

**Bluffview Montessori Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Joint Meeting with Winona
Area Public Schools ISD 861- April 17, 2019**

BMS Board Members Present- Erich Lippman, Ann-Marie Dunbar, Katie Kinneberg, Emily Schultz, Kelly Dicke, and Henry Schantzen

Board Members Absent: Molly Leifeld, Lauren Lund

WAPS Board Members Present- Michael Hanratty, Karl Sonneman, Allison Quam

Others in attendance: Lori Cloutier, Rich Dahman, Maurella Cunningham

1- Meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm.

2- Katie motioned, and Kelly seconded to approve agenda as amended for April 17, 2019. The vote was unanimous.

3- Katie motioned, and Emily seconded to approve board minutes from March 20, 2019. The vote was unanimous.

4- Open Forum - none

5- BMS Board Self Evaluations

- Please complete Google form by 4-23-19.

6- Long Range Budget Projection

- 5 year projection takes us to year school year 2022-2023
- Required to have fund balance of 24% or better; currently at 28.5% (does not include non teacher salary increase that went into effect this month).

7- Authorizer CAP and process moving forward

- Maurella - discussion with MDE about corrective action plan, MDE happy to hear WAPS will still be Bluffview's authorizer. Waiting for response from MDE about their review of the plan.

8- School Calendar discussion/length of school days/E-learning days

- Henry - reviewed data and legislature; we will claim four of the cancellation days; that will provide sufficient student contact days and allow June 6th to be the final student contact day for the 18-19 school year. BMS board will vote on the change next week at the board meeting (the board had previously approved for the last day of school to be extended to June 7th).

- Electronic learning (E-learning days) - the state recommends utilizing the e-learning days. WAPS will be looking at creating an e-learning policy/procedure. BMS can work cooperatively with WAPS and possible Ridgeway school to format a procedure together.

9- EL discussion

- Discussion of BMS needs. BMS has a budget line item for LEP of roughly \$14,000. Discussion of how BMS is reaching the needs of our 5 current students and the 3 we anticipate in the 19-20 school year.
- Maurella will reach out to WAPS' EL teachers to work with BMS in this effort.

10- Mental Health /suicide prevention

- Henry - BMS has done fundraising towards this effort. We have a licensed therapist each Friday working with various skills with the Erdkinder students; parent ed. night.
- 'Buddy bench' project construction to be used as educational space as well as for emotional and spiritual health. Construction hopefully starting in July to be a two year project.
- One day per week therapist from Winona Valley Mental Health as well as full time behavior interventionist who carries a therapy degree .
- Potential for monies to go towards mindfulness for CH, E1 and E2.
- Curriculum (Zones of Regulation) used by some CH and E1 staff to assist and teach children to learn about emotions.
- WAPS - middle school implementing Second Step program. Will meet once per week. Also used in grades 2 and 4 and another program for K and 1. Mindfulness at the 2 elementary schools. Title 4 monies possibly for mental health for behavior interventionist.
- Vaping is a concern to be addressed during student law day at the courthouse in May of 2019 and for professional development at both WAPS and BMS during the 19-20 school year.
- WAPS and BMS looking at adopting transgender/ non conforming policy and transgender name change form. Maurella will send Henry what they have already.

11- New Business - none

12- Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm