

NEENAH JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education

October 18, 2011

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

President Scott Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. and ascertained that proper notice had been given to the local newspapers and that the meeting had been properly noticed at each of the school buildings. Board members Betsy Ellenberger, Christine Grunwald, Peter Kaul, Christopher Kunz, Kirk Leeser, John Lehman, Larry Lewis, Jeff Spoehr, Scott Thompson, student representative Alissa Rashid, 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 Elementary Learning & Leadership; Mark Duerwaechter, Assistant District Administrator of Secondary Learning & Leadership; Anne Lang, Director of Pupil Services; Paul Hauffe, Director of Business Services; and Jon Joch, Director of Revenue Enhancements & Business Services Support. The absence of student representative Jessica Werhand was 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 7:09 p.m.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD CONSIDERATION OF OPEN FORUM ISSUES

No comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Betsy Ellenberger and seconded by Peter Kaul to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2011 special meeting. The motion carried by a vote of eight yes (Ellenberger, Grunwald, Kaul, Kunz, Leeser, Lewis, Spoehr, Thompson) and one abstention (Lehman).

Motion was made by Peter Kaul and seconded by Christine Grunwald to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2011 regular meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Alissa Rashid...

- provided an update on recent student council news.
- invited everyone in attendance to the NHS musical The Sound of Music which continues this weekend.
- stated that parent-teacher conferences will be held next Tuesday and Wednesday.
- provided an update to recent sporting events.
- reported that the NHS orchestras attended a string festival at UW-Whitewater and earned firsts in their respective categories.
- shared that the recent blood drive was a success.

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DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

District Administrator Pfeiffer...

- invited Board members to the Reality Store in the Conant gym at NHS tomorrow.
- reported that 233 senior citizens attended the Senior Citizen Dinner Theater last week at Neenah High School.
- informed all in attendance that the Rocket Memorial Soccer Stadium was built in the spring/summer of 2007 and that in April of 2010 the Finance and Personnel Committee received a request from the soccer booster club to add restroom facilities to the soccer stadium pending fundraising and approval of the Board of Education. Dr. Pfeiffer acknowledged Randy Bockin, Facilities Supervisor at Neenah High School, for his work in overseeing the project and introduced Activities Director Jim Strick, who introduced Jan Williams and Kathy Brost from the soccer booster club, and acknowledged Jim Perras from Consolidated Construction. Dr. Pfeiffer acknowledged others who donated and played a significant role in the project.

OFFICIAL ACTION

Motion was made by Christopher Kunz to approve the items under Consent Agenda as follows: 1. Presentation of Accounts (Schedule of Vouchers No. 3 dated September 30, 2011 reflecting revenues of \$5,591,107.15 and expenditures of \$5,687,473.45) (Exhibit 10-D-11) and 2. Investment Report (Exhibit 10-E-11) The motion was seconded by Peter Kaul and carried by unanimous vote.

2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR BUDGET

Discussion ensued regarding whether the Board should levy the additional \$500,000 for ongoing maintenance costs. Motion was made by Scott Thompson to adopt the preliminary 2011-2012 School Budget as presented at the public hearing (Exhibit 10-F-11). The motion was seconded by Jeff Spoehr and carried by a roll call vote of eight yes (Ellenberger, Grunwald, Kaul, Lehman, Leeser, Lewis, Spoehr, Thompson) and one no (Kunz).

CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Motion was made by Larry Lewis to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2011 Curriculum and Program Development Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Kirk Leeser and carried by unanimous committee vote. Chair Christine Grunwald stated that the Committee reviewed the 2011 summer school program and planned for the 2012 program.

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chair John Lehman stated that next meeting of the Finance and Personnel Committee will take place on Tuesday, October 25, 2011, at 5:00 p.m. Mrs. Holt stated that the agenda would include a food service update and contract review and an OPEB update.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Duerwaechter announced that the staff whose students are slated to receive iPads will be receiving training at the Professional Learning session tomorrow and that by Thursday and Friday, the students are scheduled to receive their iPads.

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FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Christopher Kunz requested a review of the current expulsion policy as it relates to drugs. Dr. Pfeiffer stated this policy would be coming up as part of the NEOLA Board Policy review process.

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 Jeff Spoehr to adjourn and that the Board reconvene in closed session according to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(f)(g) for the purpose of approval of minutes of the October 4, 2011 closed session meeting, discipline of specific students, and potential litigation. The motion was seconded by Peter Kaul and carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened in closed session at 7:52 p.m. for the purpose of approval of minutes of the October 4, 2011 closed session meeting, discipline of specific students, and potential litigation.

ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

Motion to adjourn closed session was made by Peter Kaul, seconded by Betsy Ellenberger, and carried by unanimous vote. The closed session adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Diane Haug
Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk

Jeff Spoehr
Board Clerk