 report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (I. D): Mary Allen, Superintendent, gave an update on the Choir refunds for the choir trip that was supposed to happen during COVID shut down last March. Our school nurse who is contracted through CESA 6 has resigned from CESA and CESA will not be filling her vacant position at this time. An update was given on ESSER II and the Governor's budget.

SECONDARY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (I, D): Cathy Moore, Secondary Principal gave an update on the grading system. Student Council is planning a dress up week. Middle School Student Council has elected officers and our working on a community project. Prom planning has started. The date for prom is June 5, 2021 and will be held at Tuscombia with an outdoor venue planned. Our leadership class is doing a whole school study on hunger. CPR training for the senjors will be held on April 26 or 27.

Vice President, Andy Gryske spoke on the grading scale and shared his research on college entrance and what colleges look for. He also shared information on IB schools.

ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (I. D): Gina Baxter, Elementary Principal reviewed the vaccines available for staff and how staff can sign up for these vaccines and where they are available. Summer school will be face to face and we will be working with the Boys & Girls Club. The Boys & Girls Club will be surveying parents to see what they need. ACT testing is complete.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SCIENCE CLUB CAMPING TRIP (I, D, A): A motion was made by Matt Bond, seconded by Andy Gryske to approve the science club camping trip for April 11 - 13. Motion carried by voice vote of 7 – 0; absent – 0.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF WEBSTERS GRANT FOR SCIENCE CLUB (I, D,  $\underline{A}$ ): A motion was made by Andy Gryske, seconded by Loni Meiborg to approve the Webster's Grant for \$2,500.00 for the science club. Motion carried by voice vote of 7 – 0; absent – 0.

<u>CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TEACHER RESIGNATION (I, D, A):</u> A motion was made by Loni Meiborg, seconded by Matt Bond to approve the resignation of High School English teacher Gena Tigert. Ms. Tigert is leaving to continue working with her husband in their wedding venue business. We wish Ms. Tigert the best of luck and will miss her. of 7-0; absent -0.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF EARLY COLLEGE CREDIT AND START COLLEGE NOW APPLICATIONS (I. D. A): Mary Allen, Superintendent reviewed the applications with board. A motion was made by Loni Meiborg, seconded by Sue Sorenson to approve the early college credit and start college now applications. Motion carried by voice vote of 7 – 0; absent – 0.

SET TIME AND DATE FOR BOARD OF CANVASS FOR SPRING SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION (I, D, A): A motion was made by Meade Grim, seconded by Andy Gryske to set the date and time of board of canvass for April 7, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote of 7 – 0; absent – 0.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CLAY STREET HOUSE DEMOLITION BID (I, D, A): A motion was made by Meade Grim, seconded by Andy Gryske to approve the bid from R & R Wash Materials for \$13,195 which includes the alternate. Roll call vote – Meade Grim – yes; Andy Gryske – yes; Sue Sorenson – yes; Matt Bond – yes; Loni Meiborg – yes; Michelle Grimes – yes; Sarah Allen – yes. Motion carried by a vote of 7 – 0; absent – 0.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REOPENING PLAN (I, D, A): Gina Baxter, Elementary Principal reviewed the updates and changes to the plan with the board. Some of the changes include elementary cohorts will be put back together. Students will go through the lunch line in the cafeteria and take their lunches back to their class rooms. School library will be re-opening to students. Open campus for all high school students not just juniors and seniors. A motion

was made by Meade Grim, seconded by Matt Bond to approve the re-opening plan as presented. Motion carried by voice vote of 7 - 0; absent - 0.

CONSIDER PROPOSAL FOR EARLY LEARNING CENTER BATHROOM AND APPROVAL OF DESIGN AND BUILD COST (I. D. A): Gina Baxter, Elementary Principal, explained the need for the addition of the early learning center bathroom. A motion was made by Sarah Allen, seconded by Matt Bond to approve the early learning venter bathroom and design build cost as present. Roll call vote – Sarah Allen – yes; Matt Bond – yes; Sue Sorenson – yes; Meade Grim – yes; Loni Meiborg – yes; Michelle Grimes – yes; Andy Gryskeyes. Motion carried by a vote of 7 – 0; absent – 0.

POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT (I, D, A): A motion was made by Sue Sorenson, Michelle Grimes to approve the 1st reading of policies 3139/4139 – Staff Discipline (Revised); 3140 – Non-Renewal, Resignation and Termination (Revised); 3143 – Non-Renewal of Administrative Contracts (Revised); 3160/4160 – Physical Examination (Revised); 4140 – Termination and Resignation (Revised); 5111 – Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students (Revised); 5200 – Attendance (Revised); 5460 Graduation Requirements (Revised); 5517 – Student Anti-Harassment (Revised); 5630.01 – Use of Seclusion and Restraint with Students (Revised); 5630.01 – Use of Seclusion grederal Funds (Revised); 6116 – Time and Effort Reporting (Revised); 6145 – Borrowing (Deleted); 6147 – Debt Management (New); 6325 – Procurement (Revised), Motion carried by voice vote of 7 – 0; absent – 0.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT (I, D, A): Loni Meiborg reported to the board. On mission and vision statement. Food service continues to be an area of concern.

<u>BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT (I, D, A):</u> Matt Bond reported to the board. Moving forward with the demolition of the Clay Street house. Will be looking at and talking about long term projects coming this spring and summer.

MARKETING COMMITTEE (I, D, A): Michelle Grimes updated the board. The committee will be designing banners and promoting open enrollment.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

A motion was made by Sarah Allen, seconded by Andy Gryske to adjourn Motion carried by voice vote of 7-0; absent -0. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p m

The next meeting will be held on April 21, 2021 via Zoom, if the stay at home and social distancing order are still in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Notice of any special meetings will be posted in the display case of the school at 612 Mill Street, the Horicon Bank, and the Green Lake Post Office.

### Approved April 21, 2021

BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING MARCH 23, 2021 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AT 5.00 ZOOM

OPEN SESSION:

Convene – 5:02PM

Present: Andy – presided over the meeting

Meade, Loni, Matt, Michelle, Sue, Kristin Radke

by phone

Sarah advised Andy that she had to work late and

 $\mbox{would not be at the meeting} \\ \mbox{Motion to approve the agenda: Motion by Sue; $2^{nd}$ by Matt}$ 

No Public comments -

Motion to move into Closed Session: Motion by Sue; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Loni

Kristen Radke left the meeting Ted Locked the meeting

Approx. 6:20 Motion to move into Open Session: Motion by Loni; 2<sup>nd</sup> by

Sue

Motion to adjourn: Motion by Sue; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt

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## **Up Coming Important Dates:**

May 6 - 20: IB Testing

May 11 & 17: Music Concert

May 19, 7 pm: Senior Awards Night

May 20, 7 pm: Grade 5-8 Band Concert -

Gym

May 24-25: Senior trip to Dells

May 26, 5-6 pm: IB Gala (Exhibition,

Showcase, & Capstone)

May 27: Seniors' Last Day

May 28, 9:30 am Graduation Practice @

Vesper Circle

May 29, 2 pm: Graduation @ Vesper Circle

May 31: Memorial Day - No School

June 3 &4: Exams

June 2: 8th Grade promotion

June 5, 7 - 11 pm: Prom @ Tuscumbia

June 21 - July 22: Summer School