

**WHITEFORD SCHOOLS  
OTTAWA LAKE, MICHIGAN 49267**

**Special Meeting**

**October 29, 2024**

**Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Roll Call**

A special meeting of the Whiteford Agricultural School Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Shane Hillard on October 29, 2024. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Hillard. Members present were Shane Hillard, Dave Dixon, Jeff Bunge, and Jason Vida. Mike Iott, Janelle Young and Kristi Mock were absent.

Also present were Superintendent Scott L. Huard and Director of Finance & Business Services Marisa Tebbe-Cousino. There was 1 visitor in attendance.

**Approval of Temporary Secretary**

A motion was made by Shane Hillard, seconded by Jason Vida, to approve Jeff Bunge as temporary secretary for the October 29, 2024, Special Meeting. Motion approved – 4 yes (3 absent-Iott/Mock/Young)

**Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made by Dave Dixon, seconded by Jason Vida, to approve the October 29, 2024, Special Meeting Agenda as presented. Motion approved – 4 yes (3 absent-Iott/Mock/Young)

**Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**Recommendation to Hire JV Men's Basketball Coach**

A motion was made by Jeff Bunge, seconded by Dave Dixon, to contract with Edustaff and hire Robert "Bailey" Tear as the new JV Men's Basketball Coach. Mr. Tear will be paid at 6% of Step 1-BA of the Schedule A pay scale (\$2,474.04) of the 2023-2025 WEA Master Agreement and contingent upon favorable previous employer conduct and FBI/State of Michigan background checks. Motion approved – 4 yes (3 absent-Iott/Mock/Young)

**Recommendation to Create an Athletic Trainer Position**

A motion was made by Jason Vida, seconded by Dave Dixon, to create a full-time Athletic Trainer position for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year due to the absence of a contracted Athletic Trainer. This position will be covered by the general fund starting at \$45,000.00 (based upon experience). Motion approved – 4 yes (3 absent-Iott/Mock/Young)

**Presentation of 2023-2024 Audit (Cooley, Hehl, Sabo, and Calkins)**

Sarah Rafko attended the meeting and presented the 2023-2024 audited financial statements.

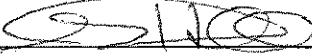
A motion was made by Jeff Bunge, seconded by Jason Vida, to approve the 2023-2024 fiscal year audit as presented. Motion approved – 4 yes (3 absent-Iott/Mock/Young)

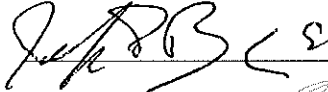
**Other Board Concerns/Reports**

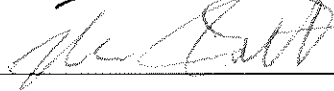
There were no Board of Education concerns.

**Adjournment**

The special meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Minutes approved , President

Minutes approved , Temporary Secretary

Minutes approved , Secretary