

NEENAH JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education
October 18, 2011

A special meeting of the Board of Education was held in the Board room of the Administration Building on Tuesday, October 18, 2011.

President Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and ascertained that proper notice of the meeting had been given to the local newspaper and that the meeting had been properly noticed on the District's website and at each of the school buildings. Board members Betsy Ellenberger, Christine Grunwald, Peter Kaul, Christopher Kunz, Kirk Leeser, John Lehman, Larry Lewis, Jeff Spoehr, and Scott Thompson, and the following administrators were present: Mary Pfeiffer, District Administrator; Victoria Holt, Assistant District Administrator of Human Resources & Central Services; Mark Duerwaechter, Assistant District Administrator of Secondary Learning & Leadership; Steve Dreger, Assistant District Administrator of Elementary Learning & Leadership; Anne Lang, Director of Pupil Services; Paul Hauffe, Director of Business Services; and Jon Joch, Director of Revenue Enhancements & Business Services Support. Diane Haug was present as Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk.

President Thompson announced that the purpose of the special meeting was to conduct a required public hearing on the proposed 2011-12 Neenah Joint School District budget. A summary of the proposed budget (Draft #2) was made available to those in attendance (Exhibit 10-C-11).

Paul Hauffe, Director of Business Services, presented an overview of the proposed 2011-12 school budget including the budget development process, major differences from the 2010-11 budget, budget summary by fund, tax levy history, distribution of revenues and expenditures, general fund budget by object, summary of staff, long-term debt schedule, and fund balance information.

Jean Maurice Boyer, 1101 Nicolet Boulevard, Neenah, questioned whether the District is setting aside enough money to cover any unfunded pension liabilities or any other longer term debt commitments that the District may have. District Administrator Pfeiffer stated that currently the District has significant unfunded liabilities but that it will be necessary to have additional conversations. President Thompson stated that the Act 10 changes have given the District some flexibility in how the liabilities can be addressed.

Kari Hawkinson, 819 Sundial Lane, Neenah, stated that she was representing the Tullar PTO, thanked the Board for keeping elementary class sizes small, and urged the Board to maintain the smaller class sizes for the 2012-13 school year.

President Thompson thanked everyone for attending and for their comments and interest.

Board minutes are available on the district's web site: www.neenah.k12.wi.us

President Thompson stated that the Board intended to vote on adoption of the proposed 2011-12 budget during the Board meeting scheduled to begin at the conclusion of this special meeting.

Motion was made by Scott Thompson and seconded by Jeff Spoehr to adjourn the special meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The budget hearing adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Diane Haug
Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk

Jeff Spoehr
Board Clerk