

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT #22, CASS COUNTY,
WEEPING WATER, NEBRASKA
January 24, 2023

President Adam DeMike called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM in the Weeping Water Public School MPR.

Board members attendance at roll call were **Present:** Jason Brack, Haley Dehne, Adam DeMike, Betty Harms, Neil Huskey, Doug Meyer, Mark Rathe. Doug Meyer arrived at 6:50pm**Absent:** Doug Meyer.

Respectfully submitted,

Board Secretary

1. Call to Order

Present: Jason Brack, Haley Dehne, Adam DeMike, Betty Harms, Neil Huskey, Mark Rathe, **Absent:** Doug Meyer.

2. Roll Call

Present: Doug Meyer. Doug Meyer arrived at 6:50pm

3. Open Meetings Act

4. Community Engagement Meeting

Caden Frank from the NASB led the discussion. A full report of the meeting will be compiled by May. Once completed, it will be attached to this agenda.

5. Public Input

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.



**Weeping Water Public Schools
Community Engagement
Community Engagement Meeting Report
January 24th, 2023**

Weeping Water Board

Adam DeMike
Hayle Dehne
Doug Meyer
Mark Rathe
Jason Brack
Neil Huskey
Betty Harms

Weeping Water Administrators

Kevin Reiman, Superintendent
Amy Kroll
Bristol Wenzl
Michelle Heath
Mary Mozena
Shirley Brack, Admin Assistant

Discussion Groups

Group 1

Paul Armbrust.....Parent
Krystl Knabe..... Certified Staff
Cody KnoppParent
Stephanie Shafer..... Certified Staff
Kim Hammer..... Certified Staff
Frank DeMike Community
Celena Mortimer..... Parent
Matt Mortimer..... Parent

Group 2

Haylie Lewis.....Parent
Shirley Nutter Community
Sherri Wilson..... Community
Whitney RakesParent
Morgan Brunsting.....Parent

Group 3

Ericka Coffey Certified Staff
Kristie Hartman Certified Staff
Deb ReimanParent
Dawn Bickford..... Classified Staff
Carmen Garner..... Certified Staff
Brandi Edmond..... Certified Staff

Group 4

Lori Stackpole Parent
Vickie Switzey Grandparent
Vicki Dehne Grandparent
Mark Dehne.....Classified Staff
Cody Seger Parent
Leslie Seger Parent

Group 5

Steve Hauschild.....Community
Diana ChristensenCommunity
Jeff NeumeisterCommunity
Mindy HauschildCommunity
Kaylea McCaulley.....Student

Group 6

Elissa McGill..... Business Leader
Adam McGill.....Certified Staff
Charlie CoverCertified Staff
April Cover Business Leader
Jordan West..... Parent
Amy Gerloff Parent
Julie Meyer..... Parent
Jamie Flanagan Parent
Renee Sheehan Grandparent



1) Identify the points of pride, accomplishments, and achievements of Weeping Water Public Schools.

- Excellent facilities (6)
 - Top in the County
 - New Gym, Building enhancements
 - Community Rec Facilities (4)
- Strong Admin Team (5)
 - Excellent, Involved Superintendent and Principals
- Extracurricular Success/Sports Success (4)
 - Distinction in Fine Arts and Athletics
- Educational Opportunity Access (4)
 - Dual Credit Courses (3)
 - Work Release (2)
 - Culinary Classes
 - Leadership, Life Skills, Industrial Tech
- Options for Activities/Extracurriculars (4)
 - Choir, Speech, Sports, LL Program
 - Schedule of Activities
- FFA program (3)
- Small Class Sizes/Student-Teacher Ratio (3)
- Onsite Daycare/Childcare (3)
- Great Community (3)
 - Safe
 - Pride in Community
 - Community Support
 - Students and Staff are close and engaged
- Social Media/District App (3)
- Lunches/Food Service (2)
- Low staff turnover (2)
- Great Teachers/Staff (2)
 - Veteran Staff invested in Community
- Interventions/PBIS (2)
- 1-1 Computers
- Music Program
- Concessions
- Senior Scholarship Opportunities
- Referrals for Services
- Sixpence Center Based Program
- Instructional Framework
- Test Scores Growth

2) Identify the challenges that currently impact or may impact the district and the community in the future.

- Housing (6)
 - Need Open Space to Build
 - Affordable Lots/Housing
 - Clear Old/Dilapidated housing
 - Landlocked(3)
- Life Skills Education (3)
 - Technology Skills (2)
 - Taxes
 - Job Skills
- Aging building (3)
 - Keeping facilities up despite economic downturn
- Before and After School Programs (3)
 - Nothing available for Working Parents
 - After 5:30 for working parents
- Childcare (3)
 - Facilities
 - No Community resources
- Opt-Out Families
- Low State Funding (2)
- Staffing (2)
 - Teachers and Paras
 - Bus Drivers
- Extracurricular Activities (2)
 - Graduation Requirement
- Negative vs. Positive ratings/comments
- Cameras on Football field to Stream games
- More CTE Classes
 - IT, Mechanics
- Getting to Great/Excellent on State report card
- Low class Sizes
- Buses and Transportation
- Engaging Students of All Levels
- Highest Free/Reduced Rate among Neighbors
- High Mobility
- Kids not coming back to the community
- Student Leadership
- Elective Classes/More Opportunities for Non-sports kids
- Racism/Cultural Awareness
- Small community, Parents Work out of town
- Follow up with student concerns about educational struggles

3) If you could implement one change to benefit student success, what would it be?

- Student Leadership Council/Advisory Committee (2)
 - Kids bringing up issues and struggles
 - Anonymous dropbox
- Parent Involvement and Accountability (2)
 - Parents that know what is happening in the classroom
 - Parent support for success and grades
- Positive School Culture
 - Students Supporting each other
- Support Academics/Arts in addition to Sports
- Student Resilience
- Face-to-Face Communication
- Small group student work – differentiation in the classroom to meet student needs
- Measure of Success for each student is different
- Diversity of Coursework
 - Trades, Skills, Medical, Construction
- Dual Credit
 - Certificate Programs
 - CNA Programs
- New, Fresh Teachers/Experiences
- National Guard/JROTC
- Using community Resources
- Financial Literacy
 - Knowing money, budgeting, taxes, insurance
- Interventions
 - HAL Students
 - Students with Social Skills Needs
 - Students with Trauma
 - Students with Academic Needs
- Extracurriculars
 - Speech, Chess Club, STEM Program, Health Care Academy, Robotics team
- Getting Students More Involved
 - Meaningful community service
 - Helping the booster club
 - Focus on multiple activities
 - Gauging student interest
- Good PR