

**WHITEFORD SCHOOLS
OTTAWA LAKE, MICHIGAN 49267**

Special Meeting

February 23, 2023

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Roll Call

A special meeting of the Whiteford Agricultural School Board of Education was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Christine Bischoff on February 23, 2023. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Bischoff. Members present were Christine Bischoff, Mike Iott, Shane Hillard, Kristi Mock, Janelle Young, and Jeff Bunge. Dave Dixon was absent.

Also present were Superintendent Scott L. Huard, MS/HS Principal Jeremy Fielder, MS/HS Assistant Principal Jeremy Simmons, Dean of Students Ken Groch, and Robert Dietzel (Thrun Law Firm). There were 4 visitors in attendance.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Shane Hillard, seconded by Jeff Bunge, to approve the February 23, 2023, Special Meeting Agenda as presented. Motion approved – 6 yes, 1 absent (Dixon).

Public Comment

Please remember this is not a dialogue between the board members and yourself. However, we may follow-up with you at a later date. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to three (3) minutes in duration, and no participant may speak more than once. We ask that you be courteous. We also ask that you do not use any employee or student name(s) in your comments. Participants shall direct all comments to the Board and not to staff or other participants.

There was no public comment.

Appointment of Hearing Officer

A motion was made by Kristi Mock, seconded by Janelle Young, to appoint Robert Dietzel of Thrun Law Firm, P.C., to serve as hearing officer for the student discipline hearing conducted on February 23, 2023, and to make procedural and evidentiary rulings on behalf of the Board of Education. Motion approved – 6 yes, 1 absent (Dixon).

Closed Session – Consideration of Student Discipline

A motion was made by Mike Iott, seconded by Shane Hillard, pursuant to Section 8(b) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act and upon the request of the student's parents, to go into closed session for the purpose of considering disciplinary action for a student at 5:33 p.m. Motion approved – 6 yes, 1 absent (Dixon).

Student Disciplinary Hearing

A discipline hearing was conducted to consider the discipline of a student whose identity is known to the Board ("Student 2023-1").

Special Meeting Resumed

The special meeting resumed at 7:39 p.m.

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Board Action – Student Discipline

Following the hearing, a motion was made by Mike Iott, seconded by Janelle Young, that the Board finds that Student #2023-1 violated Section IV of the Student Code of Conduct and is suspended through the end of the 3rd marking period. Motion approved – 5 yes, 1 absent (Dixon), 1 abstain (Mock).

Approval of Three-Year Snow Removal Contract Extension

A motion was made by Shane Hillard, seconded by Jeff Bunge, to approve the three-year snow removal contract extension with MLS Property Maintenance (Steinman Family Services, LLC) as presented, for the 2023-2024, 2024-2025, and 2025-2026 snow seasons. Motion approved – 6 yes, 1 absent (Dixon).

Recommendation to Hire Middle School Assistant Track & Field Coach

A motion was made by Mike Iott, seconded by Kristi Mock, to hire Kristin Thomas through EduStaff as the new Middle School Assistant Track & Field Coach at 4% of step 6 at \$1672.32, and contingent upon favorable previous employer and FBI/State of Michigan background checks. Motion approved – 6 yes, 1 absent (Dixon).

Recommendation to Hire High School Assistant Track & Field Coach

A motion was made by Mike Iott, seconded by Janelle Young, to hire Jaycie Harris as the new High School Assistant Track & Field Coach at 4% of step 2 BA of the 2021-2023 WEA contract at \$1672.32. Motion approved – 6 yes, 1 absent (Dixon).

Other Board Concerns/Reports

There were no other board concerns at this time.

Adjournment

The special meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Minutes approved _____, President

Minutes approved _____, Secretary