

NEENAH JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Board of Education

November 15, 2011

The meeting of the Board of Education was held in the Board room of the Administration Building on Tuesday, November 15, 2011.

President Scott Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:02 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, Larry Lewis, Jeff Spoehr, Scott Thompson, student representative Jessica Werhand, and the following administrators were present: Mary Pfeiffer, District Administrator; Steve Dreger, Assistant District Administrator of Elementary Learning & Leadership; Mark Duerwaechter, Assistant District Administrator of Secondary Learning & Leadership; Paul Hauffe, Director of Business Services; and Jon Joch, Director of Revenue Enhancements & Business Services Support. The absences of Kirk Leaser, John Lehman, and student representative Alissa Rashid 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 7:03 p.m.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD CONSIDERATION OF OPEN FORUM ISSUES

No comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Peter Kaul and seconded by Christopher Kunz to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2011 special meeting. The motion carried by a vote of five yes (Grunwald, Kaul, Kunz, Lewis, Spoehr) and two abstentions (Ellenberger, Thompson).

Motion was made by Christine Grunwald and seconded by Christopher Kunz to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2011 regular meeting. The motion carried by a vote of six yes (Ellenberger, Grunwald, Kaul, Kunz, Lewis, Spoehr) and one abstention (Thompson).

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Jessica Werhand...

- provided an update to recent sporting events.
- provided an update on recent student council news.
- stated that the NHS orchestra concert is taking place tonight at Pickard Auditorium.
- shared that the opener for the show choirs, Touch of Class, and jazz bands will take place on Tuesday, November 22, at 7:30 p.m. in Pickard Auditorium.

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- stated that WKCE testing is taking place at Neenah High School.
- reported that the Advanced Theater Studies one-act play advanced to state competition.

#### DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

District Administrator Pfeiffer...

- announced that Clayton and Wilson Elementary Schools each received a \$2,500 Environmental Education Grant from SCA Tissue.
- introduced Mr. Jim Strick who recognized Coach Heidke and the Girls Cross Country Team for their accomplishments this season. The team was one of two teams in the region to qualify for an all-expense paid national tournament on December 3.
- recognized Coach Foulks and NHS divers Greysen and Hazel Hertting and Sophia White for their performance at the State Swimming and Diving meet.

#### OFFICIAL ACTION

Motion was made by Larry Lewis to approve the items under Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Employment of Personnel which includes a resignation and request for retirement benefits from Mike Francart, Operations/Maintenance (Exhibit 11-F-11), 2. Presentation of Accounts (Schedule of Vouchers No. 4 dated October 31, 2011 reflecting revenues of \$651,287.45 and expenditures of \$5,198,616.83) (Exhibit 11-G-11), 3. Investment Report (Exhibit 11-H-11), 4. Pupil Nondiscrimination Self-Evaluation Report (Exhibit 11-I-11), 5. Board Policy Sections 0000 and 1000 and Glossary of Educational Terms and Acronyms Adoption – Second Reading (Exhibit 11-J-11), and 6. 2012 Summer School Proposal (Exhibit 11-K-11). The motion was seconded by Christine Grunwald and carried by unanimous vote.

Paul Hauffe, Director of Business Services, presented information regarding a resolution for 2011-12 Short-Term Borrowing for Cash Flow Purposes (Exhibit 11-L-11). Motion was made by Jeff Spoehr to adopt a resolution authorizing the Neenah Joint School District to open a \$2,000,000 line of credit from Associated Bank at an interest rate of 3.750% as presented. The motion was seconded by Peter Kaul and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

#### CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Chair Christine Grunwald introduced Steve Dreger, Assistant District Administrator of Elementary Learning & Leadership, and Mark Duerwaechter, Assistant District Administrator of Secondary Learning & Leadership. Mr. Dreger and Mr. Duerwaechter answered Board members questions regarding the Staffing and Class Enrollment Report for the 2011-12 school year (Exhibit 11-M-11). A discussion ensued regarding balancing class sizes, clustering, and the house structure. Dr. Pfeiffer received the Board's support for an additional 1.0 FTE at Neenah High School which is within budget allocations.

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Vice Chair Peter Kaul introduced Paul Hauffe, Director of Business Services, who reviewed the Quarterly Financial Report-Summary by Fund for the three month period ending September 30, 2011 (Exhibit 11-N-11).

Vice Chair Kaul stated that next meeting of the Finance and Personnel Committee will take place on Tuesday, December 20, 2011, at 5:00 p.m. before the regular Board of Education meeting at 7:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peter Kaul stated that he went on a Learning Walk at Horace Mann and saw the students and teachers using the new iPads. Mr. Wunderlich invited everyone present to a Horace Mann Technology Demonstration Night on Monday, November 21, from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Peter Kaul suggested the Board create a Board of Education scholarship for the future.

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) for the purpose of approval of minutes of the November 1, 2011 closed session meeting and discipline of specific students. The motion was seconded by Peter Kaul and carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened in closed session at 8:18 p.m. for the purpose of approval of minutes of the November 1, 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 Jeff Spoehr, and carried by unanimous vote. The closed session adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Diane Haug  
Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk

Jeff Spoehr  
Board Clerk