

NEENAH JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education

November 2, 2010

The meeting of the Board of Education was held in the Board room of the Administration Building on Tuesday, November 2, 2010.

President Scott Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and ascertained that the meeting had been properly noticed on the District's web site and at each of the school buildings. Board members Christine Grunwald, Betsy Ellenberger, Peter Kaul, Christopher Kunz, John Lehman, Larry Lewis, Jeff Spoehr, Scott Thompson, Colleen Zuro-White, student representatives Nick Bezier 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. Diane Haug was present as Board Secretary.

OPEN FORUM

Terri Beth Wood, 403 Lowell Place, Neenah, kindergarten teacher at Roosevelt School, invited Board members and administrators to a Joint Relations meeting to be held on Monday, November 8, 2010.

Mary Greene, 442 E. Columbian Avenue, Neenah, 6th grade teacher at Horace Mann Middle School, shared her concerns with the state of affairs in the Neenah Joint School District and asked the Board and administrators to whittle down what is truly important to the District and what is in the best interest of the students.

President Thompson declared the open forum closed at 7:07 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD CONSIDERATION OF OPEN FORUM ISSUES

Dr. Pfeiffer stated that she would be happy to have another conversation with NEA President Sue Peterson regarding Joint Relations to develop a learning forum, shared that there will be an upcoming staff input session and invited Mary Greene to participate, and stated that she feels the NJSD staff will unite to support our students whether or not there is a house structure at the middle schools.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Christopher Kunz and seconded by Peter Kaul to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2010 regular meeting. The motion carried by a vote of eight yes (Ellenberger, Grunwald, Kaul, Kunz, Lehman, Spoehr, Thompson, Zuro-White) and one abstention (Lewis).

Motion was made by Christopher Kunz and seconded by Peter Kaul to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2010 special NEOLA Board Policy meeting. The motion carried by a vote of

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eight yes (Ellenberger, Grunwald, Kaul, Kunz, Lewis, Spoehr, Thompson, Zuro-White) and one abstention (Lehman).

Motion was made by Christine Grunwald and seconded by Peter Kaul to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2010 special meeting to discuss Superintendent Pfeiffer's goals. The motion carried by a vote of eight yes (Ellenberger, Grunwald, Kaul, Kunz, Lewis, Spoehr, Thompson, Zuro-White) and one abstention (Lehman).

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Nick Bezier and Alissa Rashid...

- provided an update on various projects NHS Student Council is currently involved in.
- stated that a committee is being formed to talk about the parking lot issues at NHS and that the committee hopes to meet with Ms. Doyle in the near future.
- reported that WKCE testing is currently taking place in the District.
- stated that this Friday will be the end of the first quarter for the elementary and middle schools.
- provided a sports update.
- reported on Neenah High School's debate and math teams.
- informed everyone about NHS and middle school upcoming drama and concert events.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Pfeiffer ...

- reminded everyone present to go to the polls and vote before they close.
- shared that as a member of the WIAA Board of Control, she was able to hand out medals and trophies to the Cross Country participants at State.
- thanked the Board members who were able to attend the Senior Academic Awards Banquet last evening.
- acknowledged Lesanne Bohannon who wrote a grant for Rosey Shores Intergenerational Garden Project for which Roosevelt School received \$1,500 from SCA Tissue.
- recognized Mary Greene for promoting wellness in the District and shared that the NJSD won second place in the large company category of the School Specialty Business Challenge of the Fox Cities Marathon.

OFFICIAL ACTION

Motion was made by Christopher Kunz to approve the item under Consent Agenda as follows: 1. Employment of Personnel which includes a request for a leave of absence from December 8, 2010 to March 4, 2011 from Jody Drake, English teacher at Neenah High School (Exhibit 11-B-10). The motion was seconded by Betsy Ellenberger and carried by unanimous vote.

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Paul Hauffe, Director of Business Services, reviewed final adjustments to the 2010-11 school budget (Exhibit 11-C-10), suggested levying \$200,000 less than the maximum allowed, and explained the ramifications of that recommendation. Motion was made by Colleen Zuro-White to approve the 2010-11 Neenah Joint School District Budget and under levy the property tax by \$800,000 for an equalized tax rate of \$8.73. The motion was seconded by Betsy Ellenberger. Christopher Kunz moved to amend the motion to approve the 2010-11 Neenah Joint School

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District Budget and under levy the property tax by \$200,000. The motion was seconded by Jeff Spoehr. The original motion by Colleen Zuro-White was defeated by a roll call vote of seven no (Grunwald, Kaul, Kunz, Lehman, Lewis, Spoehr, Thompson) and two yes (Ellenberger, Zuro-White). Motion was made by Larry Lewis to approve the 2010-11 Neenah Joint School District Budget and under levy the property tax by \$500,000. The motion was seconded by Scott Thompson and carried by a roll call vote of eight yes (Ellenberger, Grunwald, Kaul, Lehman, Lewis, Spoehr, Thompson, Zuro-White) and one no (Kunz).

Chair Lehman reminded Board members of the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 10, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Chair Christine Grunwald introduced Mark Duerwaechter, Assistant District Administrator of Secondary Learning & Leadership, who reviewed the 2010 Summer School program and presented the 2011 Summer School proposal (Exhibit 11-D-10). Mr. Duerwaechter thanked everyone responsible for helping with the report. Administrators answered questions of Board members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Colleen Zuro-White stated that the Community Learning Center at Hoover School will be having a family night on November 23 at 4:00 p.m. and invited Board members to attend. Mrs. Zuro-White shared that she attended a parent meeting at Horace Mann Middle School and gave kudos to Mr. Wunderlich for his presentation.

Dr. Pfeiffer reminded Board members of the Board/Administrator workshop scheduled for Monday, November 8, at 4:00 p.m. at Neenah High School.

Betsy Ellenberger shared her family's enjoyment of Neenah High School's recent production of the Wizard of Oz.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No new items.

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 Betsy Ellenberger to adjourn and that the Board reconvene in closed session according to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c)(f)(g) for the purpose of approval of minutes of the October 5, 2010 closed session meeting, discipline of specific students, potential litigation, and NEA grievance. The motion was seconded by Jeff Spoehr and carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened in closed session at 8:30 p.m. for the purpose of approval of minutes of the October 5, 2010 regular closed session meeting, discipline of specific students, potential litigation, and NEA grievance.

ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

Motion to adjourn was made by Peter Kaul, seconded by Betsy Ellenberger, and carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Diane Haug
Board Secretary/Deputy Clerk

Jeff Spoehr
Board Clerk