

The December 20, 2023, the Regular Meeting of the Whitehall Board of Education was held at Whitehall School District and via Google meets. President, Jason Molis called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Roll was called, and a quorum established. Other Board members present: Byron Fields, Julie Dokkestul, Dave Pientok, Emily Herness, Jonathan Sygulla, and Stephanie Brueggen. Others present: Megan Densmore, Trempealeau County Times; Andrew Dennehy; as well as other members of the community and staff.

Dokkestul motioned to approve the following items of the Motion Calendar:

Motion calendar:

- A. Approve minutes of November 27, 2023, Regular Meeting
- B. Approve minutes of November 27, 2023, Executive Session
- C. Approve extracurricular contracts
- D. Approve monthly vouchers

Second by Sygulla. Aye – all members. Motion carried.

Pientok motioned to approve Instructional Calendar for 2024-2025 - TVC 2.0 Version. Fields seconded. Aye-all members. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held on the following.

- A. Bell Schedule for the 2023-2024 School Year
- B. Artificial Intelligence Update –
We are continuing to research and build a vision of what the future will look like. We are engaging with every trusted resource we know and are made aware of. The most important thing for us all to remember is that AI tools are just that. They are tools that do what people “tell” them to do. AI is a major advancement in computing power and data collection/analysis, but it still needs to be “turned on” by humans. No one in our region is looking to replace teachers with computers or robots, but if AI tools can allow greater efficiencies in the educational process and allow educators to focus on the human side of things, we have both an opportunity and obligation to make the structural changes that the future may well require. In essence, an important way to communicate this issue of AI is that Artificial Intelligence is the tool that may finally allow us to make the structural changes that have been needed in public education for a long time. Things like individualized learning, year around flexible learning and competency-based learning vs. seat time (Carnegie Unit) look to now be feasible while freeing up our educators to focus on individual needs of kids. This will allow educators to focus on maximizing potential in each person as opposed to structurally restricting growth based on artificial limits of human capacity and restrictions of resource based logistical schedules that have been outdated for many years.
- C. CO-OP Update with Cluster A and TVC2.0
- D. Emerging Technology Center Progress Tour

Pientok motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:47pm. Fields seconded. Aye-all members. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47pm.

Megan Densmore
Recording Secretary