



### Regular Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: March 17, 2025, at 6:00 P.M.

Location: Stone Bank School Library

ATTENDANCE: Jeff Smith, Jim Tessmer, Jason Hornby, Lisa Bucheger, Mallory Biersack (6:11), Jon Schleusner  
Others: Marcie Kafura, Nicole Brown

CALL TO ORDER - Jeff Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC NOTICE REPORT - Posted at the front of the school, on the District website, and emailed to news media.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Jeff Smith motioned to adopt the agenda. Jim Tesmer seconded. Motion passed 4-0.  
(Mallory Biersack arrived after the motion)

PUBLIC PORTION - CITIZENS' COMMENTS - None

### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

#### A. Budget Update

Jon Schleusner discussed the Revenue Limit, which still presents many uncertainties. We are awaiting numbers from federal sources in April and state sources in July. A declining enrollment exemption of \$165,000 is likely due to a decrease in the number of full-time equivalents (FTE). Jon continued to review the spreadsheet of the Revenue Limit Calculator. Discussions about increasing Special Education funding emphasize its benefits for all students by providing essential resources that support Special Education and leaving funds to be allocated to regular education programs. The budget deficit is projected to be around \$200-\$300,000. Certified staff needs to be reviewed in April, and support staff after that.

### APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Consider Approval of item VIII. B, C, and D
- b. Board Minutes: Regular Board Meeting - February 17, 2025
- c. Board Minutes: Committee as a Whole Meeting - March 3, 2025
- d. Financial Summary - Accounts Payable - \$188,510.34

Jeff Smith asked board members to consider approval of items B, C, and D. Mallory Biersack seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

### DISCUSSION

#### A. 2025-2026 District Enrollment Update

We have 242 and are projecting 231. Another month of open enrollment. 10 in and 4 out for open enrollment.

#### B. Joint Board Meeting

Superintendents compared notes. Jeff Smith sent a summary. Some districts are much more interested in consolidation talks than others. There are upcoming shared services discussions. Consolidation involves more than shared services; it would also include closing buildings.



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#### C. Day at the Capitol

During the meeting, Jason Hornby addressed various topics as they arose. He heard discussions about increasing Special Education funding from 30% to 60%, with a long-term goal of reaching 90%. It was noted that the budget will be delayed as we await court decisions. WASB's main talking points were focused on Special Education Funding and increasing Spendable Resources (revenue limits and per-pupil categorical aids).

#### D. Facilities

##### 1. Parking lot lights and the Pieper Power Quote

The original quote was from Pieper Power for \$8700. New Quote is from Circle for \$5500. Waiting on one more quote. Seeking approval at the meeting in April. Members agree it is something we need to approve.

##### 2. Drainage easement from the Town

Jon Schleusner talked to the Town of Merton. DNR is requesting that the Town obtain the easement documentation. During the meeting, Administrators discussed water drainage issues around the grounds. The town agreed to look at drainage issues and give opinions.

##### 3. Drainage in the back of the building

The Town of Merton is scheduled to come to the grounds to look at the area.

##### 4. Generator

The generator that is connected to the cooler and freezer is damaged from mice. The cost of the repair is \$3800. Board members questioned if the generator can be used for other areas.

##### 5. School water

The water fountains have a distinct taste. Most usage comes from the fountain by the gym. The filter needs to be changed more frequently. The water softener has been cleaned/repared, and the water seems to taste better. Members are concerned about the other components of the building if there is a hard water problem. The consensus is to look into an iron curtain.

#### ACTION ITEMS

##### A. Motion to approve the "Drainage Easement Agreement" between Stone Bank School District and the Town of Merton.

Jeff motioned to *table* the "Drainage Easement Agreement" between Stone Bank School District and the Town of Merton. Mallory seconded the motion. 5-0

##### B. Motion to approve the Pieper Power quote dated February 5, 2025, in the amount of \$8,500.00.

Jeff motioned to *table* the Pieper Power quote dated February 5, 2025, in the amount of \$8,500.00. Mallory seconded the motion. 5-0

##### C. Motion to approve the Arrowhead Area Summer Beginning Band Camp Cooperative 66.0301 Agreement for the summer of 2025.

Jeff Smith motioned to approve the Arrowhead Area Summer Beginning Band Camp Cooperative 66.0301 Agreement for the summer of 2025. Mallory Biersack seconded the motion. Band camp will take place at Lake Country School. 5-0



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- D. Motion to approve the School District of Elmbrook 66.03 Contractual Agreement 2025-2026.  
Jeff Smith motioned to approve the School District of Elmbrook 66.03 Contractual Agreement 2025-2026. Mallory Biersack seconded the motion. We do not pay into the agreement because we do not currently need services. 5-0
- E. Motion to approve the Occupational Therapy Services 66.0301 Agreement for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.  
Jeff Smith motioned to approve the Occupational Therapy Services 66.0301 Agreement for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. Mallory Biersack seconded. It is a continuation of current services. 5-0

BOARD COMMENTS

Consider selling the ¼ acre that was discussed. Is there anything it can be used for? Fair market value?

CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION - At 7:45 p.m., Jeff Smith motioned to roll call vote to go into Closed Session pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85 (1) (c), considering the hiring, promotion, compensation, and performance evaluations of specific persons. The board may reconvene into an open session and act on action items from the closed session, if deemed necessary and appropriate, and continue with additional agenda items. The Board of Education may move into closed session to (1) Review/Finalize Individual Administrator Contracts.

Roll Call Vote: Jeff Smith-aye, Mallory Biersack-aye, Jim Tessmer-aye, Jason Hornby-aye, and Lisa Bucheger-aye  
See Closed Session Minutes

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Motion to approve Administrative contracts for the 2025-2027 term  
Jeff Smith motioned to approve the Administrative contracts for the 2025-2027 term. Mallory Biersack seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Jeff Smith-aye, Mallory Biersack-aye, Jim Tessmer-aye, Jason Hornby-aye, and Lisa Bucheger-aye. The motion passed 5-0

ADJOURNMENT - Jeff Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. Mallory Biersack seconded. The meeting adjourned.