

NEENAH JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education

October 19, 2010

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held in the Board room of the Administration Building on Tuesday, October 19, 2010.

President Scott Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and ascertained 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, John Lehman, Jeff Spoehr, Scott Thompson, Colleen Zuro-White, student representatives Noah White and Alissa Rashid, 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. The absence of Larry Lewis was excused. Diane Haug was present as Board Secretary.

OPEN FORUM

Tom Hanby, 706 E. Forest Avenue, Neenah, questioned what the total number of staff members who chose to switch to Network Health Plan was and commented on the Baker Tilly Report.

Cody Hanby, 706 E. Forest Avenue, Neenah, 7th grade student at Shattuck Middle School, shared information about the Boys' & Girls' Brigade and their wreath sale.

President Thompson declared the open forum closed at 7:04 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD CONSIDERATION OF OPEN FORUM ISSUES

Superintendent Pfeiffer stated that she sent a press release to the Post-Crescent which was printed in the newspaper with the final information regarding the employee switch to Network Health Plan and that a total of 134 employees chose to make the switch at this time for a total savings of \$370,000 for this year and an estimated savings of \$470,000 for next year. Dr. Pfeiffer shared that the Board will be having a conversation regarding the Baker Tilly report at a special meeting prior to the regular Board meeting on November 2, 2010.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Betsy Ellenberger and seconded by Peter Kaul to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2010 special meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Betsy Ellenberger and seconded by Colleen Zuro-White to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2010 regular meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Christine Grunwald and seconded by Peter Kaul to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2010 special meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

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STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Noah White and Alissa Rashid...

- stated that there would be a noon dismissal tomorrow, October 20, 2010, and that there would be no school on Thursday and Friday, October 28 and 29, 2010, due to Teachers Convention.
- reported that the Wizard of Oz will be performed at NHS again this coming weekend and that the middle school drama team is planning to attend the Friday performance.
- shared that a family reading night is taking place at Horace Mann Middle School tonight.
- reported that the Coats for Kids campaign is taking place at schools throughout the District at this time.
- shared that Clayton School will be holding their fall family night on October 20, 2010.
- stated that Hoover is celebrating Red Ribbon week.
- reported that NHS student council is currently working on a list of school issues and is looking at transitioning to a closed council for next year as opposed to the current open council.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Pfeiffer ...

- provided a follow-up regarding Nick Bezier's concerns with water bubblers at Shattuck Middle School.
- stated that the first meeting of the Budget Advisory Committee took place last night, October 18, 2010, and that the Board could expect a report from this committee in February, 2011.
- commended Shelley Aaholm, NHS Spanish teacher, for her work in organizing the Helping Hands Art and Craft Fair again this year which took place on Saturday, October 16, 2010.
- wished Board member Jeff Spoehr a happy birthday.

OFFICIAL ACTION

Motion was made by Jeff Spoehr and seconded by Christopher Kunz to approve the items under Consent Agenda as follows: 1. Presentation of Accounts (Schedule of Vouchers No. 3 dated September 30, 2010 reflecting revenues of \$5,561,734.37 and expenditures of \$5,538,426.76) (Exhibit 10-D-10); 2. Investment Report (Exhibit 10-E-10); and 3. Employment of Personnel which includes a request for employment of an administrator (Kerry Rutishauser, Principal at Wilson Elementary School) (Exhibit 10-F-10). The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Paul Hauffe, Director of Business Services, presented information regarding a resolution for 2010-11 Short-Term Borrowing for Cash Flow Purposes (Exhibit 10-G-10). Motion was made by Peter Kaul to adopt a resolution authorizing the Neenah Joint School District to open a \$4,500,000 Line of Credit from Chase at a variable interest rate of 1-month LIBOR rate +1.25% as presented. The motion was seconded by Betsy Ellenberger and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chair John Lehman and Mr. Hauffe presented the quarterly budget projection of receipts and expenditures for the 2010-2011 school year (Exhibit 10-H-10).

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CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Due to the fact that she was the only committee member present at the September 28, 2010 Curriculum and Program Development Committee meeting, Chair Christine Grunwald approved the minutes as presented.

Several Board members requested the Summer School Review be resent via email as they did not receive the report.

Chair Grunwald shared that she participated in a learning walk at Wilson School today and visited a kindergarten classroom.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeff Spoehr reported that Coach Piepenbrink has been painting the baseball field at NHS and that the field is looking very sharp.

Betsy Ellenberger stated that she was delightfully surprised to hear the cast of the Wizard of Oz on WHBY radio recently.

Peter Kaul shared that he attended a learning walk last week and was very impressed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

It was decided to meet at 5:00 p.m. next Tuesday, October 26, 2010, to continue the work with the NEOLA Board Policies for one hour. The Board and Dr. Pfeiffer will continue to meet at 6:00 p.m. that same evening to discuss her goals.

Mr. Dreger and Mr. Duerwaechter will update the BOE/Committee calendar and send it out to all Board members.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jeff Spoehr, seconded by Colleen Zuro-White, and carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Diane Haug
Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk

Jeff Spoehr
Board Clerk