

NEENAH JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Board of Education

November 1, 2011

The meeting of the Board of Education was held in the Board room of the Administration Building on Tuesday, November 1, 2011.

Vice President John Lehman called the meeting to order at 7:00 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, student representatives Alissa Rashid and Jessica Werhand, 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 Scott Thompson was excused. Diane Haug was present as Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk.

OPEN FORUM

As no one present wished to address the Board, Vice President Lehman declared the open forum closed at 7:01 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 18, 2011 special meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Christine Grunwald and seconded by Jeff Spoehr to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2011 budget hearing. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Peter Kaul and seconded by Betsy Ellenberger to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2011 regular meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Alissa Rashid and Jessica Werhand...

- provided an update on recent student council news.
- reported that the NHS Advanced Chamber Choir, along with other local high school choirs, recently performed at the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center.
- provided an update to recent sporting events.

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- stated that the NHS Academic Awards Banquet will take place on Monday, November 7, at Bridgewood.
- invited all present to several upcoming NHS music performances.
- reported that French students are currently here from the sister school.
- stated that the Advanced Theater one-act play will be advancing to sectional competition.
- shared that the elementary schools enjoyed Halloween parties during the past week.

#### DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

District Administrator Pfeiffer...

- acknowledged Neenah High School teacher Mr. Mike Derleth, who had the opportunity to attend small engine training in Kohler and received 24 Kohler engines for Neenah High School at no cost to the District.
- reported that she was able to attend the state cross country meet and present Alison Parker with a medal for her sixth place finish. The girls' team finished second for the second year in a row.
- informed all present that the NJSD placed on the College Board's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual AP<sup>®</sup> District Honor Roll for Significant Gains in Advanced Placement<sup>®</sup> Access and Student Performance.
- stated that ARAMARK Food Service Director Troy DeVoe will be taking a new position with Starbucks and acknowledged his service to the NJSD.
- asked everyone present to go online to Cellcom.com and vote for Neenah High School in the Project Innovate contest currently taking place.

#### OFFICIAL ACTION

Paul Hauffe, Director of Business Services, reviewed the Food Service Contract with ARAMARK for the 2011-12 school year (Exhibit 11-A-11) as brought forward by the Finance and Personnel Committee. Motion was made by Peter Kaul to approve the Food Service Contract with ARAMARK for the 2011-12 school year. The motion was seconded by Christopher Kunz and carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Hauffe stated that there have been no changes to the 2011-12 school budget since the presentation at the October 18, 2011 Board of Education meeting. For 2011-12, the District will levy \$500,000 less than the maximum allowed which will create an equalized tax rate of \$8.57 per thousand. Mr. Hauffe anticipates that the expenditure budget will be revised and/or modified in December or January. Motion was made by Jeff Spoehr to approve the resolution as presented to adopt the 2011-12 school budget for the Neenah Joint School District (Exhibit 11-B-11). The motion was seconded by Peter Kaul. Discussion ensued regarding not using fund balance for recurring costs. The motion carried by a roll call vote of seven yes (Ellenberger, Grunwald, Kaul, Leeser, Lehman, Lewis, Spoehr) and one no (Kunz).

### PUPIL NONDISCRIMINATION SELF-EVALUATION REPORT

Anne Lang, Director of Pupil Services, presented a draft of the Pupil Nondiscrimination Self-Evaluation Report (Exhibit 11-C-11) and answered questions of Board members. This report will be brought to the November 15, 2011 Board meeting for final approval.

### POLICY ADOPTION – FIRST READING

Dr. Pfeiffer reviewed NEOLA Sections 0000, Bylaws, and 1000, Administration, of Board Policy (Exhibit 11-D-11) and answered questions of Board members. These sections will be brought forward at the November 15, 2011 for a second reading and final approval.

### CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Chair Christine Grunwald introduced Mark Duerwaechter, Assistant District Administrator of Secondary Learning and Leadership, who reviewed the 2011 summer school program and the 2012 summer school proposal (Exhibit 11-E-11) and answered questions of Board members. The 2012 summer school proposal will be brought to the November 15, 2011 Board meeting for approval.

### FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Motion was made by Betsy Ellenberger to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2011 Finance and Personnel Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Peter Kaul and carried by unanimous committee vote.

Chair John Lehman stated that the next meeting of the Finance and Personnel Committee will take place on Tuesday, December 13, 2011, at 5:00 p.m.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Larry Lewis informed Board members that he is the official delegate to the WASB State Education Convention and that he will not be able to attend the convention in January. Mr. Lewis asked Board members to consider filling in for him on Wednesday, January 18, 2012. Dr. Pfeiffer asked Board members to let Diane Haug know whether they plan to attend the convention.

Board members shared how the NHS Reality Store went and reminded members of the Project Lead the Way Puzzle Cube day on Friday, November 4, 2012.

### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

John Lehman requested administrators look at a middle school after school program through the YMCA. Dr. Pfeiffer stated that the administrators will be bringing an after school proposal to the Board in December.

### ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Lehman 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) for the purpose of approval of minutes of the October 18, 2011 closed

session meeting and discipline of specific students. The motion was seconded by Kirk Leaser and carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened in closed session at 8:16 p.m. for the purpose of approval of minutes of the October 18, 2011 closed session meeting and discipline of specific students.

ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

Motion to adjourn closed session was made by Peter Kaul, seconded by Kirk Leaser, and carried by unanimous vote. The closed session adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Diane Haug  
Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk

Jeff Spoehr  
Board Clerk