

HOS Report 4/20/23

Policy 616,618

These were pulled and then reviewed by pedagogy. That committee is OK with the policy 618 being approved after committing to a plan that includes meeting the requirements of 618 around assessments in PE, Social Studies, Health, and the arts. This will be part of the work done by next year's Pedagogy committee. A note has been made in next year's folder to ensure it is taken up. 616 was approved, but a review was asked for.

Garage update

The bids were too high to accept (would have put us in violation of the debt service ratio), so OWA and I will be reissuing the information and requesting new bids with some changes to the requirements. This will most likely push completion and billing into next fiscal year, which is manageable-it just pushed back other projects like the greenhouse.

FIN 163/summer school

This fund was recently extended through September (originally terminated in June), so we are able to have one more summer of school that is funded through federal dollars (\$12,233.79). We are planning July 10 - July 28 (5 days/week for 3 weeks) from 9-noon. We are working with WAPS to integrate ESY as much as possible so that our students will have access to busing.

Financial management contract

We will be retaining BerganKDV on a 3 year contract beginning 7/1/23. Their bid was the lowest, and they were willing to reduce it slightly from their original ask while moving our annual grants into the contracted coverage (originally items like the REAP grant were extra charges on the boilerplate contract doc). Concerns with the competitive bids were staffing, lack of experience with affiliated building corporations, higher rates for the work, and higher hourly projections. BerganKDV has also put into place several efficiencies that work well for us including Divvy and Bill.com. We are also planning a PLT management extension with SMART ER to begin in July, so the logistics of a change are not attractive without a significant discount.

Travis from BerganKDV came to Bluffview on 4/7/23 and we started working on the budget. It includes shifting the garage build to next fiscal year, and adding the 4% increase in the general revenue formula (which is projected, but expected at this point), allowing us to offer staff a 3% increase across the board, adding 1 part time kitchen staff, and other increases like the BerganKDV contract.

Updated SY 22-23 Calendar

The calendar has been updated to reflect the changes to 4/3/23, 6/8/23, and 6/9/23. Of course, Monday's snow day will not prompt any administrative suggestions for further changes.

SY 2023-24 Calendar

This calendar reflects the WAPS calendar. The conference dates were offered for review by staff. An ongoing discussion is taking place regarding the need for an additional workshop day before school. Ideas include adding hourly pay for teachers to choose a work day between the Friday of inservice week, or the Friday preceding inservice week. Pedagogy felt that only teachers would need this flexibility. The reason is that inservice week has so many requirements now, it is hard to get all the “have to’s” done.

Early Childhood Screening

Much communication has taken place with VOA and MDE to establish the path we must take to ensure compliance. It is best practice for all children to attend Early Childhood screening at age 3 or 4, but may also attend as a 5 year old. We always suggest it. It is not always possible for the WAPS screening team to offer this to our incoming kindergarten students that may not have had the opportunity to go through the screening. This is due to time and resources. WAPS has always been a good partner in this process.

The question arose from VOA, as per a new E.C. rubric stating **The school ensures participating children have completed health and developmental screening within 90 days of program enrollment under Minnesota Statutes, sections 121A.16 to 121A.19**, and how are we ensuring that our students are getting the mandatory screening according said statute.

The MDE Charter Center replied: [Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124E.03, subdivision 7\(b\)](#) states, “A charter school that provides early childhood health and developmental screening must comply with sections 121A.16 to 121A.19 governing early childhood screening.” Additionally, section 121A.16 states, “Charter schools that elect to provide a screening program must comply with the requirements of sections 121A.16 to 121A.19.” This means that only charter schools that provide early childhood health and developmental screening have to ensure the screening requirements are met; otherwise charter schools are exempt per section 124E.03, subdivision 1.

All that to say that we, as a charter, are exempt from the requirements of having the students screened. Should we choose to offer that internally, we would be bound by the guidance in the statutes above.

I have communicated with the appropriate WAPS staff as a follow up.

- [Early Childhood Screening doc from MDE](#) (also in the consent agenda folder)
- MDE Website on EC Screening: <https://education.mn.gov/MDE/dse/early/elprog/scr/>
- The link is to the WAPS screening page for reference: <https://www.winonaschools.org/communityed/early-childhood/early-childhood-screenings>

Annual Staff, Family/Parent Surveys

In the consent agenda folder is a pdf of both surveys, ready to be administered. If you want changes/additions/subtractions please offer them in an open discussion and we will adjust as necessary.

VOA Conference

Shelly and I will be attending the conference June 12-14 in Bemidji. There is a great slate of sessions. The agenda is in the folder for those interested.

PELSB changes

Several changes have gone into effect on 4/15. The 2 that really impact us are snipped here:

Substitute Teaching (Effective April 15, 2023)

An individual holding a short-call substitute license is now authorized to replace a teacher or vacancy for up to 20 consecutive school days (formerly 15 consecutive days).

Out-of-Field Permissions (Effective April 15, 2023)

A school district is now able to bypass the posting requirement (15 or 60 days) when:

1. The teacher is enrolled in a teacher preparation program aligned to the assignment; or
2. The assignment is 0.25 FTE or less.

Out-of-State Teachers can received Middle Level Licenses (Effective April 15, 2023)

PELSB will issue a stand-alone middle level license when:

1. The teacher held a license from out-of-state aligned to the license sought and has two years of teaching experience; or
2. The teacher completed a teacher preparation program aligned to the license sought and completed student teaching equivalent to the student teaching requirement in Minnesota. (Note: The student teaching requirement is waived when the teacher has two or more years of teaching experience.)

Teachers who held multiple licenses in other states, for example, elementary education and middle level math, must apply for both licenses in Minnesota. Only teachers who received a stand-alone middle level license out-of-state are eligible to receive a stand-alone middle level license in Minnesota.

Parent Teacher Conference Attendance

Conferences	2022-23			
Classrrom	Fall		Spring	
student #s	attended	possible	attended	possible
CH1	21	22	20	22
CH2	18	20	17	20
CH3	21	21	18	21
E1A	23	25	23	25
E1B	25	25	21	24
E1C	24	25	23	25
E2A	22	25	23	25
E2B	23	25	20	24
E2C	23	24	19	23
Erdkinder	34	40	32	39
totals	234	252	216	248
% attendeded		92.86%		87.10%