

NEENAH JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Board of Education

November 16, 2010

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held in the Board room of the Administration Building on Tuesday, November 16, 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, Larry Lewis, 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; Paul Hauffe, Director of Business Services; and Jon Joch, Director of Revenue Enhancements & Business Services Support. Diane Haug was present as Board Secretary.

OPEN FORUM

Marti Coan, 7127 State Road 76, Neenah, stated that she was representing the Paper Valley Youth Soccer Club and shared her concerns with the fees that will be charged for use of Neenah Joint School District facilities.

Larry Burton, 486 Sunrise Bay Road, Neenah, president of the Neenah Baseball Athletics, Inc., shared his concerns with the facility rental fees policy for nonprofit organizations.

Sheila Brucks, 238 Butte des Morts Drive, Menasha, administrative assistant at Spring Road School, suggested the use of technology to promote summer school in the NJSD.

Nick Bezier, 1530 Whitetail Drive, Neenah, 12<sup>th</sup> grade student at Neenah High School, shared his experience with a visit to Alliance Charter and encouraged Board members to visit Alliance.

Tom Hanby, 706 E. Forest Avenue, Neenah, suggested making classes at the middle school level credit yielding as a way to promote greater participation in the middle schools summer school program.

President Thompson declared the open forum closed at 7:16 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD CONSIDERATION OF OPEN FORUM ISSUES

Dr. Pfeiffer stated that the user fee policy has opened significant discussion. Mrs. Holt provided background information regarding the facility rental fees policy and stated that the administration would be looking at the policy, modifying it, and bringing it back to the Board at the December 7, 2010 meeting for consideration. Board members suggested the purpose of the policy was not to increase revenue but to recoup costs to the District of having groups use the NJSD facilities and

suggested inviting community members who are involved in the various groups that rent NJSD facilities to any future meetings regarding this matter.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Betsy Ellenberger and seconded by Peter Kaul to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2010 special meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Peter Kaul and seconded by Christopher Kunz to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2010 regular meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Noah White and Alissa Rashid...

- stated that Neenah High School viewed a special anti-bullying video and completed a related survey today and that there will be a folder in FirstClass for students to report bullying to the administrators.
- announced the upcoming NHS Marching Band concert that will take place on Thursday, November 18, 2010 and the Jazz Combo, Act II, and Vintage performances that will occur on Tuesday, November 23, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in Pickard Auditorium.
- shared information about a video for middle school girls aimed at breaking down cliques.
- reported that Shattuck and Horace Mann will have noon dismissals on November 18 due to parent-teacher conferences.
- announced an orchestra concert on November 30, 2010 at Shattuck Middle School.
- provided an update regarding recent NHS Student Council activities.
- reported that NHS students will be taking finals on December 2 and 3.
- announced that the Madrigal Dinner will take place on December 4 with performances at 1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
- stated that parent-teacher conferences will take place at the elementary schools on November 18 and 19.
- shared that Clayton Student Council is holding a food drive to benefit the Salvation Army.
- stated that schools are celebrating American Education Week.
- reported that a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Brownie troop from Lakeview School is partnering with Harbor House Domestic Abuse Shelter and donating welcome bags to children at the shelter.
- introduced the NHS Girls Cross Country Coach Mike Heidke who introduced several of the girls from the team and shared news of their successful season, including a second place finish at the WIAA Cross Country State Tournament.
- introduced the NHS Boys Cross Country Coach John Morgen who introduced several of the boys from the team and shared news of their successful season.

The Board members and Dr. Pfeiffer expressed their appreciation to the cross country teams and coaches.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Pfeiffer ...

- thanked the cross country teams and Coaches Heidke and Morgen for attending the Board meeting, stated that she enjoyed watching them at the state meet and felt privileged to hand the trophy to them, and acknowledged the students' parents for their support.

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- commended the NHS girls who participated in the state swimming and diving meet this past weekend and stated that Neenah was the only school to have five divers compete in the state tournament.
- thanked Board of Education student representatives Noah and Alissa for expanding their report to include all school levels in the District.
- reported that State Superintendent Tony Evers announced a Fair Funding for Our Future Plan as a first step to help resolve the school funding formula.
- announced that Wilson Principal Kerry Rutishauser began her duties on November 8, thanked Mr. Dreger for helping with her transition, and thanked interim principals John Zwirchitz and John Hamilton.
- congratulated Wilson School staff and stated that Wilson teachers Tim Verboomen and Debbie Wedding attended a ceremony in Washington, D.C. to accept the Blue Ribbon Award for Wilson School.

#### OFFICIAL ACTION

Motion was made by Christopher Kunz and seconded by Peter Kaul to approve the items under Consent Agenda as follows: 1. Presentation of Accounts (Schedule of Vouchers No. 4 dated October 31, 2010 reflecting revenues of \$2,085,852.52 and expenditures of \$6,216,148.93) (Exhibit 11-E-10); 2. Investment Report (Exhibit 11-F-10); and 3. Waste and Recycling Services recommendation (Exhibit 11-G-10). The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Dr. Pfeiffer presented her recommendation that in addition to the \$150,000 currently budgeted, the Board authorize an additional \$2,000,000 contribution to Fund 73 (Exhibit 11-H-10). Motion was made by Peter Kaul to approve the recommendation as presented. The motion was seconded by Jeff Spoehr and carried by unanimous vote.

Mark Duerwaechter, Assistant District Administrator of Secondary Learning & Leadership, presented the recommendation for the 2011 Summer School Program (Exhibit 11-I-10). Motion was made by Larry Lewis to accept the Summer School review and the recommendation for the 2011 Summer School Program. The motion was seconded by Christine Grunwald. Board members suggested expanding the summer school program including enrichment opportunities. The motion carried by a vote of eight yes (Ellenberger, Grunwald, Kaul, Kunz, Lehman, Lewis, Spoehr, Thompson) and one no (Zuro-White).

#### FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Motion was made by Christopher Kunz to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2010 Finance and Personnel Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Betsy Ellenberger and carried by unanimous committee vote.

#### CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Duerwaechter thanked all of the staff and administrators for their work on the Staffing and Enrollment Report. Mr. Dreger and Mr. Duerwaechter presented information on staffing and enrollments for the 2010-2011 school year (Exhibit 11-J-10) and answered questions of Board members. Board members requested a class size discussion in January, requested information regarding how Neenah compares to other districts, and asked when the Board will be looking at the

Baker Tilly recommendations. Dr. Pfeiffer stated that her recommendation is that the Board focus on the negotiated items in the Baker Tilly report for the 2011-12 budget.

Mr. Duerwaechter and Mr. Dreger presented information concerning K-12 Literacy Assessment Plan and WKCE-CRT Results in the Context of a Balanced Assessment System (Exhibit 11-K-10) and answered questions of Board members.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

#### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Board members requested the following additional future agenda items:

- discussion regarding how Shattuck staff will unite to support the students with the new restructuring and how relationships will be built between staff and students
- Neenah Tomorrow Fund update – December or January
- class size discussion - January
- Baker Tilly report discussion - January

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Peter Kaul, seconded by Betsy Ellenberger, and carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

Diane Haug  
Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk

Jeff Spoehr  
Board Clerk