

NEENAH JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education

January 15, 2013

The meeting of the Board of Education was held in the Board room of the Administration Building on Tuesday, January 15, 2013.

President Scott Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and ascertained that the meeting had been properly noticed on the District's web site and at each of the school buildings. Board members Betsy Ellenberger, Christine Grunwald, Peter Kaul, Christopher Kunz, Kirk Leaser, John Lehman, Steve Lenz, Jeff Spoehr, Scott Thompson, and the following administrators were present: Mary Pfeiffer, District Administrator; Victoria Holt, Assistant District Administrator of Human Resources & Central Services; Steve Dreger, Assistant District Administrator of Learning & Leadership; Paul Hauffe, Director of Business Services; Jon Joch, Director of Revenue Enhancements & Business Services Support; and Diane Doersch, Director of Instructional Technology. The absences of student representatives Luke Nelessen and Jessica Werhand were excused. Diane Haug was present as Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk.

OPEN FORUM

As no one present wished to address the Board, President Thompson declared the open forum closed at 6:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Christopher Kunz and seconded by Christine Grunwald to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2012 regular meeting. The motion carried by a vote of six yes (Grunwald, Kunz, Lehman, Lenz, Spoehr, Thompson) and three abstentions (Ellenberger, Kaul, Leaser).

Motion was made by Christopher Kunz and seconded by Betsy Ellenberger to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2013 special meeting. The motion carried by a vote of eight yes (Ellenberger, Grunwald, Kaul, Kunz, Leaser, Lenz, Spoehr, Thompson) and one abstention (Lehman).

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

District Administrator Pfeiffer...

- shared a recent email she received from a parent in the District regarding several members of the boys' basketball team spending time with the parent's young son.
- welcomed a crossing guard who was in attendance and asked Jeff Spoehr, Board Clerk, to read a proclamation from State Superintendent of Schools Tony Evers recognizing January 14-18, 2013 as Adult School Crossing Guard Awareness Week.
- introduced Philip Johnson, Principal of Roosevelt Elementary and Alliance Charter, who, along with staff from Roosevelt and Alliance, presented information related to their school goals and progress.

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OFFICIAL ACTION

Motion was made by Peter Kaul to approve the items under Consent Agenda as follows: 1. Employment of Personnel which includes a request for retirement of a teacher (Dawn Schneidewend, kindergarten teacher at Coolidge) (Exhibit 1-A-13) and 2. Presentation of Accounts (Schedule of Vouchers No. 06 dated December 31, 2012 reflecting revenues of \$7,980,206.68 and expenditures of \$5,276,535.75) (Exhibit 1-B-13). The motion was seconded by Christopher Kunz and carried by unanimous vote. Board members thanked Mrs. Schneidewend for her years of service to the Neenah Joint School District.

Paul Hauffe, Director of Business Services, reviewed the suggested revisions to the 2012-13 school budget (Exhibit 1-C-13). President Thompson requested that monthly budget updates come to the full Board and a column be added for 2011-12 actual vs. budget for 2012-13. Motion was made by John Lehman to approve the resolution to amend the 2012-2013 school budget. The motion was seconded by Steve Lenz and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Dr. Pfeiffer shared some updated and new NEOLA Board Policies in the 3000 series (Exhibit 1-D-13) and answered questions of Board members. Dr. Pfeiffer stated that she would check on all policies related to collective bargaining and update them appropriately. Motion was made by Christopher Kunz and seconded by Jeff Spoehr to approve the Board Policy Sections 2000 and 3000, including the updated and new 3000 policies, for a second reading. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

Dr. Pfeiffer provided background information regarding the Communications Committee and introduced Phil Johnson, Diane Galow, and Michael Tauscher, the District administrators who headed up the Communications Committee. Mr. Johnson introduced other members of the Communications Committee and Mr. Tauscher and Ms. Galow provided additional background regarding the Communications Committee and introduced Joe Donovan from the Donovan Group, a communications consultant who worked with the Communications Committee. Mr. Donovan put together a Communications Audit (Exhibit 1-E-13) and with the committee, developed a Communications Plan (Exhibit 1-F-13). Mr. Donovan presented the recommendations of the Communications Committee laid out in the Communications Plan and answered questions of Board member. President Thompson requested information regarding other district comparables. The Communications Plan will be brought back at the February 5, 2013 Board of Education meeting for a vote.

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Motion was made by Peter Kaul to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2012 Finance and Personnel Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Christopher Kunz and carried by a committee vote of three yes (Kaul, Kunz, Lehman) and one abstention (Ellenberger).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Clerk Jeff Spoehr presented the names of candidates and their placement on the April 2, 2013 Board of Education election ballot and stated that the following individuals are certified to fill three (3) three-year terms on the Board of Education: Jeff Spoehr, Jean

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Maurice Boyer, Jay Schroeder, and Christopher Kunz (Exhibit 1-G-13). Board members thanked Christine Grunwald, who has filed a Notice of Non-Candidacy and will not be running again, for her years of service on the Board of Education.

Jon Joch, Director of Revenue Enhancements & Business Services Support, reminded Board members of the two \$1,000 Board of Education scholarships given out last year and shared how the Board members may make additional contributions to the scholarship fund. Mr. Joch stated that he will need to know by the end of March whether the Board plans to provide the same dollar amount for this year.

Christine Grunwald stated that the final meeting of the Standards Based Grading Committee will be held on Thursday and she will summarize the work of the committee at the next Board meeting.

Betsy Ellenberger shared that she recently visited the Downtown Campus and encouraged other Board members to visit.

Paul Hauffe stated that he will be getting an invitation out for Board members to enjoy lunch at Neenah High School in the near future.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No new items.

ADJOURNMENT

President Thompson announced that it would be necessary to adjourn the regular meeting and to subsequently reconvene in closed session. Motion was made by Peter Kaul to adjourn and that the Board reconvene in closed session according to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c)(f) for the purpose of approval of minutes of the December 18, 2012 closed session meeting, discipline of specific students, and discussion of specific personnel. The motion was seconded by Jeff Spoehr and carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened in closed session at 7:47 p.m. for the purpose of approval of minutes of the December 18, 2012 closed session meeting, discipline of specific students, and discussion of specific personnel.

ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

Motion to adjourn closed session was made by Peter Kaul, seconded by John Lehman, and carried by unanimous vote. The closed session adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Diane Haug
Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk

Jeff Spoehr
Board Clerk